



## CONTRIBUTION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNAL LAND FOR THE /KHOMANIN

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Thank you Honourable Speaker  
Honourable Members of this August House

I rise to air my view on <sup>the</sup> ~~this~~ very important ministerial statement of Hon  
Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform.

Thank you Hon Minister for well-articulated <sup>motivation,</sup> maturation why /Khomanin  
needs to be given land.

Land in my view Hon. Speaker is the key to every success and a means for  
the culture of society which can change ~~s~~ forms and models in-line with  
life's requirements to activate the ideals of perfect life reflected on tribes  
model and dignity.

Hon Minister let's not forget the fundamental goal which is:

1. Correct past injustices inflicted by colonial regimes on /Khomanin by Germans and South Africans.
2. The restoration of lost dignity and culture.

**Honourable Minister**

I am speaking about the colonial legacy of unequal distribution of land in our country and how it has dispossessed /Khomanin community, socially, economically, culturally and traditionally.

**Honourable Minister**

The journey you have started to redistribute land to the rightful owners is commendable.

/Khomanin is not a small tribe it is big it has 12 sub clans in it.

1. !Khusebdaman
2. Tsoa-xau daman
3. !Aiben
4. ≠Gandaman
5. Hakodaman
6. Khao-haran
7. Auasen
8. !Oan
9. /Horebe daman
10. /Nunun
11. ≠Gao daman
12. !Ao//aexan

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Kai Gaob Xamseb was the leader of the /Khomanin whose headquarters were at ≠Gans (Gamsberg)

/Khomanin include the entire area of /khomas and its demarcation ends at the area of ≠Gans (Gamsberg) (Auas) (the mountain range- escapement add a descriptive map) and !Huiseb river as well as O-asis.

- The /hominin northern borders were shared with Tsoa-xau daman at the river called Tsoaxaub (Swakop river ) where the /Khomas mountain is hiding the desert, these is the western border. Hon Minister the most northern border is Tsoaxaub, the most Southern border is the Tsondeb area of /noma-!naos (Solitaire) these are natural borders

**Honourable Speaker**  
**Honourable Members**

The Southeastern borders were extending to //Gobam!nas (Nouklooft) sharp back to the Auas mountains. The most northeastern borders are at the northeastern side of today's Midgard including /Aba!gas (Otjisatu) up to /Hai//Khus (ontekaremba) coming from Tsoaxaub river at /Aodi!gas (Rudenau) this is where you find !uri≠nossob and Tsoa-xaub are meeting

**Honourable Speaker,**  
**Honourable Minister,**



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This historical background of /Khomani is to share how these dispossession of land has disadvantaged /Khomani communities.

**Honourable Minister,**

Are you aware of 2 farms allocated to /Khomani community by German colonial administration during 1914?

- What happen to these two farms who is occupying it? The names are:
  1. Furstenwalde and
  2. Augeigas

**Honourable Speaker**

**Honourable Members**

I whole heartedly comment Namibian Government to advance the reform with in the legal framework. *and*

I fully support the establishment of communal land in /Khomani Region.

It is a historical fact that /Khomani lived through a period of extreme torture at the hands of the colonial masters

**Honourable Minister,**

The poverty in the /Khomani Communities is as a result of de proclamation of their land 1956.

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The first group of people were forcibly moved, 254 families including about 1500 people with their 1780 large and 15820 small stock to extremely arid and drought –prone Sori-Soris in Kunene.

**Honourable Speaker**

**Honourable Minister**

I would like to remind you to look at the current farm under the /Khomantin Authority to be included in the 8000ha farms before gazetting.

In conclusion Hon Minister,

As we are looking at the restoration of the dignity of /Khomantin let also look at decolonizing the name of the region from Khomas to /Khomas naming the region Khomas Hon Speaker, is meaningless and it's an colonial insult to our vernacular /Khomas is the right pronunciation.

**Honourable Speaker**

Allow me to say this after my short contribution.

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**Honourable Speaker**

I so submit