



Office of the Founding President

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Contrary to what has been circulating on social media that H. E. Dr. Sam Nujoma, Founding President and Father of the Namibian Nation, has been hospitalized, we would like to dispel such rumours and set the record straight that the Founding President is well and healthy. He is currently in Windhoek and not in the northern parts of the country nor is he hospitalized as alleged.

In fact, the Founding President attended on Saturday, 14th March 2020, the Birthday Party organized in honour of our Former First Lady, Meekulu Kovambo Nujoma, at their residence in Windhoek, when she turned 87th years old on Tuesday, the 10th March 2020. Those who wish to verify such information, may simply ask all those who attended the birthday party.

In view of this and thereof, the Office of the Founding President expresses its dismay to this malicious vilification campaign aimed at tarnishing the image of H.E. Dr. Sam Nujoma, Founding Father of the Namibian Nation, through defamatory comments on social media.

In addition, the Office wishes to state that Dr. Sam Nujoma selflessly led Namibia's liberation struggle with a majestic sense of purpose. There were stormy weathers and rivers of blood to be crossed. Lives were lost and blood was shed for us to be where we are today. In all those difficult times, ghastly as they were at times, Dr. Nujoma provided rare leadership qualities which saw us through to victory. One reason this misguided group speaks the way it does, is precisely because of that freedom.

While we do not know what the motives behind this bad-mouthing are, one thing this group should know is that Dr. Nujoma has come a long way. In the crucible of the struggle, Dr. Nujoma survived many onslaughts, directly and indirectly, orchestrated by the well-resourced and heinous apartheid regime of South Africa not only to tarnish his hard-earned reputation by casting aspersions on his person, but by also trying by all means to end his life prematurely. But despite all the resources at its disposal, Pretoria failed dismally.

Those who are bent on vilifying our Founding President should remember that he was the architect of our cherished policy of National Reconciliation and one of the outstanding sons of Namibia who started from humble beginnings and served the Namibian people as leader of our struggle for National Liberation and independence for more than 30 years. After independence, H. E. Dr. Sam Nujoma again served our nation as First President.

As a result of his outstanding role, he stands out as the symbol of our nationhood. He is a symbol of our freedom, a symbol of our peace and stability, a symbol of One Namibia, One Nation. As such, to most Namibians, H. E. Dr. Sam Nujoma is a HERO of the Namibian liberation struggle.

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