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Re: Ministry welcome sentencing of Jackson Babi

The Ministry welcomes the sentence handed down to the self-proclaimed prophet and preacher Jackson Babi by the Gobabis Magistrate's Court today.

Mr. Babi was sentenced on 12 counts of crimes related to rhino poaching. The preacher was sentenced as follows:

Count 1: Hunting of special protected game, alternative conspiracy to hunt specially protected game - a fine of N\$100,000 or 2 years imprisonment and 3 years imprisonment.

Count 2: Hunting of special protected game with an alternative of conspiracy to hunt specially protected game - a fine of N\$100,000, or 2 years imprisonment and 3 years direct imprisonment.

Count 3 and 4 relating to theft charges - he was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment on each count respectively.

Mr. Babi was sentenced to a fine of N\$5,000 or a 12-month imprisonment with regard to counts 5 and 6, both of which involve charges of supplying ammunitions and possession of ammunition respectively. The Judge also declared Mr. Babi unfit to possess a firearm for a period of 4 years.

Mr. Babi was fined N\$30,000 or 2 years imprisonment in default of payment for counts 11, 12 and 18. Count 11 related to charges of racketeering, while counts 12 and 18 were charges relating to money laundering.

Under count 17 of possession of controlled wildlife products, Mr. Babi was fined N\$50,000 or 3 years imprisonment in default of payment as well as a fine of N\$20,000 or imprisonment of 2 years in default of payment for count 19, which carried charges of attempting to commit a corrupt practice.

Mr. Babi reserves the right to appeal the judgement within 14 days. This judgement is pleasing to the Ministry as we view it to be commensurate with the nature of offences committed. It is our hope that it will also serve as a deterrent to those with intention to commit similar crimes.

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