

and therefore not their leader.

A tribal leader cannot be a national leader at the same time. And Riruako is being made to wither away as President of the DTA. Muyongo, using the small amount of credibility he gained as a result of being Vice President of Swapo, appears to have taken over, but of course not beyond the powers of Dirk Mudge who is the long-sustained and indispensable South African umbilical cord, without which DTA cannot stand on its own.

It is no exaggeration to say that the DTA is essentially a mixture of unmixable opposites. Most leaders in the DTA - Mudge, Riruako, Muyongo, Africa, Kashe - are not Namibian leaders, but tribal ones.

Can the DTA therefore even talk about a united Namibia, or one Namibia one Nation?

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Botha's threat

I PERCEIVED with dismay the threatening statement made by South African Foreign Affairs Minister, Roelof Botha, on his recent visit to Windhoek to the effect that "if anything unforeseen happens between now and Namibian independence, which violates any of the agreed principles his government reserved the right to take whatever steps it deemed necessary".

I would like to remind the colonisers that we did not invite South Africa to invade our beloved Namibia and subject it to colonialism and all that goes with it, and their presence here has always been illegal, nor did we consent to the German fascism of von Trotha.

We fought back tooth and nail against these forces until today when the deeply yearned-for freedom and independence is about to be born.

We know South Africa is not committed to genuine implementation of 435; and if it was not for the heavy burden of war, which the occupier could not sustain, then the future of this country would still be locked in chains.

If any 'unforeseen' happens in this country, as Mr Botha fears, then it will undoubtedly be the fault of Pretoria. Namibians are peace loving people who have no intention of invading other nations or neighbours.

Mr Botha should restrain his forces and cease their clandestine activities. South Africa must not attempt to create a pretext to invade this country to perpetuate colonialism or institute neo-colonialism.

It is unacceptable for the SADF or SAP to return to our soil under any circumstances.

They should be restrained and disciplined. This nation does not want the smell of blood while striving for peace, stability and the right to nationhood.

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