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*Richard Pakleppa (centre) fixing a signboard at the new NUNW offices, Katutura*

**Archives of Anti-Colonial Resistance and the Liberation Struggle  
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**Introduction**

**Biographical background**

Richard Pakleppa is a Namibian filmmaker who was strongly engaged in Namibian grassroots mobilisation in the 1980s. In particular, he participated in the re-formation of the labour movement (National Union of Namibian Workers NUNW and its affiliated unions) and the student movement (Namibia National Students Organisation NANSO).

This accession documents this involvement. It comprises of notes and original organisational documents, newscuttings, photographs as well as additional documentary material and drafts for an intended master's thesis, which had however been abandoned.

**Donation**

The material was received in 2001 as the first donation after the public appeal of the Archives of Anti-Colonial Resistance and the Liberation Stuggle Project to submit relevant documents.

**Restrictions**

Some parts of the accession, being manuscripts and internal trade union documents, are restricted and may be only used with permission by the donor.

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