

Kadhafi's son registers to run for presidency

Seif al-Islam
Kadhafi



TRIPOLI - Seif al-Islam Kadhafi, son of slain Libyan dictator Moamer Kadhafi, registered Sunday to run in December's presidential polls seen as crucial to helping the country turn a page on a decade of conflict.

Libya's first ever direct presidential poll, with a first round on 24 December, is the climax of a process launched last year by the United Nations to draw a line under years of violence since the revolt that toppled Kadhafi in 2011.

"Seif al-Islam Kadhafi submitted... his candidacy for the presidential election to the High National Electoral Commission office in the city of Sebha," a statement by the commission said. It said he had completed "all the required legal conditions", and

that he was also issued with a voter registration card for the southern Sebha district.

Seif al-Islam, long-considered his father's erstwhile heir apparent, was seen registering in traditional robes and headdress. Libya opened registration on Monday for candidates in presidential and parliamentary polls.

Both are slated for 24 December, but in early October, parliament split the dates of the vote by postponing legislative elections until January.

Foreign powers have been pushing hard for both elections to be still held on the same date, as agreed at UN-led talks last year. On Friday, world powers at a

Paris summit repeated that call, saying Libya was at a "crossroads" that would determine its future.

Speculation had been mounting for months over a possible presidential bid by Seif al-Islam, who is wanted by the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity allegedly committed during the 2011 NATO-backed popular revolt.

In July, Seif al-Islam, 49, emerged from years in the shadows and told *The New York Times* he was planning a political comeback. In a rare interview, he said he wanted to "restore the lost unity" of Libya after a decade of chaos and did not exclude standing for the presidency.

"I've been away from the Libyan people for 10 years. You need to

come back slowly, slowly. Like a striptease. You need to play with their minds a little," the paper quoted him as saying.

Until the interview, Seif al-Islam had not been seen or heard from since June 2014, when he appeared via video link from Zintan, in the west of the country, during his trial by a Tripoli court. Four years later, the Tripoli court sentenced him in absentia to death for crimes committed during the revolt.

A rival administration in the east later pardoned Seif al-Islam, but the decision was never confirmed by authorities in Tripoli.

French president Emmanuel Macron hosted world powers in Paris on Friday for an international conference on Libya, in a bid to help turn a new page in its bloody history.

"We urge all Libyan stakeholders and candidates to respect their commitments towards holding elections on 24 December 2021 (and) to accept the results of free, fair and inclusive elections," the powers said in a statement after the talks.

But despite a year of relative peace following a ceasefire between eastern and western camps, the process has been overshadowed by wrangling over the legal basis for the votes and the powers of

whoever wins.

Speculation has also been mounting for months over possible presidential bids by eastern-based military chief Khalifa Haftar.

Former interior minister Fathi Bashagha has confirmed he will run, while others expected to do so include diplomats Aref al-Nayed and Ibrahim Dabbachi, as well as comedian Hatem al-Kour.

Meanwhile, Turkey rebuffed Macron's call on foreign powers to remove their forces from Libya as part of efforts to turn on a page on a decade of strife.

Turkey sent troops as well as pro-Ankara militia units from Syria to shore up the UN-recognised government in Tripoli while Russia and other countries supported the eastern-based strongman Khalifa Haftar.

"If you single out the pulling out of foreign forces... from Libya, as the most important, as the top issue, we believe that is wrong," Turkish president Recep Tayyip Erdogan's top foreign policy adviser Ibrahim Kalin said in an exclusive interview.

"Libya needs support for its political process, the elections, economic issues," he said in reference to presidential polls that world leaders would like to go ahead on 24 December. -Nampal/AFP



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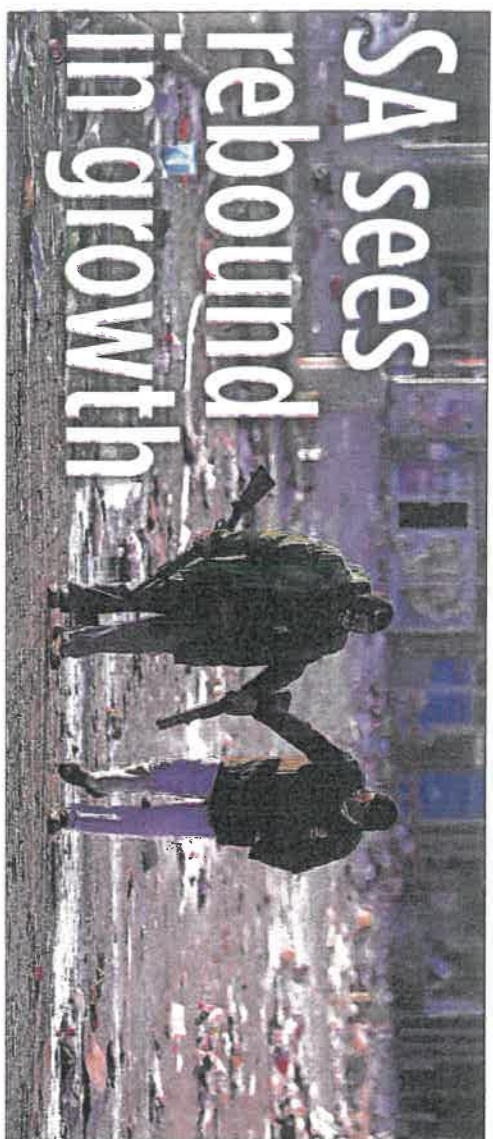
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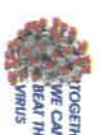
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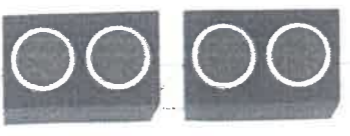
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Gaob Witbooi rejects genocide deal



GIBEON - Chief of the |Khowese Kaptein Hendrik

Ismael Witbooi has rejected the N\$18 billion genocide agreement between Namibia and Germany, saying it does not represent the aspirations of the affected communities.

The traditional leader, shortly after the conclusion of the annual Witbooi Traditional Authority festival in Gibeon said:

"The Namibian government is not interested in the involvement of the leaders of the affected communities... our president [Hage Geingob] is talking about inclusivity but where is the inclusivity? Why are we not included? Why are they talking on our behalf?" Witbooi lamented.

For three days, hundreds thronging to Gibeon, braving unforgiving sun to attend the festival and celebrate their cultural heritage.

Although well-organised, each of the Witbooi factions had an event of their own.

On one hand, is a group led by Ismael Witbooi, on the other, was the faction under the stewardship of his cousin and former Namibian high commissioner to Zambia, Salomon Josephat Witbooi.

The two events were separated by less than two

kilometres, with division clear to the naked eye.

The venues of the two festivals, both commemorated the 116th year since the killing of Kaptein Hendrik |Nanseb Witbooi who led the Nama nation from 1888 to 1905.

"Kaptein Hendrik |Nanseb was having a tough time because by then, the German colonialists were trying to own Namibian borders. It was called German South-West Africa. |Nanseb together with other traditional leaders were trying as much as they could to protect Namibia's territorial integrity," he fondly recalled.

Kaptein Witbooi died in combat, aged 75, and his remains were interred in an unmarked grave, for fear that his body would be exhumed by the enemy.

"The grave, for now, is nowhere to be found. It's highly classified. A time will come when it will be disclosed."

Asked why Kaptein Witbooi's grave cannot be revealed, 166 years down the line, he said: "Because we are still waiting for the extermination order that has been served on him and our people [Nama and Ovaherero] to be withdrawn. We are still fighting for that. It is part of the genocide talks."

He added: "We picked

up a response from Curt von François saying that he has deployed troops to Hornkranz ordering that all the Witboois there must be killed and finished, including the Kaptein."

Post the attack, imperial German forces would return to Hornkranz and planted landmines "so that whoever comes back must be finished." He continued: "There, the Germans attacked our Kaptein whilst sleeping. Children were killed. Women were killed and some men were killed.

Others were detained and taken, some ended up in Cameroon, Germany and all over the world."

Over 100 000 Ovaherero and Nama were killed from 1904 to 1908 as a result of a mass extermination policy initiated by German colonial troops under the leadership of the ruthless general Lothar von Trotha.

The debate on genocide has reached its climax, and continues in the National Assembly, with the House seemingly divided along party lines.

The majority of parliamentarians are pushing for the deal to go through while those in the opposition benches have rejected tentatively. -Nampva

Namibians 'safe and sound' in Ethiopia

■ Kuzeko Tjitemisa

Namibians attached to the country's embassy in Ethiopia are safe and sound amid armed conflict and civil unrest rocking the East African nation.

Ethiopia plunged into political crisis this week after the government declared a national state of emergency as rival Tigray forces threaten to move on the capital. International relations

minister Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah yesterday said she has spoken to Namibia's ambassador to Ethiopia, Emilia Mkusa who informed her staff members are for now "safe and sound".

"I will speak to her later today and give you an update," Nandi-Ndaitwah said. The Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), which has been fighting Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's government for a year, has claimed significant territorial gains in recent days, along with its ally the Oromo Liberation Army (OLA).

In November last year, Ahmed sent troops into the northern region to detain and disarm TPLF whom he accused of attacking army camps.

According to international reports, Odaa Tarbii,

Raw deal... Chief of the |Khowese Kaptein Hendrik Ismael Witbooi (standing). Photo: Nampva

Govt nets N\$400m from fish auction

■ Eveline de Klerk

WALVIS BAY - Treasury has raked in about N\$408 million, following a governmental objective quota auction held in June this year.

Finance minister Iipumbu Shiimi on Tuesday said the outcome of the latest auction was an indication that government could realise huge profits if the process is done correctly.

Government in June this year made 15 948 metric tons of hake, 87 500 MT of horse mackerel and 392 MT of monk available on auction to the highest local and international bidders.

The remainder of the horse mackerel quota, 27 000 MT, was offered to the Democratic Republic of Congo, which paid N\$85 million for the quota.

Briefing the National Assembly on the proceeds of the sale, Shiimi said the hake quota generated N\$189 million, horse mackerel N\$214 million and monk N\$4.3 million.

Shiimi said the latest outcome has convinced government that auctioning remains the appropriate

method of exploiting the quota allocated for governmental objectives. "As you would recall, government decided to sell the fish quota through a competitive auction to the highest bidder.

The aim was to determine the correct value of Namibia's fishery resources with the view to ensure that the country fully benefits from her natural resources," Shiimi said.

He added that government after the first unsuccessful first auction last year, went back to the drawing board to fine-tune the process.

"The finance and fisheries ministries conducted the auctions.

The fisheries ministry consulted with the industry while the embassies were also used to invite interested international bidders to partake in the fishing quota auction," Shiimi explained.

According to Shiimi, bidders were required to provide bid deposits or bank guarantees to avoid speculative bids that distorted the auction held during 2020.

"Therefore, the tender invitation required prospective participants to either make a deposit equivalent to the reserve price or to provide a bank guarantee equivalent to the bid price multiplied by the number of metric tons applied for," the minister said.

The proceeds from the auction is expected to fund the government priorities, especially in the health sector, which needs additional funds to combat Covid-19.

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