



President Hifikepunye Pohamba laying a wreath at Omugulu Gwombashe.



Founding President Sam Nujoma laying a wreath at Omugulu Gwombashe.



Colonel John Nankudhu, who commanded the Battle of Omugulu Gwombashe laying a wreath at the site.



Zoom In



By Asser Ntinda

Just look at who is contemplating to take legal action against Namibia Today! Sometimes I just wonder as to what kind of person the Executive Director of the National Society for Human Rights, NSHR, Phil Ya Nangoloh, he is! What really goes on in his mind, only himself can tell. But who does he really think he is, anyway?

Since independence, Ya Nangoloh has been churning out some outlandish reports whose sole objective is to tarnish Namibia's image abroad and to discredit the SWAPO Party government and its leaders, particularly Founding President Dr. Sam Nujoma.

Who in this country has not seen Ya Nangoloh's so-called "Exposes" which were regularly published in The Windhoek Observer, through which he ridiculed the Founding President, while hiding behind the mask of being a human rights activist. Ya Nangoloh has, on more than 22 occasions, called Dr. Nujoma a "CIA agent," a pure lie which he cannot defend in any court and one of the reasons I have called him a pathological liar. And I repeat it now. Ya Nangoloh! You are indeed a pathological liar. Take it from me.

Last year, Ya Nangoloh issued a report in which he claimed to have discovered some 'no name' gravesites, which he claimed were dug there between 1994 and 2003, alleging that those people were killed by members of the Namibia Defence Force, NDF, and of the Angolan Armed Force, FAPLA, at the hands of the "Shoot to Kill Order," which he claimed was issued by Dr Nujoma.

Apart from the report, Ya Nangoloh showed a video tape which he filmed in southern Angola. On the video tape, Ya Nangoloh interviewed some people whom he did not identify, and whose faces he has covered so that they could not be recognized. Those interviews also featured in Ya Nangoloh's Report, which he widely distributed not only locally but internationally as well.

The allegations were so serious that Government had to launch an investigation to ascertain their authenticity. Inspector General, Lt General Sebastian Ndeitunga, called in Ya Nangoloh and asked him whether he was aware of the implications of his allegation. He further told him to be part of the investigation team. Seeing how serious the Police were, and fearing that his lies would be exposed, he first agreed only to chicken out later, claiming that he was busy and could not do so as requested.

After a few days, the Police tried again to contact him. His cell-phone was on voice mail. Messages left were never attended to. After several attempts again to trace him, he indicated he was leaving the country and could not be part of the investigation team. The Police told him that it was necessary that he should be part of the investigation team because the allegations were serious.

He eventually agreed and joined the team, only to find out that the gravesite at Ohauwanga was, in fact, not his discovery. It was a well-known gravesite, where five people – Thomas Mweshihange, Lucas Veiko, Ngesheya Shinana, Benjamin Herman and a certain Matias from Ohainengena – were buried. They were killed on January 31, 1972 by the then South African Defence Force members. With his lies exposed, Ya Nangoloh returned only to change his story, as shown in a press release he issued on September 23, 2008.

Again this year, Ya Nangoloh concocted another lie, claiming that Justice Minister Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana and SPYL Elijah Ngurare were secretly negotiating with the government of Angola to sign an extradition treaty under which Ya Nangoloh would be rendered to Angola to face trial for "unspecified crimes." This is another lie, which clearly showed that Ya Nangoloh was simply hallucinating. What else can one call such a person?

I am happy that he is considering to take legal action against Namibia Today, asking for a public apology and demanding N\$250 000 in damages. Let him have his free day in court. If he has got money to make some lawyers rich, let him go ahead. His lies are known, and have been, more than once, exposed and laid bare for all to see. This is indeed a blessing in disguise if he really decides to go to court for having been called a pathological liar.

We wait for that legal battle and challenge him not to withdraw his plans. As I have said, Namibia Today, has not received any summons yet, only a faxed letter indicating his plans. I hope he is not just bluffing. Once the summons finally arrive, we will toast and sing Hallelujah! For, the opportunity we have been waiting for has finally arrived. And we will not spare him. We are armed with facts and stand by our stories. Let Ya Nangoloh know that he is in for a rude shock. For, against facts, there can be no arguments. Let us meet in court.

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2009 SWAPO PARTY MANIFESTO LAUNCH COMING UP ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2009, SATURDAY, AT 14H00 AT THE KATUTURA MULTIPURPOSE YOUTH STADIUM.

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