

What people say

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◆ **Posted by Cds
Stephen Iimbili**

Dr. Ngurare i totally agree with you on quick service delivery, youth empowerment, rula development, address unemployment by those deployed in the name of SWAPO. you are a true leader.

◆ **Posted by Nico
Kaiyamo**

Congratulations! to President H.Phamba with the team he appointed. Can the Party, Please! come up with a collection of all songs during the liberation struggle by Jackson Kaujeua in time for the Party 50th Anniversary on the 19th April.

◆ **Posted by Cde.
Steven Axasman**

The struggle for liberation is over the enemies have been defeated however we have to work very hard for economic independence and I fully support the idea of SPYL for companies to contribute 50% from their corporate social responsibility budget towards a Youth Empowerment Fund.

◆ **Posted by KK**

Congraturation to comrade Nahas and comrade Marco for having been appointed as Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister respectively. We hope their compined leadership will steer this beautiful nation in the right direction and out of poverty and unemployment. we are looking forward to the team that will put the SWAPO manifesto into action for the next five years. long live the Republic of Namibia.

◆ **Posted by Cds
Stephen Iimbili**

Hosea Kutako, Mandume Ndemufayo, Sam Shaafishuna Nujoma, Andimba Toivo ya Toivo, Kakulukaze Mongunda and others, am here today paying tribute to yo all who sacrifsed their life four the freedom and independanc of our motherland.happy 20th independanc anniversaly two you all Namibians. I love u all and love my country. God bless Namibian and its people.

◆ **Posted by Cde: Eino**

(Ontonanga Park)

Congratulation to the Swapo Party led government, for what it has achievement since independence, I salute you.

◆ **Posted by Cde
Kanamutenya, Whk**

Congratulations to all Namibians for the 20th Anniversary! Please can NBC reproduce the image of Windhoek at Independence and the actual today's Windhoek for the sake of development to be seen? 1. The roads from Katutura Hospital towards Wanaheda passing the former Black chain for people to see. 2. The Compound, where the contract labors were kept, today there are shopping complex. 3. The New Katutura Magistrate 4. The New Wanaheda police Station 5. The New Complexes at Marua Park which was a bushy area near Centaurs school. 6. The Okuryangava residential area which was a farm. 7. The new Traffic lights in Katutura, there have never existed lights in those 100 years of occupation. 8. Traffic lights in the emerging Towns such , Ondangwa, Ongwediva and Oshakati this is to mention but few, please I am begging NBC to show those tangible development if they have image of the area by the then time, for them to educate, those young one who need to know that in 20 years SWAPO government had done a lot. Please I am appealing to all Namibians to appreciate what we have achieved as a Nation and also to suggest to the - up coming parliamentarians to enact the law that put all youth to pass through MILITARY TRAINING BEFORE THEY PURSUE WITH THEIR HIGH AND TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS, IT IS A MUST THAT OUR YOUTH MUST BE TRAINED AND PASS NATIONAL SERVICE, I THINK IT MUST BE COMPULSORY SO THAT THIS YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD LEARN TO RESPECT THE DIGNITY OF THIS COUNTRY, Thanks enjoy your independence day, SEEE you there comrades! Patria o Muerté Venceremos! Hasta la Victoria Siempre!!!!!! Seremos Como el Ché!

◆ **Posted by Cde.**

Steven Axasman

Congratulations to cdes Theo-Ben Gurirab and Loide Kasingo for being elected Speaker and Deputy Speaker respectively for the National Assembly. May your wisdom guide us for the next 5 years.

◆ **Posted by Cde.
Deby Immanuel**

Happy Birthday Namibia, I have been enjoying Peace, Unity, Stability in my beloved country, Alot of countries envy our country because of that, so let us all continue with the good work and keep our unity stronger to maintain our hard won independence. Congratulations to my SWAPO leaders. I thank you.

◆ **Posted by Cde
Stephen Iimbili (Ongwediva)
Cde Theo-Ben Gurirab and MeeLoinde Kasingo, Congrats to them. Am glad to see Gender balance being maintained by our SWAPO party. I cant wait for for sunday!!!!!!!!**

◆ **Posted by Setson
Kamaster (Grotfontein)**

I fail to understand these Opposition parties, They have never congratulated the Government for the job well done over the past 20yrs, while the whole country is congratulating the GRN for the efforts they put in raising the country were it is now. Why are they wasting their time like this? They must see the media, everyone is happy with the GRN, and we all should know that the GRN can not give you all you need but they have made efforts to improve our living standards. We must really be proud! look at the Schools, Hospitals, Roads, Houses, Shops, and many infrastructures brought about by the Might SWAPO Gov! look at the Stability, Peace, Economic development! Lets unite and support the Gov. instead of running around with courts. Happy Bday Namibia.

◆ **Posted by cde tauya
muteka (russia)**

Happy Birthday Namibia, Long Live Namibia., I love u SWAPO



Zoom In

By Asser Ntinda



As Namibians celebrated the country's 20th independence anniversary last Sunday, people were taken aback by a senseless invasion of land around Windhoek, which, to all intents and purposes, seemed only to have been politically motivated and fuelled by disgruntled politicians. The person or persons responsible for such a heinous act must be pursued and face the wrath of the law. The last thing Namibia needs is lawlessness.

True, people need shelter. But they must be sheltered in an orderly and lawful manner. Taking the law into their own hands is no solution. While the seriousness and gravity of the need for shelter is understood, this invasion must be looked at in the context in which it was spearheaded and spread. The invasion is serious enough, but so, too, is the source of the rumour.

That someone could stand up and drive around Katutura telling people that President Hifikepunye Pohamba had told people to "occupy any land in and around" Windhoek and build their "shacks and shebbeens" is outrageous and despicable. That a person, too, could craft a serious rumour tailored around the President, who a few minutes earlier, had taken an oath to uphold and defend, as supreme law, the Constitution of the country, is an unpardonable insult and ridicule of the Highest Office in the country.

While I do not entirely blame the innocent people who were lured and got trapped into this nonsensical "independence gift" from President Pohamba, the Police must take this rumour as a serious offence and thoroughly investigate it and bring the culprits to book.

The fact that a political party has been fingered as a source of this rumour should not be brushed aside as just a mere rumour. We have disgruntled politicians who would want to see instability and lawlessness in this country. The Rally for Democracy and Progress, RDP, must come clean on this issue and refute such rumours, rather than consolidating it by simply saying that "people need land."

The comments by RDP's Secretary for Information and Publicity, Jeremia Nambinga and National Society for Human Rights, NSHR's Phil Ya Nangoloh, justifying "land-grabbing" are unfortunate and irresponsible. Ya Nangoloh's remarks that "whether it is a rumour or not, time is now and people need shelter" reeks of double standards and recklessness. Ya Nangoloh claims that he is a "human rights campaigner," how can he incite people to break laws which he is supposed to uphold and protect? Will he be comfortable if landless people — and they are many — invade and occupy his farm and settle there? Will he say "the time is now and people need land?"

Laws are made to control behavior. As responsible citizens, we should learn to respect the laws that we have passed to control our behaviour. It is very strange that Ya Nangoloh, instead of condemning the source of the rumour and the people who carried out such a reckless act, is actually encouraging people to take the laws into their own hands! Where will that lead us to? Seeing that Ya Nangoloh and RDP are like Siamese twins, is he inciting people to break laws for political expediency?

Look at Nambinga's craps: "They (SWAPO) told the people that if they vote for SWAPO, on the day of the inauguration people will be allowed to build on open space. So the people were just doing what they were told."

I do not know whether Nambinga has lost his sense of order or the order of his sense or both. That a politician could stoop so low and make such remarks defies understanding. Who else can believe such a pathological liar? Who in SWAPO Party has promised people such rubbish? I challenge Nambinga to tell us who in SWAPO Party has promised people such a "gift on inauguration day."

Get the 2009 SWAPO Party Manifesto and read for yourself. The reasons why people overwhelmingly voted for SWAPO Party are in there. In fact, had that rumour been the case, RDP and its allies would have been the first to make a lot of noise about it. If Nambinga knew that there was such a promise, why is he only saying it now rather than addressing it there and then? These are your lies, Mr Nambinga, not SWAPO's.

Politicians who thrive on rumours always get washed away by the unforgiving and punishing waves of history. Nambinga and his colleagues in RDP are desperate and will lay their hands on anything to fan political violence in this country. Their political project has dismally failed to achieve what their bosses in London and Washington had been dreaming about — regime change. RDP is now a political carcass, rotting and rusting in the dustbin of history.

Not even those who mid-wifed it in 2007 are happy to see the sorry state of affairs in which it has found itself — a complete political reject which Namibians have named and shamed at the altar of elections. Thriving on rumours such as this will not breath life into RDP. As Nambinga hopelessly tries to stitch gaping cracks in the body politic of RDP, so too must he be ready to bear and carry the humiliation of a political project that has gone off the rails.

There will be no lawlessness in this country. Incite people and the law will take its course. You can fool some of the people all the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time. Namibians, smart as they are, cannot be fooled by such simple tree to tree monkey tricks.

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dent on the existence of a supportive local retail sector, which is ready to absorb the locally produced goods.

Government believes that to address the problems of existing foreign participation in such sensitive sectors, it is essential to support Namibian business entities to become more competitive by putting certain measures in place.

One of the measures is to reduce cost of the establishment and operational capital, that is, to enable local business people to have easy access to capital at nominal rates and repayment terms.

The other option is to set up and provide export-import credit facilities and assistance to Namibian retailers to enable

them to source products from original manufacturers or suppliers at competitive prices in places such as Dubai, India, China or Hong Kong for resale in the local market and for export, as foreigners are doing at the moment.

Providing competitive business premises in strategic places, that is public investment in main street shopping malls that can be provided at affordable rates to local businesses or incentivize private sector development of such facilities is also being considered.

"Cabinet has thus considered and endorsed the drafting of a new overarching law on investment, both domestic and foreign direct investment, for Namibia, that adequately reflects and responds to the country's developmental realities and aspirations, while at the

same time ensure international benchmarking and competitiveness," read the Cabinet statement.

Cabinet has also endorsed a decision to invoke a section in the Foreign Investment Act with a view to controlling future entry and operations of foreign nationals in designated business activities or sectors.

The Foreign Investment Act is currently being replaced with a new and more responsive overarching law on investment that embodies a clear policy statement on private investment in general, both domestic and foreign investment.

Under the new law, certain economic sectors or activities will be reserved for Namibians or obligatory joint ventures. All foreign investors will also be registered as a matter of compulsory for statistical purposes.