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THE price of silence will be tantamount to let havoc reign in people's lives already in a mess. Overhasty statements and false claims are also misleading and will only disadvantage those already disadvantaged.

I will not remain quiet nor turn a blind eye to a campaign designed to benefit and enrich certain at the expense of those Namibians from Caprivi who mourn today, because of a number of hardships their families, exiles and treason suspects are going through.

False claims like 'underground resistance groups' will only ruin and create more problems for people in the Caprivi region and heighten high levels of insecurity. Therefore claims of having revived CANU are false, so is the non-existent CANU International Head Office in Canada.

I have come to know and spoken with the subject for the last years in

Canada where I live as a Namibian refugee and can only tell you that I fully understand the move behind such claims. The move has nothing to do with either independence for Caprivi or the plight and suffering of those Caprivians from Namibia. It is all a question of 'self preservation' and 'self interest' by the subject, who has been denied "Refugee Status" in Canada and who wants to tarnish his image back home and that of the Namibian government so that the chances of possible deportation can be minimised.

I also question the need to source funds. Caprivians must come to terms with the fact that "no one was drugged to be part of Swapo in exile", and that while we have benefited from the same Namibian Government as parliamentary and National Council members, only now have we come to realise that it was all wrong!

A misfortune happened on 2nd August 1999 and the way forward is to work towards finding peace and reconciliation in Namibia, particularly with people from the Caprivi region who have been misled for so long by opportunists and liars. In a nutshell, should the Namibian Government pardon and grant amnesty to UDP's exiled leadership, the release of the Grootfontein Treason suspects and call home all exiled Namibians from the Caprivi region, then we as a government and people would have accomplished enough.

We acknowledge efforts by the Namibian Government to repatriate thousands of Namibians from Botswana's Dukwe Refugee Camp and hope someday that same hand shall be extended to all Namibians currently living in exile.

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