Victoria is sweet and absolute victory is absolutely sweet. Defeat, on the other hand, is sour and absolute defeat is absolutely sour. Nothing could describe the outcome of last week's regional and local authority elections better than the overwhelming joy and jubilation exhaled by SWAPO Party members, supporters and sympathizers when the election results were announced.

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Few people are surprised by the outcome of the results. Windhoek East might be a problem, but RDP's win there is by default. The party recently announced political partner, the Rehoboth Party, RP, went into these elections on its own, RDP could not have won that seat.

It's a win by default. RDP's leaders know this full well. That is why they have no courage to celebrate. Since the announcement of the results, its leaders have been locked up in their homes and have decided not to come out to address their supporters. They have consistently refused to answer telephone calls, having no word to describe their humiliating defeat, despite their endless rhetoric's statements about RDP’s “ability to dent; and break,” SWAPO Party’s two-thirds majority.

RDP has been making a lot of noise since its formation in November 2008. It has been helped by the local media. Its inept political and social policies have been highlighted by ground and analytical academics. RDP had at its disposal all the publicity it needed to make a lot of noise here and there. With Hidipo’s defection, the party, which had no courage to celebrate, no courage to lead and no courage to fight, is nowhere to be seen.

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For decades, Hidipo has set his eyes on that highest political trophy— the Presidency. He has, however, been careless in nurturing that journey. In the process, he has only succeeded in crafting his own downfall. Like campaign strategies of many ordinary run off the mill politicians, Hidipo created many contradictions and principles. Pity and paralyzing for the only party with ideological principles.

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Days before the elections, we saw renowned members of the party striking off their names from RDP's lists, complaining that they were not consulted when their names were put on such lists as RDP candidates. Then came RDP's Hipido Hamutenya's last garble a few days before the elections—the threat to boycott them altogether. All these simple tree to free mental exercise must have been doomed for RDP to have a chance of winning the elections.