The past weeks have been quite interesting. SWAPO Party has successfully held its primaries, both at all regional and local levels. It is quite interesting that none of the opposition blocs has ever held such a primary event, yet SWAPO has done this in times when they will do that either, hesitating perhaps as to whom and where not to contest. They have learned a lesson or two from the Rally for Democracy and Progress, RDP’s premature decisions to contest the Regional Council’s by-election in Eenhana Constituency in Ohangwena Region and the local authority elections at Omuthiya in Oshikoto Region shortly after its formation. In those election campaigns, RDP’s Hidipo Hamutenya overstretched his ego and exaggerated his popularity to the extreme, which, in the end, blinded his senses.

The defeats were so humiliating and biting that the man had to go silent for a few years. At Tobias Hainyekho Constituency, he had to pull out altogether. But whatever the case, defeat is the same and it is guaranteed. While opposition parties are taking a cue from RDP’s blunders, time is running out and by the time they sort out the squabbles that will ensue from the primaries on which candidates from which party to field, SWAPO will have finished the job on the ground.

SWAPO Party is always the first – first to liberate the country, first to form Namibia’s democratic government, first to formulate and put in place policies and enabling laws which have changed for the better the living standards of the people, changes which everybody can feel and touch. It has put Vision 2030 in place. It will certainly be the first to cross the finishing line, come November Regional and Local Authorities elections. The Party’s preparations point to that landslide victory.

The past weeks also saw RDP’s “returnees” finally coming back from their self-imposed exile to join the National Assembly. They really looked more frail and tired like refugees to serious politicians who had taken a tactical move to boycott Parliament from which they would emerge much stronger and more powerful. Hidipo Hamutenya was no longer the same Hamutenya of the 1990s. With his head clean-shaven, Jesaya Nyamu looked more like a released prisoner seeing and feeling freedom after years in prison.

No wonder he was the first to jump to Phil Ya Nangoloh of the National Society for Human Rights, NSHR’s press release which asked all RDP leaders who served as members to sign in SWAPO “under Nujoma to repent, confess, renounce, repudiate, dissassociate…… themselves from all undemocratic conduct by SWAPO under Nujoma.”

Sure enough, Nyamu was the first to dance to Ya Nangoloh’s tune, saying that he regretted being a leader of the liberation struggle under SWAPO. Sa, Ya Nangoloh has puppets on his strings, obediently dancing to his chosen tune and rhythm.

Look at this: “Some of the events during the struggle were nasty,” he said. “But personally, as an ex-SWAPO member and former member of the Central Committee, I can assure you that I was not part of those atrocities during the liberation. I was simply informed about the incidents which at the time were not convincing, but as I found about some things that SWAPO did, I regret being a leader of the liberation struggle.”

That Nyamu could stoop so low to “regret being part of the liberation struggle” that brought about Namibia’s independence defies understanding and logic. He is not even proud to be part of the struggle that ended colonialism and apartheid in Namibia in particular, and in Africa in general. Ya Nangoloh must have profusely smiled at such remarks, having successfully and religiously converted people like Nyamu to renounce the struggle which he brought about Namibia’s independence defies understanding and logic. He is not even proud to be part of the struggle that ended colonialism and apartheid in Namibia in particular, and in Africa in general. Ya Nangoloh must have profusely smiled at such remarks, having successfully and religiously converted people like Nyamu to renounce the struggle which he brought about Namibia’s independence defies understanding and logic.

No wonder he confidented accepted to be the guest of honour on the Namibian Broadcasting Corporation, NBC’s Wednesday Programme, One On One. He probably thought that having converted the likes of Nyamu to say all the craps he could say, he would shine like a “hero” from One On One. The opposite was the case. His rambling and ranting have just revealed what type of person Ya Nangoloh really is. And we need really take him seriously anymore?

He emerged from the programme more like a person in need of psychiatric treatment - a person who should deal with human right issues in the country. How can society trust a person of that low level? He was once on NBC’s Talk of the Nation and now he is reduced to saying that he is so invigorating belonging to the white people, and beaming of democracy, how can society trust a person of that low level? He was once on NBC’s Talk of the Nation and now he is reduced to saying that he is so invigorating belonging to the white people, and beaming of democracy, he is no longer the same Hamutenya of the 1990s. With his head clean-shaven, Jesaya Nyamu was the first to dance to Ya Nangoloh’s tune, saying that he regretted being a leader of the liberation struggle under SWAPO. Sa, Ya Nangoloh has puppets on his strings, obediently dancing to his chosen tune and rhythm.

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