



TRIBUTE BY HIS EXCELLENCY, DR. SAM NUJOMA, FOUNDING
PRESIDENT AND FATHER OF THE NAMIBIAN NATION, ON THE
OCCASION OF THE PASSING ON OF THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA, H.E. JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS

THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2020

HIGH COMMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA

NO.5 NELSON MANDELA AVENUE.

KLEIN WINDHOEK

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Fellow mourners;

When I received the sad news of the passing on of His Excellency Jerry John Rawlings, Former President of the Republic of Ghana, on 12 November 2020 in Accra, Ghana, I was grieved with a deep sense of sorrow.

While knowing that words alone cannot say how deeply we feel with the Ghanaian people in these times of bereavement, we nevertheless wish that they find solace in the knowledge that we share in their grief.

In this regard, it is with profound sorrow that I pay my last respects and bid farewell to one of the fearless revolutionary leader.

Indeed, the Late Former President Jerry John Rawlings, affectionately called J.J. Rawlings, was a military and political leader who afforded Ghana political stability and competent economic management.

Indeed, by 1983, Former President Rawlings adopted free market policies which revived Ghana's economy. In 1992, in the first Presidential elections held in Ghana since 1979, he was chosen as President and was re-elected in 1996 and stepped down from the Presidency in early 2001.

Most importantly, the Late Former President Rawlings contributed to the mental emancipation of Africans as he spoke about the need for a collective approach of all Africans to unite for a common good under the principles of solidarity, unity and freedom for Africa.

Against this background, he will be remembered as having played an important role for the cause of Africa's freedom and genuine independence.

As you lay him to rest, allow me on behalf of the Veterans of Namibia's Liberation Struggle, the Nujoma family and indeed on my own behalf, to express our sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the entire bereaved Rawlings family and the people of Ghana.

It is my wish that you may all be consoled and granted fortitude during this difficult time of mourning.

May His Soul Rest in Peace and his revolutionary legacy lives on.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sam Nujoma', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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