

Kameeta Responds To 'Declaration Of War'

WE read with shock and dismay the article by the "brave" but nameless 'Editorial staff members' of *Namibia Today*. This article is an unambiguous declaration of war by this newsletter and I am ready to enter the battle whatever the consequences.

The so-called wrong platform: The memorial service took place in the Ephesians congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia and for the information of the 'Editorial staff members' I am the Bishop of that Church. Thus, I used my own platform.

The late comrade Hilukilwa Kandanga was a member of my Church. She was not only a heroine, but also a true Namibian who did not only condemn tribalism with her words

but also very much with her own life.

Therefore, the timing of what I said was correct, and within the right context. It is also obvious that I would not ask permission from *Namibia Today*, or anyone else, for what I said on my own platform!

My so-called attack on Swapo: At no stage during my sermon did I mention the Swapo party or any tribe. I was also not exclusive in what I said, but very inclusive. I called on all of us, the former oppressed Namibians, to also look at ourselves and to correct what is wrong with us. The 'editorial staff members' accuse me of lies but they are shameless when they fabricate what I did not say.

I thank the Right Honourable Prime Minister and his Excellency the Presi-

dent for stating in unambiguous terms during the same time, the same issues I raised during the memorial service. Apart from the different platforms, what is the difference between what I said and what the Prime Minister said? All three of us condemned tribalism and corruption in public and not behind closed doors "at the right place, and had it handled in line with the culture and long established practice of debate and mature discussions that prevails in the Swapo party".

Does this by implication mean that the statements of the President and Prime Minister on these issues are outbursts and tribal antics and are also regarded by *Namibia Today* as outrageous, despicable, and wild? This is indeed the conclusion of all right-think-

ing persons.

The "Boers" in an independent and reconciling Namibia: Bishop Kameeta who is "hiding behind memorial services" is known by name, therefore I call on the "brave true patriots" to come out of hiding behind the title 'Editorial staff members' and to tell the "Boers" that they are not included in the policy of national reconciliation, and that they are probably also not regarded as Namibian and therefore not welcome in the process of nation-building.

I believe firmly that derogatory expressions, whether they are used by whites or blacks, should be banned from the face of the independent and new Namibia. We cannot compromise on this, for the sake of the unity,

peace and well being of Namibia, and for sake of our children and the coming generations.

The Roman Empire was not destroyed from outside, but it destroyed itself from within. This is what the so-called 'Editorial staff members' are effectively doing. They are the real traitors and enemies, working to destroy the party from within. If those in leadership allow them to do what they are doing, not only to me but also to others, the present and future of Namibia will turn into a nightmare and yesterday will come back to haunt us. Dear compatriots, we will know the truth and it will liberate us!

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