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...Hinga Norman's case August 15

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The expectations of

members of the SLPP that the party's convention slated to take place on the 19th - 20th

August in makeni 2005, will be shocked to learn that it has been postponed to a date yet to be announced.

To most of the party,s members the decision

would come as a shock, but for those who have been following developments within the party it is neither a shock nor a disappointment, as such was expected. The reason advanced by most of the party members interviewed by this press bother on the pending motion filed in court by one of the party key member and





aspirant for the leadership of the party.

It would be recalled that on the 27th, July 2005, Chief Sam Hinga Norman through his solicitor, Lawyer Bubuakei Jabbie filed a motion at the supreme court demanding for an injunction against the party forthcom-



Norman ... asking God for justice

ing National Convention.

On the writ of summon to the supreme court, the chairman of the SLPP Dr.Sama Banya as first defendant, Dr.Prince Harding, the party,s Secretary General as 2nd defendant, while the SLPP as a party the 3rd defendant.

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SLPP Convention postponed

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Although some of the party members have viewed the action as a setback, others have applauded it, saying that despite Norman is in detention, he deserves justice "He has not yet been convicted, besides a member opined, the law presumes that every man is innocent until proven guilty"

When standard times contacted some of the aspirants

including the finance minister about the postponement of the convention and the injunction case in court "I heard about that, but I don't know what decision the party has taken" another aspirant had this to say" We are preparing until the last minutes".

Meanwhile Lawyer Bubuakie Jabbie has disclosed to standard times that the 15th August, 2005 has been slated for the commencement of action in court "I don't know whether that date will be changed, if not, hearing will start."

Up to press time standard times has learnt that there will be a "Million Man March" the coming weekend to be organized by Charles Margai. How many people will attend that march is yet to be seen.