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The Widow, Meme Fiina Mushelenga, the Children  
and the Entire Bereaved Family  
Oshifukwa Village  
Omuthiya Constituency  
**OSHIKOTO REGION**

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Family

It is with profound sadness that I have received the tragic news of the untimely passing of your beloved husband, father, uncle and a Veteran of our National Liberation Struggle, the Late Comrade Abed Nkrumah Mushelenga, on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022, in Windhoek, Khomas Region.

Comrade Mushelenga's obituary bares testimony to the fact that the history of our armed liberation struggle is punctuated by his valuable contributions. He was from the generation of young lions from the 1970s, who fought for freedom in the student and youth movement.

He relentlessly championed the empowerment of Veterans and his life and work reflected a consistent commitment to advancing the rights of the poor and marginalised. At the time of his passing, the Late Comrade Mushelenga was serving as the Founder and Chairperson of a Veteran Trust.

The Late Comrade Mushelenga cut his political teeth when he was involved in the activities of the liberation struggle since 1972. While addressing the SWAPO rally at Rehoboth, the notorious South African Army arrested him and he got detained in the Windhoek Prison.

When he was released from prison, he joined us in exile when he crossed the Angolan border in 1974 to volunteer for the armed struggle and reinforce the fighting capabilities of the People's Liberation Army of Namibia (PLAN), SWAPO's Military Wing.

He had spent many years undergoing military training and an assortment of guerrilla warfare tactics, in various parts of the world – most of which was in both Zambia and Tanzania. He thus counts amongst the many Namibian who compromised their youth and joined the liberation struggle to put more pressure on the apartheid regime to halt its atrocious rule over the majority of our people.

After independence, the Late Comrade Mushelenga served the Namibian government as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) until his retirement. He was a diligent, hardworking and consistent servant of the people, never shy to speak his mind.

In his last days, he was always preoccupied with improving the benefits of the Veterans of the Liberation Struggle. He would use every opportunity he had, to remind those in positions of leadership of the plight of veterans. Last time I heard from him was when I received a copy of a letter talking about improving the benefits of the Veterans of the Liberation Struggle.

Thus, in Comrade Mushelenga, the SWAPO Party has indeed lost a dependable cadre who went beyond the call of duty to ensure that the Party fulfils its role of being the leader of society and a reliable veteran who was committed to improving the life of others.

As you carry him to his final resting place, please allow me, on behalf of the Veterans of our National Liberation Struggle, the Nujoma family and indeed on my own behalf, to extend our heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies to the entire bereaved family and all Comrades for this loss. We wish them strength under this dark cloud.

There are no words that can bring comfort at this time, but may your pain be relieved. May your hearts be eased; may your tears be wiped dry. We are with you. We mourn with you and may you be granted fortitude during this time of bereavement.

May His Soul Rest In Eternal Peace!

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