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WINDHOEK, ONE WEEK IN BEIJING: THE FAMILY'S PARTNER, A PARTY INSIDER, A SECRET CONTRACT

1. On Friday, **10 July 2026**, in Beijing, the President witnessed a signing the Presidency calls "*a practical step towards Namibia's industrialisation and economic transformation.*" The President, on video, goes further and describes the agreement between **Okaparwa Investment CC** and **Sany Energy Equipment Co Ltd**, part of China's SANY group of companies, as binding.
2. Yet, no Namibian has been told who **Okaparwa** is, what it contributes, where the factory will stand, what the deal is worth, or what a "**binding**" agreement commits anyone to, and as of the date of this statement, no Chinese source, including SANY itself, has announced the signing at all. The IPC rejects, in full, the suggestion that Namibians should applaud a document they are not allowed to read.



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3. Here is what the record actually shows. The Namibian party registered as **Okaparwa Investments CC**, registration **CC/2023/06510** came into existence on **1 August 2023**. It has **no website, no listed telephone number, no published address and no record of a single completed project anywhere in the public domain**.
4. Procurement records available to the IPC indicate that within weeks of its registration, this same close corporation stood beside a subsidiary of the **China National Nuclear Corporation** in a failed bid for NamPower's N\$1.4 billion Rosh Pinah solar tender.
5. SANY itself has operated in Namibia since **2022** through SANY Equipment Namibia (Pty) Ltd, yet for a venture blessed by the Head of State, it chose a partner with no footprint. Not one **environmental** application for the promised factory appears on the Environmental Commissioner's public register.
6. The question remains, who signed for this company nobody can find? Information reaching the IPC, which the Presidency can confirm or deny in a single sentence, is that, the individual who signed for Okaparwa in Beijing is **a prominent SWAPO youth leader serving as personal assistant to a Regional Governor appointed by the President herself**.



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7. If that is correct, then a serving official of the State, carried on the ruling party's youth ticket, signed a private **“binding”** agreement beside the Head of State and the nation has been told neither his name, nor his employer, nor who authorised a public servant to bind a private venture under presidential witness. The Presidency published the photographs of the ceremony. Let it publish the signatures.
8. Now set the week's diary side by side. In June, IPC president Dr Panduleni Itula raised the reported **N\$612 million** solar arrangement between members of the President's family's company, Massaus Investments CC, in which the President's sons are, by their own public statements, the owners, on a farm reportedly owned by the President and the First Gentleman and the Chinese-owned Sinomine Tsumeb smelter.
9. Lawful and private, the family insists; the disclosure questions were never answered. On Wednesday, **9 July 2026**, in Beijing, **the President met Sinomine Resources Group itself, behind closed doors.**
10. On Friday, **10 July 2026**, she witnessed **the Okaparwa signing and called it binding.** In one week, the President's diary crossed the Chinese group her family's company does business with and the Chinese principal of a



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politically connected shell and the terms of neither meeting have been disclosed.

11. Do not take the IPC's word for the smell of this trip. The Namibia Local Business Association said it in public on the day of the signing: the President is **“surrounded by people thinking with stomachs”**, the words of NALOBA vice-president Peter Amadhila, whose members were excluded from the delegation, who were never consulted, and who called it shameful that businesspeople were meeting their own President for the first time on Chinese soil.
12. **Two hundred** people flew to Beijing under the national flag. The Presidency refuses to publish their names. Who went, who paid, whose company got a seat at a signing table and whose, like NALOBA's members, stayed home?
13. The **China-Namibia** joint statement of **10 July 2026**, released in full by Chinese state media, commits the two countries to cooperation on **“personnel training, military industry, and joint exercises and training”**, and describes the relationship between the Communist Party of China and SWAPO as a **“model of China—Africa party-to-party cooperation”** to be deepened further.



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14. Namibians learned of their country's new military-industrial commitments, and of their ruling party's deepening bond with a foreign ruling party written into a document of State, from Chinese state media and not from their own government. The itemised list of the eight documents signed in Namibia's name has, to this day, been published in neither capital.

WHAT BEIJING'S TEXT COMMITS NAMIBIA TO:

First, our soldiers. Namibia's defence force was committed to “military industry” cooperation and joint exercises with a foreign power in a communiqué Namibians read in Chinese without one hour of debate in the National Assembly. A military that runs on another country's equipment, spares and training answers, in the end, to that country's leverage. Our non-alignment, the shield of every small state, was placed at risk in writing.

Second, our democracy. The joint statement celebrates the relationship between the **Communist Party of China and SWAPO** as a “**model**” to be deepened. The State belongs to every Namibian; this text gives one party a foreign patron and every other Namibian the bill. Cadre training, funded exchanges and “experience sharing” flow to the party Namibians are entitled to vote out, a **structural subsidy to incumbency**, written into a document of State.



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Third, our soil. The statement deepens cooperation on space tracking stations, inherently, dual-use strategic infrastructure on Namibian ground, governed by paperwork Parliament has never seen, with no published access or oversight rights for Namibia. We become a node in another power's strategic network, and we inherit its rivalries without acquiring its protections.

Fourth, our harbour. Walvis Bay, Namibia's single most strategic economic asset and the region's Atlantic outlet is committed as a “**gateway**” on terms nobody has published. **Financing conditions, concessions and priority access** are where control of a port quietly changes hands, and a nation does not get its harbour back.

Fifth, our minerals. Uranium, lithium and rare earths are steered toward a single buyer that already takes the overwhelming bulk of our uranium, while the Tsumeb smelter, under Chinese ownership, halted operations and cut Namibian jobs even as its slag holds export-controlled **germanium**. A country that signs away its minerals in secret is rehearsing how it will sign away its oil.

The IPC does not oppose Chinese investment, and we welcome the zero-tariff access for Namibian produce, the one commitment in Beijing's text that could put money in a farmer's pocket. We will hold the government to delivering it. Our objection is to commitments of soldiers, sovereignty,



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harbours and minerals made in our name, disclosed by a foreign capital, and hidden by our own.

15. The people entitled to answers are the young Namibians, this announcement was aimed at the school-leavers in Tsumeb, Rehoboth and Rosh Pinah who are told, again, that jobs are coming, without a single number, site or date attached. A promise with no location, no value and no timeline is not a jobs plan; it is a press release.

Namibia is all we have

Namibia is not for sale

We must and can save it!

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