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Over 250 000 jobs in five years

SWAPO commits \$85.7 billion to create jobs

Staff Reporter

SWAPO has committed to spending N\$85.7 billion on various capital projects that will create over 256 500 jobs over the next five years.

These details are contained in SWAPO's 2024 Election Manifesto, which was launched last Saturday in Windhoek by Vice President Cde Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah.

The Sam Nujoma Stadium in Katutura was a hive of activities as thousands of SWAPO members dressed in the popular blue, red and green outfits of SWAPO colours, danced and pranced to the tune Ndilimani Cultural Troupe and other local artists such as Tate Buti, who graced the official launch.

Both SWAPO Party Secretary General, Cde Sophia Shaningwa and SWAPO Vice President

and presidential candidate, Cde Nandi-Ndaitwah, were treated to thunderous applause as they arrived, greeting the people with the popular mannetji hand-clenched fist power salute as they walked past the joyous crowds crammed in tents.

Cde Nandi-Ndaitwah, who is also the Party's presidential candidate in the November elections, appealed to voters to renew the SWAPO Party's mandate to enable it to build on the strong base its government started at independence in 1990. Her vision is a better Namibia for all its citizens.

The Manifesto prioritizes job creation, housing, sustainable economic growth, quality service delivery, integrity, accountability and the rule of law. The launch was virtually watched by thousands of people throughout the country.

Pegged around its 1989 Political Program, the SWAPO Party's 2024 Election Manifesto outlines the vision and ideals SWAPO has for Namibia. It also

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Vice President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah

'Shun corruption,' says VP

Staff Reporter

SWAPO Party Vice President and Presidential candidate, Cde Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah plans to lead Namibia with honesty and integrity, which she says lie at the core of her leadership.

Set to win with a landslide victory on November 27, Cde Nandi-Ndaitwah says service delivery will be at the center of her attention, as she promises to serve people with commitment, dedication and the highest integrity.

She says there will be no room for corruption, adding that as leaders, they are merely stewards entrusted with resources of the country and should therefore be accountable as to how such resources are utilized. "The manifesto is clear on corruption," she says. "Zero Tolerance. It is a scourge on our nation that should not be allowed in our country

and must be fought and resisted against by all Namibians.

"We must be a nation guided by our principle's ideals and accountability. Anyone interested with public service and responsibility should now know that it will not be business as usual."

She has strongly warned that the top leadership that will work with her would be tasked and expected to instill a culture of accountability in their institutions.

"It is our collective duty as leaders to firstly hold ourselves to accountability and secondly to hold others accountable," she says.

"We must and will walk the talk and talk the walk. We must and will earn the trust and respect of our people. We will give

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SWAPO PARTY

UNITY IN DIVERSITY: Natural Resources Beneficiation and Youth Empowerment for Sustainable Development



Thousands of cheering SWAPO members and supporters came out en mass to witness the launch of SWAPO Party's 2024 Election Manifesto in Windhoek last Saturday.

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serves as a benchmark for voters to analyze the performance over the last five years, while setting in motion what it plans to implement over the next five years. Shared prosperity are its hallmarks.

The 1989 Political Program sought to economically empower all Namibians irrespective of race, gender and class. Successive election manifestos since 1990 have demonstrated the SWAPO Party's commitment towards Namibia's developmental agenda, laced with many success stories.

The Manifesto is neatly tailored around its theme, which is 'Unity in Diversity: Natural Resource Beneficiation and Youth Empowerment for Sustainable Development.'

"Sustainable Development highlights the desire by the SWAPO Party to ensure that our natural resources are able to benefit all Namibians through value addition," said Cde Nandi-Ndaitwah.

"This will allow us to create more jobs for Namibians and contribute significantly to our economic growth,

sustainable development and to bring about prosperity for all."

The Manifesto puts strong emphasis on youth empowerment, giving young people opportunities and tools to pursue their dreams, develop their country, and serve the nation. The government had spent over N\$14 billion to help students through the Namibia Students Financial Assistance Fund,

and career development, youth empowerment, mass land service and low-cost housing.

On agriculture, emphasis will be on import substitution, food production, green schemes, animal credit schemes, food and fertilizer subsidies.

To achieve universal health coverage, hospital upgrades, medical supply and e-systems, SWAPO pledges to spend

promote industrialization activities in targeted sectors, including but not limited to agro-processing, fish processing, steel manufacturing and metal fabrication, chemical production, jewellery production, automotive production with the aim of growing the economy and creating employment for all to address economic exclusion and inequality.

"I will not finish unpacking this manifesto. I therefore invite you all to study it at length and understand why the SWAPO Party should be given another mandate."

To ensure that this manifesto is fully implemented by 2030, Cde Nandi-Ndaitwah promised to set up an implementation Action Plan, AP, in tandem with a Monitoring and Evaluation, M&EP, unit. These units, she empathized, would be thoroughly enforced.

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Targeted priority projects include sports infrastructure development

over N\$15 billion on these projects alone over the next five years. This will also result in more than 30 000 jobs being created over the same period.

"The SWAPO Party commitments for 2025-2030 includes possibilities for economic growth," said Cde Nandi-Ndaitwah. "We want a prosperous and industrialized economy where the SWAPO Party led government will

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them the confidence that our country is indeed in safe hands."

To effectively instill a culture of accountability across all sectors in the country, Cde Nandi-Ndaitwah says her leadership will develop the necessary frameworks and instruments against which leaders will measure accountability or its lack thereof.

"In cases where relevant frameworks and instruments already exist, we will under my leadership, enforce them without fear or favour.

"I again reiterate that no person is above or beyond the law. We must submit ourselves to the sacred constitution and the laws of our remarkable country, Namibia."

She says the long-term value of accountability is that it comes with a sense of patriotism. That sense of patriotism measures the leadership's accountability to the country's laws, policies and guiding principles.

"I am thus convinced that accountability to one another is at the heart of nationhood. Our collective sense of accountability will inevitably develop in us the desire to want

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Cde Nandi-Ndaitwah.

the best for ourselves and others, and to ensure that we all enjoy the spoils of our resources," she says.

"The value of accountability is an extension of integrity and ethical leadership, and aligning oneself with the consequences that may ensue when actions are taken without integrity and ethics.

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Highlights: Election Manifesto 2024

UNITY IN DIVERSITY:

Highlights the power we have as a collective despite our different cultures, origins, races and economic status. It is therefore our shared responsibility to ensure that we remain united as Namibians.

NATURAL RESOURCE BENEFICIATION:

Highlights the desire by the SWAPO Party to ensure that our natural resources are able to benefit all Namibians through value addition. This will allow us to create more jobs for Namibians and contribute significantly to our economic growth, sustainable development and to bring about prosperity for all.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT:

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT highlights our plan to equip the youth with opportunities and tools necessary to pursue their dreams, develop their country and serve their nation. Talking of youth empowerment, in the last 10 years, the government allocated N\$14 billion to assist students through NSFAP. This is a milestone, no doubt about it, we however commit to allocate a sizable budget of over N\$85 billion over the next 5 years to priority projects which will create mass employment opportunities for unemployed Namibians. Equally, we commit to develop sports infrastructures to create over 29 000 jobs over the next 5 years



CREATIVE INDUSTRY:

Creative Industry is one of the high potential industries to contribute significantly to the social and economic development of the country. We therefore commit to expand on skills development and enhancement for vocational training facilities, for this industry to occupy its rightful position in development. Therefore, in pursuing the Namibian dream, we commit to pay special attention to Education, Arts, Culture and Creative industries by injecting N\$26.3 billion over the next 5 years to create 32 000 jobs.

COMMITMENTS FOR 2025-2030

The SWAPO Party commitments for 2025-2030 includes possibilities for Economic growth: for a prosperous and industrialized economy where SWAPO Party led government will promote industrialisation activities in targeted sectors including but not limited to agro-processing, fish processing, steel manufacturing and metal fabrication, chemicals production, jewelry production, automotive production with the aim of growing the economy and creating employment for all to address economic exclusion and inequality.

NAMIBIA TOURISM INDUSTRY

Namibia Tourism Industry has contributed immensely to our GDP over the years. SWAPO Party Election Manifesto put forth commitments to increase the participation of rural communities in tourism activities through eco-tourism and the promotion and preserving of cultural heritages, historic sites and cultural villages as new tourism products to spur job creation and economic diversification.



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Zoom In

By: Asser Ntinda



In 1989, Katutura was a dusty township. There were no tarred roads and street lights there. Kaizer Strasse, now Independence Avenue, was only tarred up to Katutura Police Station. Houses, which looked more like match-boxes, only had toilets and water taps outside. People lived in squalid conditions in the country of their birth.

It was like that throughout the country. SWAPO's economic transformation agenda, rolled out in 1990, has shaped Namibia as we know it today. At independence, many challenges competed for scarce resources. One never knew where to start. But, with the first national budget of only R2,26 billion, SWAPO took the first step to change the country. Focused leadership led the way. Namibia in 2024 is a million light-years away from Namibia in 1990.

Today, Namibia boasts a N\$100.1 billion national budget that seeks to safeguard livelihoods while guarding against reversals on gains made since independence 34 years ago. We've dreamed big and made the impossible happen. We will continue to grow our economy. That's where our future lies. SWAPO's 2024 Election Manifesto reveals that the size of Namibia's economy as measured by the Gross Domestic Product, GDP, has increased exponentially from N\$7,2 billion in 1990 to N\$227,8 billion in 2023.

SWAPO's economic agenda holds enormous possibilities for us all to grow our SME sector. Our youth must unleash their entrepreneurship. Each of them, trying their hand in business, must feel our collective support. For, in them lies the seeds of economic growth and technical advancement. Over N\$10 billion is earmarked for youth empowerment over the next five years, creating more than 52 000 jobs over the same period.

In pursuit of that economic agenda, every cent counts. Corruption will be fiercely fought against whenever it rears its ugly head. Cde Nandi-Ndaitwah, and all of us, will shoulder that responsibility without fear or favour.

She holds our fate as a nation with passion and commitment. Sustainable development is about flexible strategies, crafted at independence and vigorously implemented every year.

Namibia needs inspiring leadership. In VP Nandi-Ndaitwah, that's what SWAPO offers, inspiring hope and confidence in the future. A tomorrow that is better than today has always been SWAPO's vision, which has guided its political activities, budget formulations and implementation since independence.

To bring about that better tomorrow, this year's budget alone allocates N\$18,4 billion to basic education, N\$4,8 billion to higher education, N\$10,9 billion to health and N\$8 billion to social welfare. A literate youth must be at the center of our economic agenda.

Our destination is a knowledge-based economy. Massive investment in education guarantees us a knowledgeable and technically skilled labour force that attracts both domestic and foreign investments. Despite our political differences, our destination as a nation is one. Cde Nandi-Ndaitwah has said on many occasions that she does not want to lead a divided nation. Make your support count.

Our achievements over the 34 years have been impressive. We have acknowledged our failures in some areas, but these were not due to deliberate neglect. We have taken bold interventions and expenditures which have made a difference in the lives of our people. The best witnesses are those Namibians who have benefited. And you see them in their thousands at SWAPO rallies every weekend across the country.

Nation-building requires focused leadership. It is a costly and challenging undertaking. But we must be proud of what we have achieved so far. The face of Namibia has changed from the tears of the painful past. Our boldness to clear the way for a better future should neither be underestimated nor overshadowed by cheap opposition politics.

As November 27 gets closer, voters will be bombarded with negative stories about the state of our affairs. Some media houses and opposition parties will splash negative stories on the challenges we face as a country. Regime change will be on their menu everyday. But, emphasis on the negative is not the most effective way to educate and inspire the nation to great deeds. We must arouse our productive potential to do better. SWAPO's commitment to developing Namibia and growing its economy has never been found wanting. We have massively invested in infrastructural development. As a result, our national roads and rail networks are ranked the best in Africa. Needless to say, reliable infrastructure is a must for accelerated economic growth and industrialization.

Opposition parties, most of which are splinter formations from SWAPO, will claim that not much has changed since independence. These delusional turncoats have overrated themselves over the past few years. But any fool can clearly see that it were blind personal ambitions that have driven them into the deep political quagmires they are in today. Shunned by many people, they are now dancing at the edge of a volcano. None of them draws huge crowds as SWAPO does. The lesson is that SWAPO is not about to disintegrate. There is just no widespread disenchantment with SWAPO throughout the country.

Having witnessed the mess in which the municipalities of Windhoek, Walvisbay, and Swakopmund have found themselves, Namibians have learned the hard way that opposition parties do not present themselves as better and credible alternatives to SWAPO. Many Namibians have thus lost interest in opposition politics. Fully packed SWAPO rallies, as we witness them every weekend, validate this point. Come November 27, SWAPO is poised to retrieve its revered two-thirds majority.

SWAPO takes unemployment among the youth seriously. At its 2022 Congress, SWAPO passed a resolution on advancing youth employment and tasked the government to set up a National Youth Fund to increase access to funding for youth development and business activities. This Fund is running at full speed.

As part of addressing youth unemployment, the Ministry of Industrialization and Trade has also been tasked to revive the Equipment Aid Scheme with clear terms to enable the youth easy access to the Scheme, thereby unlocking their potential and innovation. This Scheme, too, is up and running.

Vice President Cde Nandi-Ndaitwah said: "We call upon the Namibian nation to renew our mandate and thereby enabling us to continue building on the strong base we have created over the years in order to ensure steering Namibia towards the goals of Vision 2030. With your support, we will remain committed to ensuring that all Namibians enjoy the wealth and opportunities our nation offers. SWAPO Party principles of solidarity, freedom and justice remain our anchor."

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FOOD SECURITY

Food Security is the backbone of every nation. As such, transformation of the agricultural sector must be the foundation of Namibia's economy and serve as a tool to unlocking many job opportunities and increase local agricultural produce.

Key to agricultural growth is water supply, especially to small scale rural farmers. Therefore, over the past years rural water supply has made significant progress.

Over the next 5 years acceleration of the implementation of the water supply programmes will see increased water distributions to rural areas. For both agricultural, domestic and industrial use we commit to enhancing water supply and security by prioritising the construction of the desalination plant.

SPORTS

In Sports, SWAPO Party commits to expedite the financing of the various sport programmes and sport infrastructure to create productive and recreational activities for the youth and stimulate economic growth in the sector.

We commit to start the Sport Awards Policy to incentivise performing athletes.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Education and Training is a key enabler to all successes and therefore we commit all our energies and resources to invest in quality education. Starting with early childhood development, we will establish the full integration of Pre-Primary (PP) and Early Childhood Development centres (ECD) into the mainstream education system. Upgrading of educational infrastructure and installing digital tools as we are preparing our young ones for the new order of technology-based education.

As earlier stated, we will improve support for tertiary student funding by reviewing the operational framework of the Namibia Student Financial Assistance Fund to enhancing timeous service delivery and increase the funding intake for postgraduates who may be willing to up-skill and re-skill.

A key focus will be to promote research and innovation equipping our youth with the required skills and opportunities for entrepreneurship through research and innovation. The expansion of the pre-vocational subject at school level and review of the TVET system to provide trades at appropriate levels and establish Technikons for the purpose of articulation from VTCs.

QUALITY HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE

Quality Health and Social Welfare, we pledge to improve our national living standards by ensuring widespread access to quality health and social services and ensure access to adequate healthcare facilities through the expansion of public health infrastructure and improve the level of service in public health facilities.

Our government has invested a lot in health over the years and we are not yet done until every Namibian has suitable access to a healthcare facility.

We will urgently speed up the enactment and implementation of the universal health coverage (UHC) law.



DECENT LIVING: LAND, HOUSING AND SANITATION

Decent Living: Land, Housing and Sanitation, land delivery and adequate housing has been a challenge in Namibia since before independence. We acknowledge this challenge however, we have made positive progress in most towns, through mass housing projects, land servicing and land redistribution.

We pledge to address housing challenges, improve sanitation and promote sustainable urban development for a healthy, safe and more liveable environment.

With the implementation of the 2nd Land Conference Resolutions, we are going to address more issues around the acceleration of land allocation and land acquisition, through clear land reform policies.

SWAPO PARTY ACHIEVEMENTS 1990 - 2024

Following the adoption of the Constitution in 1990, the SWAPO Party embarked on a journey to build a better Namibia for all Namibian citizens. Today, we are a proud nation, because we have made significant strides on many fronts and our work over the past thirty four (34) years contributed to notable achievements, including among others:

1. A Peaceful Constitutional Democracy

- We have ensured smooth transition of leadership both within the Party as well as in the Government.
- We have held regular, Free and Fair Elections supported by the requisite Legislations; democratic Institutions; a free Media, Respect for Constitutionalism and the rule of law.



- We have maintained Peace, Stability and Security.
- We have maintained a stable legal framework; political stability; a favourable macroeconomic environment; an independent judicial system; the protection of property,
- contractual rights, and good-quality Infrastructure that provides conducive conditions for national development and the private-sector advancement.
- Namibia continues to be ranked as a leading country in Press Freedom on the African continent, being the 2nd on the continent and 22nd globally. As cited in the 2024 Press Freedom Index released by Reporters Without Borders.
- Namibia continues to play a meaningful role internationally with particular reference to International Peace. There to the International Women Peace Centre as a way of contributing to International Peace was established.

2. A Prosperous and Stable Economy

- We have reduced poverty incidences and the proportion of the population living below the poverty line from 69.3 percent in 1990, to as low as 17.4 percent in 2023.
- We have increased the Income Tax Threshold from N\$0 in 1990, to N\$100,000 in 2024 and provided much-needed tax relief for low-income households.
- The size of our economy as measured by the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has increased exponentially from N\$7.2 Billion in 1990, to N\$227.8 Billion in 2023.
- The number of people in formal employment has more than doubled from just over 180,000 in 1990, to more than 725,000 in 2024. The participation of previously disadvantaged persons in the mainstream economy has also increased significantly.
- Namibia's financial system is the second largest in Southern Africa, and remains relatively well-developed compared to the rest of the region.

3. Good Quality Infrastructure

- We continue to boast of being the country with the highest road quality infrastructure on the continent, having increased the bitumen road surface from 4,572 km in 1990, to 8,260 km in 2023.
- We have expanded the Port of Walvis Bay, doubling its handling capacity from 350,000 containers per annum in 1990, to 750,000 containers per annum in 2023.
- We have ensured energy supply security and increased domestic energy production capacity from 384 megawatts (MW) in 1990, to 552 MW (564 MW including MSB



IPPs) in 2024, of which 145 MW is sourced from Independent Power Producers (IPP).

- We have increased mobile network coverage in the country from 0 in 1990, to over 94 percent in 2023, ensuring that a significant proportion of the population has internet access and thereby enhancing access to information.
- Namibia is second in Africa in providing potable water, significantly increasing access to potable water from 43% at Independence, to 98% in urban areas, and 87% in rural areas by 2024.

4. Better Standards of Living - Access to Education and Health Services

- We have continued to invest heavily in education and health, ranking in the Top 5 in subSaharan Africa on human capital development expenditure.
- We have increased the number of schools nationwide (primary, combined, secondary and specialised) from 1,313 schools in 1990 to 2,002, schools in 2024, constituting a 52% increase.
- We have increased enrolment in primary schools from 60 percent in 1990 to over 98% in 2023.
- We have opened up campuses of universities countrywide, including specialised ones such as the School of Medicine and the School of Engineering.
- Namibia attained the targets for universal access to primary education, literacy rates, and gender parity in terms of enrolment at all school levels.
- Namibia’s tertiary-education gross enrolment rate (GER) of 16.2% remains almost double the Sub-Saharan Africa standard of 8.2%.
- We have increased health facilities countrywide (hospitals, health centres and clinics) from a total of 272 facilities in 1990, to 530 facilities in 2023.
- Namibia is the first country in Africa and the first high-burden country in the world to achieve 99 percent HIV free births.



- Namibia has produced over 560 medical doctors from the School of Medicine, since the establishment of the school in 2009.

5: Decent Living

- We are gradually reducing income inequality, as measured by the Gini coefficient, falling from 0.70 in the 1990s, to 0.546 currently.
- We have gazetted 86 communal conservancies, providing opportunities for income generation for communities while preserving wildlife and promoting better land use.
- Namibia spends about N\$8.0 billion per annum on social protection for the most vulnerable members of our society e.g. Orphans, People with Disability, of which the monthly Old Age Pension stands now at N\$1,600 in 2024, benefiting 241,016 people, a coverage of 98% of the
- Namibian population above 60 years of age, a milestone indeed.

6: Transparent and Efficient Governance

- We have made significant progress in civil registrations, attaining over 80% birth registration coverage and reducing the number of days it takes to obtain a National Identity Card and Passport from 185 days and 90 days in 1990, to 45 days and 5 days in 2024, respectively.
- We have entrenched enforcement of the rule of law by demonstrating effective methods of adjudicating disputes and enforcing laws through independent judicial mechanisms.
- We took necessary and unprecedented measures to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic to protect the lives and livelihoods of Namibians, when the entire world was almost brought to a standstill.



7: Youth and Women Empowerment

- We have introduced a policy of Fifty / Fifty (50/50) representation in all party structures, including having a female Presidential Candidate for 2024.
- We have increased women representation in the National Assembly from 8.3 percent in 1990, to 50% in 2024 including a female Prime Minister of which Namibia ranks 6th in the world and 2nd in Africa in terms of the representation of women in Parliament.
- We have mainstreamed youth participation in leadership positions across various sectors, including electing to parliament and appointing to Cabinet.
- We have allocated over N\$14 Billion to NSFAP during the past 10 years, to support students at tertiary institutions, benefiting over 165,000 Namibian students.
- We have introduced the Internship Tax Incentive Programme aimed at further incentivising employers to enrol more Interns by providing additional corporate tax deductions.
- We have introduced the Credit Guarantee Scheme to aid Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and youth, without collateral in accessing finance from lending institutions.
- We have put in place dedicated government-financed facilities for youth, women, and MSMEs at public development finance institutions, such as AgriBank and Development Bank of Namibia (DBN), as well as through various ministries.



SWAPO Presidential and National Assembly elections since 1989-2019

1989	Vote: 57%	Seats: 41
1994	Vote: 73%	Seats: 53
1999	Votes: 76%	Seats: 55
2004	Votes: 76%	Seats: 55
2009	Votes: 75%	Seats: 54
2014	Votes: 80%	Seats: 77
2019	Votes: 65%	Seats: 63
2024 yet to come	Votes: ??	Seats: ??

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I further request you to ensure that all the messaging you will give is aligned to this manifesto, as we will be held accountable to the nation come 2030. Remember this term will also conclude Our Vision 2030, thus calling us to account for it. Therefore, we must be resolute and united in all we do for our beloved country, Namibia the Land of the Brave,” Cde Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah.



Thoughts of Kristian Ngendina Auene

Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah: A leader Namibia deserves in a crowded Democracy

As Namibia approaches the pivotal November 27, 2024 presidential elections, the electoral landscape presents a myriad of choices for citizens to consider. In this crowded democracy, one figure stands out as a beacon of hope and a symbol of transformational leadership: Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah.

Her candidacy as the first Swapo Party presidential nominee is not only a historic moment for the party but also a crucial opportunity for Namibians to cast their votes for a leader who embodies resilience, vision, and dedication to service.

A Trailblazer in Leadership

Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah has made significant strides in the political arena of Namibia, breaking barriers and overcoming challenges with unwavering determination. As a seasoned politician and dedicated Swapo Party Vice President, she has consistently demonstrated her commitment to the ideals of the Swapo Party, which has played a formidable role in Namibia's liberation and development.

Her leadership journey is marked by her relentless advocacy for social justice, equality, and human rights. She is a role model not just for women in politics but for all Namibians who believe in the potential of their country. Throughout her career, Ndaitwa has shown an exceptional ability to address national challenges while prioritizing the needs of the most vulnerable communities.

Vision for a Prosperous Namibia

Under Ndaitwa's leadership, the vision for Namibia is clear: to build a nation where every citizen has access to quality education, healthcare, and economic opportunities. She understands that the strength of our democracy lies in its ability to uplift all citizens, and her proposals for inclusive growth are designed to do just that. From empowering the youth to fostering gender equality, fighting gender-based violence, Nandi-Ndaitwah's policies address the root causes of inequality and gender-based violence, and sustainable development.

Moreover, as Namibia navigates the complexities of a globalized world, her approach to diplomacy and international relations promises to position Namibia as a responsible player on the world stage. Nandi-Ndaitwa advocates for collaborative partnership that encourages investment and innovation, ensuring that Namibia takes its rightful place among progressive nations.

Challenging Times, inspirational Leadership

Namibia and the world at large face a myriad of challenges, from economic uncertainty to climate change. In these trying times, strong leadership is paramount. Nandi-Ndaitwah is the leader we deserve, equipped with experience and tenacity to guide Namibia through adversity. Her balanced and clean-hands approach to governance integrates traditional wisdom with modern solutions, ensuring that policies are not only effective but also culturally resonant.

Nandi-Ndaitwah's candidature represents a pivotal moment in Namibia history. It reflects the evolution of our democracy, where citizens are empowered to choose leaders who genuinely represent their values and aspirations. This election is not just about choosing a president; it is about selecting a leader who believes in the potential of every Namibian and is committed to realizing that potential through effective governance.

Why We Must Vote for Nandi-Ndaitwah

As the November elections approach, it is vital for every Namibian to participate in shaping the future of our beloved country. By casting your vote for Nandi-Ndaitwah, you are endorsing a leader who is not only competent but also deeply passionate about the betterment of society. Her leadership to public service and her relentless pursuit of a fairer, more equitable Namibia make her the candidate we need.

In a crowded democracy, it is easy to feel overwhelmed by choices. However, Netumbo Nandi Ndaitwa stands as a clear choice for those who prioritize integrity, progress, and inclusive governance. Let us come together to support a leader who embodies our hopes and dreams for a brighter future.

Conclusion

Join us the majority in rallying behind Nandi-Ndaitwah as she embarks on this historic journey and together, let's make our voices heard and vote for a leader who represents the spirit of Namibia - a leader we deserve in a vibrant and crowded democracy.

Come One, Come All.


Viva Cde Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah

Long Life Right Honourable Vice President and The Presidential Candidate

We Love You !!!!!



By: Cde Kristian Ngendina Auene School Principal: Oluno Primary School Oluno Circuit.

The views expressed here are his personal views, and not necessarily of the institution he works for.



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Perspective

Mobilize the working class behind the Boeing strike! Break the IAM-imposed isolation!



World Socialist Web Site Jerry White

The strike by 33,000 Boeing workers in the states of Washington, Oregon and California, which began five days ago, is of immense significance for the working class throughout the US and internationally.

Workers are determined to win substantial wage increases to compensate for skyrocketing living costs and a de facto wage freeze of more than a decade. They also want to restore company-paid pensions, which the International Association of Machinists leadership allowed Boeing to take away a decade ago.

The fact that the walkout is taking place at all is the result of an incipient rebellion by rank-and-file workers against the IAM District 751 bureaucracy. By an astounding 95 percent, workers rejected an IAM-backed deal and voted by 96 percent to strike for the first time since the two-month walkout in 2008.

Workers refused to accept the demand by the company and the IAM bureaucracy that they pay for the corporation's financial crisis, which is the result of sacrificing safety to corporate profit and ignoring workers' warnings about unsafe practices that led to the deaths of hundreds of airline passengers.

Of particular importance was the solid opposition of young, newly hired workers, who rejected efforts to entice them to vote for the deal with a signing bonus. Unable to pay impossibly high rents for apartments in the Seattle area, let alone purchase a house, the young workers joined veterans in the fight for significant wage improvements and the restoration of pensions.

The scope of opposition has shocked the corporate media, Boeing executives and the Biden White House, which was working closely with the IAM leadership to block a strike. In a conference call with Morgan Stanley analysts last Friday, Boeing CFO Brian West said the company had "been working with the union leadership for a long time" and thought that the deal would be ratified. The deal had been "unanimously endorsed until it wasn't because endorsement by the union leadership versus the members was quite a disconnect."

Having taken this important step forward,

workers are now confronted with even more fundamental questions. Boeing executives and the IAM bureaucracy are putting on a show about listening to workers' demands and refashioning an agreement that meets their needs. In addition, a mediator from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS)—whose top commissioner was appointed by President Biden—is taking part in the talks for a new contract.

But what is going on in the downtown Seattle luxury hotel is not "negotiations." It is a conspiracy by Boeing, the federal government and the IAM bureaucracy against the strikers. Their plan is to disarm workers with hopes of an improved agreement, while IAM leaders isolate the strike and try to starve workers into submission.

The IAM has \$300 million in assets and last year paid its International President Robert Martinez \$668,000 and District 751 President Jon Holden \$225,000 in total compensation. Yet IAM officials plan to pay Boeing workers \$250 a week in strike benefits and not until the third week of the strike.

At the same time, the IAM and AFL-CIO bureaucrats are doing everything they can to isolate the strike and prevent Boeing workers from waging a common fight with Washington state employees and workers on the docks, railroads and other workers facing the same fight.

At this point, the Biden-Harris administration is relying on the IAM bureaucracy to wear down the resistance of workers and quickly end the strike. But if the strike continues, the White House could intervene directly, claiming that the walkout is endangering "national security." In 2022, the Democratic president and both parties in Congress used this method to outlaw a strike by more than 100,000 railroad workers. The Boeing strike is cutting across the administration's backing of the Israeli genocide in Gaza and its plans to escalate the US-NATO proxy war against Russia. Boeing was the largest supplier of missiles and munitions to the Israel Defense Forces between 2021 and 2023. In

addition, Aviation Week reported that "Boeing's defense arm expects strong growth in Europe as the ongoing war in Ukraine and worries over geopolitical dynamics drive nations on the continent to ratchet up military spending."

The strike at Boeing and the walkout by 500 workers that just began in Jackson, Michigan against military contractor Eaton Aerospace pose real dangers to the ruling class, which has sought to use the labor bureaucracy to suppress opposition from the "enemy within," the working class, while it wages imperialist war abroad.

The revolt by Boeing workers is part of a wave of rebellions by rank-and-file workers against the trade union bureaucracy, including the three-week strike by Dakota auto parts workers in Chicago. Dakota workers rejected four sellout agreements backed by the United Auto Workers bureaucracy before the UAW rammed through a fifth one through threats and intimidation.

The Boeing strike is also occurring amidst an unprecedented political crisis in the US in advance of the 2024 elections.

The Trump campaign is escalating its fascist rhetoric targeting immigrants and refugees, which it seeks to scapegoat for the social crisis. Trump and the Republicans, speaking for factions of the oligarchy that are moving toward open dictatorship, are threatening violence, whatever the outcome of the elections.

The Democrats, meanwhile, are covering up the fascist danger while focusing on the escalation of war, determined to suppress anything that gets in the way. An article in Politico warned that the Boeing strike could be followed by an October 1 strike by at least 25,000 dockworkers at ports along the Eastern Seaboard and the Gulf of Mexico, with potential solidarity action by West Coast dockers "that could create an enormous political headache for the waning months of the Biden administration ..." On the picket lines, native-born workers are united with workers who were born in Asia, Africa and Latin America, demonstrating the international unity of the working class. The strike must become the basis for a powerful intervention of the working class throughout the US and throughout the world.

A group of militant aerospace mechanics established the Boeing Workers Rank-and-File Committee, which has issued statements outlining a strategy to expand the strike and win workers' demands. In a statement released Monday, the committee said:

The claim by the Boeing bosses, the IAM leaders and the federal mediators that a "win-win" agreement can be reached is total nonsense. This is not just a contract fight. It is a clash of opposing forces whose interests are irreconcilable. In such a case, the victor is determined by who can bring the most powerful forces to the battle.

We cannot win this struggle alone. The strike must be expanded to all sections of Boeing workers, including the engineers in SPEEA and non-union workers at the South Carolina plant. Informational pickets should be sent to win support from dockworkers, railroaders, Washington state employees, healthcare workers, education workers. A special campaign must be made to reach airline workers internationally at Air Canada and Airbus.

The fight by Boeing workers can and must be the beginning of an industrial and political counter-offensive by all sections of workers to fight for the social right to a secure and good-paying job, fully paid pensions, free healthcare and affordable housing.

This can only be achieved through the working class fighting to take political power into its own hands and transforming the giant corporations and banks into publicly owned enterprises. Instead of trillions being funneled into the coffers of the super-rich and wasted on war, the resources produced by the collective labor of the working class must be used for human needs.

Boeing must be converted into a public utility, collectively owned and democratically controlled by the workers and technicians who are committed to building safe airplanes. This must be part of the socialist transformation of economic and political life in the US and around the world.

In wake of attempted assassination, Trump and Vance continue anti-immigrant agitation



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In the wake of the most recent assassination attempt of former President Donald Trump, the Republican presidential nominee, and his running mate Ohio Senator J.D. Vance are continuing to spread lies about immigrants. At the same time, both Trump and Vance have blamed Democratic “rhetoric” for inspiring the would-be assassin, 58-year-old Ryan W. Routh.

In an interview with Fox News on Monday, Trump said that Routh “believed the rhetoric of [President Joe] Biden and [Vice President Kamala] Harris, and he acted on it.” Trump added, “Their rhetoric is causing me to be shot at when I am the one who is going to save the country, and they are the ones that are destroying the country — both from the inside and out.”

Pointing to previous statements from Harris and Biden that characterized Trump as a “threat to democracy,” Trump said, “These are people that want to destroy our country. It is called the enemy from within. They are the real threat.”

Threatening to intensify his fascist rhetoric, Trump added, “They use highly inflammatory language, I can use it too—far better than they can—but I don’t.”

Trump is attempting to draw an amalgam between the Democrats’ obsession with war with Russia—which apparently inspired Routh as evidenced by his social media postings, interviews, and support for the fascist Ukrainian government—and genuine left-wing democratic sentiments.

With less than 50 days before the November election, the threat of fascist violence hangs over the entire country. On Monday, the FBI and US Postal Service confirmed that suspicious packages containing a “white powder substance” were sent to the secretaries of state and state election offices in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Tennessee, Wyoming and Oklahoma. As of this writing, it appears the substance was non-hazardous, although the AP reported that the election offices in Iowa were evacuated on Monday due to the threat.

Following Trump’s racist blood libel against Haitian immigrants in the Ohio town of Springfield during last Tuesday’s debate,

dozens of public buildings and schools have been locked down in the last week. In a press conference on Monday Ohio Governor Mike DeWine revealed that there had been 33 bomb threats, some of which he claimed originated from overseas.

On Monday, Springfield city officials announced that due to “safety concerns” the city would be canceling “CultureFest,” which was scheduled to be held on September 27 and 28.

In an attempt to keep schools open, DeWine ordered the deployment of 36 Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers to the town to sweep all 17 Springfield city school buildings each morning and after school. In addition to troopers, the Ohio Department of Public Safety is also deploying bomb detection dogs.

Despite the ongoing disruptions to the community, Trump and Vance, with the support of virtually the entire Republican Party, have continued their racist slanders against immigrants, melding it with accusations that Democrats are not only purposely fueling the “invasion” but inciting political violence against Trump.

Writing on Truth Social Tuesday morning, Trump accused “Comrade Kamala Harris” of taking “politics in our Country to a whole new level of Hatred, Abuse, and Distrust. Because of this Communist Left Rhetoric, the bullets are flying, and it will only get worse!”

Trump accused Harris of “[a]llowing millions of people, from places unknown, to INVADE and take over our Country,” an “unpardonable sin.”

In a long X post on his account Monday, Vance likewise accused Democrats, specifically Harris, of inciting the latest shooter. “The rhetoric is out of control. It nearly got Steve Scalise and many others killed a few years ago. It nearly got Donald Trump killed twice,” Vance wrote.

Vance then accused the media and Harris of engaging in a “double standard” for accusing Republicans of “violent rhetoric” while ignoring Democrats’ speech. Weaving the latest assassination attempt on Trump and the Republicans’ anti-immigrant campaign, Vance said this “double standard” extended to

Springfield, Ohio.

“Consider Springfield,” Vance wrote, blaming immigrants for every social ill. “Citizens are telling us that there are problems. These include the undeniable truths of higher car accidents, unaffordable housing, evictions of residents, overcrowded hospitals, overstressed schools, and rising rates of disease.”

Tripling-down on Trump’s pet-eating lies, Vance wrote: “They also include the infamous pet stories—which, again, multiple people have spoken about (either on video or to me or my staff).”

Appealing to neo-Nazis, Vance melded his anti-immigrant lies with attacks on the *lügenpresse*:

They cover a bomb threat, but not the rise in murders. They cover the threat, but not the HIV uptick. They cover the threat, not the schools overwhelmed with new kids who don't speak English. They cover the threat, not rising insurance rates or the car accidents that caused them. They cover the threat, not the failures of Kamala Harris's leadership.

Speaking at the Faith and Freedom Dinner in Georgia on Monday alongside Governor Brian Kemp, Vance said, “No one has tried to kill Kamala Harris in the last couple of months. And two people have tried to kill Donald Trump in the last couple of months. I’d say that’s pretty strong evidence that the left needs to tone down the rhetoric.”

As Republicans stoke violence against immigrants and their political opponents, Harris and the Democrats continue to appeal to Republicans and downplay the fascist threat. Speaking at a town hall on Tuesday in Flint, Michigan, Trump revealed that both Biden and Harris had called him recently to express their concern over his well-being.

“I have to say that President Biden called me yesterday, he was very nice, we had a very nice conversation,” Trump said, adding, “I appreciated that he called about what happened the other day.”

Trump noted that “a little while ago, I got a very nice call from Kamala.” As his supporters began to boo, Trump cooed, “No, no, it was very nice. It was very nice. It was very, very nice, and we appreciate that.”

As Vance and Trump were campaigning in Michigan, Harris appeared for an interview in Philadelphia with the National Association of Black Journalists. Asked to comment on the events in Springfield, Harris characterized fascist Republican attacks as a “crying shame” without ever once referring to Trump or Vance by name, or Haiti or Haitians.

In her over six-minute answer, Harris, speaking to the audience like they were children, said, “You know there were children, elementary school children who, it was, it was school photo day. You remember what that is like? Going to school on picture day? Who were dressed up in their best, got all ready, knew what they were going to wear the night before and have to be evacuated.”

Harris added,

When you are bestowed with a microphone ... there is a profound responsibility that comes with that. That is an extension of, what should not be lost in this moment, this concept of the public trust. To then understand what the public trust means, it means that you have to be invested with trust. To be responsible in ways with your words, much less how you conduct yourself, and especially when you have been and seek to be again President of the United States of America.

After characterizing the Republicans’ anti-immigrant campaign, which will be used to reject the vote should Trump lose, a “crying shame” again, Harris lamented the effect Trump’s fascist agitation was having—not on the Haitian immigrants who have been harassed and intimidated—on the police.

“Look, you say you care about law enforcement,” Harris said. “Law enforcement resources being put into this because of these serious threats that are being issued against a community that is living a productive good life before this happened.”