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The Children, Grandchildren
and the Entire Bereaved Sheehama Family
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Dear Children and the Entire Bereaved Sheehama Family

ON THE PASSING ON OF YOUR BELOVED MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER, THE LATE MEEKULU JACOBINA TAUKONDJELE SHEEHAMA, "NEE NAUNDJOMBA,"

It is with sadness that we have learnt about the passing on of your beloved mother and grandmother, the Late Meekulu Jacobina Taukondjele Sheehama, "Nee Naundjomba," on Monday, 09 November 2020, at Oshakati State Hospital.

While knowing that words alone cannot say how deeply we feel with you and your entire family in these times of bereavement, we nevertheless wish that you find solace in the knowledge that we share in your grief.

In this regard, it is with profound sorrow that I write to pay my last respects and bid farewell to one of the Veterans of our National Liberation Struggle, the Late Meekulu Jacobina Taukondjele Sheehama, affectionately known as Die Mee.

The Late Meekulu Jacobina Taukondjele Sheehama formed part of a remarkable generation of freedom fighters that endured hardship and led our National Liberation Struggle to its successful conclusion. Together with her husband, the Late Comrade David Sheehama and their children, she endured profound physical and emotional tortures at the hands of the white minority South African colonial regime during the war of our National Liberation Struggle.

The Late Meekulu Jacobina Taukondjele Sheehama survived an assassination attempt with a gunshot wound when their house was attacked by those who came to kill her husband because of his firm determination to fight against the oppression of the white minority South African colonial regime through SWAPO. In addition, as the struggle intensified most of her children left Namibia to join the liberation struggle under the banner of SWAPO in exile.

Her husband, the Late Comrade David Sheehama was a well-known businessman whose properties were destroyed during the war.

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Indeed, when the war intensified, prominent SWAPO businessmen such as the Late Comrades Nangolo Mukwiilongo, John Hamutumwa and David Sheehama suffered harassment and intimidation by the white minority South African colonial regime but they never wavered and continued to provide food and shelter as well as valuable information on the movement of the enemy forces to the Combatants of the People's Liberation Army of Namibia (PLAN) SWAPO's Military Wing, until we attained our Freedom and Genuine Independence on the 21st March 1990.

The Late Meekulu Jacobina Taukondjele Sheehama held her husband in high esteem and together they made an enormous contribution to the freedom struggle of Namibia. Therefore it came as no surprise when she was awarded national honours in the "Most Distinguished Order of Namibia, 3rd Class" category on the 26th August 2014 by then President Hifikepunye Pohamba.

Against this background, her revolutionary deeds as well as those of her husband, will never be forgotten by the current and future generations.

As we lay her to rest, allow me on behalf of the Veterans of our National Liberation Struggle, the Nujoma Family and indeed on my own behalf, to convey our deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to her children, grandchildren and the entire bereaved Sheehama and Naundjomba families as well as to all the Comrades for this irreparable loss.

May we all be granted comfort and fortitude during this difficult time of bereavement.

May Her Soul Rest In Eternal Peace!



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