

In Praise Of Ruling Party

ALLOW me to express the feelings of ruling party members in your newspaper. We in Swapo are committed to democratic principles and therefore Swapo is calling on registered voters to exercise their democratic rights to vote in the coming general elections.

We are not campaigning for a two-thirds majority but for the overwhelming majority to rule this country. It is not a secret that we are ruling, and we have and will continue to rule Namibia according to the democratic structures put in place by Swapo.

We in Swapo believe and know that democracy will stay forever in this country.

Other parties have often relied on tribalism and racism to promote their cause and they therefore can claim to represent Namibia as a whole. It should therefore be a wonder that Swapo has provided four and a half years of peace and tranquility in Namibia.

We live in peace today because of the commitment of Swapo to seek unity in diversity in our country.

In spite of the fact that some opposition parties have insulted Swapo leaders personally, it is Swapo's leadership and maturity that has never wavered from the commitment to freedom of speech.

In the past years Swapo has committed itself to

nation-building, knowing that Namibians deserve a government that has priorities as they do. The Swapo leadership has ensured development and they also believe there must be contact between government and people at all levels. That is why Swapo has branches and sections at grassroots level.

The Foreign Investment Act was passed, which regulates the framework for foreign investors. Income tax was reduced twice. Job creation was one of the top priorities.

In the next five years Swapo's priority will be to secure existing jobs and create new ones. For example the Free Trade Zone will create more jobs for Namibians and that is part of Swapo's priorities for the next five years.

Tourism will be expanded and housing, water, electricity, education, health, agriculture and fisheries will be promoted.

Therefore in the next five years Swapo will accelerate change by creating new opportunities for Namibians through economic growth, better education and health services and more jobs.

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