

What people say

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SWAPO party is a fearless political party and we are not doubt that we will win the coming elections. We are quite sure that all constituencies will be won by SWAPO party. This time we will give another concrete lesson to the opposition parties. SWAPO is ready to fight all challenges facing it. Long live SWAPO party!

◆ Posted by I.H.Hekandjo-Okalongo Cde.Katusha kaNamibia, Dear Comrades, like father-like son. Its true Cde. A snake will remain a snake even if it is in green grass.

◆ Posted by Cde.Katusha kaNamibia Dear Comrades,like father-like son.A son of a puppet will always be a puppet.Some of those grow up in puppets

houses still have that puppet hangover.SWAPO liberated this country,while Puppets collaborated with the enemy.Today they are talking about democracy.What democracy?Someone who has been living in house protected by enemy or ate food supplied by the enemy.Shame on them! S W A P O U n i t e d , S W A P O Victorious,Now Hard work!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

'Come back home,' SG

By Levi Upula

SWAPO Party Secretary General, Cde Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana, has called on those who have been misled and joined the opposition parties to come back to their reliable political home.



SWAPO Party Secretary General, Cde Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana, welcoming Cde Vistorina Katunohange back to SWAPO Party. Photo by Levi Upula.

Addressing a SWAPO Party rally at Oshivelo in Oshikoto Region last weekend, Cde Iivula-Ithana said that SWAPO Party was their political home forever, and they should not hesitate to come back home.

She said this as she welcomed back Vistorina Katunohange from the Con-

gress of Democrats, CoD. Katunohange has been a CoD member since its formation in 1999. From 2004, she was a CoD candidate in the Tsumeb local authority election.

"I have recruited several people to join CoD," she said. "Now I am going to tell them to come back and rejoin

SWAPO Party because it is the only political party that has the capacity to govern the country and develop it. I have come back home forever."

Cde Iivula-Ithana said that SWAPO Party would cruise to victory, come November 26-27. "We will show them like we did last year," she said.

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SWAPO party member because I have seen what SWAPO govern-

ment has done to the region."

More than thirty people joined SWAPO party on the same occasion in Okondjatu, Otjozondjupa region. SWAPO Party District co-

ordinator Cde Rahii ua Kahimise and Cde Elia Nguarambuka the SWAPO Party Okakrara Constituency Candidate were also present.



Comrade Prof. Peter Katjavivi, flanked by new member Traditional Senior Council Erastus Hepundjua (Left), Cde Elia Nguarambuka the Okakarara SWAPO Regional Council candidate on the right and Cde Rahii ua kahimise the SWAPO party District Coordinator standing behind with the loud speaker at the special meeting in Okondjatu, Otjozondjupa Region.



Zoom In

By Asser Ntinda



The Rally for Democracy and Progress, RDP, and its newly found lover, Republican Party, RP, are going into today's regional and local authority elections battered and bruised by their own careless remarks and campaign tactics. To a large extent, their tactics have just boomeranged.

True, opposition politicians can be desperate and panicky, especially when elections are just around the corner. To woe voters to their side, they can make inept remarks and statements, which, when carefully analyzed, are just dump. Political mergers are common in politics.

We all know that politics makes strange bedfellows. But there are some mergers which are just beyond comprehension. They defy logic and understanding. The short-lived marriage between RDP and RP that crashed 36 days after it was ordained is one such example.

Whoever thought that RDP's Hidipo Hamutenya would take marriage vows with RP's Henk Mudge? Apartheid survived and thrived in Namibia and South Africa because the Mudges and the John Vorsters of this world said so.

Nelson Mandela and Herman Ya Toivo spent years in jail just for asking for their basic human rights. The Mudges and Vorsters dined and wined as many political prisoners languished on Robben Island.

Hamutenya has, in soul and heart, embraced a notorious family tree that conceived and nurtured apartheid to its last days. Since the collapse of that marriage, RDP and RP have been making silly and contradictory remarks, sending their own members into more confusion and political wilderness. Their on and off threats to boycott today's elections have cost them dearly. Up to now, their members – the few ones that have remained – do not know whether RDP will take part in these elections or not.

First, they were threatening the High Court that they would not take part in the elections unless the High Court delivers its judgment on last year's Presidential and National Assembly election results, which the opposition parties have challenged in the High Court.

The High Court did not entertain such nonsense. And rightly so. As of yesterday, lawyers for the two parties were still trying to figure out whether to get a High Court interdict to stop the elections altogether until the High Court has pronounced itself on last year's elections. What a gaffe!

This week saw RDP pulling out another political madness which has left many people wondering whether Hidipo is really himself or has lost touch with realities. At its "rally" in Opuwo, RDP called on the government to give former members of the notorious Koevoet and the South West Africa Territory Force, SWATF, the same benefits that are given to liberation war heroes and heroines.

RDP's candidate for Opuwo Constituency, Mike Kavekatora, addressed the meeting on behalf of Hidipo. "RDP's leadership has committed itself to seek justice for former Koevoet and SWATF members," said Kavekatora on behalf of Hidipo.

In actual fact, he is saying that Namibians should elevate these murderers to hero's status. Where on earth has anyone seen such madness? Can you imagine giving such status to the Nazis for having slaughtered the Jews in those concentration camps? Should Namibians honour and compensate the Von Troths of this world for having slaughtered and massacred Namibians during the colonial era? Has Cassinga massacre been erased from Hidipo's memory?

That is taking national reconciliation to the absurd. National reconciliation does not mean that we should forget what happened in the past. Nor does it mean that we should honour and hold in esteem those who sided with the enemies in slaughtering innocent men and women and children, whose only crime was to fight for Namibia's independence.

Yes, we have forgiven them, but we have not forgotten the brutalities with which they executed their duties. These former Koevoet and SWATF members killed innocent people in cold blood, mercilessly. Namibia, as a nation, bleeds up to today when those memories are brought back. The atrocities committed against our people by these thugs are immeasurable.

The next thing RDP would say is that such Koevoets and SWATFs should also be considered for burials at Hero's Acre. Should we as Namibians standby and watch as our prestigious policy of national reconciliation is being abused?

Even Koevoets and SWATFs themselves do not want to be reminded about that ugly past! If elected, is RDP really going to honour those killers and murderers in the name of national reconciliation? I wish the late firebrand Moses / /Garob or Nathaniel Maxuili were alive to hear Hidipo saying such things. Surely, his father, Aaron Hamutenya, must be turning in his grave to see that his son has stooped so low to embrace former colonial oppressors and murderers. The time to show that RDP is not worth anything is to show them today and tomorrow that Namibia has no place for such political madness. Let us crush them at the polls today – once and for all. Go out and vote for SWAPO Party. Let us name and shame Hidipo and his Koevoets at the polls. The time to act is now.