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sections, branches upwards, does honorable want to tell the world that the issue he was raising is not and can not be address by SWAPO? He prefers media? What a pit! I feel pit for him real, his issue and the one I read in the paper about UNAM have same connotation of Tribalism syndrome and I think the Party should take him to task without fear or favor, we are not to allow tribalism to expand into our country, we want to unite and be one nation, this is my personal view and should be taken as such, this is the Party forum where we give our comments and views about the issue we see and think need to be addressed. The NBC presenter was excellent because he tried to ask questions, were every one could see that the honorable run out of answers rather became almost aggressive!!! **THEIR BLOOD WATERS OUR**

Posted by Abdul Malik

The One Eyed Media of The Namibia... and its crew are at it again! Why is the RDP man, Mr. Kamburona with his assassination allegations is treated differently than the Hon. Minister Kaapanda by our so-called intellectuals and free media of Namibia? Once again, they are dead silent! Are some conspiracy theories more "sacred" than others?

# Expert warns Pentagon report a front for further arms sales to Taiwan

By Xinhua writer Yan Hao

**BEIJING,** — Chinese military and international relations experts on Wednesday said that a recent Pentagon report playing down Taiwan's aerial combat capability was a front for more advanced arms sales to the island, which would seriously violate a Sino-U.S. agreement that Washington endorsed 28 years ago.

"Any further arms sales, especially if the U.S. sells F-16 fighters to Taiwan, would increase already strained tensions with China," Prof. Tan Kaijia with the National Defense University of the People's Liberation Army told Xinhua.

The report delivered by the Defense Intelligence Agency of the U.S. Department of Defense to the Congress has stressed that many of Taiwan's 400 active combat aircraft were not operationally capable due their age

and maintenance problems.

It also specified that Taiwan's 60 U.S.-made F-5 fighters have reached the end of their operating life and some of the island's F-16 A/B jet fighters needed improvement to increase combat effectiveness.

The Pentagon's report came as Taiwan continued to voice its need for advanced U.S. weaponry such as 66 F-16 C/Ds, a substantial improvement model on Taiwan's current F-16 A/Bs. But the U.S. side excluded the fighters from the latest arms sale package.

According to media reports, Taiwan currently operates 60 U.S.-made F-5 fighters, 148 F-16 A/Bs, 56 French-made Mirage 2000-5 fighter jets and 126 locally produced Indigenously Defense Fighter (IDF) aircraft.

"If the U.S. equips Taiwan with new F-16s, replacing the

second-generation F-5s, it would significantly increase the island's aerial combat effectiveness for F-16's compatibility to other U.S.-made weapon systems such as airborne early warning and control aircraft through Link-16 Multifunctional Information Distribution System," said Prof. Tan.

According to the Communiqué jointly issued by the Chinese and U.S. governments on Aug. 17, 1982, the U.S. side states that "its arms sales to Taiwan will not exceed, either in qualitative or in quantitative terms, the level of those supplied in recent years since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and China."

"Comprehensive performance of the F-16s is far beyond that of the F-5s and the qualitative parameters of the F-16 C/Ds also exceed those of the F-16 A/Bs," said Tan.

Selling such arms would "be an overt offense" against the Aug. 17 Communiqué, and promoting such a move by an elaborate report would not give any justification for the U.S. since the F-16 C/Ds would not be considered as a defensive weapon in any case, he said.

Guo Zhenyuan, a researcher with the prominent thinktank China Institute of International Studies, told Xinhua that previous U.S. arms sales to Taiwan were covered by the front of

"providing Taiwan with arms of a defensive character" to ease the backlash to the bilateral relationship from the Chinese side.

"The U.S. side should know that the sooner it stops selling arms to Taiwan, the more will-

ing China would be to work with it on global and regional issues," Prof. Jin Canrong with Renmin University of China said. Enditem

Xinhua writer Li Hanfang contributed to the story. (Xinhua)

## Russia threatens to react to NATO expansion

**MOSCOW,** — Russia will have to respond as it is concerned by NATO's active eastward expansion and the U.S. plans to deploy elements of a missile defense system in Europe, Russia's top military officer said on Wednesday.

"If we say that we should tackle possible threats together, we should respect each other and trust each other instead of strengthening military blocs near the Russian border," Gen. Nikolai Makarov, the chief of the General Staff of Russia's armed forces, said on the Russia Today TV channel.

"This means we have to take appropriate measures in response," Makarov said.

As for Poland's repeated call for demilitarization of Russia's western region, Makarov said no nuclear

weapons had been deployed in the Baltic exclave of Kaliningrad.

"Last year we withdrew more than 600 tanks, about 600 armored vehicles and about 600 pieces of artillery from the Kaliningrad region. In return we're getting a buildup of the missile defense system. Double standards alarm us," he said.

The general said the missile shield was designed to defend illusory air strikes from Russia. "There are concerns that this missile defense system is directed against Russia."

A new Russian military doctrine approved by President Dmitry Medvedev earlier this month defines NATO enlargement and the deployment of missile defense systems as main external threats of war Russia is facing. (Xinhua)

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