

Namibia In Slough Of Despond

I AM perpetually worried when I perceive my country's political stability gradually plunging into a slough of despond.

I must confirm there is no doubt that President Nujoma is a discerning leader - really endowed with natural governing talent. But to be a leader forever in this world, was then, and now in these days democracy serves as a watchword and leaders have to come and go in turn.

The grapevine has it that the Constitution might be changed to enable the President to serve a third term. Is this not a swing of a pendulum?

Mr Nujoma, don't let yourself be led by people to make yourself available for a third term. In so doing you will tarnish your hard won reputation of being a mastermind of the freedom fight, a liberator and Namibia's first President - but don't overstay your welcome.

Please, my President, rest on your laurels for the sake of peace and tranquility so that we will remember you always as our hero.

I assume your Cabinet is crying crocodile tears by urging you to hold onto office or be labelled maverick politicians. I am aware that they are on their toes to take over the governing role, because you prepared and nurtured them from exile for this task.

Not all Namibians are are satisfied with the present government, although most are, but the government is by no means infallible all the same.

I also don't believe political pundits would fall for the pretext that the local government electoral act on the list system will benefit women, unlike the ward system. I support women's emancipation and political empowerment but I don't really want political parties to elect for us. Really there is something fishy in all this. Let the women stand individually in terms of the ward system and affirmative action will take place. We would elect them. I personally believe in the maxim that women make the best governors.

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