

What charisma?

AS LONG as I live, I remain flabbergasted by the gravity of audacity, courage and perseverance some people are endowed with. These are the words which slip into my mind whenever I stop to muse over the kind of personality of our Bishop Kleopas Dumeni of ELCIN.

To me the Bishop orchestrates a typical leader, who, given a chance wasted by fortune-seekers and hypocritical politicians in this country, will or can lead Namibia into blossoming tomorrows.

The Bishop's charisma goes beyond spiritual confines. It is to me always a blessing to listen to his sermons and how I wish, always, he could be allotted the Presidency.

The Bishop displayed metaphysical courage and boldness at the recent mass funeral of victims of the Oshakati bank bomb massacre. In the face of a gruesome and satanic horror which struck numb the people of the north, where innocent young lives, including that of his own daughter, were put to waste, he said his say and he said it right and in a calm and unshaken voice.

One really wonders at the charisma this man of God has, for, even if death struck his family a cataclysmic blow, almost thrice in a row, he goes forth to console his parishioners, when he should himself sit and be consoled.

I was offended by the hypocritical condolence from Louis Pienaar and de Wet of Sector 10, who ironically pledged a police investigation and the apprehension of culprits, forgetting that

they, including a confused Kozonguizi, have already branded Swapo responsible.

Why didn't the master of ceremony at 'Kandaha' Dumeni's funeral repeat such soothing condolences from Sam Nujoma of Swapo rather than wasting time to read messages from those nonentities? If Pienaar and de Wet can heed Bishop Dumeni's call on February 27 and withdraw their South African forces from Namibia and implement UNSCR 435 this year, they will be saved the energy of sending us their unwanted condolences emanating from deaths of such a nature as on February 19.

I strongly believe in the message from the Roman Catholic Church that the Oshakati bomb massacre was a devilish, rather than a divine will. If that act was a Godly-premeditated phenomenon, then God has betrayed his own commandment 'Thou shalt not kill', and has been in cahoots with enemies to kill innocent souls in the ban.

Although it is hard to understand, probably one should follow Bishop Dumeni's words of encouragement not to despair but to trust that the Almighty will one day crush the teeth of the enemy and rid Namibia of horrendous deaths in bomb blasts.

May the Bishop and other bereaved families be consoled. To the people of Namibia, unity is strength against the bloodstained hands of Pretoria. Namibia will one day explode with laughter and peace and not with bomb blasts.

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