



Press Statement for SWAPO Party Youth League

In

The Khomas Region.

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The Khomas Region SWAPO Party Youth League (SPYL) avails of this opportunity to address a few matters of interest to the SPYL in Khomas Region and for the welfare of our people in the Region. Ours is the only and unique region that is home to all language groups of our country and the seat of our national government. **All decisions political, cultural, economic and social are taken here in the Khomas Region, in other words the pulse of power is right here in the Khomas Region.** This Press Statement is therefore being issued with this knowledge in mind.

Mix Settlement

Here in the Khomas Region, it has remained our position before the 4th SPYL Congress that the **inhabitants of mix settlement should not be evicted from that property.** In that connection, **the SPYL Congress passed a resolution calling on the SWAPO Party Government to expropriate the farm and compensate its owners.** **This resolution was passed in the national interest.** Today, the SPYL wishes to congratulate the

SWAPO Party Government for implementing the Resolution of our 4th SPYL Congress. **We call on the residents to take good care of their property.**

Tariff hikes by the City of Windhoek, demolition of shacks and eviction of elderly from homes

The SPYL congratulates the City of Windhoek, its staff, management and councilors for the sterling job they have done since independence to provide services to its residents. Recently the City together with the Regional Council handed over toilet facilities to the informal settlements of Windhoek. We applaud and congratulate the City for that. In the area of security, the City is trying its best but we urge it to continue and increase **police presence in the informal settlements.** We extend the same request to the **Namibian Police.**

Against the above, we wish to state that the phenomenon of rural-urban migration is a national challenge which requires comprehensive approach. Some people in Windhoek are extremely rich and live in mansions, others are super rich and in their houses everything is rich including pets. Some of these rich people are the ones taking decisions on behalf of the poor living in the informal settlements, how ironic. What do they know about cold showers, or walking to work, or struggling to have something to eat or to use the bush for toilet or take your children through school by selling kapana or taxi driver? This we are aware is a general statement and thus there exceptions. **The SPYL condemns the barbaric attitude of the City of Windhoek of demolishing shacks and this should stop instantly,** it is inhuman and thus finds alternative ways of dealing with it. **The SPYL equally condemns the auctioning of erven because it will exclude the poor and only benefit the few well connected and rich modern capitalists.** The recently announced tariff hikes are broad daylight robbery because it is unjustifiable when compared to packages being paid to executives. **It is a human right violation to evict elderly from their houses whatever the circumstances.** Moreover, we call on the city administration to be more human in how elderly homes are resourced and maintained. Instead of allowing some legal technicalities to abuse our people. Towards this end the SPYL in Khomas Region appeals to the SWAPO Party Government Ministries/Agencies/Offices to use law firms that have the interest of our people at heart such as Sisa Namandje, Conradie and Damaseb, and other friendly law firms instead of those that are hostile to SWAPO Party and its Government. In this regard it should not be taken lightly, that there are many institutions **including those within the legal fraternity harbor deep seeded hatred for the SWAPO PARTY and its political program,** we appeal to those patriotic nationalist in government to be clear in this regard.

The SPYL demands to know the packages and benefits for each executive in the City of Windhoek to determine the relevance of such packages in the light of tariff hikes. **The SPYL will not keep quiet just because those in charge are SWAPO members. As far as we are concerned, there was never a time when those in charge of the City had the courtesy to consult us.** Nowadays, we have reason to judge people on their commitment to service delivery of our people as spelled out in the SWAPO Party Election Manifesto and not just viva comrade during the day or at a rally but when you return to your air-conditioned car or office you are pursuing your personal business and not that of SWAPO Election Manifesto. **We therefore request the line ministry to enforce the local authorities act to its letter and spirit and not allow the abuse to continue.** Our national leaders need not be seen crying with the poor but rather our leaders must govern and take bold decisions with bravery and not fear. SWAPO party remains and will remain the only party in the country that can fulfill the aspiration of the Namibian people, **we must therefore use our two third majority in parliament and our dominance of other elective bodies in the state to fulfill the aspirations of the people,** anything short of is wanting and those who deliberately undermine the aspiration of the people for such arrogance.

Students and born frees

There is general appreciation that many young people have access to quality education in the Khomas Region, we thank the Ministry of Education for that. There is further no doubt that SWAPO Party government has achieved a lot since independence in terms of providing scholarships to the students. **Recently NANSO condemned and called for reform of NASF,** a body responsible for awarding scholarship. In a typical arrogance of **some civil servants in the government today a certain official in the ministry came publicly to defend the indefensible.** Why does that official who lives in the glass house feel that the students do not know what they are talking about? **The SPYL in Khomas join thousands of students at institutions of higher learning such as UNAM and Polytechnic to condemn the chaos surrounding government bursaries.** We call for an urgent meeting between NANSO and the Ministry to decide on terms of reference to reform the bursary system. The SPYL bemoans the unmitigated arrogance and ignorance by some who are placed in authority of youth related affairs such as sport, arts and general youth interests. **As things stand both the Minister and Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of youth appear to be only interested in globe-trotting to earn S&T than actually delivering and responding to the cries of the young people. Were any of these people in Windhoek Rural or Okahandja park to address youth issues: NEVER!,** The same behavior is prevalent at UNAM and Polytechnic where management take decisions without input and full consultations with the students or student leaders. **We have now reached the conclusion that the way forward is to demand respect for youth and students, we are no longer at kindergartens where decisions are taken on our behalf without our participation.**

Modern and contemporary politics dictate that young generation is the oil of any society that is why we see China is modernizing and moving ahead. Even at their embassies, young people and students are visible unlike the case with our countries. We further call for urgent measures to be instituted to focus on transport, food and accommodation at tertiary institutions as a matter of urgency. While we know that many of our Government are working hard there is no doubt that many of our students are suffering because of lack of accommodation and transport but the management is driving the most expensive cars in the market.

We once gain appeal respectfully, but boldly that these **institutions respect the young** people of Namibia, that they are supposed to serve and to take their concerns seriously, anything short of this **will provoke reciprocal arrogance from our side**. We have many means at our disposal to warrant your leadership at your respective institutions **absolute and blunt**, thus do not take our calls lightly