

# What people say

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**Disadvantages of Wind Energy: However, there are some disadvantages for wind energy, which may put a dampener in its popularity. Though the costs of creating wind energy is going down, even today a large number of turbines have to be built to generate a proper amount of wind energy. Though wind power is non-polluting, the turbines may create a lot of noise, which indirectly contributes to noise pollution. Wind can never be predicted. Even the most advanced machinery may come out a cropper while predicting weather and wind conditions. Since wind energy will require knowledge of the weather and wind conditions on long term basis, it may be a bit impractical. Therefore, in areas where a large amount of wind energy is needed, one cannot depend completely on wind.**

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Advantages of Wind Energy:

One of the greatest advantages of Wind Energy is that it is ample. Secondly, wind energy is renewable. Some other advantages of Wind Energy are that it is widely distributed, cheap, and also reducing toxic gas emissions. Wind Energy is also advantageous over traditional methods of creating energy, in the sense that it is getting cheaper and cheaper to produce wind energy. Wind Energy may soon be the cheapest way to produce energy on a large scale.

◆ Posted by Daniel Kamati (Oshakati)  
I dont know much about the types of energy, but i think Hydro and Wind is more safer and environmental friendly than Nuclear, Cde. Abdul you brought up a very good topic to discuss or debate about because we will all be affected by the coming power hike! But what are the costs, how effective, how efficient, what are the dangers of the different types of energy, and which one is more suitable to our country?

◆ Posted by Abdul Malik (Windhoek)  
Solar power versus nuclear power? Which safer way for

Namibia? What about other alternative sources of energy, such wind and hydro? Is nuclear, really the only way to go? Let us debate this crucial issue, which is more renewable and safe for the environment? I am just wondering...

◆ Posted by cde. Steven Axasman  
Some of us who are at the grassroots level should already campaign for the SWAPO PARTY for the upcoming Regional Elections. Lets us the word of mouth technique as it is very powerful. VIVA SWAPO PARTY, I will personally make sure that KUNENE will be in the right hands come November 2010.

◆ Posted by [www.swapoparty.org](http://www.swapoparty.org)  
Send your opinion regarding the Election court case, simply SMS the word SWAPO followed by your comment to 41960.. SWAPO United

◆ Posted by ya shipale  
I wonder what kind of scam this RADOPA guys come up with again after they wil hear the court out come again.

## China reiterates UN resolution on Iran not end to diplomatic efforts

BEIJING, — China reiterated Thursday the UN's adoption of a new resolution on the Iranian nuclear issue does not close the door on diplomatic efforts.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang made the remarks at a regular news briefing.

Resolution 1929 is the fourth set of UN sanctions against Iran since December 2006. It prohibits Iran from investing abroad in nuclear and enrichment operations and imposes new restrictions on Iran's import of conventional arms.

Qin reaffirmed the resolution reflects the concerns of the international community with regards to the Iranian nuclear issue, adding that the international community hopes to resolve the issue in a peaceful manner. Qin said the action taken by the UN Security Council aims to continuously promote the progress of dialogue and negotiation, not simply impose sanctions on Iran.

Fundamentally resolving the Iranian nuclear issue requires dialogue and negotiation, he said, adding that sanctions cannot resolve the root issue.

Qin expressed hope that all concerned parties will recognize the point and make joint efforts to peacefully resolve the Iran nuclear issue through diplomatic

means.

Qin stressed that China's consideration in addressing the issue is maintaining the validity of the international nuclear non-proliferation mechanism and safeguarding peace and stability in the Middle East, especially the Gulf region.

The resolution just adopted expresses the concerns of the international community regarding the Iranian nuclear issue and their expectations to resolve the issue through diplomatic negotiation at an early date, he said. China's position and efforts on the Iranian nuclear issue are responsible, constructive and obvious for all to see, he said.

The new UN sanctions against Iran aim to bring Iran back to negotiations and to activate a new round of diplomatic efforts, Qin reiterated.

He again called on the international community to make more efforts to find a long-term, comprehensive, proper solution to the issue.

"China is willing to work with all parties concerned to contribute to a proper resolution of the issue," he added.

In recent years, China has maintained close and good communication with all relevant parties, including Iran, in the process of dealing with the Ira-

nian nuclear issue, he said.

China will continue to make these efforts in the future, he added.

Qin stressed China attaches great importance to relations with Iran, adding that bilateral ties are not only in the interests of both nations, but also in the interests of regional peace, stability and development.

As for the agreement between Turkey, Iran and Brazil signed in Tehran on May 17, Qin said China has paid attention to the efforts made by Brazil and Turkey to achieve a peaceful resolution to the Iranian nuclear issue. Under the agreement, Iran has committed to give 1,200 kg of 3.5-percent-enriched uranium to Turkey in exchange for 120 kg of 20-percent-enriched uranium from Western countries to be used as fuel in its nuclear research reactor in Tehran. Qin said the new resolution and a joint statement by the foreign ministers of the six countries confirmed the efforts made by Brazil and Turkey.

"China attaches great importance to the agreement and views it as a part of the diplomatic efforts made by the international community," he stressed. The UN Security Council Wednesday adopted the resolution with 12 votes in favor. Brazil and Turkey, two non-permanent members of the Security Council, voted against the draft resolution while Lebanon, another non-permanent member, abstained. (Xinhua)

## View Point

### Managing Eurocentric contradictions

EUROCENTRIC history is the best way to determine Western psychology and ideology and it is this history that explains fully the deleterious nature of Western imperialism.

Unlike the history of many others, Eurocentric history is not written by any other people but the Europeans themselves, and as such this history is written as a form of self-indictment.

It is an admission in and of itself of the insane nature of imperial hegemony, and one only needs to look at the effort that Western powers put up in order to maintain the imperial status quo.

Most people look at European imperialistic history and they find it appalling, embarrassing and hurtful. However, not many people compel themselves to look at the prevailing ideologies that have flowed from that history.

The majority of our people shake their heads at the appallingly disgusting sadness of enslavement history, the death and killings of Amerindians, the colonial genocide of the Aboriginal people of Australia, the creation of weapons of mass destruction, the many unjust wars and invasions of defenceless peoples that have been perpetrated by an imperialistic people.

It is shocking how some of our people somehow find it doable to split this dreadful record from the ideologies put forth today by the same imperialistic people.

The colonial genocide of Aboriginal people in Australia is part and parcel of the reality of Australia today, just like the mass slaughter of Amerindians is part and parcel of the reality of the United States today.

The attempt on our part and the attempt by the imperial system to segment and cut off this history from the reality of today, to compartmentalise reality and life is, to a large extent, the major cause of our mental slavery and our physical dependency on Western powers.

We are teased and provoked by glorious promises of a wonderful Western sponsored fantastic type of democracy, and yet the imperial system denies us the chance to achieve real democracy for our own people in Africa.

There is no better democracy for colonially deprived people than to regain that, which was taken away from them by the colonial legacy.

Yet it appears like an unforgivable sin for President Mugabe to have repossessed and redistributed colonially stolen farmlands to his people.

The West wants to tease Zimbabweans and South Africans with fantastic ideas about a democracy that denies people access to their own resources and wealth.

We are told that if we do not have this type of democracy then we are worthless, that if we do not have the same kind of happiness as Westerners then we are nothing.

Yet imperialism denies us the economic opportunity and the structure to attain this kind of freedom and happiness.

Our people are then caught up in a major contradiction, where we all hate imperialism and the evils of Eurocentric history on the one hand; and hanker for aspirations prescribed upon us by the very system whose legacy we purport to loath.

We are told the Australian Foreign Minister; Stephen Smith has the temerity to decide who should be the leader of Zimbabwe without any sense of irony.

He was reported as having said President Mugabe "should move off the stage if the country is to reengage with the international community."

That is quite a lofty demand from a man whose relevance on the international scene is no bigger than his country's tiny sibling relationship to the United States.

The reasons given for Australia's demand on who should lead Zimbabwe include the assertion that President Mugabe is a "major obstacle to the reforms that Zimbabwe so desperately needs".

Who is the major obstacle to the reforms that Aboriginal people so desperately need in Australia? Would it be fair for other countries to make demands that this centuries long obstacle must "move off the stage"?

One wonders what Stephen Smith would say if Zimbabwe's Foreign Minister demanded that Kevin Rudd should "move off the stage" on the basis of Australia's domestic politics.

Quite a threatening legion of Australians are up in arms with the Rudd government's disastrous home insulation programme that had to be abandoned abruptly leaving thousands of people jobless; after the poorly implemented scheme torched over 80 houses up in smoke, claiming four lives.

It must be entirely acceptable for Stephen Smith that other countries make demands for his government's departure; strictly on the basis of solidarity with the homeowners whose homes were torched to ashes through an ill planned insulation scheme.

Australia is taking part in the globally condemned wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and yet there are no foreign ministers out there making demands for who should be on or off the political stage in Australia, only demanding that Australia should be off the war stage in other sovereign countries.

What must be understood is that Stephen Smith follows an ideology that rationalises Eurocentric supremacy — an ideology that removes responsibility from the colonial structures for bringing about the inherent conditions that create poverty and suffering to formerly colonised communities.

This is an ideology that creates an aspiration in our people while it maintains the rationalisation of the imperial status quo.

It provokes us to strive for an abstract "democratic" set up and then it breaks our legs at the same time so that we never get there.

This strategy is meant to destroy the sense of self-respect in the African because when one fails they never realise that their legs are broken, but will be told that it is a personality fault so that they begin to blame themselves in a very destructive sort of way.

When Smith says the "international community" including Australia, "will then be able to fully assist with the difficult task of rebuilding Zimbabwe's economic, social and political fabric", what he is doing is trying to get the African to confirm his own incompetence, to doubt his own ability, to doubt his worth and ultimately to hate himself.

Self-hatred leads to the hatred of one's own people because they happen to remind one of their own failures.

When one questions their own adequacy and competence then they will begin to question the adequacy and competence of those around them and this is why our people begin to convince themselves that Africans cannot competently decide on anything without the assistance of Westerners.

It is very important for the West to have Zimbabweans questioning their own adequacy and competence to run commercial farms.

This is why the land reform program must be pictured as a mere misadventure of a tyrannical "African dictator" who must "move off the stage" so that the civilised Westerners can "fully assist with the difficult task" of shaping Zimbabwe's economic and political landscape.

So we have to live with this contradiction that says we do not have the ability and competence to build Zimbabwe's economic and political fabric without the hand of the Westerner.

This is why the Zimbabwean community is smitten by dissonance, contradictions and conflicts. We have a self-hating people who also hate their fellow citizens because they believe these comprise a community incapable of any form of success.

When one has to cope with contradictions there are a few options that may be followed to resolve the challenge. One easy way is to admit that the determinant circumstances are beyond one's control.

We often tell ourselves that it is other people who are totally responsible for the situation that we are in, and therefore we conclude we have no control over what is happening.

This is how most of us would feel when we blame the illegally imposed economic sanctions on

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