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What people say

From SWAPO website: www.swapoparty.org

Posted by Cde. Steven

To be honest Comrades NSHR has always been a opposition party, i know when COD was formed they made all the noise campaigning for Ben Ulenga and later they were at the rallies of RADOPA in the disguise of Human Rights...! i mean who were they fooling at least the donors have realise that they cant fund utter lies. SWAPO Always

♦ Posted by Naeman N.Angula

Comrades no doubt,SWAPO will win Okahandja local election and Comrade BIKO should just be ready and start preparing to serve and lead the people of the GARDEN TOWN including the losers of KATAMILA AND RDP COMBIBNED AGENT.

♦ Posted by Aantu ya Nehale Please moderator, please review the text before it is posted. I see comrades on this blog posting unedited comments that are being read by the entire world. Furthermore if we are preaching national unity it comes with different opinions thus requiring as to be tolerant. Some words on the blog are not unifying at all thus there is some control needed. Namibians are one and if the blog focuses on individuals instead of issues then i am concerned. Lets use this platform on how we as Namibians can address the challenges our society faces (education, primary

health care, employment, hiv, alcohol abuse etc).

♦ Posted by Abdul Malik (Windhoek)

Lies, half-truths, twisted reality, irrational hatred and malicious fabrications will always catch up with the person (s) involved, this looks like what is reportedly has happened to NSHR: Mr. Selective Human Rights!

♦ Posted by Germina Elungu

I am responding to the **PARTY HEADQUARTERS** posting of February 4th in regards to the SWAPO Party 2nd Respondent case with the **Opposition Parties. Other** than contacting the Finance Department via telephone, is there perhaps an email address to get in contact with the office for more information? This may be a another convenient and cheaper way to communicate should a supporter feels the need to financially contribute towards this particular case?. Thank you.

♦ Posted by By: Cde Steven

Dear comrades i was a bit disturbed by the commends by my senior comrade Kazenambo that the next President should be a non-Oshiwambo, for me what matters is the quality of the person rather than tribe and such commends should avoided as we are one Nation. after 20 years of independence we are still looking at race than its very dangerous indeed. and as for the Okahandja by-election the opposition are in for humiliating defeat...! and to my

brother Katamila please acknowledge that you have made a mistake and return to the mighty SWAPO Party i am sure your eyes and understanding is is wide open and you have seen what has happen to those that left the Party starting from: Andreas Shipanga, Mistake Muyongo, Ben Ulenga, Jesaya Nyamu, Hidipo Hamutenya, Ignatius Shixuameni and now unfortunately you however you can still make ammends and return... SWAPO Always.

♦ Posted by SWAPO **Party Headquarters**

Dear Cdes, as you know the SWAPO Party is 2nd Respondent in the case with Nine Opposition Parties. It is an expensive exercise and hence MEMBERS and SUPPORTERS of the **SWAPO Party are encour**aged to contribute financially towards this case. For those who are able, you may contact the Finance Department at 061 238 364 and speak to Comrade Amalia.

♦ Posted by Alpheus Haufiku

Cdes,i was a bit absent from the House of the truth for a while.anyway thank to all of you, who are telling these chickens-project party the reality on the ground. Okahandja is our constituency,no doubt about it. let us rather concentrate on the strategies and mapping out the development agenda for our Cde Hon Cllr Boois.let us communicate,i greet you all!

SWAPO PARTY OKAHANDJA DISTRICT



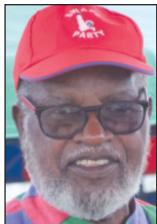


SWAPO PARTY MASS RALLY IN OKAHANDIA

Sunday, February 14, 2010 Date: **VENUE:** Nau-Aib Sports Stadium, Okahandja

Time:

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:



FOUNDING FATHER OF THE NAMIBIAN NATION: DR. SAM NUJOMA

SWAPO UNITED SWAPO VICTORIOUS, NOW HARD WORK & VOTE!

You cannot afford to miss this Rally!

For more information: Please contact Cde: Kachana Sibungo at 081 234 7221 and Cde: Computer Mieze at 081 287 2138

Information & Mobilization



Zoom In



By Asser Ntinda

There have been many reckless remarks by the opposition parties led by the Rally for Democracy and Progress, RDP, over the past few weeks with regard to the upcoming by-election in Okahandja Constituency, due to be held on February 24, 2010.

RDP is leading the pack in this orchestrated campaign to tarnish the image of the Electoral Commission of Namibia, ECN, and render it, in its present form, unfit to preside over and conduct not only the upcoming by-election in Okahandja, but also future elections.

True, the system must be beyond suspicion. In fact, it should not just be beyond suspicion, it must be seen to be beyond suspicion. That onus lies with the ECN. To all intents and purposes, it has done its best, under difficult and trying circumstances.

No system is 100 per cent perfect. No election anywhere in the world will ever be without a single fault. The election of former US President, George Bush, was marred in controversy, and the Federal Court had to intervene to pronounce the winner, amid biting questions by ordinary voters.

Had that taken place in an African country, European Union observers were going to be quick to pronounce such elections as having been "not free and fair." But America is America. And everything goes, cut and measured according to American standards. So much for democracy!

Namibians have, over the years, organized and conducted impeccable and transparent elections since independence in 1990, far more transparent than those that brought George Bush in the White House. That track record of transparency has never been broken. And it is not about to, now.

While the onus of ensuring free and fair elections lies with the ECN, political parties taking part in such elections are under obligations to raise tangible and substantial issues which are materially likely to influence the outcome of the

Recently, RDP claimed that it had "unearthed a number of irregularities" on the voters roll of the Okahandja by-election. Among those "irregularities" were 182 double registered voters, 21 triple registered voters, 252 dead people, 10 cases of people appearing twice but with different identity documents and sworn statements, 27 incorrectly gender marked cases and so on.

"We have submitted the above mentioned irregularities to the Magistrate of Okahandja on Friday, the 29 January 2010 as per the ECN deadline," said RDP's Nghiningilwandubo Kashume.

Well, it is up to the learned Magistrate to decide and I leave that in the hands of that learned Magistrate to apply his/her minds on such claims. But for Kashume to tell the media all such craps without showing us how they could, in one way or another, substantially influence and swing the outcome of the elections in favour of this or that party, raises more fundamental questions than answers.

For goodness sake, how on earth will 252 dead people ever vote? How will 182 double registered voters ever vote twice? There is no way a person can vote twice. It is just not possible. The system is too tight to let through such things. Even in RDP's affidavits before the High Court on last year's National Assembly and Presidential elections, there are no cases of people having voted twice. And how will the "27 incorrectly gender marked cases" affect RDP's performance in such an election?

To cite such administrative errors as attempts by the ECN to "rig the elections" is as ridiculous as it is laughable. To be frank, such claims, new and old, are nothing but cheap smokescreens to hide RDP's two real intentions, following its poor performance in the past elections – to torpedo Okahandja election and prevent the swearing-in of the new government and Parliament on 21st March 2010.

We should not forget what RDP's Hidipo Hamutenya said recently when he told journalists that his party would "seek and call for the extension" of the current Parliament and "halt the swearing-in" of the new Parliament while the case was being finalized in the High Court. RDP is a spoiler, not a "new political baby" on the block. He is delaying his shame, but shame delayed is still shame.

Hidipo is embarrassed to go to Parliament with eight seats only. Given his insatiable appetite for power, he cannot take it. During the campaign last year, he "predicted at least 30 seats." He has now realized, albeit too late, that badmouthing is no virtue and political tantrums do not inspire voters. He has been cut to his legitimate size. He knows that he is finished, bruised, cut and pasted into the dustbin of history, with wide eyes like a guppy fish on dry land. All that is left for him is to spoil things.

Where this will take him to, he alone knows. We knew his political project would come to a nasty and skidding halt. And none among those who flocked to his latest political outing would be smelling of roses. Hidipo goes down in history as a colossal failure – a case study in how not to conduct politics.