

What people say

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◆ **Posted by**

Cde.Katusha kaNamibia

Dear Comrades,am agree that this year Kunene region should come home.Opposition parties have failed the Kunene people and this year deserve no votes from the people of Kunene region.I therefore urged the people of Kunene to rally behind the Mighty SWAPO Party,a party that liberated this country and ready to bring development to Kunene region.SWAPO Party structures in Kunene region should be energised to work hard for the total victory in Kunene region.Coalition or no coalition,SWAPO Party will emerge victorious.SWAPO United,SWAPO Victorious,Now Hard Work in Kunene region as well as other regions!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

◆ **Posted by Cde KANAMUTENYA,Whk**

Cde Nande, can highlights us what is in the MCA structure? I hardly saw any MCA documents or where can one retrieve it to read it, as far as I know it was only in the newspaper when it was revealeds that they wanted to attach Etosha National Park, please for any info may let us where to get them. Cheers

◆ **Posted by Black Nationalist**

I like what meme Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana said on thursday about discrimination against blacks in Europe no matter what their position in life is. What we need is to start shaking off colonial slave mentality and really start educating ourselves.black people have no power in the world,we dont have the power to protect other black people across the globe,but the chinese,japanese,arabs,koreans do.we really need to start trading amongst ourselves.

◆ **Posted by Cde. Selma Ashipala (UK, Energy and Environmental Engineering Student)**

Lets be proud Namibians by buying our own Namibian products. I have realized that even the Chinese here in USA do not buy from any other shop, but from fellow Chinese shops. We should wake up and support our own brothers and sisters. The Government (and Parastatals) should also enforce

Tjitunga Elijah Ngurare Count your blessings: of all the things we blame government for let us give credit that we have peace, freedom and political stability in Namibia. I think we have SWAPO Party to thank for that leadership or who?

◆ **Paulina Panduleni**

Of course yes, the only political party in Namibia, the rest are just projects.

◆ **Meita Hakaye**

Tue! reasons I go vote.... Peace, freedom n political stability....all I need to achieve my vision 2030 :). How are you Cde Ngurare .?

◆ **Martin James**

BEE when allocating tenders and whatsoever, this will give an advantage to our fellow BLACK men and women out there. Cde. Stephen i concur with you.

◆ **Posted by Esther Nashandi**

Cde. Flavio and Cde. Kanamutenya, I always visit this blog because you really make meaningful contribution. Please keep it up. Yes, Namibia is independent and the Founding Father Dr Sam Nujoma will always be praised for all he has sacrificed to create such a platform and foundation for all of us. I would therefore like to urge the Namibian youth to take advantage of this, lets not wait for the government to give us jobs, lets do something for ourselves like Cde Stephen said. Everything in life require patients, determination and a vision to mention but a few, therefore lets not expect our dreams to come over night. let us work hard and im sure everyone will be somewhere come 2030. VIVA Comrades!!! Dr Nujoma and Cde Pohamba, I salute you.

◆ **Posted by Cde Stephen Ndeshipanda Iimbili-Ondangwa**

Today i took time to visit factory for the Lady prodcing peanutbutter in Ondngwa,i am so inspired by her initiative and her courage to answer to the founding president call(Value addition)to our Natural resources.i just wish all young people can stand up n do something for themself rather then walking in streets n wait for someone to employ thm.Cdes,in yo month end shopping, please include Mr.Peanut and any other Namibian products.

◆ **Posted by Nande Mr. Liboly should look at the structure of MCA and report back to nation.**

◆ **Posted by CDE FLAVIO**

Comrades, my contribution today are based on unemployment and human resources development. Due to the space limit I will make it brief and to the point. Everyone knows that a lot of effort is required to address the unemployment in our country. I am not really conversant with the mechanisms in

◆ **Wilkinson**

Its true Elijah! every where I go in Namibia I'm always impressed at the peaceful good nature of the people, willingness to help and sense of humour! I know I'm quite critical on this site sometimes but that is because Namibia is nearly there, our problems are not insurmountable, corruption is not entrenched and the vast majority of Namibians are good honest

places to address the plight of unemployment so my contribution might not be up to date. My opinion is that we critically need to work hand in hand with the private industries and identify the number of people we really need in those fields taking into consideration of the long term economic needs of our country. As a country we need to balance the resources in terms of human resource development and the needs of our country. With vision 2030 in places, we definitely need to have milestones which stipulate for examples by 2016 we must have 85% manpower of our local people running the economy of the country. Those are some of the things we should start looking at and discuss them on the platform. We can not have expatriates running our economy for us forever, otherwise the nation will never be free from economic emancipation.

◆ **Posted by CDE FLAVIO**

Dr. Tobie Aupindi, your prestigious award is a clear demonstration to the Namibian people of a good leadership, hardwork and dedication. It will not go unrecognized in the history of our country development.Keep the bars higher and continue make this nation proud! Allow me to conglaturate you on this prestigious award!!!

◆ **Posted by Germina Elungu**

I think Mr. Aupindi deserved to receive that award, despite the negative remarks made against him amongst our society, particularly from the tabloid media contributions. We as the people should learn to look at potentials that others occupy and acknowledge their hard works. He is an asset. Congratulations.

◆ **Posted by Becky Shiimi, WHK**

Congratulations!!!! Great achievements. Thats the type of leader we need in our beautiful Namibia. Continue conserving our natural resources Dr Aupindi

◆ **Posted by Eddy CONGRATULATIONS DR. TOBIE AUPINDI. KEEP THE GOOD WORK UP!!!**

people, and credit has to go to the govt for the enduring peace which we have in Namibia, which is why I have made it my home! I vote fridays should be positive comment day? Sikonda vike Sosiwa Tate!

◆ **Nashipe Shivute**

Viva SWAPO Party@projects try again there is always another time.

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Zoom In

By Asser Ntinda



Two of Namibia's dwindling crop of politicians who served in the colonial and apartheid regime of South Africa, and who were lucky to have served in Namibia's first Parliament after independence – Katuutire Kaura and Phillemon Moongo – have finally decided to return to Namibia's greatest debating chamber – the National Assembly.

Members of the National Assembly were sworn-in and took their seats in March this year, following their election as members in the National Assembly and Presidential elections held in November last year. Kaura and Moongo, as President and Vice President of the Democratic Turhalle Alliance, DTA, respectively, boycotted the outcome of the November elections, citing "irregularities and rigging" and refused to take up their seats until the court case was over. This, they have now realized, was a shortsighted decision.

The court case was dismissed with cost by the High Court early this year. The DTA plus eight other political parties led by the Rally for Democracy and Progress, RDP, appealed to the Supreme Court to have their case heard on merit. The Supreme Court's judgment has yet to be finalized.

Kaura and Moongo might have realized the futility of their stance and, in their wisdom, chose to return to the National Assembly to receive their few Hendrick Witboois they, and their party, are entitled to as members of the National Assembly, but which they could not receive if they continued refusing to take up their seats in that August House.

They lost out on the four-month party payments and their salaries for four months – March, April, May and June. For a party that is starved of money, that was no small change which they could simply forfeit to the State. Their party was paralyzed financially and many people started questioning the wisdom of the decision to boycott the National Assembly in the first place.

We knew they would not sustain the boycott for a long time. We knew, too, that they were lured into that foolhardy arrangement by RDP, which has its other different reasons for boycotting the National Assembly, unlike those of the DTA. Kaura and Moongo last month realized that they were politically and financially losing more than gaining while being out of the National Assembly. After all, we only have three months to go before the Regional Council and Local Authorities' elections, slated for November this year. If anything, they have disappointed their members. For SWAPO Party, this was a blessing in disguise.

That aside, Kaura and Moongo might have come back to the National Assembly, but they represent a party whose sell-by-date has come and passed. The DTA was not created to function and sustain itself in a democracy. It was created by the then apartheid colonial regime of South Africa to serve and advance its interests in a repressive and oppressive apartheid system with handpicked puppets on Pretoria's strings.

They might have been black faces but they had no power. Prior to independence, the DTA received the biggest chunk of the N\$100 million slush funds which Pretoria pumped into the pockets of several internal "political parties" whose main objective was to deny SWAPO Party victory in the 1989 UN supervised and controlled elections.

It had all the means at its disposal to canvass and buy votes, with so many cars and State machinery to crisscross the country and air its views through the then South West Africa Broadcasting Corporation, SWABC. But Namibians were not fools and voted wisely, giving SWAPO Party an overwhelming mandate to form Namibia's first legitimate government.

In the 1989 elections, they DTA got 21 seats in the National Assembly, making it the official opposition in the House. This was an honorable status, if only they could use it wisely. They squandered that opportunity in a clumsy manner. That was not the game plan that brought the DTA into being. When those who were pulling the strings left, the DTA's blood veins were cut.

When Namibia held its first elections after independence in 1994, the DTA's seats dropped from 21 to 14 and to seven seats in the elections that followed in 1999. It has been losing seats since then to the current two seats it now has in the National Assembly. Come 2014, those two seats will be gone forever. Kaura and Moongo know that this may be their last terms as Members of the National Assembly. There is therefore no wisdom in refusing their last Hendrick Witboois.

Money is sweet and real money is really sweet. Enjoy your last Hendrick Witboois before the sun sets. The reasons the DTA was created are no longer there. That is why it is dwindling. Puppets survive only when the master is around to pull the strings his way. Once the master is gone, things just fall apart. That is the fate the DTA has been waiting for. The only success it can claim to have made in its history is that it has survived this far.