

# What people say

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◆ Posted by  
**Mathews Nehemiah**

RADOPA listen i will not vote for you and i will mobilize my fellow youth and the entire Namibia not to vote for TRIBALISM PARTY, therefore COMMRADE PRESIDENT we are always behind you day and night, we are the SWAPO Party and we are ready to defeat those puppet and bury them. Let us speak the truth that we are SWAPO Party, in our work place and even in the church.

◆ Posted by Imanu  
**Kleo Okalongo**

During colonial time we experienced incidents of dead bodies of SWAPO members displayed all over in the north by KOEVOET, SDAF, SWATF and all Pupets who were later joined DTA and other opposition parties. We were in difficult and in dangerous situation, they teach us a bitter lesson therefore they should forget to be voted in all 13 regions. SWAPO is to stay. Viva SWAPO!

◆ Posted by  
**Nehemiah Mathews-Ongwediva**

Ohailwa ethimbo olyathika lyokudhimbulula okala yoye kutya ngweye omukwa SWAPOGWASHILI ndekeshi itha SWAPO. Onkene ohailwa tatukemuhogolola otwahala mukawanifepo oshilonga no shinakuwathwa Sha SWAPO party, NOT only go sit and forget the Namibian nation. Do not go sit there just for people to call you Honorable Councilor, NO please if you fail to fulfill our mighty SWAPO Party promise, then you are to be blamed. I therefore edge all SWAPO candidate to conguer all the duty with respect, honest and trust. Because you are the eye of our SWAPO Party government.

◆ Posted by

**Cde.Kutusha kaNamibia** ELCIN Church Ban Party Flags, The Namibian Newspaper 27 September 2010. Comrades, this is a shocking news coming from Eengolo ELCIN Church. Were the members of the Eengolo Church consulted? For a person to be buried in his/her Party Flag is the honour bestowed upon him/her for his/her contribution to the Party or the Country. This is an unpopular decision taken by the men of the clothes. No wonder ELCIN Church is loosing members to some of this unguided Churches. ELCIN Church should concern about loosing members rather than dictate how

people should be buried. As matter of fact all ELCIN Churches were build with communities money. People have been giving donations to build their churches, just for Pastors to dictate what should be done when they are buried. People should allowed to be buried in their Party Flags and sing their Freedom songs. What is wrong with that? Pastor of Eengolo Church stop it now! Aluta Continua!

◆ Posted by Tala

I salute Tate Pohamba and all his cabinet members. I am inspired by the fact that our leaders always, and rightly so, focus onto the big picture: Maintaining peace and improving our livelihoods! Thank you Tatekulu. Life is not about absence of challenges. It is about the resolve to face them head on! Afterall, Tatekulu Nujoma had, has, and is always reminding us that we, the people must, despite and in spite of challenges develop our country in peace and harmony! I thus give overall 60% pass rate to our politicians. I give 40% to our administrators (PS and directors)! I give 30% to Private Sector and able-bodied individuals! We all have more to do, yet GRN has done more than you and I! It is time we at least move up to 60% pass rate!

◆ Posted by  
**Mathews Nehemiah-Ongwediva**

We salute you commrade president of SWAPO party

◆ Posted by

**Cde.Katusha kaNamibia** Dear Comrades, I support the idea of creating a Ministry of Rural Development and Water Supply in order to fast track development in the Rural areas. As for now development in the rural areas is taking place at the slow pace hence people continue to flock to urban areas in search of jobs and better living conditions. I therefore appeal to Comrade Pohamba to create the abovemention Ministry. The Ministry should be tasked to create the Rural development bank to finance Rural development projects.

◆ Posted by

**I.H.Hekandjo-Okalongo** Nooooo men !!! Phil ya Nangolo must talk the truth. He can not be SWAPO, RDP, COD, NUDO, SNAKES OR NO ONE at the same time, he must just keep promoting his RDP (Rally for Disappointed People)+ RP (Rally for puppet) under a good

GOVEMENT OF SWAPO PARTY OF NAMIBIA. PUPPET will remain a PUPPET even in heaven. ya Nangolo better rest but no in peace.

◆ Posted by Cde  
**Kanamutenya, whk**

Phil will never achieve anything in his life time, perhaps he should start to learn that he must go and give other chance to lead the so called Human Rights project, by the way did he manage to pay what he owe to his employees?

◆ Posted by Cde  
**Kanamutenya, whk**

My advice to the NBC, Please show the image of how Casspir was doing to our people, show the people the battle of Cuito Cuanevalle, show the people how most of Angolan towns where destroyed, please through those image and many more of the combatants will educate, the people will always then learn from the history, As Namibian we owe a lot to our brothers and sister in the neighboring countries including Cuba, those people had sacrificed for us and it is time that history should be narrated. We must be thankful for Dr Nujoma and his leadership that today we are a nations. United we stand divided we fall. THEIR BLOOD WATER OUR FREEDOM!!!!!!!

◆ Posted by Amos  
**Ihula**

I think there is something wrong in Phil ya Nangoloh's head, "that is rubbish" and drinking water like an elephants lol.

◆ Posted by Beaula  
**Kazondovi**

Shame on that fake human rights whatever they call him, he should be concentrating on human rights issues, rather than politics, so angry at that bastard, isnt the human rights suppose to protect the lives of innocent women and children that are killed everyday, then what the hell is ya nangolo doing, just earning money for nothing, leave our oldman alone, he fought for our freedom when you cowards ran away ha ha ha, ran away like the idiot he is.

◆ Posted by

**Cde.Katusha kaNamibia** Phil ya Nangolo should talk the truth. He cannot be SWAPO, RDP, COD, NUDO, or everyone or no one. As matter of fact he is not a SWAPO member nei-

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## Zoom In

By Asser Ntinda



I was taken by surprise by a decision taken by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia, ELCIN, which had barred political party flags and songs during funeral services in ELCIN churches. I am not at all questioning the authority of ELCIN. It has the right to take decisions as it sees fit. I respect that right.

But when such decisions have direct bearings on the very people ELCIN serves, there is absolute need for transparency so that the flock moves together with one shepherd, embracing one another in the knowledge that while it is impossible to satisfy each and everybody, decisions must not just be fair. They must be seen to be fair to minimize misunderstandings and commotions.

In other words, communication is very crucial and it should be a one-way traffic. Well, Reverend Joel Alweendo said the decision was not his alone, adding that it was taken by the church leadership. That fact was also confirmed by ELCIN Secretary General, Pastor Eliakim Shaanika. Fair enough. I respect ELCIN's right to take decisions as it sees fit.

What I find very strange and insensitive is the fact that a crucial decision like this one, which affects thousands of people, has been taken and was not properly communicated to congregations to make people aware of what their church leaders had decided. Murmurings which ensued in the Eengolo ELCIN church when Reverend Alweendo made the shocking announcement are indicative of that serious lack of communication and transparency.

I am not going into the merits and demerits of the decision, but the timing was awkward in that ELCIN waited until a SWAPO Party member had died to make the announcement, which caught many people by surprise. Why did ELCIN wait until someone was dead to make the announcement? This was a drastic decision which was supposed to be announced in a normal church service where there was no death.

Here were bereaved family members who were mourning one of their dearest, and who had prepared the last journey of the late Comrade Joseph Shikuwa Katofa the way he would have wanted it to be done, only to be humiliated in public by being asked to remove the SWAPO Party flag from Katofa's coffin without any degree of sensitivity. Is that the best way church leaders should counsel members of their congregations in times of difficulties? Death is painful and I could imagine the situation in which relatives of the late Katofa, as he was affectionately, had found themselves at that moment when the announcement was made.

This was the highest disregard of the pain and difficult times those relatives were going through, the highest degree of insensitivity. If Comrade Katofa were to come back today to witness what his church had done to him in death, he were going to shake his head in disbelief. What if that was his will? And we say the will of the dead should be honoured? With the highest and greatest respect I have for church leaders and if the truth were to be told, the Church erred on this score and owed the Katofa family an apology for being insensitive to their difficult and mourning times.

Had the decision been announced publicly before and Comrade Katofa's relatives still brought his coffin wrapped in a SWAPO Party flag, that could have been a different situation as it could have been seen as defying a church decision. But this, unfortunately, was not the case.

What informed the decision anyway? As far as I know, I have never seen Namibians fighting over flags at funeral services since independence. Could one imagine burying liberation legends like the late Nathaniel Maxuilili, Moses Garoeb, Dimo Amaambo, Ruben Danger Ashipala and many others without singing a liberation song?

These people's lives were spent in the crucible of the struggle, dodging bullets and going for days without food. The aim was independence, which we enjoy today. SWAPO to them is what the Bible is to a Christian. Martin Luther pulled out of the Catholic Church because he did not agree with some of the decisions Pope Leo X was making.

Had he been quiet about the teachings of Pope Leo X, there could have been no Lutherans today. What it tells us is that people should not just be told about decisions, but they must also be told why a particular decision was made and its timing at an appropriate platform. Namibia faces many challenges for us to be worried about flags on coffins. Above all, let leaders lead through communication to avoid misunderstanding and misinterpretation of decisions and policies.