



Matter of Fact

On 21 May 2024, The Namibian published an article titled *'I want to see the 'political' graves of Itula, Venaani here – Nekundi'*.

We would like to clarify that Nekundi' said *"democratic graves"* and not political graves. He also called on SWAPO Party members not to resort to violence means as a way to resolve political differences. In this context, he implored SWAPO Party members to instead use democratic means i.e voting to deal with the opposition. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Media Ombudsman's Note:

Having listened to the voice recording and the transcript of Mr. Nekundi's speech I find no evidence of incitement of violence and/or hate speech. The use of the word 'grave' was metaphorical and not to incite violence. This becomes clear from listening to the entire speech to appreciate the context. The article falls short in this regard and resort to selective factual reportage. This is highly regrettable. This Namibian is hereby strongly reprimanded to desist from such practices.

Conciliated by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John B. Nakuta", written in a cursive style.

John B. Nakuta (them/they/theirs)
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