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Honourable His Excellency Mr The President Dr Sam Nuyoma, Hi Excellency The Prime Minister Hage Geingob, Officers of the Prime Minister, representative of the foreign countries, members of various states who have been able to attend these unforgettable and historical updated events of the most burning issues facing the new nation, to be witness, to provide sight of views, to highlights the proper attaining and distribution of the land among the Namibians in what way so that the democratic channels should justify every Namibians but not harming the feeling of anyone but constitutionly surely and exactly in the mood of reconciliation and obligation in terms to achieve the goals of human and social liberty in free democratic Namibia.

On behalf of Rietfontein Community we do want to express our faithful thank to Hi Excellency officers who dealt with organizing program and also with the preparation task on that way to achieve the greatest possibility of National consensus on the land question.

These day should be regard and recorded as a historical day to all the citizen of Namibia as a whole, to much extend concerning the black nation of Namibia, which have lose their possession and their dwelling places several years ago cause by warlike people and war conflict of the German colonialism. Mostly those nation who was settled in the central parts of Namibia they have lived their property behind when fleeing for war and found themself in neighbour country Botswan were they received homage.

Those possessive have become the property of the colonial government and it was distributed among their compatriots.

The Community arent able to interfere itself in the deepest events of history at all, but surely we do want to remind the Government a little bit about the past and its events. Dearly several of the inhabitants have fled to Botswana, several of them were captured and locked up in concentration camps in fact to be bought from the colonial Government for labour purpose by the Government compatriots. At last those who remain in the concentration camp were instructed and forced to move out of the central part and were settled in fence surrounded area namely the reserves a sort kind of cage in a half desert area, the eastern part of Namibia which is known as the Kalahari desert.

Lands, areas and farms which the Government has obtain on one or another way must be redistributed among the landless Namibians to achieve the result of resettlement and reconciliation regarding those nations who lose their-favourable grazinglands during the past war conflict for aiming and ensuring the destiny of our own free people.

The Government must sells the farms which it attain to the actual progressive farmers or to those who are able to develop themselves as farmers at lower cost price with the demand that the owner shall be able to pay the first instalment of 1% after the third year of settlement.

Meanwhile the Government must be busy working on an independent fund so-called Credit Fund which should be created by contribution from various firms and channeld these fund through the LandBank in fact to reduce the farmers monthly instalment which is climaxly unbearable by the black population these fund must be exalt in order to help the blk population to obtain farms aswell as all the Namibians.

At last the farmers must have regular training which is just the indispensible vehicle for nation building also for purpose of self actualisation the initial step must firstly be lay down guidelines commercial farming or agriculture.

In conclusion the whole entire community of Reitfontein wishes you good luck for the purpose of regarding us to participati and to harnes all our contribution to the catastrohical problem. We also enable the Government to take dexision based on the views of the majority but not to disregard the minority feelings but should reach concensus on the issue, in fact to keep the continued liberty of the free democratic country of Namibia. Good luck.

Those inhabitants were herdmen from ancient, what about their potential of cattle farming, it was property not taken into account at all, the result of their possess land were always desertification, overgrazing, that causes starvation, and hunger year after year human growth has also become a problem because of limited area. Surely to speak about progressive farmers is also very difficult it means that cattle farming were destroyed also agriculture and we are landless and homeless and poverty is nearing us.

Due to the above mentioned facts the Rietfontein Community were not able to disregard the national reconciliation but at this moment we commit ourself to establish conciliatory mechanisms on much broader terms of development in cattle farming and agriculture in terms to ensure the economic growth.

Dears National wide there are those who possessed and there are those who havent and to narrows the space between. we the Namibian Citizens as a whole must be able to reach agreements about the equitable distribution of grazing areas among the Namibians in that way to establish pontencial farming which form the economic pilars in Namibia.

Surely the oppressed black nation of Namibia in cages namely reserve were looking jealously to the white farmers or population who are situated in the central part of Namibia which was our ancestors grazing places, they must be pity to the landless and homeless nation today and share the dwelling places, or give back freely to the owners in fact to reconcile with each other.

Its true and its regarded by each Namibian that the commercial farms are situated mostly in the area north of Rehoboth as far as Tsumeb and in the east up to Gobebe, look at the names of the farms its a good indication to whom they have belonged.

Rietfontein Community has express their feeling above, here, below we do give our suggestions according to the burning issue of land reform and land question.

1. Each Namibia Citizen declared by the Government as a progressive farmer must be able to possess a land approximately 5,000 Hectars as his ownership focussing viable of commercial farms or commercial agriculture in fact to reduce the dependency on imported of foodstuffs.
2. Farmers who possess land areas more than the proposed hectors must be consulted by the Government to get rid of the overwhelming area, in the view of reconciliation, the farmers must be able to donate the overwhelming area to the independent Government freely, than the Government must have make selections or categorized the farmers in rural areas and place them according to natural ecosystems regarding grazingfields rain-falls and the necessity of water sources.
3. The Government must be able to buy the overwhelming areas at half price according to farm market prize of nowadays.
4. To those farmers who issued a denial to get rid of the overwhelming areas or farms the Government must double the tax on each farm, for the third farm three times tax and the fourth four times, and those taxed must be kept for full payment or buying the farms for market prize of today.
5. Foreign farmers must be able to donate their farms freely to the independent Government of Namibia due to the fact they have been transplanting the Namibians property for many years, they must realize that the Namibian Community were landless and homeless therefore they must apologise us.

LAND REFORMS CONFERENCE:

In order to comment on communal areas or the reserves, it was not our intention to attend no-one was consulted but were taken in Windhoek by the Law enforcements of the day. There was black who was a member of that Assembly.

The result was that these areas became overpopulated because they the areas are not sufficient for the number of people. Also these areas are fenced.

Today's life is such that we can not opt for communal land. These areas must be increased in size, developed and have sufficient and be fenced. Roads must be improved and communications must be instarred.

Our request for commercial land, which is month occupied by white farmers-, whether our is allowed a not the fact is that there will still not be enough land for all of us. If the communal land its developed, many -of those living there will be satisfied to remain there because they have stayed there for generations and and have come to love these places.

Namibia- is now independent now, and we feel we have a right to ask that we be given commercial land which is being used only by-- whites, and we futher ask that communal land be-developed and be given to individuals to own as personal property by Law.

Communal land does not have the same care as commercial land which is-privately owned, as it (communal land) is common property and overpopulated by both humman-beings and animals. There are problems of water and grazing. The areas in which we atay at present are not conducive to good farming and are infested with many cattle deseases and "gifblaar" diseases, poor rainfall, the areas are situated in the desert, with wild beasts.

Overpopulation leads to numerons problems including stock theft. It is there essential that every farmer should his own, private land to farm. Such land the farmer will care more for because it would be

his - own property.

Without owning our own property, we have become pampers in our own country because in our own country because no loans are given to us as we are not credit worthy.

I know also prosperous farmers also depend on Evans- so therefore, I as- a poor communal farmer is in even a greater need for such a Loan.

I therefore hope that we shall be listened to and be given this help without delay- 48% of communal land is unhabited because of the lack of water. Water should be brought on to it and the area fenced.

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