



Hereros, die von den deutschen Schutztruppen in die Wüste getrieben und ausgehungert wurden

SOLIDARITY SUPPORT FOR NGO's IN GERMANY

By

Chief Kuaima Riruako and Chief Aletha Karikondua Nguvauva on 26 March
2014

We - the undersigned Traditional Leaders of our Traditional Authorities, namely the Ovaherero Traditional Authority and the Ovambanderu Traditional Authority, do hereby write to you, the organisers of this event, to convey to you all, our sincere and unflinching solidarity support for your stand against the placing of the monument in the Marburg-Bortshausen which glorifies the "Marburg Jager.

To us, as representatives of the people who, earlier in 1904 -1908 , were brutalised and massacred by some of the soldiers who again fought in the Second World War under Hitler and committed heinous crimes (The Holocause) against the Jewish and Roman people, we cannot keep quiet. We understand that about 23 of them who fought under Hitler had been fighting side-by-side with General Lothar von Trotha to carry out his blood-thirsty "Extermination Orders " against the Herero, Mbanderu and Nama.

These hired soldiers' deeds - be it during the German Colonialism in the then" GERMAN SOUTH WEST AFRICA" (now NAMIBIA) or during the terror of Hitler in Europe were not magnanimous and nor meritorious to deserve a glorifying monument at all.

How can the Christian (?) citizens of Marburg, the whole of Germany, the President of Germany, the Chancellor of Germany, the Federal Government of Germany, the Bundestag of Germany and, for that matter, the whole citizenry of Germany be quiet and passive, save

only the organisers of this event, as if to condone the criminal deeds of those soldiers glorified by this monument?

On behalf of our people in Namibia and in the Diaspora, we salute you, and support you unconditionally on your stand against the transfer of this monument and even against its continued existence.

We sincerely owe our support and solidarity to you as our humble appreciation of your usual support for our cause, which you have so abundantly demonstrated during the time when we both came to fetch the remains of our victims of von Trotrha in Berlin.

We hope that one day common sense will prevail on all those who are behind the glorification and monumentalisation of criminal deeds of men who some of them are still hunted as war criminals to realise that they are pursuing a wrong cause.

And finally, colleagues of the international solidarity movement, since the Namibian Government is agreeing to everything the German Government is saying or doing vis-à-vis everything concerning Namibia, we count on your usual and continued support in our quest for restorative justice.

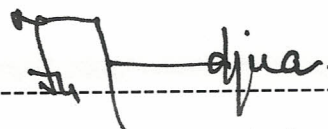
Have a good and fruitful deliberations!

Kuaima Riruako: Signature-----



(Paramount Chief of the Ovaherero, Member of Parliament) and

pp. Aletha Karikondua Nguvauva : Signature-----



(Queen and Paramount Chief of the Ovambanderu People)