

What people say

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- ◆ Posted by Cde Kanamutenya,whk
It will take years before the outcome or final verdict of the court, thus why they will starve, let them come and join the parliament we want to see their shame face on the opposition bench, Satan kenesiku aninge omuyengeli!!!! A Luta continua, Patria o Muerte Venceremos!!!!
- ◆ Posted by Cde.Katusha kaNamibia RDP + RP =Fail project(RADOPA).
- ◆ Posted by Zaveriah Nakuti Amulungu In SWAPO we fear nothing...let them go to parliament and pull out after the final whistle.. VIVA OUR RULING PARTY..
- ◆ Posted by Hiwete Hekandjo
Thanks to SWAPO Government to keep democracy alive in the country. Long live the mighty SWAPO PARTY and its Leadership.
- ◆ Posted by Ba T Man Natangwe
Lord 4give them, oyangwangwana
- ◆ Posted by Felicity Mentor
S-surely, W-we, A-anticipate, P-polls are, O-ours!!!! lets get to the polls and dominate them or too say let history repeat itself
- ◆ Posted by Nankali Jossy
VIVA SWAPO VIVA O M U K U M O NOMATOKOLO, BACKWARD NEVER!
- ◆ Posted by Deon Shifa
Omapapeta maudako kutya fye vo swapo ihatushuna monima okomesho atupula fye,oikevahala vali nw they are pupet ngwangwan@.com eeh...viva swapo...
- ◆ Posted by John Peters
Let them go back! That way we know that when the final curtain will be drawn on election day they will have been swamped in debt never to return again. Pennyless and no seat at the table!
- ◆ Posted by Fransiskus Quiz Tshitenda
Its official, this opposition Parties are actually CLOWNS!!! aluta continua, ongono mobanda!!
- ◆ Posted by Naukushu Steven Shikongo
They must make u- turn nongenge hasho we will show them how strong SWAPO is!!!
- ◆ Posted by Titus Endjala
They probably had a good reason to boycott parliament, I see no fundamental reason for the U-turn.
- ◆ Posted by Hilde Ndinelago Mwalya
They bankrupt and now oya hala kuhupila mutse anyway we will never surrender.
- ◆ Posted by Johanna T Kamati
Down puppets! Viva Swapo Party!
- ◆ Posted by Eino Shivute
Kaasa ohoni mbo, viva Swapo...!!!!!!!
- ◆ Posted by Cde. Kauna
So, RDP and RP decided to go to parliament, because the case was sent back to the High Court eeh? What happens when the final blow comes? will the again pull out or what. The poor puppets starved themselves for nothing all that time. As they say in Oshiwambo "Ela (ondjala) oya enditha eyoka" Which roughly means, hunger made even the snake crawl on its belly. Now they are talking about victory,
- ◆ what victory when the worst is awaiting them? Apparently the legal system is working. The system has always been working, are they just seeing it now? Hypocrates! Viva Swapo!
- ◆ Posted by Cde Kanamutenya, whk
Well done workers! Please the entire public service are looking forward to hear what will be done with th GIPF saga
- ◆ Posted by Supreme Court
We lost the battle but not the war. Aluta continua!
- ◆ Posted by Cde.Katusha kaNamibia
Dear Comrades,let the high court hear the so called merits.We know SWAPO won hands down.The fail project no matter employ tactics,think that perhaps the high court will declarare 2009 National Assembly null and void for fail project to benefit from the national unity government.We know their strategy.We are going to face them in high court.They should not just cooked up lies think that the high court will come to their humiliation. VIVA SWAPO!SWAPO UNITED! A Victory is certain in the high court,Regional & Local Authority Elections Comrades!We shall disappoint them again!
- ◆ Posted by Namtenya
Congratulations to the worker representatives who were elected to the just ended NUNW congress in Windhoek. I trust they will work tirelessly with the tasks entrusted to them. VIVA the workers union.
- ◆ Posted by Sebastian Erastus
VIVA SWAPO Party!!! Still cant wait for the November Elections... Hope all Comrades have registered... VIVA Comrades.



Zoom In

By Asser Ntinda



This week witnessed three interesting events. The biggest one of course was the Supreme Court ruling in favour of the nine opposition parties who had challenged last year's National Assembly and Presidential Elections, alleging widespread irregularities and stuffing of ballot boxes," which, they claimed, amounted to "rigging elections" and therefore the elections should be declared "null and void."

The Supreme Court did not rule on the matter, it simply directed that the case should be referred back to the High Court. Yet a few individual RDP members went on a celebration spree, claiming that they had "won" the case. To confuse the situation more – and this is the second event — shortly after the Supreme Court ruling, RDP conspicuously announced that it would take up its seats in the National Assembly.

It is just what SWAPO Party Secretary General, Cde Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana, aptly called the "drama" whose time had "long run out." A casual observer might be forgiven for thinking that the two events might boost RDP's image by drumming up its dwindling support nationally. Not so, really. Their effects on how RDP behaves from here are totally different. The victim will still be RDP.

The Supreme Court ruling came as a blessing in disguise for RDP. The Party has been desperately looking for a palatable excuse on how to take up its seats in the National Assembly without being humiliated in public. True, RDP faces a crippling financial crisis, caused by its own foolhardy refusal to take up its seats in the National Assembly.

With regional council and local authority elections just around the corner, the heavens were not going to be kind to RDP, as Manna from above the skies have long ceased to fall. A serious political party convinced about, and having faith in, its claims could have used the Supreme Court ruling to say, well, 'we will not go to Parliament, we will tough it out until the High Court has pronounced itself on the issue.' For, that was the reason for the boycott.

Not so for RDP. The stomachs were empty and political stubbornness comes with very small change. Big change was in the National Assembly. RDP has learned the hard way. It has now simply used the Supreme Court ruling to fast-track itself into the National Assembly, rather than waiting for a protracted court battle to the end, and use whatever little cents it could get from there for the upcoming regional council and local authorities election campaigns. The move is too late, though. The political damage caused by its six-month boycott of the National Assembly is irreparable, as it would see for itself in the coming weeks and months before the elections.

The third event, which is more laughable than the first two, is the merger between RDP and the Republikein Party, RP, of Henk Mudge. Some people may think that RP is a serious political party in Namibia. It is not. So, the merger on Tuesday was nothing but a unification of political carcasses. Mudge and RDP's Hidipo Hamutenya on that fateful day, signed, sealed and delivered their common desire to be buried together in the same political grave very soon.

But sure enough, Mudge had a mouthful on what the marriage would bring about as he took his political wedding vows. It stunned the few people who were around to listen to his moribund speech. Suddenly Hamutenya had become his "comrade" and "friend." And the vows went like this: "I, as a true believer and with the authority bestowed upon us, declare here today, in the name of Jesus Christ, my Saviour, that today will mark the beginning of the end of the SWAPO Party government." Poor Tuesday, September 7, 2010!

What a declaration! It sounded like that of Rhodesia's Ian Smith when he said that there "will never be majority rule in Rhodesia for a thousand years." He lived to see Zimbabwe. He lived to see majority rule. It was, just like that of Mudge, a declaration that could only be made by a political greenhorn.

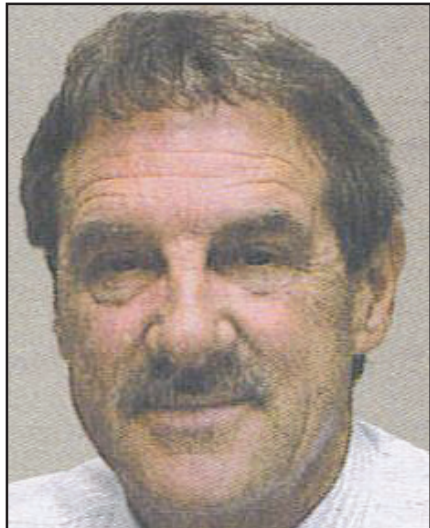
I hope that Hamutenya, who knows SWAPO Party far better than the ineptitude Mudge, did not believe such political nonsense. Mudge's father, too, Dirk Mudge, must have listened in disbelief to the tantrums of his son. Mudge senior started RP 30 years ago to ensure that SWAPO never came to power in Namibia. He did all he could to prevent SWAPO's victory. He failed, dismally.

During the 1989 elections, the apartheid regime of South Africa gave all internal parties who were opposed to SWAPO NS\$100 million to do all they could to prevent SWAPO from winning the 1989 elections. The money came through Dirk Mudge's RP, which was a member of the DTA alliance. Dirk Mudge was DTA's Chairman from its inception and Minister of Finance from 1985 to 1989 in the Transitional Government of National Unity, TGNU.

He was also instrumental in spearheading the failed Multi-Party Conference, MPC, which was a disastrous attempt on his part to reach an "internal settlement in South West Africa/Namibia" without SWAPO. The NS\$100 million that he got from Pretoria – which later became better known as the "Slush Funds," vanished like wedding confetti without defeating SWAPO Party.

Mudge junior has now stepped into his father's shoes. It is a long journey that exhausted his father until his retirement. Mudge junior's partner in his latest political outing is Hamutenya. Let us go back to those vows again. "I ... declare here today, in the name of Jesus Christ, my Saviour, that today will mark the beginning of the end of the SWAPO Party government." So help me Jesus Christ! One could add that.

Mukuru uandje! Mudge of all people, taking on SWAPO! Etsee! The reason history repeats itself is that most people weren't listening the first time. Henk Mudge is a case in point. Time will tell.



Rhodesia's Ian Smith, left, in the evening of his life in majority ruled Zimbabwe. His vow that "no majority rule in Rhodesia in a thousand years" has just become an epitaph which never materialized. Right, Henk Mudge's vow to "end the SWAPO Party government" will equally just be another epitaph for historians to read. See Zoom In on this page.