1. **Nujoma Homecoming**  
SWAPO President Sam Nujoma returned home to Namibia on September 14, after 30 years in exile. He was greeted by thousands of singing, dancing SWAPO supporters. The burly leader, recognizable by his trademark gray beard, enjoys almost mythic status among both supporters and opponents of SWAPO in Namibia. For the majority of Namibia's black citizens, Mr. Nujoma's return, which was preceded two days earlier by that of long-time national chairman David Meroro and general-secretary Andimba Toivo ya Toivo, was the culmination of an almost improbable dream. Many workers honored a call from union leaders and stayed away from work to celebrate a truly historic and emotional high point in the country's passage to independence. The streets of Katutura, Windhoek's black township, were lined with screaming, ululating throngs bedecked in SWAPO regalia. Whenever the car bearing Mr. Nujoma was identified, crowds swarmed the vehicle, momentarily arresting its progress.

Following his reception, President Nujoma held a press conference in Katutura. He said he had no words to express the joy of his homecoming. Reflecting on Namibia's war-torn past, he urged the Namibian people "to open a new page and a new chapter based on love, peace, human rights, patriotism, respect for one another and genuine reconciliation." He said he intends to work tirelessly for these ideals.

2. **Anton Lubowski Assassination**  
On Tuesday night, well-known SWAPO activist and Windhoek lawyer Mr. Anton Lubowski was gunned down by a hidden assailant as he tried to enter the front gate of his home. The 37-year old Lubowski, who was serving as Deputy Chief of SWAPO's election campaign, died almost instantly. Coming just days before the arrival of SWAPO President Sam Nujoma and on the day when political parties had signed a code of
conduct in which they agreed to refrain from all forms of intimidation, the killing of Mr. Lubowski left the country in a state of stunned disbelief. The head of SWAPO's Election Directorate, Mr. Hage Geingob, stated that Mr. Lubowski's tragic death was a "loss to SWAPO, but Namibia's loss is greatest."

A massive manhunt for the occupants of a red Volkswagen Golf, which was seen leaving the scene of the crime, resulted-just one day later - in the arrest of an Irish national with a history of mercenary activity. It was disclosed that the suspect entered the country via South Africa. Little else, including possible motives for the killing, has been revealed since the alleged killer is reportedly refusing to cooperate with the police. He is scheduled to appear in court on Monday, September 18. Sources in Windhoek, however, indicate that the suspect may not appear due to lack of adequate evidence against him. He currently is being detained for illegal entry into Namibia.

3. The Election Campaign Proclamation AG 43 provides for the registration of political parties by a registration court. The court was convened on Tuesday, September 12, by Namibia's Judge-President, Mr. Hans Berker. A total of eleven political parties applied to contest the November independence elections. Two of the parties, the Namibia Christian Democratic Party and the Christian Democratic Action for Social Justice Party, were given permission to re-apply at a later date because they were unable to supply the names of 2,000 registered voters as required. Along with the list of voters and a R10,000 deposit, the parties were also required to submit the party name, an abbreviation and an acceptable symbol. Final decision on the two parties will be given when the registration court reconvenes on September 28. Only at that time will the contents of the ballot be finally determined.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday evening, September 12, nine parties adopted and signed a campaign Code of Conduct in a ceremony at UN headquarters in Windhoek. The Code, which enshrines a party's right to campaign freely, outlaws all forms of intimidation. The parties also agreed to appoint liaison officers who will handle problems that may arise in future, as well as to create a standing committee which will meet on a fortnightly basis. In signing the Code, moreover, the parties promised in advance to "honour the outcome of free and fair elections so certified by the UN Special Representative."

While it is not clear how the UN will resolve breaches of the agreement's terms, with the independence elections less than two months away, the wide acceptance of the Code of Conduct has the undoubted potential to reduce what had been believed to be a high level of intimidation in the country.
4. **Registration Extension**  At the eleventh hour, the Administrator-General's office announced that the registration period would be extended an additional week to Saturday, September 23. It is believed the extension is primarily designed to accommodate the process of correcting several thousand improperly completed registration cards. In addition, after much delay, the Administrator-General also issued a written assurance that no voter will be disenfranchised because of a faulty registration card. The statement reads as follows: "I wish to give an assurance at this stage that no one will be disenfranchised on account of a defect in the registration card."

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