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The opposition Landless People's Movement (LPM) party organises a demonstration of about 400 protestors against the genocide pact negotiated with Germany before parliament debates it. Outgoing Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) chairperson Notemba Tjipueja says the institution has begun the process to become fully independent. Namibia Statistics Agency consumer price index (CPI) data reveals that inflation in Namibia slowed to 3.4% in August, on the back of a 4% increase in prices seen in July. The government is reportedly drafting a law that would make the advertisement, promotion and sponsorship of alcohol and other dependence-inducing substances illegal in the country. President Hage Geingob (2015-present) announces further easing of Covid-19 restrictions following a decline in new Covid-19 infections over the past month amid debate over mandatory Covid-19 vaccination and "vaccine passports".

Protesters storm parliament during genocide agreement debate

The **Landless People's Movement (LPM)** party organised a demonstration of about 400 protesters outside parliament on 21 September. The **National Assembly** was due to debate an agreement reached with the **German** government on reparations for the genocide Germany committed against the **Ovaherero** and **Nama** people in 1904-1908 during its colonial occupation.¹ The LPM said on 16 September that it would organise the march to voice its disapproval of the deal and the ruling **South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO)**, which is expected to use its majority of 63 parliamentarians in the national assembly to pass the agreement that **Namibia** has finalised with Germany regarding the 1904-1908 genocide.

Germany has agreed to pay N\$18 billion (\$1.3 billion) in financial support to descendants of the victims for a period of 30 years. The financial package has received fierce criticism from various civil society organisations, affected communities and opposition parties, which claim they were not consulted, while activists reject the offer as insufficient.² The LPM describes the agreement as *"a heinous and scandalous deal"*.³ The **Ovaherero, Ovambanderu and Nama Council for Dialogue (ONCD)** held a public briefing before parliament's sitting on 21 September, claiming that the agreement compensatory amount is *"tantamount to selling the blood, suffering and souls of [our] ancestors for money"*.⁴

Parliament security and police initially blocked the entrance to the parliament courtyard, forcing protesters to wait outside as they carried placards reading *"Say no to the fake genocide deal"*, *"Blood of our ancestors was not in vain"*, and *"Proper reparations now"*.⁵ Opposition **Popular Democratic Movement (PDM)** leader **McHenry Venaani**, LPM leader **Bernadus Swartbooi** and opposition **National Unity Democratic Organisation (NUDO)** secretary general **Joseph Kauandenge** led their followers to jump over the locked parliament gates and storm the parliament building.

¹ Aljazeera, 21 Sep 2021

² Namibian, 17 Sep 2021

³ Landless People's Movement Statement, 16 Sep 2021

⁴ Namibian, 22 Sep 2021

⁵ Aljazeera, 21 Sep 2021

In parliament, defence minister **Frans Kapofi** read a statement on his intention to submit the deal, describing it as “*an achievement, of some measure, to get the Federal Republic of Germany accepting responsibility*” for the genocide.⁶ Kapofi noted that the government had raised concerns about the reparation amount with Germany and that “*an improvement of the terms of reparations, particularly on quantum, is not out of the question*”. Speaker of parliament **Peter Katjavivi** accepted that the agreement be submitted, but adjourned the session before the agreement was tabled. Members of parliament pointed out that they do not have access to the joint declaration and need to study its contents at the discussion continues.⁷

Electoral Commission begins process to become fully independent...

Outgoing **Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN)** chairperson **Notemba Tjipueja** said on 16 September that the institution has begun the process that will make it fully independent.⁸ Namibia is the only member country of **Southern African Development Community (SADC)** whose electoral commission receives its entire budget from the government.⁹ Tjipueja said there is a need to delink the ECN from various ministries, government offices and agencies, as the manner in which electoral bodies operate is an important driver of public perception of electoral integrity:

*“The present reality is that the independence of the Electoral Commission espoused in the Namibian constitution and reinforced in the **Electoral Act**, is not given practical effect and meaning, looking at the current institutional arrangements and the working relationship between ECN and other state institutions.”¹⁰*

Tjipueja said statutory independence should be operationalised in all spheres of the institution. The ECN has already undertaken an exercise to ensure that institutional, financial, and administrative independence is achieved, as enshrined in both the constitution and the electoral commission.¹¹

The ECN has requested assistance from the **International Institution for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA)** to provide technical assistance and resources to conduct a study that will aid the electoral body to gain full independence while maintaining a cordial relationship with other government entities.¹² Tjipueja said she and her team met with President **Hage Geingob** (2015-present) on 2 September to recommend how to strengthen the ECN’s operations and ensure its independence. Geingob noted that the ECN could never be fully independent due to overlapping government processes that ensure the electoral body’s operations.¹³ Even if the ECN is allowed to be fully independent, the executive and the National Assembly still need to approve its budget. However, Geingob said that does not mean government will interfere in the ECN’s operations.

The ECN has been a source of controversy in recent months. President Geingob called for an “*urgent*” sitting of parliament on 27-28 July to consider the presidential nominees for the positions of commissioner and deputy commissioner of the ENC and director general and deputy director of the **Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC)** (see *ARC Briefing Namibia August 2021*).¹⁴ SWAPO capitalised on the absence of suspended LPM members Bernadus Swartbooi and **Henny Seibeb** in the days before the **Supreme Court** overturned their parliamentary

⁶ Aljazeera, 21 Sep 2021

⁷ Namibian, 22 Sep 2021

⁸ Africa Press, 16 Sep 2021

⁹ Namibian, 3 Sep 2021

¹⁰ Africa Press, 16 Sep 2021

¹¹ New Era, 17 Sep 2021

¹² Africa Press, 16 Sep 2021

¹³ Namibian, 3 Sep 2021

¹⁴ Namibian, 30 Jul 2021

suspension to push through new ECN and ACC appointments.¹⁵ Critics allege that the appointments are unconstitutional amid claims that the independence of the ACC is being eroded. However, acting **High Court** judge **Collins Parker** ruled on 31 August that the decision by the national assembly to approve the appointments of ACC director general **Paulus Noa** and his deputy, **Erna van der Merwe**, for five years will remain in force after opposition parties failed in their bid to overturn a parliamentary session at which the decision was taken.¹⁶

SWAPO secretary general **Sophia Shaningwa** also spoke out on 20 September against the ECN after it admitted guilt with regard to irregularities detected in the November 2020 **Ndonga Linena** local constituency elections.¹⁷ Shaningwa accused the ECN of a “*choreographed attempt*” to tarnish SWAPO's reputation. The high court on 13 September declared the outcome of that election null and void and ordered the ECN to conduct a recount of the ballots cast.¹⁸ On 20 September, the ENC identified 23 September as the date on which the vote recount for Ndonga Linena constituency would be carried out. The next round of local and regional elections are scheduled for 2025.

Inflation slows to 3.4% in August

Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) consumer price index (CPI) data released on 16 September reveals that inflation in Namibia slowed to 3.4% in August, on the back of a 4% increase in prices seen in July.¹⁹ Deflationary pressure in certain categories led to a lower inflation print during the month.²⁰ Transport, food and non-alcoholic beverages accounted for most of the rise in prices recorded in August. Inflation of food and non-alcoholic beverages decreased from 6.1% in July to 5.2% in August, while prices for transport dropped by 1.6% in August.²¹

According to economist **Theo Klein** from wealth management firm **Simonis Storm Securities**, four out of twelve categories that comprise Namibia's consumer price index recorded monthly percentage changes.²² These include water and electricity, transport, food, and alcohol and tobacco. Klein noted that due to the index weights and associated negative price growth recorded in the transport and alcohol & tobacco categories (with a combined weight of 36.8%), the positive price growth registered in the food and water & electricity categories (combined weight of 40.4%) were outweighed, subsequently pulling down the annual inflation rate.²³

Researchers from financial analytic firm **IJG-Research** warned that while the August inflation rate is in line with their forecast, risks remain with the **Covid-19** delta variant still expected to slow economic growth.²⁴ This is coupled with microchip shortages affecting global supply of technology products, new vehicles and rising shipping costs. IJG also noted that,

“[S]ignificant price shocks are unlikely to materialise in short term given that businesses are unlikely to raise prices as consumer confidence and disposable income both remain low.”²⁵

IJG forecasts Namibia's inflation to average 3.4% in 2021 and 3% in 2022.²⁶ Simonis Storm Securities maintains its annual inflation forecast at 3.5% for 2021.

¹⁵ Namibian, 30 Jul 2021

¹⁶ all Africa, 1 Sep 2021

¹⁷ Namibian Sun, 20 Sep 2021

¹⁸ New Era, 13 Sep 2021

¹⁹ Namibia Economist, 16 Sep 2021

²⁰ Namibian, 17 Sep 2021

²¹ all Africa, 16 Sep 2021

²² Namibia Economist, 16 Sep 2021

²³ Namibia Economist, 16 Sep 2021

²⁴ all Africa, 16 Sep 2021

²⁵ all Africa, 16 Sep 2021

²⁶ all Africa, 16 Sep 2021

Ban on alcohol advertising looms

The government of Namibia is reportedly drafting a law that could make the advertisement, promotion and sponsorship of alcohol and other dependence-inducing substances illegal in the country.²⁷ According to local publication **The Namibian**, the draft bill entitled **The Prevention and Treatment of Substance Use Act** is aimed at curbing the negative impact of certain highly addictive substances that affect mental performance and cause changes in behaviour, mood, feelings, thoughts or behaviour.²⁸ The draft law proposes the creation of a **National Drug Control Commission** and regional substance use control forums, tasked with registering all service providers of distributing substances under the proposed law.

The association of commercial alcohol producers, **Self-Regulating Alcohol Industry Forum (SAIF)**, has raised objections about some parts of the bill, particularly sections restricting the promotion and advertisement of its products.²⁹ SAIF coordinator **Horst Heimstadt** said if passed, the draft bill could have far-reaching negative impact on the alcohol and advertising sectors. He objected to the government's grouping together of alcohol and illegal substances, saying that if passed in its current format, the draft law could affect various sectors such as youth development and sports that rely on sponsorships and other support from alcohol producers and distributors. Heimstadt said the alcohol industry is already doing well in its public campaigns to curb alcohol abuse, but noted it could do more:

"While the formal industry, through SAIF and individual organisations, has over the years contributed substantially in addressing issues such as driving under the influence of alcohol, marketing practices, underage drinking, and the general promotion of the responsible use of alcohol, there is a collective understanding within the industry that we need to do more."³⁰

Geingob eases Covid restrictions amid debate over vaccination mandates

President Hage Geingob announced a further easing of Covid-19 restrictions on 14 September, due to a decline in Covid-19 cases over the past month. Health minister **Kalumbi Shangula** noted on 7 September that there had been a significant drop in the number of new infections, hospitalisation and deaths in Namibia.³¹ However, Geingob said the **Omaheke** region remains a concern, as recorded cases are high.

Geingob noted that Namibia's Covid-19-related death rate decreased by 85% over the last month and that 9% of the country's 2.49 million people are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 since the vaccination campaign began at the end of March.³² At least 15.1% of eligible Namibians have received a first dose of Covid-19 vaccine.³³ However, Geingob said the country is still far from achieving the 60% target of herd immunity by March 2022.³⁴ Geingob encouraged more Namibians to get vaccinated but reiterated that vaccination remains voluntary. However, he noted that while individuals have rights, these end where another's rights begin:

²⁷ Namibian, 16 Sep 2021

²⁸ Namibian, 16 Sep 2021

²⁹ Namibian, 16 Sep 2021

³⁰ Namibian, 16 Sep 2021

³¹ New Era, 7 Sep 2021

³² Namibian, 14 Sep 2021

³³ New Era, 14 Sep 2021

³⁴ Namibian, 14 Sep 2021

*"We all have rights, but we all have duties, too. So if I am saying take care of yourself ... and you say 'I have a right to go around and kill myself', if you come to my establishment I will stop you, because I also have rights there."*³⁵

Attorney general **Festus Mbandeka** said on 15 September that while the constitution allows for individual freedoms, they are subject to certain restrictions that are reasonable in terms of the law, and introducing additional measures may be necessary to encourage vaccination, since uptake is still low. Businesses have the right to enforce mandatory vaccination against Covid-19, provided they can substantiate their decision in line with the provisions of labour law.³⁶ Mbandeka said that employees can opt to use a provision of labour law that states that businesses must provide employees and customers with a safe and healthy environment.³⁷ Mbandeka further said that labour law requires employees to protect people they come into contact with in the course of their work. Mbandeka said these requirements are necessary and reasonable and may not be found unconstitutional.

Mandatory vaccination and so-called "*vaccine passports*" are nevertheless a contentious issue. **Alliance of Christian Churches in Namibia** spokesperson **Dolly Nengushe** said on 14 September that the prospect of mandatory Covid-19 vaccine passports brings back "*terrible memories*" of the apartheid regime that discriminated between races and prohibited people of particular races in certain public spaces.³⁸ A local resident described the difficulty in enforcing vaccine passports when few Namibians are fully vaccinated:

*"Very many Namibians are still highly sceptical about vaccines. If businesses enforce vaccination mandates for workers and customers, I want to see how only 9% of the Namibian population that are vaccinated will keep businesses afloat."*³⁹

As of 22 September, Namibia has recorded a total of 126,900 cases of Covid-19 in its population of 2.5 million, with 122,208 recoveries and 3,472 Covid-19-related deaths.⁴⁰

In terms of the latest restrictions, curfew is in effect from 11pm to 4am, while public gatherings and sport events are permitted but limited to 150 people per event.⁴¹ Restaurants and bars are allowed to operate but must close by 10.30pm. Holders of off-site licences can make alcohol sales from 9am until 10pm Mondays to Fridays and on Saturdays from 9am to 1pm, while on-site licence holders can sell liquor from 9am until 10pm Monday to Saturday; and on-site consumption licence holders are allowed to sell alcohol with meals seven days a week.⁴² Burials must take place within 10 days. The new measures will be enforced from 16 September to 15 October.

³⁵ Namibian, 15 Sep 2021

³⁶ Namibian, 15 Sep 2021

³⁷ Namibian, 15 Sep 2021

³⁸ Namibian, 14 Sep 2021

³⁹ ARC source, local resident.

⁴⁰ Worldometers, 22 Sep 2021

⁴¹ New Era, 14 Sep 2021

⁴² New Era, 14 Sep 2021

Planner

23 Sep 2021 **Ndonga Linena (Namibia)** Vote recount for **Ndonga Linena** constituency;

End of Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)** Completion of **Hosea Kutako International Airport (HKIA)** congestion alleviation project;

18-19 Oct 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)** The **Bank of Namibia (BoN)** (central bank) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meets;

20 Oct 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)** The **Bank of Namibia (BoN)** (central bank) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) announces results of MPC meeting;

8 Dec 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)** The **Bank of Namibia (BoN)** (central bank) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) announces results of MPC meeting;

March 2022 **Windhoek (Namibia)** Date set by President **Hage Geingob** for Namibia to achieve the requisite 60% target of herd immunity against SARS-Cov-2.

Chronology

22 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *The Namibian*. President **Hage Geingob** says for countries such as Namibia to have successful vaccination campaigns, 'vaccine apartheid' should be eliminated;

21 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)** *New Era*. The opposition **Landless People's Movement** and other opposition parties, as well as descendants from survivors of the 1904 genocide, march to parliament to deliver a petition objecting to the genocide pact between Namibia and **Germany**, where **Popular Democratic Movement (PDM)** leader **McHenry Venaani** addressed the protestors;

21 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)** *Namibia Economist*. The ministry of labour, industrial relations and employment creation retrenched 13,682 employees between January 2020 and 30 June 2021;

21 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)** *Namibia Economist*. Namibia recorded a decrease in electricity generation of about 69.2% from 2020 to 2021, mainly due to the 85.7% reduction in electricity generation by the **Ruacana** power station in July 2021;

20 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)** *New Era*. Fisheries minister **Derek Klazen** announces Namibia government and the **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)** are on the verge of signing an historic agreement that will see Namibia receiving N\$84m (\$5.6m) in exchange for 27,300 tons of horse mackerel, part of the government objective quota;

20 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *Namibian Sun*. A donation of 200,000 doses of the **AstraZeneca** covid-19 vaccine donated by the **German** government is expected to arrive in Namibia on 22 September;

20 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *The Namibian*. The **Access to Information Bill** is reintroduced in the national assembly for discussion, following its initial tabling early last year;

20 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)** *New Era*. **Botswana** defence minister **Kagiso Mmusi** says **Gaborone** will not refuse to repatriate any Namibians who were killed in the past along the mutual borders it shares with Namibia;

20 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *Namibian Sun*. Ruling party **Southwest Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO)** secretary general **Sophia Shaningwa** speaks out against the **Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN)** after it admitted guilt with regards to irregularities detected in the **Ndonga Linena** constituency elections;

20 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)** *New Era*. The **Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN)** identifies 23 September as the date for the **Ndonga Linena** constituency vote recount;

20 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *Namibian Sun*. Government concedes that some entities have failed to honour their borrowing commitments, such as national carrier **Air Namibia**, for which the government recently had to chip in with N\$1.6 billion (\$107m);

20 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *The Namibian*. Namibia's largest mobile telecommunications company, **MTC Namibia**, releases the prospectus for its expected listing on the **Namibian Stock Exchange**, where MTC shares will be sold for N\$8,50 (\$0.57) per share, with a minimum of 200 shares to be applied for;

19 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *The Namibian*. President **Hage Geingob** departs for the **United Nations (UN)** assembly in **New York** despite the **United States (US)** call for virtual attendance;

19 Sep 2021 **Etosha (Namibia)**. *The Namibian*. Environment, forestry and tourism ministry spokesperson **Romeo Muyunda** confirms that fires in **Etosha National Park** destroyed 300,000 hectares of vegetation on 17 September but no large wild animals are known to have been killed in the veld fires;

19 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *The Namibian*. Rail parastatal **TransNamib** is reportedly planning to retrench about 340 of its employees, nearly a quarter of its current workforce;

19 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *New Era*. Completion of the N\$250m (\$16.7m) **Hosea Kutako International Airport (HKIA)** congestion alleviation project is set for the end of September;

17 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *New Era* A group of businesspeople asks President **Hage Geingob** to declare an economic state of emergency as many businesses are under severe strain and many others have closed while public institutions are unresponsive;

17 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *The Namibian*. The cabinet has in principle approved the drafting of an amendment bill to the **Income Tax Act**, which will allow a transition period of five years for existing manufacturing incentives;

17 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *The Namibian*. Namibia recorded deflation on a monthly basis for the first time in August;

17 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *The Namibian*. Opposition **Landless People's Movement (LPM)** alleges that **Southwest Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO)** will use its majority of 63 parliamentarians in the national assembly to vote in favour of the agreement Namibia has finalised with **Germany** regarding the 1904-1908 genocide;

17 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *The Namibian*. Public enterprises minister **Leon Jooste** extends the term of the temporary board of the **National Fishing Corporation of Namibia (Fishcor)** for another three months;

17 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *New Era*. The **Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN)** has started the process that would make the institution fully independent;

16 Sep 2021 **Swakopmund (Namibia)**. *New Era*. Namibia and **Botswana** close their final **Joint Permanent Commission on Defence and Security in Swakopmund**, with the commission elevated to a bi-national commission (BNC) that the two countries' presidents will chair;

16 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *The Namibian*. The **Agricultural Bank of Namibia (Agribank)** reports it disbursed loans totalling N\$217m (\$14.5m) between April 2020 and March 2021, benefiting 1,301 farmers;

16 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)** *Namibia Economist*. **Namibian Statistics Agency** data shows Namibia's inflation slowed to 3.4% in August on the back of a 4% increase in prices seen in July;

16 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *The Namibian*. Government is drafting a law that could make the advertisement, promotion, and sponsorship of alcohol and other dependence-inducing substances in Namibia illegal;

15 Sep 2021 **Kunene (Namibia)**. *The Namibian*. Social and healthcare workers in the **Kunene** region say convincing rural communities to get vaccinated against covid-19 is a challenge as many believe they will die if they are vaccinated;

15 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *New Era*. Health minister **Kalumbi Shangula** says Namibia has procured enough covid-19 vaccines and continues to increase the availability and accessibility to its population to boost the vaccination campaign;

15 Aug 2021 **Mangalia (Romania)**. *The Namibian*. The world's largest and Namibia's new N\$7 billion (\$470m) diamond recovery vessel, **Debmarine**, has departed from **Romania** on its month-long maiden voyage to **Cape Town (South Africa)**, where it will be fitted with mission equipment before beginning operations off Namibia's coast early next year;

15 Aug 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *New Era*. Increasing global mineral commodity prices are expected to boost Namibia's mining industry and increase government revenue from the extractive sector;

15 Aug 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *New Era*. The national assembly has defended the manner in which the parliamentary committee on privileges handled the investigations against **Landless People's Movement** leaders **Bernadus Swartbooi** and **Henny Seibeb**;

15 Aug 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *New Era*. Analysts argue that despite government efforts to ensure access to covid-19 vaccines, the uptake among Namibians remains worryingly low, effectively scuppering the full reopening of the country;

14 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *The Namibian*. President **Hage Geingob** confirms that the entire cabinet has been vaccinated against Covid-19, with the exception of one minister;

14 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *The Namibian*. The domestic rental market is back to pre-covid-19 averages;

14 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)** *Namibia Economist*. President **Hage Geingob** says covid-19 vaccinations in Namibia remain voluntary amid broad discussions on various platforms about mandatory vaccination including by private employees;

14 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *The Namibian*. Health and social services minister **Kalumbi Shangula** says his ministry is performing mathematical modelling to predict whether there will be a fourth wave of Covid-19 infections while government is increasing its campaign to boost vaccination take-up;

14 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)** *New Era*. Health minister **Kalumbi Shangula** announces that government will take delivery of 108,000 doses of the **Johnson and Johnson** covid-19 vaccine, procured through the **African Vaccine Acquisition Trust**;

14 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *The Namibian*. **Dolly Nengushe** of the **Alliance of Christian Churches in Namibia** says that carrying mandatory covid-19 vaccine passports brings back disturbing memories of the apartheid regime that discriminated between races and prohibited people of particular races in certain public spaces;

14 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *New Era*. President **Hage Geingob** announces more relaxed

covid-19 measures for the next month, as the covid-19 death rate has declined by 85% over the last month and 9% of the population has been fully vaccinated, with 15.1% having received their first doses, still far from the requisite 60% target of herd immunity for March 2022;

13 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *The Namibian*. The **FirstRand Namibia Group** has returned to the billion-dollar profit-making entities category for the 2021 financial year, and for shareholders, this comes with a N\$2,12 (\$0.14) per share dividend;

13 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *The Namibian*. **Anti-Corruption Commission** director general **Paulus Noa** says pursuit of a mysterious fortune of N\$1 billion (\$67m) in a **Kazakhstan** bank account allegedly linked to the **Fishrot** corruption cases has run cold;

13 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *New Era*. **All People's Party (APP)** secretary general **Vinsent Kanyetu** says the ministry of labour must wake up to ensure that laws are implemented fully by **Chinese** business people who are accused of abusing Namibians;

13 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *The Namibian*. Electoral Court orders the **Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN)** to recount votes cast in November's regional council election in the **Ndonga Linena** constituency in **Kavango East** and sets aside the announcement of the election result;

11 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *The Namibian*. Former deputy prime minister and **Southwest Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO)**'s deputy secretary general **Marco Hausiku** is buried at the **Heroes acre** in **Windhoek**;

10 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)** *Namibia Economist*. Environment, tourism, and forestry minister **Pohamba Shifeta** says his ministry has identified the need for the tourism sector to develop and promote unique products relating to gastronomy, astrotourism, agro-tourism, heritage, cultural tourism, and village tourism to grow the sector and associated tourism industries;

10 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *The Namibian*. **Namibia Statistics Agency** reports that Namibia's exports dropped by almost 50% to N\$4.8 billion (\$322m) in July from N\$9,4 billion (\$631m) in June;

10 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)** *Namibia Economist*. The country's most prominent labour federation, the **National Union of Namibian Workers (NUNW)**, and the largest employers' organisation, the **Namibian Employers Federation (NEF)**, agree that mandatory employee vaccinations against Covid-19 is a "no-go" area;

9 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *New Era*. A parliamentary committee finds opposition **Landless People's Movement** leaders **Bernadus Swartbooi** and **Henny Seibeb** guilty of misconduct following investigations into their actions that brought the joint sitting of parliament to a standstill while President **Hage Geingob** delivered his annual state of the nation address on 15 April;

8 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)** *Minister of international relations and cooperation*. Deputy prime minister and minister of international relations and cooperation, **Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah**, leads a delegation to **Cairo (Egypt)** to participate in the **International Cooperation Forum (Egypt-ICF)** under the patronage of Egypt's President **Abdel Fattah El Sisi**;

8 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *New Era*. The liquidated national carrier **Air Namibia** owes the Receiver of Revenue N\$700m (\$47m), amid a pending inquiry into the formation and affairs of the former national airline;

7 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *New Era*. Health minister **Kalumbi Shangula** acknowledges the decline in covid-19 cases over the past month, saying there has been a large drop in the number of new infections, hospitalisation and deaths in Namibia;

6 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *New Era*. At a press briefing in **Windhoek**, government-recognised traditional leaders gather again to state their position and reaffirm their disappointment with the terms of the genocide pact the government agreed upon with **Germany**;

6 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *New Era*. Major players in Namibia's dairy industry warn of the imminent collapse of the entire sector, and request government to consider mechanisms to save jobs and businesses;

6 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)**. *New Era*. The **World Health Organization** lists Namibia as one of the countries in **Africa** that will miss the global goal of vaccinating the most vulnerable 10% of the population against Covid-19 by the end of September;

2 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)** *Namibia Economist*. The **Agricultural Bank of Namibia (Agribank)** reports solid financial results for a fifth consecutive year despite the uncertainties brought by the covid-19 pandemic;

2 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)** *Namib Times*. The health ministry announces that Namibia received 15,000 doses of the **Russia**-manufactured **Sputnik V** covid-19 vaccine, a donation from the government of **Serbia**;

2 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)** *Namibia Economist*. Prominent two-hotel complex, **Safari Hotels and Conference Centre**, has become the first property in Namibia to join the portfolio of the **French** multinational hospitality company, **Accor Group**;

2 Sep 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)** *Namibia Economist*. The mines and energy ministry will now be accepting new mineral rights applications, following the lapse of the suspension that had been placed between 18 November to 17 August;

30 Aug 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)** *Namibia Economist*. The mines and energy ministry announces that the price of petrol will increase by 60 cents (\$0.040) per litre and that of diesel by 30 cents (\$0.020) per litre, on 1 September;

25 Aug 2021 **Windhoek (Namibia)** *Namibia Economist*. **National Planning Commission** director general **Obeth Kandjoze** and **Germany's** federal research minister, **Anja Karliczek**, agree to establish a hydrogen partnership between Germany and Namibia and sign a joint communiqué of intent in **Windhoek** and **Berlin**.

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