



**GENOCIDE SPEECH BY HON. APIUS !AUCHAB, MP
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UDF CONTRIBUTION ON THE GENOCIDE

I rise today to take this honourable House down the memory lane of the real and oldest inhabitants of the land previously called Damaraland in the 1800s and now known as land of the brave Namibia

and

Link the honourable members of this August House to the much talked about topic of Genocide.

Honourable Speaker, Remembrance of the past can be a bitter process, every flashing image can be torturing and fill one's heart with pain, anguish and at the same time with sorrow.

Honourable members of this August House my aim is not to instigate tribal division in our beloved nation, but I seek to lay down a solid historical foundation and also to draw the line on the initial idea of the Government to open Pandora box to address the question of Genocide under the topic on the table for discussion as to restitution and redress of colonial German atrocities

Honourable Speaker

and not only only specific Van Trotha extermination orders on Namas and Hereros.

Genocide talks cannot be based on the extermination order alone we cannot be that heartless to claim that other tribes did not suffer injustice from the German regime brutality honourable members.

We are not in denial of the extermination orders issued against Ovaherrero and Namas, the order has never been executed to materialize as it was plan practically.

Honourable Speaker, honourable members, truly to my historical knowledge, there were not such Genocide that had affected only Ovaherero and Namas on the Namibian soil, such talks in this August House is false, it is wrong and devoid of all truth, Damaras #Nūkhoen and the San as original indigenous people of this land who suffer the same fate, if not more than any other tribe is still accomotative.

Honourable Members,

Our land has been stolen and access by Damara #Nūkhoen and San to land areas lived in by their ancestors has been severely constrained through historical process of marginalization let us all condemn politicizing the most sensitive issue of Genocide because the statistics are telling us contrary.

Honourable Members

Let me echo the words of Professor Peter Katjavivi about the African resistance same time ago code uncode: African resistance for freedom ended in crime against humanity and genocide which exterminated about 81% of Hereros, 57% of Damara #Nūkhoen, 51% of Namas, San and other black African people in than German South West Africa.

It is an historical fact that the Genocide was based on the decision taken on the racist Berlin Conference of 1884-1885 to seize Namibia as so called protectorate of imperial Germany, who has made all inhabitants vulnerable to experience brutal and destructive mass killings resulted in Genocide of 1904, 1908, 1912-1915

I appeal to the historians and the leaders of this August House for Genocide period be reviewed to cover up to 1915 to do justice to the historical truth we all know, the mass killing of the San people by the German's during 1912-1915

Honourable Speaker,

I have been listening with keen interest to the motivation of honourable Kapofi very knowledge^{able} and most respected leader both in the parliament and in the Government, mentioned only one's Damara #Nūkhoen and San as affected communities in his 18 page motivation speech, as if he is doing it in ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{by} passing.

Honourable Members

Our government must also realise that chief Riruako's motion in our own Parliament which was unanimously adopted by all the parties in 2006, my his soul rest in peace, has acknowledge the atrocities committed against the Namibian people as Genocide.

We the Damara #Nūkhoen and the San people are of the view that no amount of rejection and refusal to acknowledge that Damara #Nūkhoen and San was also affected by the Genocide will not erase it from the history books, IT IS THERE TO STAY.

Honourable Speaker,

Our descendants as Damara #Nūkhoen and San are in diaspora specifically in South Africa, Botswana, Togo and Cameroen as a result of Genocide of 1904, 1908, 1912, 1915.

Damara #Nūkhoen has survived the gross inhuman brutalities of the genocide war and has escape the German troops and reached Botswana as the first group, followed by the Hereros.

I challenge anyone who dispute the claim of the Damara #Nūkhoen and San people that they were directly affected by Genocide.

Damara #Nūkhoen and the San suffered systemic atrocities subjugation and enslavement of people, from approx. 14th century starting with black on black atrocities to German colonial crime against humanity.

Honourable Members , honourable Speaker,

It is about time that the leaders of this beautiful land, Namibia will tell truth to the nation

Whom did the Hereros, Germans and Namas came to find in this country whose land did they came to occupy.

Germans cannot kill Hereros without affecting Damara #Nūkhoen, this two groups were more closer than any other, that time and up to date we share mostly the same geographical area's. If not honourable Speaker the bullets of the Germans must have been so smart to be able to identify only the Hereros and Namas while Damaras #Nūkhoen and other tribes like San were also in their mits

Further on honourable members this two tribes has many in common, if I may ask

- (1) Who was Willem Kambauruma & son of Goagoses and a grandson of Salinde Garises the warrior who led the battle of Hamakari the are whom we known as Hamran-Ikaris,
- (2) Who was Maharero the son of Salinde Garises
- (3) Who was Ama Damab the chief warrior of Maharero

Honourable Speaker, honourable members

Let me ask honourable /Uilolo how did you end up in Botswana if it was not for German atrocities, should San and Damara #Nūkhoen be trembled on while their ancestral blood flowed at the hands of colonial masters and regarded as collateral damage. Do you regard 15000 souls collateral 5000 San collateral Damara #Nūkhoen prince /Hai-hab //Gureseb and King Xamseb were beheaded and their heads taken to Germany.

Honourable members

We as Damara #Nūkhoen and San people have a strong and unique case on this subject matter our starts with ancestral land loss displacement and marginalization, destruction of culture, humiliation and continuous crime against humanity.

We will take our righteous places as San and Damara #Nūkhoen and be treated as equal any genocide talk without San and Damara #Nūkhoen is not real.

Honourable members,

Even within the affected communities there are strong and divergent views on the subject matter of our discussion.

But we as lawmakers have an obligation as members of this August House and as leaders of the Namibian citizens, to make all people feel truly represented regardless of their origin.

We as leaders must know that no amount of money can be commensurate to human life, restoration of our dignity is supreme, therefore we as leaders must be careful not to paved the way for disunity or instigating our people against one another with the way we handle this sensitive and serious matter of Genocide.

Honourable Speaker, honourable members

Lets find it in our hearts and acknowledge that the Genocide is a national process that demand from us as leaders and Government wisdom in unity to pursuit restorative justice for our people.

Let the spirit of one Namibia one nation rains and be a guiding principle of approach to this issue.

In conclusion honourable Speaker,

Damara //âes #Nūkhoen mîhera-e hoxae....

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Hon Speaker,

I so submit.