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What people say

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Posted by cde Kanamutenva, whk

Windhoek is full of potholes, and this is due to poor work on those surfaces tarred on, and this was contributed because of corruption, those who get tender to do the work they are not be quality controlled. The city should have engineers to do quality control of the job done and found that they are reaching their standards and prospecting life span, it is annoying that most if not all potholes are mostly in black suburb, why? The Road towards Montes Cristo station is more worse than any other in city, please all company or contracted small company must be made responsible for the job they do, it is a pit that nowadays even building are just cracking before even it is completed, what is going on? Something is fishy somewhere that the work are not of quality.

Posted by Cde **Kapiye Timotheus**

OSWAPO yaNamibia oyina taipangele okukakala oshilongo eshi.Okokutya SWAPO oye amangulula oshilongo kapena okangundu pii nande,ano takati omolwashike uungundu mboka opowa totwa ohela hela owiiwete wuna ndele eendunge wuvule SWAPO?Otokakala wuna eendunge wuvule nakukuvala

AakwaSWAPO yakwetu natulongeleni kumwe opo tuhanagulenipo uuproject mboka anuwa eengundu.

okwahanaukapo nale, NUDO, DTA, APP, SWANU, RADOPA noshotuu kayena oonkondo oyasuwaka. Aanyasha yaNamibia inamupukifwa kwaamboka yooHidipo noonyamu.Oshilongo shino oshili momake getweni ashike natushikwateni nawa.tatekulu Pohamba natatekulu Nujoma oyakulupa paife oshowo oominisiteli ndhetu.

Namibia nakale woSWAPO sigo aluhe.

Radopa anuwa owaantu mboka yalongwa, moSWAPO kashimo shono nande.

Walongwa nenge inolongwa otuthikeni moSWAPO pamwe.Viva SWAPO!

Posted by Cde **Kapiye Timotheus**

Kadopa was lucky to get 8 seats on National assembly but next election i swear they will get 2 seats or 1 seat. I am a SWAPO party youth and I have to encourage all the youth in Namibia to vote SWAPO party and its president. All elderly they are **SWAPO** already. COD, DTA, NUDO, APP and others their are nothing at all. Where will they get people to join them? Omusati region Cde Shaningwa is there, Ohangwena Cde Nghaamwa is there, Khomas Cde Nujoma is there, Hardap Cde Katrina is there, Oshikoto Cde Ndakolo is there

and other regions SWAPO Cdes are there. Oyena okutalela SWAPO ashike. Did they forget this poem "SWAPO IS HERE TO STAY"viva SWAPO. viva cde Sam Nujoma, viva cde Pohamba!

Posted by Cde Kanamutenya, whk

Mr. Malan who wrote all false and misleading information of the event of 1966, when Cde founding president and current president were arrested and kept in police cell at airport in whk and deported the next day back in the same plane they came with, so Malan should be sued for creating false propangada and Phili Ya Nangolo too must be sued for that serious false and malicicious accusations.

Posted by Cde Kanamutenya, whk

Now that the 9 opposition lost again! now what is next? I do think those opposition should be reminded that there should be a time when they have to be audited, because they are wasting the scarce resources, they could have used those for something else constructive. I am happy with the verdict and Damaseb says the ECN should pull it socks, those elements who wanted to discredit the election process must be dealt with seriously, each and every individual must be responsible for his

Posted by Katusha kaNamibia

Opposition parties should learn that the court of law works on proven facts not wild allegations. Shame on them to rush to the high court without having any proven evidence. They should learn a lessons from this case and ensure that in future they monitor the election process. Proven facts, is all what need at the court of law not quoting information from unreliable source such as the the Namibian Newspaper.Namibia is our country,let us move forward with social,economic and rural development, forget about the donors fund and their interest.Aluta Con-

Posted by Frans Nekongo

I want to congratulate HE president Pohamba for his continued consultation of opposition parties on pertinent state affairs.I m calling on these parties to wisely utilize the opportunity so as to avoid cheap and useless politics.VIVA POHAMBA-VIVA SWAPO YETU!!!!

Posted by Cde **Kapiye Timotheus** SWAPO party is here for ever!!those 9 opposition parties leave SWAPO party and ECN alone.i think you learn a lesson.we want peace in

Namibia.1999 election DTA was complain,2004 election COD was complain and 2009 Radopa and others complain again.put more effort if you want to win but i don,t think if you win SWAPO party.SWAPO are people and people are SWAPO that,s clear forward.viva President Damaseb.viva ECN and viva **SWAPO** party of Namibia!!

Posted by Ipinge, **Ongwediva**

Comrades, as expected the Judge President and judge Parker ruled in our favor. I love democracy, now our masses verdict during the election is vindicated by the court rule. Opposition parties must know that they have lost at ballot box and should not play with our emotions. Viva SWAPO!!!!!!!1

Posted by Cde

Kapiye Timotheus Security guards they are working difficult work but if you see their monthly income is too less. please this is a serious issue. we are in an independent country but there are some people colonizing others. if you check well around the country any where you will find security guard 24 hours. some they get \$3.85 per hour this is nothing at all but the owner of the company get a lot of money from different companies he got a tender. please minister of labour do something in this issue, talk to them. Everything now is expensive and they have to get better salary. Viva all security guards in Namibia,viva SWAPO government. cde Kapiye at Okahandja. cell 0816104895.

Posted by cde kanamutenya, whk

I agree with Cde Kapiye Timotheus, it is true our city should start looking into public transport to make it affordable to all people, rather then leaving people depending on taxis which are very expensive specialy to students both poly and UNAM.

Posted by Cde **Kapiye Timotheus**

students UNAM Windhoek are suffering on a daily transports especially tnose wno are staying outside. UNAM campus is located at the outskirt of Windhoek and some students are staying far, example at okuryangava, havana or Okahandja park. my suggestion or my proposal to the Government is to provide buses to the students and they can pay even \$7.00 per trip instead of paying \$32.00 per day to the taxis because there is no taxi rank at UNAM.

We need educated nation. Dr Abraham Iyambo that,s my proposal to your ministry. I thank you.

View Point

Major new protests in Bahrain, Yemen, Libya and Iraq

Populations across the Middle East and North Africa continue to express opposition to their respective governments, demanding political rights and pressing for economic gains, in an unprecedented wave of unrest and resistance. The movement, among peoples oppressed by their own ruling elites in alliance with imperialism, has sent shockwaves through Washington, London, Paris and the capitals of all the great powers.

The tiny island nation of Bahrain (population 1.2 million) witnessed a third day of major protests Wednesday, as demonstrators stood their ground against the regime of King Sheikh Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. At least two protesters have been killed by security forces, and the funeral for one, 20-year-old Ali Abdulhadi Mushaima, on Tuesday, attracted some 10,000 people (the equivalent in the US of a protest of three million).

Another memorial procession Wednesday, to honor 31-year-old Fadhel Ali Almatrook, killed when riot police opened fire on the previous day's funeral march, also attracted thousands of protesters to the streets of Manama, Bahrain's capital. The second procession was not attacked by police, as the government—frightened by the mass movement—pulled back its security forces. Many women joined the funeral march February 16.

Bahrain's interior ministry has announced that the policemen alleged to be responsible for the shootings have been arrested pending investigation. This attempt to scapegoat a few individuals, for decisions taken at the highest levels of the government, has not impressed the population.

Anti-government protesters in large numbers have occupied the central Pearl Roundabout in Manama, pledging to make it their version of Cairo's Tahrir Square. They are demanding political rights and the resignation of the king's uncle, Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman al-Khalifa, from the position of prime minister he has held since 1971. In the eyes of many, the prime minister is the embodiment of wealth and corruption. The demonstrators are also calling for the release of political prisoners.

Many Bahrainis are staying off work to join the protests. One protest Facebook page shows two young men holding signs; one reads, "Skipping work until the regime falls," and the other, "No Sunni, No Shiite, all our demands are legitimate. My people want democracy, a constitution and freedom."

The US and other Western powers are extremely concerned by developments in Bahrain. Peter Goodspeed, in Canada's National Post, commented candidly February 14: "But if Bahrain were to undergo the kind of democratic transformation that Egypt just experienced, the ramifications for U.S. foreign policy could be severe. Bahrain is home to the U.S. Navy's Fifth Fleet, allowing the United States to station 15 warships, including an aircraft battle group, in the very heart of the Persian Gulf.

The island state off the coast of Saudi Arabia provides Washington with a perfect base from which it can protect the flow of oil in the Persian Gulf, keep an eye on Iran and support pro-Western Gulf monarchies against potential threats."

Demonstrators in Bahrain have been reminded in a practical manner about US support for the reactionary oyal family in that country. A photograph taken by the head of foreign relations at Bahrain Center for Human Rights, Maryam Alkhawaja, shows canisters of US-made tear gas used in recent days against protesters. The gas comes from NonLethal Technologies in Homer City, Pennsylvania.

A December 2009 US diplomatic cable, released by WikiLeaks and published in the Guardian February 15, boasts about the billions accruing to American corporations from contracts with Bahrain and the "excellent relationship" its government officials enjoy with Washington.

Police shot and killed two protesters in Yemen's major southern city, Aden, and wounded at least four others, as the government stepped up its campaign of violence and intimidation. A 21-year-old, Mohammed Ali Alwani, vas shot after police attacked demonstrators, said his father. The other dead man was identified as Yassin Askar. Wednesday marked the sixth day in the new wave of protests in Yemen.

According to Al Jazeera, police in Aden fired shots in the air to break up around 500 protesters; one of the victims was shot in the back. The demonstrators threw stones at the cops, set tires and vehicles on fire and stormed a government building. Associated Press reports that the demonstration, in the Mansoura district, included students and workers."

The anti-government forces in Aden chanted "The people want to overthrow the regime," and "It's time to leave, Ali," referring to Yemen's US-backed dictator, President Ali Abdullah Saleh. Hundreds gathered Wednesday night outside the police headquarters in Mansoura, demanding the release of those detained during the protests earlier in the day. They expressed outrage over the fatal shootings.

In Taiz, in southwestern Yemen, thousands of students continue to do battle with the regime, occupying treets and pledging to remain there until Saleh leaves office. Police in Taiz have arrested more than 100, and 30 students have been injured in attacks launched by pro-Saleh thugs.

In the capital Sana'a hundreds of students gathered to protest, but came under attack by pro-government forces, armed with batons, stones and wooden daggers. "The thugs and supporters of the ruling party [Saleh's General People's Congress] ... want to massacre the students," declared Radwan Masud, the head of Sana'a University's student union. Masud added that 10 students were injured in the attack.

Also on February 16, some 120 judges spent the second day in a sit-in outside the justice ministry in Sana'a, demanding greater independence for the judiciary and the firing of the entire Supreme Judicial Council, including the justice minister. They are also demanding higher salaries.

Significantly, Agence France-Presse (AFP) reports, "Workers in Sana'a also gathered at several state-owned companies to demand that their managers step down. They too called for higher wages.'

In response to the unrest, Saleh canceled a scheduled visit to Washington, where he was to meet his patrons. The official opposition, the JMP (Joint Meeting Parties, or Common Forum), continues to make conciliatory noises, but the New York Times reports that "a rift is emerging between the student organizers, who have called for the president to step down immediately, and the established opposition groups \dots who would prefer to move more slowly toward political reform."

Abullah Al-Faqih, professor of political science at Sana'a University, told the Guardian: "This is what both Saleh's ruling party and the opposition feared most—loud and violent protests organised by people that have no allegiance to any of the political parties.

Protests erupted Tuesday and Wednesday in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi, apparently triggered by the arrest of a human rights lawyer, Fathi Terbil. The BBC reports that Terbil "represents families of more than 1,000 prisoners allegedly massacred by security forces in Tripoli's Abu Salim jail in 1996. He was later said to

According to media reports, the families of the prison massacre victims began protesting Terbil's incarceration outside police headquarters Tuesday night, when bystanders joined them, started chanting anti-government slogans. The protest, including as many as 2,000 people, lasted all night and resumed Wednesday morning. Police, firing rubber bullets, and pro-government elements violently dispersed the crowd.

Al Jazeera reports that two individuals, Khaled El Naji Khanfar and Ahmad Shoushaniya, were killed by police in protests in the Libyan city of Al Bayda, east of Benghazi, on Wednesday. Hundreds of protesters reportedly torched a police station; some 38 people were injured.

fire to security headquarters and a police station, writes Al Jazeera.

A "day of rage," organized online, is planned for February 17 in Libya, calling for the end of the regime. Colonel Muammar Gaddafi has been in power in the oil-rich North African country since 1969.

The wave of protest in Iraq against government corruption, unemployment and wretched public services entered a new stage Wednesday.

A protest by 2,000 people against lack of jobs and electricity in the eastern Iraqi city of Kut, some 160 kilometers south of Baghdad, turned deadly when private guards employed by the provincial government

fired directly into the crowd. Reports differed as to the number of fatalities, between one and three; some 50 people were injured. One of the dead was a 16-year-old boy shot in the chest. After the shooting outside the Wasit provincial government headquarters, the enraged crowd attacked the building, an eyewitness told the Washington Post, "as the governor escaped through a back door with his

bodyguards ... Footage broadcast on Iraqi television showed black smoke billowing from the headquarters as protesters clambered over walls into the compound. Other members of the provincial council also reportedly escaped, and the Iraqi army was called in to quell the turmoil." According to Xinhua, the Chinese news agency, "Iraqi security troops reinforcements rushed into the city

and blocked the entrances of the city to prevent people of the surrounding suburbs and villages from pouring into the city to support the demonstrators, the source added." The crowd reportedly set fire to three buildings, the offices of the Wasit provincial council, the governorate's

main administration building and the governor's official residence. WSWS