

***INTERVENTION ON THE 2014/2015 BUDGET***

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THANK YOU HON. SPEAKER FOR GIVING ME THE FLOOR TO MAKE MY BRIEF COMMENT ON THE 2014/2015 BUDGET STATEMENT.

Hon. Speaker  
Hon. Members,

In supporting the 2014/2015 Budget, I would like to touch on some issues raised in this budget, amongst others Infrastructural Development, Land Acquisition, the provision for Housing, well motivated and well equipped Defense Force. *Gender based violence etc.*

Hon. Speaker,  
Hon. Members,

- **INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

Infrastructure development's is very important for any country. In fact the economic level of ~~any~~ *the* country's economic development *of any country* is being determined, being measured by the type, number and quality infrastructures; *in that context* Being quality road infrastructures, railways, Air and other quality buildings of National importance.

I have to thank the Namibian Government for coming up with new infrastructural development and improvements of the existing ones for the past twenty four (24) years. It is worth mentioning some few:

- Trans Kalahari Road
- Improvement of road infrastructures across the country being gravel roads or tarred roads *tourists, investors*
- Extension of the Tsumeb-Oshikango railway
- The Heroes Acre
- The new State House
- The new Museum

- Several High Courts, Magistrate Courts as well as our Supreme Court and many other buildings, the list goes on...

Henceforth, it is against the aforesaid background information that I support whole heartedly each and every cent budgeted for any infrastructures development being: build houses, improve our airports, railways and other buildings.

**Hon. Speaker,**  
**Hon. Members,**

Namibia is a very young nation, twenty four years (24) is just like 24 days if this is in comparison with more than 100 years of colonial oppression.

As the other Member of Parliament have stated, we have inherited a very big colonial deficit; a huge socio-economic deficit and a huge developmental deficit.

*Building*

To be specific I fully support the idea of building a new Parliament! Let me remind those who are opposing this idea that one cannot wait up to 100 years to start building assets of that nature. Where do you think you can get money? Namibians we should think out of the box for the future of this country.

This brings me to question those who are against the construction of a new Parliament building that: What is the rationale behind them to protest their preserved colonial features which are sometimes characterized in Architectural design?

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I do recall criticism <sup>labelled</sup> against the building of the New State House. That criticism was heavily on the Founding President, now everybody is proud of that National Asset. That National Assets; The State House is for



Members,

I am sad to note that some criticism is coming from some Members of Parliament; the people who are suppose to defend and support it. We need a Parliament building which will meet the need of Members of Parliament, the Staff and the Public at large.

Apart from offices, there will also be committee rooms, a reasonable conference hall, health and wellness centre, video conference facilities in the new Parliament building. Perhaps some of these people who criticize the infrastructures of this nature, their exposure in terms of what other countries have is limited. I am talking about countries that have lesser financial resources than Namibia.

n. Speaker,

n. Members,

### **HOUSING AND LAND PROVISION:**

provision of Housing is directly linked to the availability of land in particular in urban set up.

effort made by the Government through the Ministry of Regional and Local Government, Housing and Rural Development to come up with the Mass Housing Project (strategies) is very much appreciated.

It should be done is for this process to be closely monitored by the relevant institutions including relevant Parliamentary Committees to ensure this noble project is benefitting the intended beneficiaries; the needy (in society), the homeless, the workers and indeed equal fair allocation of to build houses to the different companies who applied.

Allow me, Hon Members to plea that, beneficiaries also include different Government Institutions who should also be considered to be given some houses to allocate them to Civil Servants who are in deer need.

**Hon. Speaker,**  
**Hon. Members,**

I cannot agree more with other previous Speakers, 24 years of independence is nearly enough; something should be done, so that a component of land in urban areas should belong to the Government to distribute to those in need and those who do not own land.

Henceforth, there is a need for the possible amendment of the constitution. The Constitution should be reviewed; Article 16 together with Article 100 should be revisited. (Referendum)

*who just after the rebel  
the young working force*

I am worried about the number of degree holders, students who do not have accommodation and live in flats and pay high rental fees monthly to their Landlords. Most of these young students end up being murdered at these flats. Deliberate effort for these “**STRATA**” should be considered.

I am also a bit disturbed by separate developments in our country. The gap between the rich and poor is getting wider. For example the road infrastructures in the Katutura suburb have dilapidated over the years and many streets are left undeveloped, Compared to other suburbs, from the City Centre going to the Hosea Kutako International Airport which is tarred and the road infrastructure properly developed.



Hon. Speaker,  
Hon. Members,

- **GENDER BASED VIOLENCE**

First of all, let me commend Cabinet for trying to improve the Criminal Justice System to address this Evil.

Colleagues, I am mum when it comes to this topic. How many times was this topic debated in this August House? This issue has been moved in this house before and referred to the relevant committee, but until today there is no feedback on various recommendations adopted by this August House. Article 12, of the constitution should be revisited. )

Hon. Speaker,  
Hon. Members,

**“LET US REVIVE OUR RICH AFRICAN CULTURE OF BRINGING UP YOUNGSTERS”** (We give them to themselves, get fed, chose, a big mind & all that - - - )

ONCE MORE, ALLOW ME TO ADD THIS QUOTE, I LOVE IT AND I WILL REPEAT IT.

**CRIME IS A VERY COMPLEX ISSUE: AS ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU, WHILE ACTING AS A PRESIDENT OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION STATED:**

**“CRIME IS EVERYONE’S PROBLEM. IT REFLECTS AN INABILITY OF PEOPLE TO BE JUST AND FAIR IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH ONE ANOTHER. IT PANDERS TO THE SHADOW SIDE OF HUMAN NATURE WHERE GREED, VIOLENCE AND INJUSTICE LURK IN EACH OF US. CRIME IS A COMPLEX ISSUE INVOLVING FAMILY BACKGROUND, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, EDUCATION LEVELS, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POSITIONS, AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL PERSONAL CHOICE...THE SOLUTIONS ARE COMPLEX”.**

Hon. Speaker,  
Hon. Members,

- ***DEFENSE AND SECURITY***

In any country, at any time it is very important to have a well motivated, well equipped Defense Force.

There is a critique that says we are a peaceful country, we are not at war and do not need to buy military equipments. Peace and Security is a **“condition sine qua non”**.

Henceforth, I would like to convey my thanks and gratitude to the gallant sons and daughters in the uniforms who are keeping peace and stability and helping in maintaining law and order in this country.

Hon. Speaker,

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Hon. Members,*

- **INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

***African Union (AU):***

I would like to use this opportunity to congratulate our Head of State at the African Union. Being a 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President of the Pan African Parliament I was fortunate to attend the African Union Summit Meetings in 2012/2013. Whenever our Head of State is accorded an opportunity to speak at the African Union Summit, he always puts an emphasis on the Saharawi Republic to be given self-determination, and freed from Morocco occupants.

***SADC Organs State:***

I also commend the Southern African Development Organs for their effort in obtaining peace in Madagascar. I further propose that SADC Organs State be given Legislative function/power, but should not encroach upon the African Union.

*of SADC*

The same applies to the Pan African Parliament, to be given legislative functions to make models of law within the African Continent.

With this Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members I so move the 2014/215 Budget.

**I THANK YOU,**