

What people say

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♦ **Posted by I.H.Hekandjo-Okalongo**

MR Livius or MR H.H. MR Hifitikeko What ever you name is Namibian people are woking hard to help people of Haiti now with you coalition team asking to contribution TEN DOLLAR to you , i am so sorry [THE NAMIBIAN NEWSPAPER 3 FEBRUARY 2010 PAGE 21] what a Shame !!!!!!!! Once more MR Shapopi Shapopi on informant of late week it is better to do your home work and ask if you are in doubt ? its better to know how to differe things,dead and sleep is two different issue. ALUTA!!!!VIVA SWAPO OF NAMIBIA.

♦ **Posted by Cde Kauna**
The situation in the Okahandja by-election is becoming even better! Instead of using many stones to kill several small birds, the birds have actually made it easier for us. They have regrouped in such a way that we only need one stone to squash them. So comrades, what are you waiting for? Just get ready aim and victory is certain. Viva Swapo!

♦ **Posted by Nio YaSealthiel**
It's high time to re-engineer Our ICT; our education system is blamed for nothing, the ministry of education blamed for nothing, our hard working teachers are blamed for nothing, our leaders are insult and blamed for nothing. But our ICT doesn't pose rules to restrict site like porn, FB, music download and ect., That has nothing to contribute to ICT foundation .ICT must put rules that only sites for researchers, example science, medical, micro-economy, tech-

nologies, biology, mathematics, agriculture, philosophy, and so on site should be available in Namibia. Every device used in ICT is now contributing to Education failure and crime rate because no assessment or registration is done to control the usage of these devices and how use them correctly.ICT must start filtering sites and information passed on our nation

♦ **Posted by Cde.Kutusha**
kaNamibia(Keetmanshoop) Comrades,the Real Disappointed people are now at work to tarnish the good image of the Mighty SWAPO Party and that of a freedom fighter,Cde.Sam Nujoma.No matter they say the majority of the Namibian people will not believe them, hence will continue to disappoint them come 24 February 2010 at Okahandja Constituency.The SWAPO family will celebrate the victory of our candidate,Cde.Steve Biko Booys and that of the Mighty SWAPO Party.SWAPO United,SWAPO Victorious,Now Hard work!Aluta Continua!

♦ **Posted by CDE FLAVIO**
Dear Comrades and Comatriots, allow me a space on this platform to express my dreams on issues pertaining to the development and economic emancipation of my motherland. Our great nation can achieve economic emancipations if it starts to utilize the natural resources effectively for the benefit of all. Natural resources should include a variety of all we have in our nature, Mineral and Marine Resources to mention just a fewer. We can not base our

economy activities on mineral resources because these are finite resources and on a long term basis these can not support our future generation because they will be depleted by then. A paradigm shift is necessary in the prioritizing of our scarcely resources and educating our people to engage in a more innovation and creative thinking. To nurture a nation that can utilize all the natural resources on its disposal effectively and eradicate poverty. We have to develop a productivity culture in our nation so that we can reach our vision 2030. A great deal should be emphasized on our 2030 vision, the nation need to know what does it really meant. You do not simply become a developed or industrial nation but the nation has to work together to get there. A self sustainable nation is a nation that strives to increase its productivity and not a nation that depend on raw materials and import for the consumption. We should not put our effort listening to the detractors (bad losses) because they are doing their mission, which is to derail the development and eventually destroy the nations' efforts. These thugs never really cared about this nation rather than their bellies and masters who sit in Brussels waiting for their destructive progress. So Hard work should not just become a slogan but must be a genuine effort. I challenge the young generation to critical looking beyond tomorrow and start contributing to the dreams of this country. SWAPO VICTORIOUS AND ALUTA CONTINUA!



Zoom In



By Asser Ntinda

Tribalism is a cancerous disease that has destroyed many nations in Africa. It has set tribes against other tribes, resulting in endless civil wars which have sent innocent souls to their early graves. Such tendencies continue to show their ugly heads, now and then. Those who fuel and spread tribal sentiments do so with programmed agendas far beyond the comprehension of the people they seek to incite.

From its inception, SWAPO has relentlessly fought against tribalism. In that fight, it has inspired and summoned the souls of Namibia's bravest and finest sons and daughters who waged the armed struggle for 23 solid years until its logical conclusion on March, 21st, 1990 – the glorious day when Namibians proclaimed to the world that their country was free and independent forever.

It was not easy to fight the former South African apartheid colonial regime. It was even harder to dismantle tribal clusters it created throughout the country to help it to "effectively" colonize Namibia – divide and rule. Our tribal differences were emphasized by the colonial regime so that we could not look at ourselves as Namibians, but as Vambos, Damaras, Kavangos, Caprivians, Hereros and so on.

The effects of the Odendaal Commission, which demarcated Namibia into tribal Bantustans, still haunt us today, 50 years after the formation SWAPO and 20 years after Namibia's independence. On April 19 this year, SWAPO Party will celebrate its 50th anniversary. The history of SWAPO Party is glorious because of its anti-tribal stance. Its heroic clarion call of "One Namibia, One Nation" razed through the Bantustan Policy. It was the magic of that slogan that, once again, brought Namibians together. It worked for SWAPO Party. It worked for Namibians. It worked against the Boers. We only have ourselves to thank and applaud. For, that journey was not easy.

It is for this reason that I deplore and deeply resent what Kazenambo Kazenambo, the Deputy Minister of Regional and Local Government, Housing and Rural Development and Member of the Central Committee of SWAPO Party, said two weeks ago when he mooted the idea that the next President of Namibia should be "none-Oshiwambo speaking." I have great respect for Kazenambo's views, but on this one, I differ with him. I do not know whose statement Kazenambo was reacting to, but I certainly have not heard anybody saying that the next President should be "Oshiwambo-speaking person." No SWAPO Party member worth his salt would ever make such a statement. I have read all SWAPO Party documents but none advocates tribal quota allocation.

The rules and procedures for electing national officer bearers are very clear. Those are the same rules and procedures through which Kazenambo was elected to the SWAPO Party Central Committee. Kazenambo is neither a Central Committee member nor is he a Deputy Minister because he is Herero. He is what he is because he is a Party cadre who competed against other Party cadres and won.

Quite recently, SWAPO Party adopted rules through which future presidential successions should be handled and managed in SWAPO Party. As a Central Committee member, Kazenambo is aware of those rules. I am not at all saying that the next President should be Oshiwambo-speaking person, but I am against excluding one whole tribe from the presidential race. Whoever Kazenambo has in mind as our next President is not an issue, but to tell more than one million people that none of them should take part in the presidential race is outrageous. It is a statement that razes through all the SWAPO Party documents.

In SWAPO Party, we are what we are not because we are from this or that tribe. We are what we are because we are Party cadres. Our Founding President, Dr. Sam Nujoma, did not become President because he is Oshiwambo-speaking person. Our current President Hifikepunye Pohamba is not President because he is Oshiwambo-speaking person. They are what they are because they are tested Party cadres. So too are SWAPO Party Vice President, Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General and all members of the Central Committee and other leaders. Seeing them as this or that tribe is wrong.

If Kazenambo wants to be our next President, he is most welcome, but not because he is Herero, but because he is a Namibian and a tested Party cadre. At the last SWAPO Party Electoral College, Kazenambo was seven on the list, again because he is a Party cadre, not because he is Herero-speaking. In exile, I never heard anybody suggesting that the next Chief Political Commissar of the People's Liberation Army of Namibia, PLAN, (SWAPO's military wing), should be none-Oshiwambo speaking person, but SWAPO was able to produce Greenwell Matongo, a none-Oshiwambo speaking person, as PLAN's Chief Political Commissar. He was a Party cadre. Full stop.

The late Moses//Garob became SWAPO Party Secretary General in independent Namibia in 1992. He won with over 670 votes, at SWAPO's first congress in independent Namibia, beating another liberation icon, Andimba Toivo Ya Toivo, who only scored 82 votes. Just look at the margin! //Garob did not win because he was a Damara-speaking person. He won because he was able to lead and was a tested Party cadre. That does also not mean that Ya Toivo was not a tested Party cadre. He was and still is.

It is a pity and very unfortunate that Kazenambo sees people through their tribes. In psychology, that is called projection – seeing in others what you are. Why is Kazenambo's "none-Oshiwambo speaking person" afraid of the Oshiwambo-speaking people to the extent that he wants to bar the whole tribe from the race? Does Kazenambo really understand the implications of his remarks? The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is no more because of tribal rotation which simply forced people to emphasize their ethnic differences. The result was a terrible civil war that resulted in the destruction of Yugoslavia as we knew it. The Hutus and Tutsi in both Burundi and Rwanda slaughter one another like medieval mad men because they emphasize and exaggerate their tribal differences.

Seeing and recognizing people through their tribes is dangerous and ghastly to contemplate. Let the succession race be addressed through the set rules and procedures as adopted by the SWAPO Party leadership. SWAPO Party has reasons for adopting such rules and procedures. Let our next President, be it Kazenambo or //Goagoseb, sail through those rules and procedures. The alternative is anarchy. And SWAPO Party resents anarchy. Let the next President be president because he fits, not because he or she is from this or that tribe. Kazenambo does not know how many people he has offended, but that scar will live with him for the rest of his political life. By the way, why is Kazenambo telling us that he did not vote for President Hifikepunye Pohamba in the first round? Was this remark really meant for us as members of the public or was it merely aimed at humiliating President Pohamba in public? Treat the President with the respect he deserves as a person and as Head of State and hold him in esteem



Above: Federal German Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Dirk Niebel, who was in the country for a three-day visit, had time to visit one of the local traditional restaurants in Wanaheda, Katutura, Xwama Restaurant. He is being welcomed by Xwama's Manager and owner, Twapewa Muzanima. Below, the Minister and his delegation enjoy a traditional drink, Oshikundu, at Xwama. Photos by Asser Ntinda.

