

SECOND SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2020

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**
 - (i) Mr. Kauandenge (NUDO) to ask the Prime Minister (No. 34).
 - (ii) Ms. Van den Heever (PDM) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 35).
 - (iii) Ms. Van den Heever (PDM) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 36).
 - (iv) Mr. Mwilima (PDM) to ask the Minister of Industrialisation and Trade (No. 37).
 - (v) Mr. Shihumbu (PDM) to ask the Minister of Justice (No. 38).
3. **ORAL QUESTIONS:**
 - (i) Mr. Seibeb (LPM) asked the Minister of Defence (No. 54) – *To be put in writing.*
 - (ii) Mr. Venaani (PDM) asked the Speaker (No. 55) – *Replied to.*
4. **Mr. Murorua moved without notice:**

That leave of absence, due to personnel ill health, be granted to Mr. Mike Kavekatora until further notice.

Agreed to.
5. **Ministerial Statements in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

- (i) The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation addressed the Assembly on the situation in Zimbabwe, and SADC's involvement in the matter.
- (ii) The Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs made a statement motivated by the constant demand for information related to matters of national defence and security.

6. FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION:

Mr. Smit moved, seconded by Mr. Martin:

That in support of the fight against corruption;

That this Assembly –

Discuss the absence of an asset register at many Government entities and the financial and economic implications thereof.

On the motion of the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Minister of Information and Communication Technology, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 22 September 2020.

7. SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION:

Mr. Venaani moved, seconded by Ms. Van den Heever:

That this Assembly –

Debate the precarious situation unfolding in Zimbabwe.

- (a) There has of late been a renewed arbitrary crackdown on opposition activists, members of civil society and journalists by the government of Zimbabwe.
- (b) Dozens if not hundreds of lives have been lost through this state sponsored violence. Among those killed include prominent opposition members Mazwi Ndlovu and Lavendar Chiwaya.
- (c) We cannot sit back and watch this travesty of justice unfold against the people of Zimbabwe. The time has come for the Namibian Government to set aside any liberation movement camaraderie it has with ZANU-PF, and condemn the state sponsored violence with the full comprehension it deserves. Even the ANC has condemn the state sponsored violence in Zimbabwe.
- (d) Let me remind this august House that if Zimbabwe explodes, the economic and humanitarian crisis will be felt throughout the whole SADC Region. Hence, we have a collective responsibility to address and find a long-lasting solution to the situation in Zimbabwe.

Objection raised by the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism.

House divided.

In favour of the Motion 14

Against 44

Abstaining 0

Motion rejected.

8. **THIRD NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Mr. Venaani moved, seconded by Ms. Moongo:

That this Assembly –

Debate the need to promulgate the Flexible Land Tenure Act 4 of 2012.

The importance of the Act is in place to look at plans on how the less fortunate and previously disadvantaged Namibians will have access to a piece of land/plot where they can build their own places to call a home.

Challenges motivating this discussions of this Act arises at the fact that most Namibians do not own land. Majority of the spaces of land is occupied by the rich, the fortunate and business entities.

For over 25 years, we have thousands of Namibians living and erecting shacks in the informal settlements on the land that still do not belong to them as we speak. The Act should make provisions to these ordinary Namibians that such pieces of land should be on their names as sole ownership.

I would like this House to discuss and make necessary intervention, inter alia, also look at how the shack dwellers federation can be given enough free ervens in order to build affordable houses faster for the populace.

On the motion of the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, seconded by Minister of Works and Transport, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 23 September 2020.

9. On the motion of the Prime Minister, seconded by the Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation, the Assembly adjourned at 17:30 until Thursday, 17 September 2020.

MS. L. KANDETU
Secretary of the National Assembly

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