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Roads Authority continue on reckless road of rotten roads

By the Road Workers of Okondjatu

Two hundred (200) road workers have taken up a principled struggle against the Roads Authority for constructing bad quality roads due to corruption. They also took up the struggle against poor and dangerous working conditions, deteriorating employment conditions generally. They say that the Roads Authority is putting road users' lives at risk. They undertake to leave no stone unturned to fight the RA's reckless actions. The Chief Engineer is part of this corruption and turns a blind eye on the terrible construction when he visits sites for 'inspection'.

A tender was issued to China Henan International Corporation group (Pty) Ltd, P.O. Box 4085, Windhoek, Tel. no. 061-307488, to

construct a road of 140 Kilometres between Otjinene and Okamatapati.

The Tender was issued by the Roads Authority, the parastatal in the Ministry of Works, tasked with the building and maintenance of the Roads Infrastructure in Namibia. (The Company is registered with the Ministry of Trade and Industry under the Registration No. N2007/0531.

Site establishment for the project commenced in 2013 and the actual building of the road began in March 2014. Initially around 300 workers from the local and neighbouring communities were recruited to provide the labour. The number of workers employed has in the meantime been reduced to about 200. The workforce comprises qualified artisans, semi-skilled workers and unskilled labourers.

The workers decided to join the trade union NANSU, which was newly established by trade Unionist Kaaronda Evalistus. The majority of the workers decided to join this Union. In due time, serious issues developed between the workers and the company man-

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agement. Unfortunately the Union did not give the necessary support to the workers, and the only time that there was interaction between the workers and the union was when the Union collected the monthly subscriptions. The following are the prevailing conditions at the site: Some workers stay on site in shelters provided by the Company, while others rent accommodation privately.

Workers not staying on site are picked up by company transport and ferried to the site on a daily basis.

Workers have to Feed themselves with no subsidisation from the company.

The site office is 4 km from Okahandja and workers staying on site are not provided with transport to and from the nearest shops.

Water and Ablution facilities are provided by the company on site.

First Aid training is run and provided by unqualified employees of the company.

There has never been an inspection by the Ministry of Labour.

Although the workers are allowed to join a Union there are no shop stewards on site as they are fired with impunity, once being appointed. This raises the question as to whether the Union is in cahoots with the mine Management, as there is no protection from the Union.

In the beginning the Union was very visible but the situation changed gradually as there visits become infrequent. Incompetent workers are appointed in supervisory positions.

There is absolutely no adherence to safety regulations on site.

This is exacerbated by the fact that there are no inspections by the Ministry of Labour.

This was the main reason for a fatal accident that occurred on site in 2014, where a worker was killed in an accident, due to faulty plant being used on site

Low quality of Work and the use of substandard materials.

Materials used in the construction of the road is not as per the tender specifications

The soil is not treated to tender specifications and the ground is not compacted as to standard and basic principles for this type of construction Cracking of the under-layer is Camouflaged by "Topping up" deficiencies. Concrete Mixtures, a vital part of the construction, are not according to specification.

There is a lack of inspections from the Roads Authority The topping stones are of a low quality and not close to the standard required by the Tender. This will lead to serious deterioration in the road surface once it gets to carry heavy loads.

The costs for building this road is way beyond the tender submitted.

What are the National issues at stake?

1. The Namibian Consulting Engineers are turning a Blind Eye to all the "cutting of corners" and sub-standard construction, which workers are identifying. These workers have years of experience in this type of construction, yet they are ignored and have to be satisfied with labourer tasks.

2. In short, **the whole project is a farce** and needs urgent Government intervention, taking into context the national importance and long term consequences.

MINERS SUPPORT INDEPENDENT INQUIRY CALL INTO MARIKANA

Miners from Tsumeb and Kombat rallied alongside a Regional Committee to send a motion of support calling for an independent inquiry into the Marikana Massacre.

The Miners also sent a letter to the Mineworkers Union of Namibia (MUN) to nationally support the motion.

They expressed support for the following letter:

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MOTION

We Namibian miners support an independent civil society inquiry into the Marikana miners' massacre

The South African government's long-delayed official report on the Marikana miners' massacre (arising from the Farlam Inquiry), was released on 26 June 2015.

The report is a white-wash which fails to identify those accountable for the brutal deaths of 34 miners on strike for a living wage, many of whom were shot in the back. No state agency or politician has accepted responsibility, no-one has been prosecuted for their murder – and no justice has been done.

The Otjozondjupa Regional Committee of the Miners' Union of Namibia supports the proposal for an independent civil society inquiry into the Marikana miners' massacre coming from the South African workers' movement (which will decide its nature and composition).

We further call upon the MUN as a whole to endorse our Motion and this Motion is thus forwarded to the Headquarters.

Signed on 25 February 2016.

Marcus Makaza

Chairman

The Tsumeb, Kombat and Rundu branches of the WRP which consist exclusively of miners also expressed their support for the motion.

Conclusion

Working conditions are bad, especially as regards

Health and Safety Regulations.

The Trade Union is not doing its job, and has forsaken the Workers, Collecting only their contributions at month end.

The whole tender process was flawed and should be revisited

The Workers' Issues

The Question of Labour Hire, where workers are on short term contracts and removed as soon as they become acquainted with the systems and can identify the shortcomings of the project

No benefits to workers, although the Pay Slip indicates that provision has been made for these benefits.

No provision for Income Tax Deductions.

Health and Safety concerns

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MYNERS VAN KOMBAT, TSUMEB EN OTJOZONDJUPA VRA MUN OM WERKERS PROGRAM AAN TE NEEM GENOEG IS GENOEG! ENOUGH IS ENOUGH Werkers Program vir die Mynwerkers Unie van Namibia

Ons, die lede van die Mynwerkers Unie van Namibia, verklaar hiermee:

Dat die oorgroter meerderheid van die werkers in Namibia leef in totale armoede weens 'n tekort aan werkers' regte. Daar is geen werk sekuriteit. Mynwerkers moet werk gaan soek in veraf streke, terwyl hulle families in die lokasies agterbly, in gehawende toestande. Die Mynwerkers se lone kan nie vir hulle of hul families onderhou nie.

Genoeg is Genoeg

Ons het alle vertroue in die "uitwissing van armoede programme" verloor. Die regering maak hierdie en ander lee beloftes om ons om die bos te lei. Ware demokrasie moet nog verower word.

Daar kan nie ware demokrasie wees sonder dat ons land ontslae raak van ons ekonomiese afhanklikheid van die imperialistiese magte in die VSA. Europa en Asie, wat hierdie ekonomiese afhanklikheid uitbuit.

Daarom, stel ons aan die MUN Congress van 16-19 Oktober voor, dat die volgende raamwerk vir toekomstige werk aanvaar word:

1. Raamwerk vir die toekomstige aktiwiteite van die MUN

Die MUN Besluit hiermee:

Om die Unie onder die totale beheer van sy lede te plaas

Dat verantwoording gedoen word vir ledegelde wat gebruik was vir duistere beleggings, wat geen wins aan die lede bring.

Dat 'n einde gemaak word met die sameswering van die Unie leierskap met Namibiese en buitelandse kapitaliste.

Dat ons en alle namibiese werkers verlos word van die juk van bedelary en slawerny.

- **hiermee eis ons 'n lewensvatbare loon** (living wage) waarmee ons 'n ordentlike lewensstadaard kan handhaaf. Die minimum loon konsep is misleidend en moet aangepas word in lyn met alledaagse prystygings. Die skaal van lone bo die "living wage" moet daarom ook aangepas word. Ons het geen vertroue dat die staat die lewenskoste kan bepaal. Werkersunies en ander werkers organisasies moet die lewenskoste wat gebaseer is op die werklike behoeftes van die werkers en hul families, bepaal.

- **Ons eis die reg tot werk.** Die beskikbare werk moet verdeel word onder die algehele werkers korps. Die weeklikse werksure moet ooreenkomstig verminder word, sonder 'n vermindering in lone.

- die bevordering van die sosialistiese revolusie met 'n internasionale karakter moet nagestreef word.

- Ons moet aansluit by die programme van ons broers van die Nasionale Metaalwerkers Unie van Suid Afrika om 'n verenigde front van alle werkers organisasies te bou. Slegs dan, kan ons die aanval op ons toestande van arbeid en lewe in die algemeen in Suider Afrika en die res van die wereld die hoof bied.

- Ons moet aansluit by die program van NUMSA om 'n werkers party te stig. Die doel sal wees om 'n arbeiders regering op die been te bring wat ons eise, sowel as die van ander onderdrukte groepe, sal implementeer.
- Ons moet wegbreek van SWAPO wat homself keer op keer bewys het as die party van die kapitaliste.

2. Die MUN het besluit om vir die volgende eise te veg:

- **alle tydelike arbeidskontrakte** te wysig na permanente kontrakte met die gepaardgaande voordele
- **tydelike werkskontrakte onwettig te verklaar.** Tesame met huur arbeid het hierdie kontrak arbeid gelei tot die gepaardgaande sosiale nagevolge, armoede, trek arbeid, die vernietiging van famielies en kriminaliteit. Dit is die werklikheid geword dat 'n "nuwe soort apartheid" teweegbring is.
- **huurarbeid (labour hire) moet onwettig verklaar word**
- **terugbesorging van gesteelde pensioenfondse.** Die pensioenfonds van die werkers van Tsumeb Corporation, was verduister deur die finansiële instellings en mynbase in samewerking met die SWAPO regering en die Namibiese Howe. Ons ondersteun die eise van die TCL Werkers Kommittee dat hulle pensioene aan hulle terugbetaal word. Vorige SWATF soldate, PLAN Vegters en vele ander groepe se pensioene was op dieselfde manier verduister. Ons eis dat al hierdie gelde terugbetaal word aan die regmatige eienaars daarvan. Ons eis 'n volle ondersoek om te bepaal hoe hierdie gelde gesteel was en dat die skuldige persone aan die pen ry. Werkers unies moet toegelaat word om self hierdie ondersoeke te doen.
- **om kontrole van myne wat werkers afdank oor te dra na die werkers.** Insolvente bellegers in baie gevalle verneuk die werkers. Dit moet einde kry. Ons eis dat insolvente myn eienaars outomaties hulle myne verloor. Al hulle bates insluitend hulle "Exclusive Prospecting Licences" en bank rekeninge moet deur die staat in beslag geneem word en dat die staat daarna outomaties en ten volle hulle laste teenoor die werkers, insluitende hulle pensioene, oorneem. Ons eis dat die eienaars moet in hegtenis geneem word en ondersoek word. Baie van hulle is swendelaars en moet aan die pen ry.
- **die korrupte SWAPO staat werk saam met hierdie swendelaars en skep die toestande vir hulle om te opereer.** Ons eis kontrole oor al hierdie oornames, die ondersoeke asook die bestuur van staats instansies. Die kontroleerders daarvan moet verkose werkers verteenwoordigers wees wat georganiseer is in werkers kommittees met die hulp van die werkers unies.
- **kontrole oor "Exclusive Prospecting Licences" (EPL's)** Verteenwoordigers van MUN en ander werkers organisasies moet deel wees van ieder en elke besluit aangaande EPL's, met die reg om EPL's te veto wat die regte van werkers verontagsaam of wat die namibiese volk ontnem van sy rykdom.

- **Oorname van myn maatskappye, ander groot**

COMMITTEE OF PARENTS JOINS WITH TRUTH & JUSTICE

Relatives, former PLAN and Youth League seek truth from 1960 to 1989.

The Committee of Parents formed in 1984 to fight for their relatives in SWAPO camps in exile joined with former PLAN and Youth League to now fight for the truth. On Friday, 26 February 2014 they reconstituted themselves as the Committee of Parents and the Truth & Justice Commission and wrote a letter to President Geingob and the UN including the following declaration.

DECLARATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF PARENTS AND THE TRUTH & JUSTICE COMMISSION

PROGRAMME OF DEMANDS AND ACTION

We demand the following:

The immediate disclosure of the whereabouts of the missing persons under the SWAPO terror in exile prior to independence by the SWAPO and the United Nations Organisation: the continued concealment of this information is a crime against humanity.

The disclosure of the manner of death, the burial sites and the return of the remains of our relatives killed in exile by the SWAPO leadership.

We undertake the following action:

The initiation of a Truth & Justice International Inquiry to determine the full political circumstances around the mass killings in exile and the political facts around the victims and their persecutors including the role of the churches, governments and the Anti-Apartheid Movement including the continued relations at present. This is necessary for justice to the victims and defence of the Namibian Nation in particular the working people. Our relatives who lost their lives and who found themselves accused as spies and collaborators with the enemy shall have the justice of the truth.

The Background

The Committee of Parents was formed in 1984 to fight against the jailing in holes, torture mass murder of Namibians in Angola and Zambia by the SWAPO.

We attach hereto copies of articles in "The Namibian" newspaper of 21 and 28 February 1986 which comprehensively set out the beginnings of our struggles against the forces which sought to exterminate our people and to protect and assist the murderers of SWAPO politically. At independence in 1990 the SWAPO together with the United Nations Organisation and the Red Cross would only divulge a small part of the facts about the tragedy. They refused to divulge the scale of the mass murder and the whereabouts both of the remains of our murdered relatives and the missing survivors. At present we still do not know whether the missing survivors are still alive. As time went on the SWAPO continued with its accusations against our relatives while increasingly more and more openly discriminating against survivors of 1976, PLAN fighters and Youth League members, who had exposed the corruption and collaboration of the SWAPO leadership with the South African colonial Apartheid regime.

As a result of the struggle of the Committee of Parents more than 300 persons were rescued from a certain and brutal death at the hands of the SWAPO leadership, and

they were allowed by the United Nations to return home.

4 The exposed organisations such as the Anti-Apartheid Movement went silent, but their members dispersed in other organisations where they continue to imperialist work of protecting and supporting the SWAPO in an underhand manner against the rights of the Namibian working people and the self-determination of the nation.

The SWAPO since 1990 started to establish itself as an institution of liberation and promulgated the Veterans Act of 2008 in which they equate themselves as the liberation struggle and bestowed benefits on mostly a new group of loyalist and opportunists.

They continue to slander former PLAN and Youth League survivors who were opposing them politically and morally.

Persons are shown away from the Veterans Ministry accused as 'spies'.

The SWAPO bestow 'Veteran' status on former police spies and collaborators of South Africa in exchange for their support. SWAPO parliamentarians are infested with such persons. Collaborators who have killed Namibians under protection of South Africa are honoured and awarded 'Veteran' status.

International Call

We call on the workers movement in Namibia and internationally, all true democrats and decent people to support our demands and efforts for seeking restitution and to establish the truth in the national struggle. We seek in particular that justice be done to the victims, that their remains are returned and the truth around the workers' struggle from the 1971/72 General Strike through the struggle for unionism from 1980 and the truth around the slander and murder of working class leaders in exile be uncovered.

We undertake to set up a Truth & Justice Commission immediately and we call for persons with untainted reputation to join our Commission for an inquiry to establish the truth around SWAPO's activities in exile and locally.

Signed

Erica Beukes

Chairman

25 February 2016.

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- **kapitalistiese organisasies en banke.** Alle belangrike industrie wat in private besit is, veral **die myne, moet staatseindom word sonder enige kompensasie aan die vorige eienaars**, Alle staatsinstellings moet onder die beheer van demokraties verkose werkers, deur die werkersunies en ander organisasies, geplaas word. Deur kontrole van die staats sektor oor te neem sal werkers leer om die instellings te bestuur en produksie op 'n groot skaal te beplan. Dit sal hulle voorberei vir die sosialistiese oornome van die ekonomie.
- **- Werkers en kleinboere regering.** Die werkersklas moet die mag oorneem om al hierdie eise in werking te stel, sowel as die eise van alle ander onderdrukte groepe. 'n Ware werkers regering is alleenlik moontlik as die uitvoerende orgaan, van 'n nuwe werkers staat.

Swapo alleges a massive spy network in its ranks

AN ALLEGED South African spy network, numbering at least 100 people, has been uncovered in the Swapo movement. At a briefing in London on February 16, Swapo's newly-appointed Foreign Relations Secretary, Mr Theo-Ben Gurirab, said that the agents had been discovered while working within the movement's offices in Angola and Zambia, and that four had achieved membership in the Central Committee, Swapo's policy-making body. According to Mr Gurirab, nearly all of those involved in the network are now in detention.

Mr Gurirab said Swapo was revealing this information because rumours and allegations against Swapo had already begun circulating in Namibia and Europe, claiming that Swapo was involved in 'fascist' activities against Namibian refugees.

'There is a well-calculated campaign organised by South Africa saying that Swapo camps are concentration camps', said Mr Hidipo Hamutenya, Swapo's Secretary for Information.

On the contrary, Hamutenya accused South Africa of 'recruiting, training and infiltrating agents into our ranks, trying to destabilise our organisation'.

'We have apprehended some of these agents' said Hamutenya, 'but we have not reached a step where we have become fascists against our own people. We have been, and will remain committed to basic human rights'.

Swapo manages refugee camps in Angola and Zambia with an estimated population of 60 000 people. The Swapo officials pointed to the presence of Swedish, Norwegian and German teachers and nurses working with the refugees as refutation of concentration camp charges.

The movement also has a military wing, the People's Liberation Army of Namibia (PLAN) with an estimated 8 000 fighters.

The alleged spy network, which was first detected in December 1983, had penetrated both political and military wings of the movement. According to Mr Gurirab, it had taken two years to investigate the cases.

'Every revolution has to go through this sorrow and these

crises', he said, adding that 'these people are not our enemies, most of them have been misled and we will not victimise them'.

But there were others who were 'real traitors' he said, and they



Mr Theo-Ben Gurirab

could not be rehabilitated. 'Swapo is not a charity organisation but is engaged in the liberation of our country. These men have provided information to our enemy that was used for killing our people'.

The Swapo officials showed



Mr Hidipo Hamutenya

video tapes of some of the purported spies in interviews detailing their activities for the South Africans. All looked fit, and did not outwardly appear to have been coerced. Some of those viewed seemed unrepentant, save for the fact that they had been caught.

Most of the alleged spies seem to have been forced into their work by threat or blackmail. In one video confession, a Swapo member admitted to becoming an informant while in a South African detention cell in Namibia. He told of threats to his

family if he refused to work for South Africa. Trained while in

Letters sent to various world leaders

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movement. They said in this letter that many people had become disillusioned with Swapo and that the tribalism and non-policies of the Swapo leadership has brought the liberation to a virtual standstill'.

In a letter to Mr Javier Perez de Cuellar, United Nations Secretary General, the Ms Beukes called on the UN to investigate the charges against Swapo leadership, saying that 'Swapo is not a government and even if it were then certainly there is international law and regulations concerning refugees'.

Zambia, she said, should bear responsibility since the 'crimes' were committed on Zambian soil.

Sam Nujoma. He claimed to have been given tablets with which to poison Nujoma, but did not do so because he feared detection. Until recently, this interviewee had served as Swapo representative of an international youth organisation, receiving funds for information from a South African agent in Brussels.

The Swapo officials at the London meeting acknowledged concern about the wellbeing of the detainees. 'If we were irresponsible, if all we cared about was to punish these people, this would have not been an issue', Mr Gurirab said, adding that 'we are spending resources on these people, to feed them, to protect them, to provide security for them'.

Swapo officials expect a concerted public relations and diplomatic campaign against them to be launched by South Africa and the Reagan Administration in coming months.

'Certainly we know South Africa's friends are powerful', said Mr Gurirab.

A GROUP calling itself the Parents Committee, and headed by Ms Erika Beukes and Mr Attie Beukes, this week claimed that the Swapo leadership planned to execute more than 1000 detainees.

In the meantime, Dr Abisai

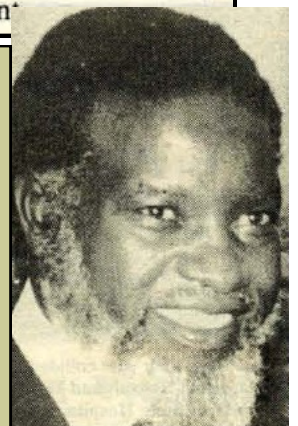
mander, and 16 others, had died by firing squad in January 1984. They claimed further that a 'reign of terror' had been unleashed after 1976, after which parents and relatives had formed a committee to approach the Church leadership in Namibia to 'call the Swapo leadership to order'.

They said they had written a book in order to inform people about the situation, in which they would deal with conditions in the Swapo camps.

'What has now transpired through the Swapo leadership's own submission is that a large number of people are incarcerated. What we contest is that it is not just 100, but many more. Furthermore,

What we contest is that it is not just 100, but many more. Furthermore, the so-called admissions made by the accused on the video tape we have verified as being untrue and we conclude that they were forced', said the statement.

The man for all seasons



A time to make them gather my spoils

A time to make them weep
A time to make them grin in anguish

A time to silence them

A time to make them disappear

Letters

Swapo-led Government's Empty Promises

THE NAMIBIAN people have a reason to question the Swapo-led government's credibility when it comes to fulfilling promises.

In October 1989, Sam Nujoma, then the top Swapo leader, announced at a mass rally held at Okatana [a village on the outskirts of Oshakati] that: "There will be no poor in independent Namibia under a Swapo government." A mass of about 70 000 audience went into wild jolly.

Today, 26 years later, where are we? The majority of Namibians are poorer than ever.

In April 2014, Hifikepunye Pohamba, then a top Swapo leader and President of the Republic of Namibia, declared war on housing problems. The mass housing programme was introduced. Today, two years later, we all know what happened to the tenders. Decent houses remain a means of enrichment of the elites.

In his inaugural speech 2015, Hage Geigob as President of the Republic of Namibia, copied and pasted a United Nation's motto: "No one should be left out" and made it his own.

In the same speech he used a motto by the Western manufacturing companies' philosophy and made it into his own motto: "The Namibian house". He declared war on poverty and announced a creation of a Ministry of Poverty Eradication. Today as we speak, there is no clear policy indicating how this is being done. In some regions, Namibians are dying of hunger, which is a result of extreme poverty.

The government is still passive and standing like a lame duck.

On 11 September 2015, the Windhoek Observer published an article with the headline: "Presidency seeks truth on dungeons". This article raised more questions than answers. In the years since the independence of Namibia, the victims of Swapo atrocities have been demanding a true reconciliation exercise to be held under independent supervision by international experts. But the Swapo-led government has turned a blind eye on the issue.

Now the Swapo-led government wants to deceive the Namibian people as to say it is investigating its own crime. No and No again. The Swapo victims want to see a true reconciliation process led and organised by an independent body that will not be biased.

I, for one, think that the Swapo-led government is now desperate because the truth is coming out and therefore it is trying to collect and destroy evidence within Namibian communities.

This could also be a deception plan to fool the Namibian public in order to maintain political points.

Keshi Pelao Nathanael
Stockholm, Sweden

Keshi was the President of the SWAPO Youth League in 1976. The Youth League and PLAN fighters were crushed by the Zambian Army. He and other leaders were illegally jailed by Nyerere on behalf of imperialism.

The Language debate

The supremacist exists because the capitalist system sustains him and it is his lifeline which must be destroyed and through that his existence nullified not any particular language. At the current rate, in less than a hundred years, 90% of the world's languages will become extinct. In less than three generations, I've lost one of my ancestral languages; Nama, very regrettably. In the space of a few years growing up, the family dialogue switched from Afrikaans to English because my siblings and I attended an English school. All cognitive development was in English resulting in less use of the mother tongue. Well, the end result for the next generation could very well be the same as for my Nama. With English being the main medium of instruction in Namibia, there are already black children growing up unable to speak their ancestral languages. Is this not what imperialism foisted on the native American although their annihilation of culture and language manifested through brute force? We must reclaim our lands, our natural resources and our mother tongues. It can be done. The vilification of a language detracts from the real enemy.

Larissa Beukes

Editorial comment: language has little to do with being the source of oppression. The working class has no particular interest in the preservation of any particular language save for purposes of perhaps cultural advance, but in particular when it is coupled to working class unity and when its suppression is tied to class oppression. Marxists unconditionally support the struggle of oppressed nations to advance their traditions and language as a precondition for the unity of the working class.

The debate on the rising struggle for Afrikaans is long overdue. Thank you Larissa.

We welcome letters on topics concerning working class issues.

We reserve the right to reply to a letter in agreement or opposition.

We will publish rebuttals.

We reserve the right to consider the value of continued debate.

Please send your letters to:

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Editorial

Maamberua the SWANU President was blocked by Peter Katjavivi the Speaker of the National Assembly to speak on the wastage of R700 million on the planned new parliament building. Reportedly Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila winked at Katjavivi and he refused Maamberua to speak. They do their connivances through winking.

This incident defines the Namibian Parliament as a caricature of democracy. The fact that it is an African country where these undignified, scandalous and self-insulting things are assumed to be commonplace is not our concern. (The imperialists support these monkeys-in-a-tree actors with murderous purpose and all the latitude which they are not afforded in the bourgeois centres themselves).

What concerns us is that this reflects the depth of imperialist repression of the working class of this country.

Parliament is a farce. It was already glaringly established by the fact that the WRP was denied its funds and its seats by Katjavivi on behalf of the National Assembly. Katjavivi instructed the Secretary to write letters on behalf of the National Assembly relating decisions which were never taken by the NA. These decisions were taken in the SWAPO offices on instructions of the imperialists on behalf of the National Assembly.

The Maamberua incident constitute only an affirmation of relegation of the NA to a human zoo. One can criticize the 'opposition' parties for allowing this state of affairs. Should they take a clear united stand on this suspension of them as part of the National Assembly, they would explode this ludicrous farce.

The shortsightedness of these parties is that they revel in the expulsion of the WRP from parliament by Katjavivi while they are already paying the price.

The fact which is emerging is that the working people of this country have been stripped of any right to represent themselves. (The constituencies of these parties are mostly the poor peasantry even though their politics is that of the well-off and aspiring rich peasantry). They have been stripped off parliamentary representation.

This confirms the true arena of class struggle as the streets of Namibia.

This is the significance of Katjavivi's 'tricks'.

Katjavivi himself has a nasty history. He slandered Chief Kapuuo in 1973 in Western Europe and the Americas (amongst questionable characters themselves) and offset the train of events which led to the Chief's assassination in 1978.

While in Europe, he operated in stealth almost inconspicuously to lure revolutionaries to their arrest and death by setting them up. See Keshi Nathanael's book, "Journey into Exile" and Hans Beukes' book, "Long Road to Liberation".

He has now set himself up here for us to expose his scandalous history. But, still he is not the source of the Namibian catastrophe.

It is the question of leadership which we must answer.

DIE WRP HOF VERSLAE

Die hofsak van August Maletzky en Benson Kaapala teen leiers van die WRP het voortgegaan op Donderdag, 11 Februarie.

Die WRP leiers het drie aansoeke vir hofminagting gebring teen Maletzky en Kaapala. Die aansoeke is as volg. Die eerste aansoek gaan oor Maletzky se vloekery van Petrus Damaseb die Regter President op publieke media (Facebook) en die publieke beskuldiging dat Damaseb 3,5 miljoen rand gesteel het van FIFA en die NFA. Hulle wys uit dat Maletzky nie 'n lid van die NFA is nie, dat hy die interne kanale daarvan verontagsaam en dus dat sy doelwit nie is om korrupsie aan die kaak te stel nie maar slegs om te beswadder.

Hulle redeneer dat as Maletzky strafloos - sonder enige gevolge - die Regter President mag vloek en die Hof mag beswadder dan vernietig hy die morele gesag van die hof en daar kan geen sprake wees van 'n regverdige verhoor nie. Behalwe dat die hof nie die nodige morele gesag sou dra nie, sou dit beteken dat Maletzky en Kaapala bevoorregte partye sou wees wat 'n regverdige verhoor 'n klug sou maak en die WRP en sy leiers benadeel..

Hulle wys ook daarop dat Maletzky die hof belieg het dat hy: kwansuis grade van die Universiteit van Suid Afrika sou hê. Maletzky had geen kwalifikasies en hy is verder nie 'n toegelate regsgeleerde nie.

Hy tree op as 'n regsverteenwoordiger vir die WRP wat hy en Kaapala bedrieglik voorgestel het as 'n klaer in die saak. Die WRP leiers het daarop aangedring dat die hof eers die sake van hof minagting moet hoor voordat die saak kan voortgaan. Hulle redeneer dat die toestande vir 'n regverdige verhoor huidige nie bestaan nie en slegs as die kwessie van Maletzky se vloekery van die Regter President en sy beskuldiging dat hy 3,5 miljoen rand van FIFA en die NFA gesteel het. Ook moet uitspraak gegee word oor die kwessie dat Maletzky en Kaapala persverklarings uitgereik het waarin hulle die WRP leiers beswadder, en met geweld bedreig het terwyl die hofsak hangend is.

Die WRP leier Hewat Beukes wys laastens daarop dat die saak 'n bespotting van die hof en die gereg is deurdat Maletzky en Kaapala die WRP 'n klaer maak terwyl hul eise spruit uit 'n ooreenkoms wat die WRP kwansuis met hulle gemaak het. Mev Erica Beukes wys uit dat die saak deur Peter Katjavivi (die Spreker van die Parlement), Kaapala en Maletzky beplan was om die WRP te verhinder om sy parlementere regte uit te oefen en om politieke obstruksie te pleeg.

Die saak was gehoor deur Regter Kobus Miller wat bepaal het dat die eerste aansoek van die WRP leiers van hofminagting teen Maletzky en Kaapala eers gehoor sal word. Hy het die verhoor datum gegee as 21 April 2016, oor een-en-'n-halwe maand. Hy het opgemerk dat hierdie saak (wat ook handel oor die algehele onbevoegdheid van die dagvaardiging) die einde van die hele saak kan beteken. Maletzky en Kaapala is gelas om by 7 Maart hul beëdigde verklarings op te handig na die hof.

Die WRP leiers Erica en Hewat Beukes mag dan hul reaksie daarop by die 11de Maart ophandig.

Die argumentshoofde van alle partye moet by 7 April opgehandig word.

Die WRP sal hierdie dokumente wyd beskikbaar stel sodat ons lede, ondersteuners en die breë publiek die volle politieke begrip kan kry van hierdie saak.

WRP COURT REPORTS

The following letter regarding the EVM case of 26 November 2014 which was dismissed in the High Court of Namibia.

In this case the WRP was amongst three organisations who joined August Maletzky in a court application against Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). The Judge dismissed the case on 27 November 2014.

Not satisfied, the SWAPO appointed a judge Angola who on 17 February 2016 summoned the parties to Court on the pretext that the case was not finalized. The intention is to make an order not to open up a case again against the EVMs.

The EVMs would allow SWAPO to win elections indefinitely.

The WRP Central Committee resolved to respond as follows:

IN THE HIGH COURT OF NAMIBIA

Case No A 326/2014

Maletzky & Others v The ECN & Others

TO: Mr Hosea Angola DJP.

On Thursday, 18 February 2016, the Workers Revolutionary Party resolved to instruct Comrade Hewat Beukes to make the following open submission to you:

On 26 November 2014 Judge Miller made the following order in the above matter:

I therefore make the following orders:

(a) *The application is in so far as it relates to Prayer 2.1 is struck from the Roll.*

(b) *The Application in so far as it relates to the remaining Prayers is dismissed.*

(c) *The Applicants are ordered jointly and severally to pay the costs of the Respondents, which costs will include the cost of two legal practitioners.*

The matter was finalized. This matter is no longer before court.

THE WORKERS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY on Wednesday, 17 February 2016, surprisingly received the following notice from you, **JUSTICE ANGULA DJP**: "TAKE NOTE that you are called to attend a hearing before the managing judge, Hon. Mr. Justice Angola, DJP at 8h30 on Wednesday, 9 March 2016 in the High Court of Namibia (Main Division) to show cause to the satisfaction of the managing judge why there **has been no activity** in this case for six months and why the case must not be struck from the roll," and then tellingly, "**not to be enrolled again.**"

"TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the managing judge may make an appropriate costs order.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that failing to attend this hearing may result in the case being struck from the roll and, **not being enrolled again.**" **For fine measure you repeat your intention.** (Our emphases)

Your intention is quite clear: You intend to remove any challenge to the Electronic Voting Machines programmed and operated by India once and for all even by illegal means and abusing the High Court of Namibia for the purpose. We say "illegal means" because this case has its own set of facts which cannot preclude another

case from being instituted against the EVM's.

But, the clear construct of this piece of fraud which implicates SWAPO directly is the fact that you as a new Deputy Judge President without a shred of merit and only demerits is that you "///hora" (scratch from the rubble) a finalized case for the purpose of perpetuating the fraud of EVM's.

It is unacceptable for the WRP that SWAPO now openly abuse the High Court for its political constructions.

Mr. Hosea Angola is a member of SWAPO the sole ground on which he was appointed not only as judge but as deputy Judge President of the High Court of Namibia. On 4 April 2008 in CASE NO. A 244/2007, Christian v NAMFISA Mr Hosea Angola sat as an acting judge while his partner in the firm LorenzAngula Inc., Ruben Philander, represented the NAMFISA. He abused the applicant with threats of striking the application there and then and postponed the matter as an opposed matter while it was unopposed. The notice to oppose was served on 16 April 2008 by Philander. The power of attorney contained the written appointment of

In this same matter the Anti Corruption Commission seized NAMFISA computers, whose contents confirmed a complaint that the NAMFISA was drafting its own Court documents which it submitted under the signature of Philander. LorenzAngula Inc. drew payment for it from the NAMFISA. At one point Philander admitted in court to having received R1,5 million as payment for legal work done by NAMFISA itself. Philander was found guilty by the Disciplinary Committee for legal practitioners of acting for LorenzAngula on the legal work done by the client NAMFISA itself.

Despite numerous objections from Christian and others, LorenzAngula is continuing this practice with impunity. It is the standing representative of the NAMFISA, a State entity funded in totality with public money.

We the WRP reject your presiding on any dispute in this country let alone on our own disputes.

We reject this notice as fraud.

We further refer you to the review application of Hendrik Christian against your appointment as Deputy Judge President.

Some of the factual issues of the review are as follows:

You sat on a case on 4 April 2008 in which your partner in your law firm represented one of the parties;

The matter was unopposed but reasonable suspicion exist that you smuggled in a fraudulent notice to oppose. The notice of oppose was only served on the applicant on 16 April 2008.

Your conduct in court was unprofessional and questionable in court.

The Power of Attorney was issued to you as one of the principals of your company to represent the respondent. You sat as judge while your partner represented the respondent.

Dated at WINDHOEK on this 22nd day of February in the year 2016.

Hewat Beukes

Political Secretary and Authorised Representative of The Workers Revolutionary Party.