

Is Peace At Hand In Our Region?

I DON'T know who has both authority and wisdom to answer what seems a simple question but an important one. Such as: is peace in sight in our region? Maybe our finest, credible and most able political analysts, diplomats and politicians based in the region and outside the region are of much help to guide and direct us as to how things are unfolding in the region.

'Is peace at hand?' may be too simplistic a question to pose but it has farfetched implications for the entire region and therefore cannot be ignored completely. Because peace will bring regional stability and probably jump start one of Nepad's objectives to bring much-needed foreign investment to the region in particular and Africa in general.

It is not only me who is crying that peace should come to this region but also many people across all political spectrum inside and outside the region who wish the best for Angola are asking a similar question constantly.

All agree that peace needs to come now to this region - not tomorrow, but today. It is not easy

but the time seems ripe for this to happen now, rather than previously. And it can be said with certainty that to let the chance slip away without bringing peace to Angola would be shortsighted on the side of those involved in the peace process. It would be difficult to do so in the near or distant future.

Vistas of opportunity have opened once again for us, after the demise of Jonas Savimbi whom some believed was the major barrier for attaining a lasting and sustainable peace.

A new chapter in the Angolan peace initiative is opened again to endeavour to bring to an end to one of Africa's bloodiest, long and protracted civil wars. the rest of the region.

In conclusion, hopefully and optimistically, the dark cloud of instability and civil war hovering over the SADC sky for a long time should start to gradually be replaced by a bright sky of peace illuminating the region. This will not only restore peace, order and normalcy in the region but will also greatly change the perceptions of the international community to be in our fa-

vour and thereby ensure much needed foreign investment and so lessen some of the burden which is so heavy on our shoulders that we are unable to step forward as a region. For that reason let peace

prevail over war, let peace rise above all differences and ultimately reign supreme in the region.

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