



**TRIBUTE BY HIS EXCELLENCY, DR. SAM NUJOMA, FOUNDING
PRESIDENT AND FATHER OF THE NAMIBIAN NATION, ON THE
OCCASION OF THE MEMORIAL SERVICE IN HONOUR OF THE LATE
COMRADE AMBASSADOR WILLIAM NDEUTAPO MELCHIOR
AMAGULU**

6 FEBRUARY 2015

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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Directors of Ceremonies;
Comrade Margareth Amagulu, the Children, Grandchildren, and the entire Bereaved Family;
Rt. Hon. Dr. Hage Geingob, Prime Minister and President-Elect;
Comrade Nangolo Mbumba, Secretary General of the SWAPO Party;
Honorable Ministers;
Honorable Members of Parliament;
Your Excellencies, Members of the Diplomatic Corps;
I acknowledge the presence of Dr. Frans Aupa Indongo;
Esteemed Traditional, Spiritual and Community Leaders;
Distinguished Veterans of the National Liberation Struggle;

Fellow Mourners;

It was disheartening to hear the sad news on the passing on of a relentless freedom fighter and a Veteran of the National Liberation Struggle, Comrade Ambassador William Ndeutapo Amagulu, on the 27th of January 2015, at Katutura State Hospital.

I therefore join my fellow mourners to bid farewell and pay tribute to a gallant and unwavering freedom fighter, a capable administrator and seasoned diplomat who performed outstanding deeds in the service of our country and its people.

While we mourn his passing on, we also celebrate his legacy which I am confident will be a source of strength for us all and the entire Bereaved Family.

The late Comrade Ambassador Amagulu was a trusted SWAPO cadre who joined the National Liberation Struggle in 1976. He distinguished himself as an astute Deputy Political Commissar of the People's Liberation Army of Namibia (PLAN), SWAPO's Military Wing.

He also distinguished himself as a shrewd SWAPO's diplomat during his posting to various countries before independence. This enhanced his understanding and sharpened his insight into the world of diplomacy.

For this reason, after independence, the late Comrade Ambassador Amagulu was assigned by the Government of the Republic of Namibia to represent our country in several diplomatic missions abroad; where he continued to champion our principled stand and values as expressed in our country's foreign policy.

He will be sorely missed by all those who worked with him and those that knew him, especially the Veterans of the National Liberation Struggle whom he served diligently.

Indeed, the late Comrade Amagulu will always be remembered by the current and future generations of Namibians as we chart the future destiny of our country.

Against this background, as we bid him farewell, allow me, therefore, on behalf of the Nujoma family and indeed on my own behalf, to express our heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathy to the Widow, Comrade Margareth Amagulu, the entire bereaved family and the nation at large, upon the passing on of an unwavering freedom fighter, the Late Comrade Ambassador William Ndeutapo Amagulu.

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

May His Soul Rest In Eternal Peace.