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The Widow, Meme Frieda Heita, the Children  
and the Entire Bereaved Family of the Late Comrade Juuso Heita  
Ondundu Village  
**OHANGWENA REGION**

The Entire Bereaved Family

It is with profound sadness that I have learned of the passing of your beloved husband, father, uncle, grandfather and a Pioneer Veteran of the Namibian Liberation Struggle, Comrade Juuso Heita, on Monday, 18 July 2022.

As we take this opportunity to remember the life and time of the Late Comrade Juuso Heita, we celebrate his impressive contribution marked by bravery and militancy. He was a knowledgeable revolutionary with a quiet demeanour, and was not the one to seek attention to himself. His contemporaries defined him as a dependable ally.

The Late Comrade Heita's involvement in the early political activism gave him the confidence and determination to fight against apartheid colonialism in all its forms and manifestations. For this reason, we dip our revolutionary banner in honoring this gallant son of the soil who cut his political teeth in the early political activism when he was involved in the activities of the liberation struggle since the 1960s and joined SWAPO at its formation.

His political activism was later anchored when he became one of those who were first trained at Omugulugwombashe by the G1 group of the Commandos under the late Commander John Otto Nankudhu "Koshuanda" together with the Late Comrades Tuhadeleni Kahumba Kandola, Tatekulu Kornelius Weyulu Shelungu, Immanuel Shifidi, Lameck lithete, Tatekulu Isack Shoome and many others who participated in the battle of Omugulugwombashe on the 26 of August 1966. This battle signalled the launching of our armed struggle by the South West Africa Liberation Army (SWALA) which was later renamed the People's Liberation Army of Namibia (PLAN), SWAPO's Military Wing.

After the battle of Omugulugwombashe, through an underground network, our guerrilla fighters assembled at liti Jeeholo area, North-east of Oshakati, to identify the South African military bases and Police Stations as their prime targets.

On 27 September 1966, they attacked and burned down to the ground the Oshikango Police Station and the Government Administrative Building. During the same attack on that evening, the Portuguese Army Post on the Angolan side, North of Oshikango, was also targeted and burned to the ground.

After this attack, on 16 November 1966, Comrade John Nankudhu was captured at Ohakweenyanga area while on a mission to regroup his unit to attack the Ondangwa Police Station. The Late Comrade Simeon Shixungileni "Kambo" was appointed as a Commander in the absence of Commander Nankudhu but unfortunately he was also wounded and captured during a battle which took place north of Okatana Roman Catholic Church.

It is also during this period that the Late Comrade Heita was captured and taken to prison in Pretoria, South Africa. In 1969, he was brought back to Windhoek to stand trial and was found guilty and sentenced to prison in August 22, 1969 until his release from prison in Pretoria in 1985.

The passing on of Comrade Heita, concludes a well lived chapter of a titanic and a gallant fighter who was a larger than life political erudite who was always surrounded by comrades who wanted to learn about our National Liberation Struggle.

Thus, his passing is a great loss, not only to his family, but to the SWAPO Party and the country as a whole as he committed his entire life to the just cause of our freedom and never wavered until the dawn of our Freedom and genuine Independence on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 1990.

May we all be consoled by the fact that he lived to see the dawn of independence of his beloved motherland and departs as a hero of our liberation struggle. For this reason, he will forever be remembered by the current and future generations of Namibia.

We remain committed to his legacy of serving our people and taking the country forward. To his family, friends and comrades we wish them strength under this dark cloud.

As the family come to terms with this tragic moment, 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 sympathies to the family for this loss.

Our hearts go out to you as you go through the grief of a loss so overwhelming. It is our wish that you are consoled by the knowledge that the formidable legacy of the Late Comrade Heita live on and may you find solace in knowing that your loss is the nation's loss.

It is also my sincere wish that we may all be comforted and granted fortitude during this difficult time of mourning.

May the revolutionary spirit of the Late Comrade Juuso Heita continue to guide us as we chart the future destiny of our country!

May His Soul Rest In Eternal Peace!



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