

# Positive Unity Can Bring Peace To Africa

THANK for keeping us updated on the recent happenings in Angola and trying hard to shed some light to how and what happened on the day Unita leader Jonas Savimbi died.

It is sad to note that a lot has been lost in Angola and neighbouring states in terms of infrastructure and human lives with the blame put onto Unita, a movement Jonas Savimbi led for as long as I can remember.

If I still recall correctly some three years ago the Government of Namibia along with some SADC states decided to unite and fight all those who are threatening peace in other SADC countries which was obviously a good idea.

The whole idea started in DRC and I think there are some positive signs leading to peace now in that

country. Then sometime in 1999/2000 the war in Angola started to affect the peace in Namibia more badly and even led to the army escort at Kongola and Bagani/Divundu which is still in operation today.

Although Namibian soldiers did not get involved in the war directly I am sure whatever the MPLA achieves will be a plus to the peace and stability here as well.

I only hope nobody takes Savimbi's death for granted to say we have peace at last because there is obviously a lack of proper communication among Unita bandits and many of them may not even know until now that their leader has fallen.

Some may be still operating on instructions given to them in 1980 and some have made it a tradition

to stay in the bush and not return home.

To some of them it is not war anymore but a way of life, so at all costs I hope the convoy continues for as long as resources allow.

History has helped us understand our past and even helped us recognise the contribution of some individuals towards peace in Africa but this does not mean we should not stop anyone who contributes to destruction of the same peace he/she brought about.

So today's contribution to peace and economic development deserves African applause. Let us not use our past contribution as a passport to destroy the bright future of Africa.

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