

# What people say

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◆ **Posted by Tala**

This man never joined a party He formed a party This man was born in a colony He founded a democratic Namibia While Mandela became president at 75 This man retired at 75 This is our all weather tested Nujoma Happy birthday our Leader Your leadership is second to none! Let this be known!

◆ **Posted by Naboth Unona**

**WHO ARE THE HEROES IN THIS COUNTRY IF DANGER IS NOT?**

◆ **Posted by David Iita**

I was shocked to hear of the sad demise of Cde. Danger Ashipala. My heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. I pray to the Almighty Lord to give us courage, strength and support.

◆ **Posted by Secretary General**

I have learnt that an article in the Informante of last week had linked Mrs Pendukeni Iivula Ithana to the sale or ownership of a certain Service Station in Oshakati belonging to late John Andjamba and late late Titus Heita. The article is devoid of any truth whatsoever, and the author may know the actual information pertaining to this service station. The use of Mrs Ithana's name might be an attempt to shield the criminals who committed fraud or corruption against these two elders in our society. If the author wanted to hear from Mrs

Ithana, he could have done so but avoided to talk to her and rather published a fabricated story to probably tarnish the good name of the Secretary General of the SWAPO Party. The issue of that service station is in the hands of NDC under the Ministry of Trade and Industry as the custodian then and now of AMCOM properties. Whosoever is interested in knowing the truth pertaining to the status, ownership of or claims in the service station, including Informante, should find out from the Ministry of Trade and Industry. Let this be known. Mrs Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana. En route to Namibia.

◆ **Posted by Carlos Nauyala**

Dr Tobie Aupindi, thank you for inspiring young people with your straight forward attitude. At least now we understand why the racist media a very obsessed with you. it seems they saw your potential long ago and they try to suppress it knowing the kind of positive interest you represent of seeing black people economically independent.

◆ **Posted by [www.swapoparty.org](http://www.swapoparty.org)**  
Their sacrifices must inspire all Namibians who were fortunate and privileged to witness the dawn of independence and indeed the future generations, to build a better Namibia where all our people can realize their fullest potential.

◆ **Posted by E Lenga**

Dr Tobie Aupindi, you are such a role model to us Namibian youth..

◆ **Posted by Filomena Chiculo**

**SEEKING FOR THE FATHER** My name is Filomena Maria Chiculo, I'm 24 years old and I am daughter of Tchapua Fatima Chiculo. I live in Lubango - Angola. I seek my father that I stopped seeing when I was only 3 years old. All I know about him is that he is Namibian and he belonged the troops of SWAPO that about 1985-1989, it was camped in the Municipal district of Chibia, Province of Huila - Angola, according to my mother his name is Victorino Cambanda. The documents and pictures that my mother possessed of him got lost. By the image that still comes on the memory, it is that he was a clear man of medium stature and he was lame. One of the reasons that confirm his nationality and that he belonged in Swapo; it is the fact that in the town I was sometimes nicknamed as the 'daughter of Swapo'. At this time I seek him or descending of him because, my mother is the only daughter of their mother and father; he is the hope of more close family than I can have. Please help me find him and I will thank you! Filomena Contact: +244926925867; +244924028835; e-mail: joao.joaquim@live.com.pt; jcjoaquim@ymail.com; joao.c.joaquim@gmail.com

## View Point

### Rule of law alive, well in Zim

**THE acquittal yesterday of MDC-T treasurer-general Roy Bennett has been received with joy in Western capitals**

It is the kind of joy that suggests that in their view, Bennett should not have been tried at all.

He is supposed to be above the law because he is their kith and kin.

Meeting Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai in Washington on Monday, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton started the conversation by congratulating Mr Tsvangirai on Bennett's acquittal, to which the Prime Minister gratuitously responded by saying, Bennett was "being persecuted and not prosecuted".

This is precisely what Mrs Clinton and the American establishment wanted to hear; that Mr Tsvangirai still sings from the same hymnbook as his handlers.

The Prime Minister missed an opportunity to affirm the rule of law and freedom of the judiciary in Zimbabwe.

What the Roy Bennett trial proves is that Zimbabwe's courts are free to handle high profile cases and reach a decision based on the merits and demerits of the evidence placed before them.

In this particular instance, the State did have a prima facie case against Bennett, which, according to the judge, it failed to prove on a balance of probabilities thereby entitling Mr Bennett to his acquittal.

There was absolutely nothing wrong with Mr Bennett going to trial.

The State case collapsed because their key witness, Michael Hischmann, turned hostile and gave unfavourable evidence.

This is a fact acknowledged by the trial judge Mr Justice Chinembiri Bhunu in his ruling.

Mr Bennett was facing serious charges of terrorism, banditry, insurgency and trying to depose a constitutionally-elected government and it was only proper that he be cleared by the courts after the State's arguments had been heard.

Mr Tsvangirai himself has previously stood trial before the same court facing serious charges of subversion and was acquitted after a fully contested trial.

The right of the Attorney-General to prosecute anyone that in his learned view he believes to have committed a crime must not be tampered with, in the same way that a judge of the High Court must remain free to convict or acquit an accused person without outside influence.

This our courts have done consistently.

Yet Zimbabwe has been vilified for reforming its judiciary and appointing judges like Justine Bhunu who have liberation war credentials.

Only now, dust is being raised over unconfirmed rumours of moves to appoint former Zimbabwe Electoral Commission chairperson Justice George Chiweshe to a higher office in the judiciary.

Again, this opposition is because he is perceived not to dance to the tune of the West.

So a judge is only deemed to be fair and just when he upholds western values and thinking, and not necessarily because he or she is an expert in interpreting the law of his land.

Our judges have even been castigated for applying and receiving land under the land reform programme, which has been open to everyone. Yet throughout the world, judges are free to own land or property as long as their interests are declared.

We congratulate our judiciary for refusing to be patronised by the West and for continuing to assert its independence.



## Kalahari Holdings Group of Companies

HAPPY 81<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY



**Dr. Kalumbi Shangula**  
**Executive Chairman**

God in his infinite wisdom anointed the birth of H.E. Dr. Sam Nujoma on 12 May 1929 in Okahao, that is over eight decades ago. As he turns 81 today, the whole Namibia and especially corporate citizens should sing Happy Birthday song to our Founding President Comrade Sam Nujoma. He is been a guarantor of peace and political stability in Namibia which is the necessary ingredients for business activities in our country.

As a business entity, Kalahari Holdings is a product of Dr. Sam Nujoma's creative ingenuity, foresight and leadership. Therefore on behalf of the Board and Staff of Kalahari Holdings Group of Companies and indeed on my own behalf I wish our Founding President of SWAPO Party and of the Republic of Namibia good health and long life. Long Live H.E. Dr Sam Shafishuna Nujoma!