

What people say

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◆ **Posted by Cde Kapiye Timotheus**

Congratulation CDE Elijah Ngurare to appointed as a Namwater board of director. Namwater is there to supply quality water to the nation. we hope you will make it as a SWAPO party CDE. viva NAMWATER viva CDE Ngurare. i thank you.

◆ **Posted by Ipinge, Ongwediva**

Let us be law abiding citizens. Let us obey existing laws while advocating for amendment or reform on inappropriate or irrelevant laws and enactment of new needed laws. There is an enabling legislation that impose a duty on law enforcement agencies to enforce traffic fines on those violating traffic laws, rules and regulations. Many lives have been lost as a result of non-adherence to, or violation of, traffic laws, which to many of us is unacceptable and cannot be justified. High fines might not be the only and effective deterrent or putting an end to the road accident tragedies, but it help reduce the risk. The fines were, by the time were first introduced, in the same way beyond affordability. It is just they have not be adjusted for too long a time. Drivers have no options but to play by the rules or face the wrath of the law. While we have rights to effect influence as to change in law, we should exercise these rights with responsibility, and with respect for the rule of law.

◆ **Posted by cde Kanamutenya, Whk**

There is a room for improvement, thus to say the Government should rather gives busary to the students alike the loans, and let the ministry of education work-out urgently the remarking process so that students may have enough time to

register with high institutions!

◆ **Posted by Cde Kapiye Timotheus**
The snake of corruption must be hit hard on the head. Director of ACC mr Paulus Noa thank you very much for more effort you put in your work. if we check well the corruption decrease now in our lovely Namibia. don't let mr Noa to work alone let's work together as a team. if you see any corruption in our country talk to him please don't be shy. this is our country and you are free to say it. Dr Abraham Iyambo and Dr Richard Kamwi thank you also for your hard working at your ministries. Cde Elijah Ngurare what you said that we want to fight party battles, not individual battles that's clear forward. i am Cde Kapiye at Okahandja.

◆ **Posted by Sheehama Jacob**

The economic empowerment of SWAPO is the Economic Empowerment of the Namibian people and future. We always do not want to suport the youth who comes out publicly and opose or suport the demolition of the clonial and neo-clonial behaviours of the system or some elements in our country. The true SWAPO party skipers have the good idea, but some times there are those who disrupt them on way, through ill advices and disinformations. Dr. Elia Ngurare, is trying hard every day for the future and today of this country. But now when he speak all roten elements of our country want to question his action and screened it badly. I hope Dr. Ngurare will continue in this fight fo life, for the pride of our people and nation.

◆ **Posted by Cde Kapiye Timotheus Ohorongo cement team**

can Development Community (SADC)," the minister said.

Ramsden also used the opportunity to inform his Namibian counterpart that his country has also subscribe to the East Africa Submarine Cable (EASSy) since August 2010.

"It is therefore with a great deal of anticipation that the East African Submarine Cable System will substantially reduce the cost of information communication technologies in Botswana and Namibia" noted Ramsden

Minister Ramsden notes that Botswana now connected to both cable it must see a reduction in cost prices of internet related services in his country and by extension Namibia.

members thank you very much for the development you bring in the country. I also thank his excellency CDE Pohamba to inaugurate the Ohorongo cement. this company employee a lot of Namibian people meaning they decrease unemployment in our country. thank you once again. viva Ohorongo cement, viva SWAPO party government.

◆ **Posted by Katusha kaNamibia**

Its quite disturbing comrades, to here that the Polytechnic of Namibia does not allow prospective students to register using letters from the Namibia Student Fianicial Assistance Fund [NSFAF]. Polytechnic of Namibia is demanding students to pay N\$ 2000.00 cash instead of using the letters and the Fund will pay the Polytechnic of Namibia. Many Orphans and Vunerable children are not able to pay Polytechnic of Namibia N\$ 2000.00 cash, hence applied for loans from NSFAF. According to Dr. Abraham Iiyambo, the Polytechnic of Namibia received more than N\$ 100 Millions Nam Dollars subsidy last year, however still does not want students that applied for loans from Government to use the letters issued to them by NSFAF. Polytechnic of Namibia is Government institution, hence its being managed like Okambashu [Shebeen].

This unpopular decision by the Polytechnic of Namibia is denying many children opportunity to study as their Guardians/parents cannot afford to to pay N\$ 2000.00 cash. Ministry of Education and in particular Dr. Iiyambo please do something about this Polytechnic of Namibia and its unpopular decision. We need to achieve our vision 2030. Aluta Continua!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

He said telecom operators in the sub region should put in place frameworks that will regulate prices and ensure affordability to ordinary citizens.

"Regulators and other stakeholders should implement appropriate regulatory, policy and legal frameworks that will ensure the necessary massive reduction in tarrifs for the benefit of the ordinary man in our countries" said the Minister.

This is important as our countries are currently facing challenges of high cost of roaming in the region. There is a need for SADC member states to harmonize their policy and regulatory frameworks to address this problem, he said Ramsden.



Zoom In

By Asser Ntinda



Politics, they say, is the art of the possible. That may be true, but the manner in which Hidipo Hamutenya, President of the Rally for Democracy and Progress, RDP, described RDP at State House this week only revealed a man out of touch with reality. RDP was one of the opposition parties invited at State House by President Hifikepunye Pohamba to share their views with the President on issues of national interest. The President does that very often.

It was not an invitation extended to RDP only, as Hidipo would want the public to believe. More on this later. For the media, however, the RDP's visit provided a closer look at the man who has rarely been seen in public since losing the last Presidential and National Assembly elections, as well as the Regional and Local authority elections.

The defection of Hidipo from SWAPO Party in 2007 and the wailing flock which followed him, had now realized, albeit too late, that the promised manna from heaven would not fall anytime soon. And the promised land of milk and honey was no near in sight. When one looked at the four leaders of RDP in front of State House, one could not help but conclude that it is tough out there! It is cold outside SWAPO Party.

In his usual sarcasm, President Pohamba shook hands with them, looked at Hidipo and asked: "It's a long time I haven't met you, Hidipo, Nyamu, Kamburona and Vice President?" Nyamu quipped in: "We always see you on TV so there is no problem." Replied the President: "No, on TV, we don't talk to one another like this."

Looking at the four RDP leaders as they stepped out of State House, it was easy to conclude that one cannot fight SWAPO Party and remain the same. These men have chosen to face the awesome might of SWAPO Party and they got it. The scars are visible. They looked more as if they had come to say "Opuwo nee!" RDP has been blitzed and pounded into submission in a high-tech political lynching never seen since independence in 1990.

Forget about Ben Ulenga's Congress of Democrats, CoD. Ulenga was a small feather. Hidipo was a heavyweight. Or so he thought. And those who believed him followed in 2007. But as the defectors followed one by one, the entire nation held its trembling breath. Was this a fiction film replaying the Biblical Moses saving children from Egypt or was it really Hidipo himself making that blunder? It was indeed him. And the uninitiated followed.

But Hidipo was no Moses, and SWAPO Party was certainly no Egypt. Fearing no one beyond the stars, SWAPO Party launched a coordinated attack whose scope and scale – its punitive precision and sheer delivery – left RDP with no political future to look forward to. In times gone by, what happened in 2007 could have belonged to the realm of science fiction.

The brutal reality is that Hidipo's defection revealed those rare moments in mankind's unending struggle to satisfy man's lust for power that turned fiction into reality. That event brought us to the age and ways of political rationality versus political opportunism. Recognizing the difference is the beginning of wisdom.

Times come and times go. This is the time Hidipo would want to pass and recede into history so that nobody remembers it. History has its own sheer lethal punches whose fearsome ferocity is unkind and fatal. The man from Odibo Village in Ohangwena Region might have had his ups and downs in his political career, but his decision to quit SWAPO was a fatal fall from which he would hardly rise again.

And a day can be as long as a week. This reality caught up with Hidipo as he entered State House on Wednesday – the very State House HH had set his eyes on and worked hard to get there – only to spectacularly stumble. The tormenting contradictions coupled with a multiple layers of unforgiving complexities have sapped the energy he exhibited in 2007 when he resigned from SWAPO Party, a sad, if not tragic, way to end one's political career with.

As Hidipo walked into State House, he might have thought that it could have been him receiving guests there. But the dream he had in 2007 to enter State House is in tatters, so too is the political darkroom from where it was hatched. Hidipo's move to form a political party was first intercepted in Tsumeb by agile SWAPO Party Youth League activists. That interception was the only missing piece in the political jigsaw left incomplete by Nyamu's notes – forming a rival party.

But that is not what has destroyed RDP. In political science, a party is not destroyed by secrets intercepted, but by sloppy and self-serving analysis. Since the discovery of the Nyamu notes, sloppy and self-serving analysis has accompanied the process that led to the formation of RDP. Therein, too, lies its demise.

To describe RDP in its current shape as "a reality" – as Hidipo did last Wednesday at State House – is at best a profound misnomer and at worst a cynical manipulation of semantics to save face. Seeing that it was his first visit to the very State House he craved for, he probably thought it could have been him in there.

Maybe he still thinks that one day soon, he will be there receiving and seeing off guests from home and from distant lands as Head of State – the highest political trophy he has set his eyes on. But it's all gone, forever. SWAPO Party is nationally rampart, and nobody messes with a five-hundred pound tiger in the bush.

The hopefuls in RDP may still huff and puff in a relapse of old "Omushindi wa Kanhene" compositities, disguised as altruistic defence, but their leader knows that it is game over. They are waiting for a day that will never come. Nothing concentrates the mind than the thought of sudden historic irrelevance and powerlessness.

But RDP can take a cue or two from its past defunct predecessors – SWAPO-D, CANU, CoD and now itself. If there is honour among thieves, there should certainly be honour among political outcasts – the Andreas Shipangas, the Mishake Muyongos and the Ben Ulengas can organize a workshop and invite Hidipo to console him and tell him that "at least we tried."

Nobody is sure whether RDP will die of its multiple wounds or shamble on in a disoriented irrelevance like a badly mauled elephant. But its appeal has been rubbished and dismissed. It's more like an entertaining talk-shop in a museum than a political party of sort. It is finished. Perceptive watchers and those with a keen sense of history say the self-destruction of RDP has been long in coming. You don't play with SWAPO Party.

SWAPO Party has created a niche for itself in Namibia's political landscape. Between its crucible and defining beginnings in 1960 to a five-pound tiger that it is today in 2011, lies a story of sheer determination, zeal, courage, bravery and unsurpassed will to persevere in the face of heavy odds which, at times, may seem insurmountable. But it has survived, where others waived.

As Hidipo stepped out of State House, one reporter asked him what the visit meant for him and RDP. Hidipo replied. "I think somebody has realized that it was about time to deal with RDP as a reality in this society." If, in the afternoon of his life, Hidipo still thinks RDP is a "reality," then he has lost touch with reality. Fate often plays a cruel joke on the inordinately ambitious.

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munication Minister Ramsden, pointed out that the two countries have been jointly working on the project over four years.

This efforts are well supported and re-solidify the bond between the two nations" said Ramsden.

Ramsden said the co-funding of the WACS landing point demonstrates the excellent relations that exist between the two southern African countries.

"I am convinced that with the existing friendly relationship between our countries, this joint infrastructural investment will undoubtedly help in elevating our bilateral relations to a higher level within the Southern Affri-