

HISTORY

NAMIBIA: SHADOWS OF COLONIALISM

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The history of Namibia from the point of view of the local people – and not from the point of view of the former colonizers.

While Europeans made the “Scramble for Africa” in 1884/85, their only interests were mineral resources and cheap labour. None were concerned with the life and practices of the natives. And neither were the Germans interested in the Herero and Nama tribes in Namibia, yet they fought to eliminate them. The shadow of this foreign rule is long, and the stories are unforgotten.

With the private letters of two of Namibia’s national heroes and reenactments by Namibian actors, we articulate the sentiments of the dispossessed people. We act as oral historians as we tell the stories that were passed down within families from one generation to the next.



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