

Motion on the Ovaherero Genocide Introduced In the Namibian

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HON. SPEAKER, THERE IS ABUNDANCE OF PROOF THAT AFRICA WAS THE CRADLE OF CIVILIZATION, CENTURIES BEFORE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST. THE STORIES OF QUEEN OF SHEBA AND HER VISIT TO KING SOLOMON, WITH AN ORGANIZED ROUTINE AND ALSO THE ARCHITECTURAL WONDERS OF THE PYRAMIDS ARE CLEAR EVIDENCES OF THE HEIGHT TO WHICH AFRICA CIVILIZATION HAD REACHED.

FURTHERMORE, THE ANCIENT KINGDOM OF AFRICA LIKE THOSE SONGHAI, BENIN, GHANA AND MANY OTHERS WERE HIGHLY ORGANIZED AND EVEN THE ANCIENT UNIVERSITIES LIKE TIMBAKTU EXISTED. AT THIS TIME EUROPE WAS VERY UNDERDEVELOPED AND AMERICA HAD NOT EVEN BEEN DISCOVERED.

HON. SPEAKER, DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA WAS INTERRUPTED SOMETIME AROUND THE 14TH CENTURIES BY THE HEINOUS INSTITUTION OF SLAVERY. SLAVERY ROBBED AFRICA OF HER BEST AND STRONGEST MEN, WOMEN AND CHATTEL, LIKE GOATS AND PIGS TO THE ISLAND OF THE CARIBBEAN, UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL. THE RESULTS OF THEIR WORK AS SLAVES WERE TO ENRICH THE COUNTRIES OF THEIR MASTERS. THOSE COUNTRIES BECAME RICH, AND THE SLAVES, AFRICAN MEN AND WOMEN REMAINED POOR.

HON. SPEAKER, HON. MEMBERS, IT IS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND THAT I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS AUGUST HOUSE ON THE ISSUE OF REPARATION. REPARATION SEEKS TO IDENTIFY AND REDRESS THOSE WRONG DOINGS SO THAT THE COUNTRIES AND PEOPLE WHO SUFFERED WILL ENJOY FULL FREEDOM TO CONTINUE THEIR OWN DEVELOPMENT ON MORE EQUAL TERMS.

HON. SPEAKER, SIR, IN 1850 WHEN A YOUNG SWEDISH ADVENTURE CHARLES JOHN ANDERSSON FIRST VISITED THE THEN HEREROLAND. HE WAS SHOCKED TO DISCOVER THAT WHAT HE HAS SEEN WAS CONTRARY TO HIS EXPECTATIONS. THE OVAHERERO OR DAMARA AS THEY WERE REFERRED TO AT THE TIME, WERE FAR FROM BEING THE SUBJECTS OF A MIGHTY

AFRICAN KINGDOM. INSTEAD WHEN FIRST CONFRONTED WITH THE OVAHERERO COMMUNITY, WHICH WAS AT THAT STAGE STRONGLY DECENTRALIZED, ANDERSON BELIEVED THAT HE WAS WITNESSING THE DEMISE OF A ONCE GREAT AND MIGHTY COMMUNITY, WHICH FOR WANT OF LEADERSHIP WAS NOW DOOMED TO EXTINCTION
THE OVAHERERO WERE UNDOUBTEDLY A GREAT NATION, BUT UNLIKE OTHER COMMUNITIES WHICH BECAME MORE UNITED UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ONE CHIEF OR KING, THE OVAHERERO PEOPLE DWINDLED INTO ENDLESS NUMBER OF PETTY SOCIETIES UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF VARIOUS CHIEFS.

HON. SPEAKER, HON. MEMBERS, THIS WAS THE RESULT OF GERMAN POLICY OF DIVIDE AND RULE, EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTED BY MAJOR LETWEIN ON BEHALF OF THE GERMAN KAISER WILLEM II.

THEREFORE BEFORE I CONTINUE, ALLOW ME HON.SPEAKER TO PAY HOMAGE AND TRIBUTE TO ALL SONS AND DAUGHTERS WHO FOUGHT AND DIED IN THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE OF THIS COUNTRY SINCE THE 1800 YEARS. IT IS AS A RESULT OF THEIR SUFFERINGS AND THE BLOOD SHED THAT WE TODAY ENJOY FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE. SOME OF US CAN NEVER AND WILL NEVER FORGET THE ATROCITIES AND GENOCIDE COMMITTED AGAINST OUR PEOPLE DURING THE OHAMAKARI BATTLE AND THE OZOMBU ZOVINDIMBA EXTERMINATION ORDER OF GENERAL LOTHAR VON TROTHA. WE WILL ALSO NEVER FORGET THE BRUTAL KILLING OF OUR PEOPLE AT PLACES LIKE CASSINGA, AND SHATOTUA AT THE HANDS OF THE RACIST APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA.

HON. SPEAKER, SIR, AND THE FIRST GERMANS WHOLE SALE KILLING OF THE 19TH CENTURY WAS COMMITTED ON THE PEOPLE OF A COUNTRY WE NOW CALL NAMIBIA. WE ARE THE SURVIVORS OF THE FIRST GENOCIDE EVER COMMITTED IN AFRICA,

THE OVAHERERO WAS THE ONLY GROUP SINGLED OUT TO BE EXTERMINATED BY AN OFFICIAL LEGAL ORDER THE INFAMOUS EXTERMINATION ORDER, HOWEVER WE ACKNOWLEDGED

THAT OTHER GROUPS SUCH AS THE DAMARAS AND NAMAS WERE HEAVILY AFFECTED BY THE GERMAN COLONIALISM. HON.SPEAKER IN 1880'S THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES STARTED TO CONTROL A SMALL PART OF NAMIBIA, BUT BY 1890, TEN YEARS LATER, THEY SPREAD FURTHER. THE GERMAN SETTLERS TOOK MORE AND MORE LAND AND CATTLE FROM THE OVAHERERO.

HON. SPEAKER, SIR, LARGE PIECE OF LAND WAS TAKEN BY THE GERMANS AND REMAINED FENCED TO THIS DAY. IT IS A WELL KNOWN FACT THAT CATTLE ARE A NECESSITY IN THE LIFE OF THE OVAHERERO, FOR OVAHERERO WITHOUT CATTLE AND LAND COULD HARDLY SURVIVE. THE GERMAN COLONIAL RULE WAS OPPRESSIVE AND CRUEL. THE SITUATION BECAME SO INTOLERABLE THAT ON 12TH JANUARY 1904 THE OVAHERERO UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SAMUEL MAHARERO, TOOK UP ARMS AND THE FIRST OVAHERERO-GERMAN WAR STARTED IN OKAHANDJA AND SPREAD TO OKANDJIRA AND EVENTUALLY CULMINATED IN THE OHAMAKARI BATTLE. STILL THE GERMANS WERE NOT SATISFIED AND ON 2ND OCTOBER 1904 GENERAL LOTHAR VON TROTHA ISSUED HIS INFAMOUS EXTERMINATION ORDER AT OZOMBU ZOVINDIMBA IN THE OTJINENE CONSTITUENCY, OMAHEKE REGION. HON. SPEAKER, I WOULD LIKE TO QUOTE THIS ORDER: "I THE GREAT GENERAL OF THE GERMAN TROOPS SEND THIS LETTER TO THE HERERO PEOPLE, HEREROS ARE NO LONGER GERMAN SUBJECTS. ALL HEREROS MUST LEAVE THE LAND. IF THE PEOPLE DO NOT WANT THIS THEN I WILL FORCE THEM TO DO SO WITH A GREAT GUN. ANY HERERO FOUND WITHIN THE GERMAN BORDERS WITH OR WITHOUT A GUN, WITH OR WITHOUT CATTLE, WILL BE SHOT. I SHALL NO LONGER RECEIVE ANY WOMEN AND CHILDREN. I WILL DRIVE THEM BACK TO THEIR PEOPLE OR I WILL SHOOT THEM. THIS IS MY DECISION FOR THE HERERO PEOPLE" SIGNED THE GREAT GENERAL OF THE MIGHTY KAISER WILLEM II.

HON. SPEAKER, HON. MEMBERS, ALLOW ME TO HIGHLIGHT THE ISSUE OF GENOCIDE AND REPARATION. I WOULD LIKE TO SPELL OUT WHAT THESE ARE. THE UNITED NATIONS DEFINES GENOCIDE AS "THE DELIBERATE AND SYSTEMATIC

DESTRUCTION OF A RACIAL, ETHNICAL, POLITICAL OR CULTURAL GROUP, IN WHOLE OR IN PART. IT IS THE ACT OF KILLING MEMBERS OF A GROUP IN WHOLE OR IN PART. THE GERMAN EXTERMINATION ORDER WAS INTENDED TO WIPE OUT THE WHOLE OVAHERERO ETHNIC GROUP AND WHEN IT WAS IMPLEMENTED IT REDUCED THE OVAHERERO FROM 100,000 TO A MERE 15,000.

REPARATION IS THE ACT OF REPAIRING A WRONG OR AN INJURY TO A PERSON OR NATION. WE ALL UNDERSTAND THE PRINCIPLE OF REPARATION. IF YOU BREAK SOMETHING THAT BELONGS TO SOMEONE ELSE YOU MUST REPAIR IT. IF YOU STEAL SOMETHING YOU GIVE IT BACK.

HON. SPEAKER, HON. MEMBERS, I HAVE HIGHLIGHTED THESE TWO ISSUES AND THE UNDERLYING THEMES THAT WE EMPHASIZE ARE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE ATROCITIES, RESPECT AND SELF RESPECT FOR THE SURVIVORS, RECLAIMING OUR MEMORIES, NARRATING OUR STORIES AND RECLAIMING WHAT IS OURS. THAT IS WHAT REPARATION IS ALL ABOUT.

SOME OF US TEND TO THINK THAT ONLY THE DEAD ARE VICTIMS, WHEN CHILDREN LOOSE PARENTS, THAT LOSS IS NOT ONLY FELT BY THE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY BUT ALSO BY THE GENERATIONS TO COME. WHEN PEOPLE ARE DISPLACED, THEY LOOSE SENSE OF SECURITY AND BELONGING. THEY EXPERIENCE FEAR AND ANXIETY AND LOOSE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. AS S RESULT THEY ARE DEPRIVED OF KNOWLEDGE, GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS WHICH COULD HELP THEM TO BUILD THE FUTURE AND WEALTH OF THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES.

HON. SPEAKER, SIR, WE ALL STAND ON THE SHOULDERS OF THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US ; PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, THEIR WEALTH HAS BEEN STOLEN AND WE HAVE LESS OR NOTHING TO STAND ON. THEY HAD NOTHING TO LEAVE FOR THEIR LEGACY, AND WE THEIR HEIRS HAVE LESS TO BUILD ON FOR OUR CHILDREN AND THE GENERATION TO COME.

IT IS ON THAT BASIS, HON. SPEAKER, AND HON. MEMBERS THAT I ON BEHALF OF MY PEOPLE, THE OVAHERERO HAVE LAUNCHED A LEGAL CHALLENGE IN THE COURTS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEMANDING AND CLAIMING REPARATION FROM THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE ATROCITIES AND GENOCIDE COMMITTED AGAINST OUR FOREFATHERS AND MOTHERS.

THE BASIS FOR THE DEMAND FOR REPARATION IS BASED ON:

1) THE WHOLE EXPROPRIATION OF VAST TRACT OF LAND OWNED AND OCCUPIED COMMUNALLY BY OUR ANCESTORS.

2) THE ILLEGAL EXPROPRIATION WITHOUT ANY COMPENSATION OF LAND AND OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CATTLE BELONGING TO OUR PEOPLE.

3) THE PREMEDITATED EXTERMINATION OF CLOSE TO 80% OF THE OVAHERERO, 2/3 KILLINGS OF THE NAMA PEOPLE AND POPULATION IN PURSUIT OF OFFICIAL GERMAN COLONIAL POLICIES.

4) THE INTERNATIONAL DESTRUCTION OF CULTURE, TRADITIONS AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATION AND INDIGENOUS GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE OF THE OVAHERERO PEOPLE.
(AGAIN NOT CLEAR)

5) THE OFFICIALLY SANCTIONED PHYSICAL, SEXUAL AND MENTAL ABUSE OF THE OVAHERERO WOMEN BY GERMAN SOLDIERS AND OFFICIALS, RESULTING NOT ONLY IN UNPLANNED AND UNWANTED PREGNANCIES, BUT ALSO CAUSING SERIOUS MARITAL PROBLEMS FOR OUR FORE FATHERS AND FORE MOTHERS. HUNDREDS OF OVAHERERO CHILDREN BORN OUT OF THESE RELATIONSHIPS HAD TO GROW UP WITHOUT KNOWING THEIR FATHERS, SOMETHING WITH SERIOUS MENTAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCES ON CHILD DEVELOPMENT

6) THE SHOCKING BRUTALITIES COMMITTED ON THE OVAHERERO PRISONERS OF WAR, THE DEGRADING AND INHUMANE CONDITIONS OF THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS TO WHICH THEY WERE SUBJECTED. OUR PEOPLE WERE EXPOSED

TO STARVATION PRIOR TO PUBLIC EXECUTIONS.

7) THE MASS IMPOVERISHMENT AND HUMILIATION OF AN OTHERWISE WEALTHY, SELF-SUFFICIENT AND PROUD AFRICAN NATION.

8) THE ABOVE CONSTITUTES A SOLID MORAL AND LEGAL INDICTMENT AGAINST COLLECTIVE CONSCIENCE OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE. IT IS ALSO CONSTITUTES A GROSS VIOLATION OF THE PUBLIC POLICY AND MORALITY OF THE GERMAN STATE AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED.

9) HON. SPEAKER, MY PEOPLE REJECTED THE POOR ATTEMPT BY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO HIDE BEHIND DISCREDITED LEGALISTIC ARGUMENT AS A BASIS FOR DENYING THE REPARATION DEMAND OF THE OVAHERERO, WHILST AT THE SAME TIME SEEKING TO JUSTIFY IT'S PAYMENT OF REPARATION TO THE JEWS FOR SIMILAR CRIMES COMMITTED BY THE HITLER REGIME. SUCH AN ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS NOTHING BUT A NAKED ACT OF RACISM AGAINST BLACK PEOPLE IN GENERAL AND THE OVAHERERO IN PARTICULAR. IT IS ALSO AN INSULT TO THE COLLECTIVE INTELLIGENCE OF MANKIND EVERYWHERE. UNLESS OUR REASONABLE PROPOSALS TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER ARE PUT ON THE AGENDA OF VARIOUS ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR PUBLIC DEBATE AND ADJUDICATION, THE STRUGGLE WILL GO ON. ON 30TH OCTOBER DURING THE CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION AT OZOMBU ZOVINDIMBA THE OVAHERERO LAUNCHED THE "OZOMBU ZOVINDIMBA DECLARATION" WHEN THEY MADE A PROMISED TO THEMSELVES THAT ALUTA CONTINUA UNTIL JUSTICE HAS BEEN DONE.

10) I BELIEVE THAT SIGNIFICANT PARTS OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS AND OTHER SIMILAR TREATIES OF THE LATE 1940's WERE MERELY CODIFICATION OF PRE-EXISTING INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PRINCIPLES GOVERNING "UNJUST WARS" AND THE CONSEQUENCES THEREOF. IT WAS SIMILAR PRE-EXISTING LEGAL PRINCIPLES WHICH FORMED THE BASIS OF PRESENT DAY RULES ON "WAR CRIMES". "CRIMES AGAINST PEACE AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY" – THEY ALL INCLUDE

THE GENOCIDE CONVENTION OF 1948.

HON. SPEAKER, HON. MEMBERS, THE DEMAND OF OUR PEOPLE FOR REPARATION IS NOT AN ISOLATED AND UNREASONABLE, LET ME TAKE YOU DOWN THROUGH MEMORY LINE.

- Ø 1990 AUSTRIA PAID \$25 MILLION TO HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS JEWISH CLAIM ON AUSTRALIA
- Ø 1990 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PAID \$1,2 BILLION OR 20,000 TO EACH JAPANESE AMERICAN
- Ø 1985 U.S.A PAID \$105 MILLION SIOUX OF SOUTH DAKOTA
- Ø 1985 U.S.A PAID \$12,3 MILLION TO SEMINOLES OF FLORIDA
- Ø 1985 U.S.A PAID \$ MILLIONS TO CHIPPEWAS OF WISCONSIN
- Ø 1988 CANADA PAID \$230 MILLION TO JAPANS CANADIANS
- Ø 1988 CANADA RETURN 250,000 SQ MILES OF LAND TO INDIANS AND ESKIMOS
- Ø 1988-1999 INDIAN GAMING REGULATORY ACT MAKING BILLIONS FOR THE AMERICAN INDIANS
- Ø 1980 U.S.A PAID \$81 MILLION KLAMATHS OF OREGON
- Ø 1971 U.S.A PAID \$ 1 BILLION AND 44 MILLION ACRES OF LAND TO ALASKA NATIVES LAND SETTLEMENT
- Ø 1952 GERMANY PAID \$822 MILLION TO HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS GERMAN JEWISH SETTLEMENT.

HON. SPEAKER, SIR, OUR DEMAND FOR REPARATION IS IN LINE WITH INTERNATIONAL DEMAND, THEREFORE, IT NEEDS OUR COLLECTIVE AND PATRIOTIC SUPPORT AS A NATION.

HON. SPEAKER, HON. MEMBERS, ON A VISIT TO NAMIBIA IN MARCH 1998, THE GERMAN PRESIDENT H.E. PRESIDENT ROMAN HERTZOG DID NOT DENY THAT GERMANY HAS COMMITTED ATROCITIES AGAINST OUR PEOPLE AND OVAHERERO IN PARTICULAR AS MUCH AS HE ADMITTED, HE WENT ON AND SAID THAT TOO MUCH TIME HAD PASSED FOR GERMANY TO GIVE ANY FORMAL APOLOGY FOR SLAUGHTERING OVAHERERO DURING COLONIAL RULES. HE ALSO ADMITTED THAT GERMAN SOLDIERS HAD ACTED INCORRECTLY BETWEEN 1904-8 WHEN ABOUT 85000 MEMBERS OF THE OVAHERERO PEOPLE WERE KILLED FOR OPPOSING COLONIALISM.

BUT ON 14TH AUGUST 2004 DURING THE CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION AT OHAMAKARI, THE GERMAN PARLIAMENTARIAN AND MINISTER OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION HON. HEIDEMARIE WIECZORECK – ZEUL SAID IN HER SPEECH THAT *“THE ATROCITIES COMMITTED AT THE TIME WOULD TO DAY BE TERMED GENOCIDE AND NOWADAYS GERMAN COLONIAL TROOPS UNDER GENERAL LOTHAR VON THROTHA WOULD BE PROSECUTE AND CONVICTED”*.

HON. SPEAKER HON. MEMBERS, THE HON. MINISTER WENT ON AND PLEADED FOR FORGIVENESS AND SAID *“WE GERMANS ACCEPTED OUR HISTORICAL AND MORAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE INJURY INCURRED BY GERMAN AT THE TIME. AND SO IN THE WORDS OF THE LORDS PRAYER, I ASK YOU TO FORGIVE US FOR OUR TRESS PASSES”*

WITHOUT A CONSCIOUS PROCESS OF REMAINING AND WITHOUT SORROW THERE CAN BE NO TRUE RECONCILIATION,REMEMBRANCE IS THE KEY TO RECONCILIATION SHE SAID, REACTING TO THE GERMAN MINISTER APOLOGY THE NAMIBIAN MINISTER OF LANDS, RESETTLEMENT AND REHABILITATION THEN HIFIKEPUNYE POHAMBAMBA URGED THE CROWD PRESENT AT THE EVENT TO ACCEPT THE GERMAN MINISTER’S APOLOGY AND HE SAID *“LET US ACCEPT THIS APOLOGY AS NAMIBIANS. HE STRESSED THAT NAMIBIAN MUST ACCEPT GERMANY’S APOLOGY AND LOOK TO THE FUTURE”*

HON. SPEAKER, THE NAMIBIANS HAS ACCEPTED GERMANY’S APOLOGY AND THEY ARE KNOW CALLING UPON GERMANY TO SIT AROUND THE TABLE WITH US AND TO WORK OUT THE FUTURE TOGETHER, THIS IS OUR DEMAND.

HON, SPEAKER, HON MEMBERS THE GERMAN PRESIDENT ALSO STATED THAT GERMANY HAD SIGNIFICANTLY ASSISTED NAMIBIA FOR YEARS AND HE PLEDGED UNILATERALLY THAT GERMANY WOULD LIVE UP TO ITS SPECIAL HISTORICAL RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD NAMIBIA.

THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD REALIZE THAT THE NAMIBIANS THROUGH THEIR LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT HAS THE RIGHT TO DECIDE FOR THEM, IT IS THEREFORE, CRUCIALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT COME TO TERMS WITH REALITY AND STOP UNDER ESTIMATING THE COLLECTIVE INTELLIGENCE OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLE IN GENERAL AND THE NAMIBIANS IN PARTICULAR.

LET US, AS ELECTED A REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR PEOPLE, COLLECTIVELY ADVISE THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO CONVENE A CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO SET UP AN AGENDA FOR DIALOGUE THAT WOULD BE THE BEST WAY TO SOLVE UNRESOLVED ISSUE.

HON. SPEAKER, HON. MEMBERS IN 1998, RESPONDING CLAIMS BY THE OVAHERERO LEADERS AND THE REASONS WHY NAMIBIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT SUPPORT THEIR DEMAND FOR REPARATION THE RIGHT HON. PRIME MINISTER BY THEN HON. HAGE GEINGOB, SAID THAT “IT WAS WRONG FOR THE OVAHERERO TO DEMAND REPARATION FOR THE OVAHERERO ALONE, AS THEY WERE NOT THE ONLY ONE, WHO WERE AFFECTED BY THE GERMAN ATROCITIES AND THAT ALL NAMIBIANS SUFFERED”.

I AM NOW PRESENTING THIS MOTION TO THIS AUGUST HOUSE, THE NAMIBIAN PARLIAMENT FOR DISCUSSION, DEBATE AND FOR YOUR PATRIOTIC SUPPORT.

HON. SPEAKER, SIR, ALLOW ME TO CONCLUDE BY MENTIONING WHAT EXTERMINATION PROCLAMATION MEAN IN CONCRETE TERMS, LET ME QUOTE FROM THE WITNESS ACCOUNT OF A GERMAN SOLDIER WHO PURSUED THE OVAHERERO THROUGH SANDVELD (OMAHEKE) TO BOTSWANA “*THROUGH THE QUIET NIGHT WE HEARD, IN THE DISTANCE, THE LOWING OF ENORMOUS HERD OF THIRSTY CATTLE, AND A DULL CONFUSED SOUND LIKE THE MOVEMENT OF A WHOLE PEOPLE TO THE EAST THERE WAS A ATLANTICS GROW OF FIRE, AND ENEMY HAD FLED TO THE EAST WITH THEIR WHOLE ENORMOUS MASS WOMEN, CHILDREN AND HERD*

THE NEXT MORNING WE VENTURED TO PURSUE THE ENEMY. THE GROUND WAS TRODDEN WON INTO A FLOOR FOR A WIDTH OF ABOUT 100 YARDS, FOR IN SUCH A BROAD THICK HORDE HAD THE ENEMY AND THEIR CATTLE STORMED ALONG. IN THE PATH OF THEIR FLIGHT LAY BLACKEST, SKINS, AND OSTRICH FEATHERS, HOUSEHOLD UTENSILS, WOMEN'S ORNAMENTS, CATTLE, AND MEN DEAD AND DYING AND STARING BLACKLY.

A NUMBER OF BABIES LAY HELPLESSLY LANGUISHING BY MOTHERS WHOSE BREASTS HUNG DOWN LONG AND FLABBY, OTHERS WERE LAYING ALONE, STILL LIVING, WITH EYES AND NOSE FULL OF FLIES.”

SOMEBODY SENT OUT BLACK DRIVER AND I THINK THEY HELPED THEM TO DIE. ALL THIS LIFE LAY SCATTERED THERE, BOTH MEN AND BEAST, BROKEN IN THE KNEES, HELPLESS, STILL IN AGONY, OR ALREADY MOTION LESS. AT NOON WE HALTED BY WATER HOLES WHICH WERE FILLED TO THE BRIM WITH CORPSES”

HON. SPEAKER, THE PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING REFERRED TO HERE ARE MY GRAND MOTHERS AND GRAND FATHERS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS THE OFF SPRING OF THOSE PEOPLE ARE STILL LIVING IN DIASPORA IN BOTSWANA AND SOUTH AFRICA. THE ONE SIDED SPECIAL INITIATIVE BY THE SELF PROCLAIMED AYATOLLAHS WHO DECIDED TO KILL US IN OUR COUNTRY IN THE FIRST PLACE, NOW ARE DECIDING FOR THEMSELVES WHAT WE ARE WORTH OF.

LET US SUPPORT THE LEGAL POSITION AND DEMAND FOR REPARATION AS I HAVE SPEARHEADED.

I THANK YOU