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communication Minister Ramsden, pointed out that the two countries have been jointly working on the project over four years. This effort is well supported and welcomed by both nations. The two sides have been working towards a mutual goal. "The opportunity to inform his Namibian counterpart that his country has also subscribed to the East African Submarine Cable System (EASSy) since August 2010..." "It is therefore a great deal of anticipation that the East African Submarine Cable System (EASSy) will be able to reduce the cost of information communication technologies in Botswana and Namibia" noted Ramsden. Mr. Ramsden noted that Botswana has now connected to both cable it must see a reduction in cost of price of internet related services in his country and by extension Namibia. He said telecom operators in the sub region should put in place an automatic tariff adjustment mechanism to prevent operators from jumping up regulate prices and ensure affordability to ordinary citizens. "Regulators and other stakeholder should implement an appropriate regulatory policy and legal frameworks that will ensure the necessary massive reduction in tariffs 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 telecom services 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.

Politics, they say, is the art of the possible. That may be true, but the manner in which Hidipo Hamunyeta, 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 that told the President that he should resign and elected them in one of the few multiparty 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 any time soon. And the promised land of milk and honey was now in sight in 2007. When one of the opposition leaders said they could not help but conclude that it is tough out there! Is cold outside SWAPO Party. In his usual sarcastic, 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?” “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 wanted to say “Opus noo.” RDP has been bludgeoned and pounded into submission in a high-tech political lynching never seen since independence in 1990. Forget about Ben Uenga’s Congress of Democrats, CoD, Uenga was a small feather. Hidipo was a heavyweight. Or so he thought. And those who believed him followed in 2007. But as the song of the swallows one by one leaves to the south for winter, they have not be adjusted for too long a time. Drivers have disrupted them on way, through some elements in our country. The political darkroom from where it was hatched. Hidipo’s move to form a political party – 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 re- entered into the political rationality versus political opportunism. Recognizability 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 ferocious ennui is unfelt and sad. The man from Ohorongo Village in Ohangwena Region might have had his political opportunity and had it well. 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 for his RDP. It is not a place to meet Hidipo and console him and tell him that “at least we tried.” It’s more like an entertaining talk-shop in a museum than a political party of sort. It is finished. The brutal reality is that Hidipo’s defection revealed those rare moments in mankind’s unfolding struggle to satisfy man’s lust for power that turned fiction into reality. That event in His Excellency HH and the struggle for Namibian national identity versus political opportunism.