

Tell Us About 'Dream Deal'

I AM referring to the 'dream deal' clinched by CDM with our peoples government.

The more one takes note of the persistent inner issues of the deal, the more I am starting to seriously question the loyalty, ability and capacity of the Namibian team of negotiators.

Considering the fact that CDM, with its monopolistic conduct of business, needed a partner like the government that would otherwise sustain their dead end track, why give in to such a lopsided arrangement?

Was the agreement due to unfair composition of the negotiating team or were favours

offered?

Both of these are valid questions that need to be analysed by the nation as a whole. It is a known fact that Namibia, and especially the inner circle of cadres considered on the basis of their involvement in the bush struggle, does not offer the depth and ability to negotiate their win.

This no doubt leaves the leadership with a very slim base from which to compile a strong effective team that

could ensure a win-win situation at all costs.

This, coupled with financial favours, is something not new to CDM operations and could have been decisive factors in making the Namibian team lose sight... Why else should they agree to a clause on confidentiality and exclusivity on sales.

How can we expect the respect of the Namibian nation by telling them we are not going to let them know anything at

all? Was this not why we were fighting? Are we doing this type of thing because we consider the intellectual and analytical capacity of our people as zero?

We do not need CDM - CDM needs us.

The land is ours, our great grandfathers and grandmothers, the Mandumes, Witboois, Kutakos and Morengas, are the ones who sacrificed for this land.

CDM has no right to determine the terms - we

should call the shots! We are not to be sold out. No one has that right.

The President, under his able guidance, has brought us to where we are today.

His career cannot be compromised by junior officials. We cannot turn around on the Namibian people now.

Make public the contents of the agreement! If the Government has agreed to lowering the amount of tax due to the State, withdraw from this sham without delay.

Do not underestimate the intelligence of the Namibian people.

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