

Tell the truth

A LOT of confusion is deliberately being created about Resolution 435. The only way to demystify the said Resolution is to publish Resolution 435, the Contact Group's plan for Namibia and other subsequent documents for all and sundry to see what is being addressed.

The honourable Administrator General is adding to the confusion by repeating issues that were long since dealt with. Are his pronouncements aimed at shipwrecking the present negotiations, or are they an indication of South Africa's unwilling participation in the talks?

The question of the so-called 'UN partiality' was addressed to the satisfaction of the SA Government from 1978 to 1982. South Africa was satisfied to such an extent that at one point the SA Minister of Foreign Affairs went on record saying the "Cuban issue" was the only obstacle to the implementation of Resolution 435.

It is however, important to state that it is not only the UN that must be impartial. The same impartiality is expected from the office of the Administrator General. Both the Special Representative of the UN's Secretary General and the SA representative - in terms of 435 - are meant to observe impartiality during the implementation of 435.

It is thus questionable:

☐ for a South African Government representative to tell Namibians who their enemy is, thus pushing them to unite. Is it to safeguard South African interests? Would anybody who claims to be a true Namibian really want to be directed by a South African Government official in his aspirations? This is ample proof that the AG really cannot lay claim to impartiality.

☐ what about South Africa's support for the so-called internal parties, both moral and material? Will that stop or would be have another financially propped-up Muzorewa in Namibia, attempting to win the hearts of Namibians - with money?

☐ what about the impartiality that needs to be shown by institutions like SWABC radio and television; by the Post Office? What steps is South Africa taking in respect of this? We cannot forget the non-availability of telephones and telexes for the Patriotic Front at the time of elections in 1980.

The double talk: peace and independence on the one hand and a myriad of obstacles in the road to peace and independence - adds to more confusion. More important, it makes it difficult to believe that South Africa is serious and honest about its intentions to leave Namibia.

One last hint: a 435-election is one election that money will not be able to win. Be sure of that.

The time has come for South Africa to concede to all Namibians that the writing is really on the wall. There is nothing dishonourable in telling the truth - difficult as it may seem!

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