

On Double Standards

IT is always interesting to note that some leaders are not guided by their own principles. It was during this year when the Herero chief was seeking reparation from Germany for the Herero genocide of 1904.

Unfortunately, this could not materialise because the Namibian Government could not back the stance. It was on the grounds that Germany is pumping so much money into Namibia and therefore the Hereros could not be paid again.

This stance was defended very much by the Prime Minister Hage Geingob. But it is the same person who was of the opinion that Germany should not pay, who is at the forefront of spending taxpayers' money to go to SA and to lobby for reparations for Africans over colonialism and slavery. Why?

Are the colonial masters not pumping financial aid into the African continent the same way Germany is doing in Namibia? Is the inhuman

maltreatment, detention etc. of the Herero not part of colonialism under which the Herero were claiming reparations?

This only tells me that the PM is playing the game of double standards just like the Americans who were lobbying for reparations for the Jews and now when it is directed to them to pay (for slavery) they are turning their backs.

When you are leader you should try to be consistent. Because now one wonders as to whether the stand of the PM about German reparations for the Herero was tribal or political?

You cannot be against something and within six months you change. Why?

So one should be serious whenever you are dealing with such issues since there are issues which can be politicised, and issues which cannot.

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