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AND FATHER OF THE NAMIBIAN NATION, ON THE OCCASION  
OF THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE COMRADE PETRUS IIYAMBO  
JASON

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Program Directors,  
The Widow, Meme Julia Namukuwa Iiyambo, the  
children, grandchildren and the entire bereaved  
Nujoma and Iiyambo Families;  
Tatekulu Johannes Shoombé Mupiya, Omukwaniilwa  
gwOshitunda shAngandjera;  
Aasimanekwa amushe nOmalenga Omanene  
nomashona gwOpamuthigululwakalo;  
Esteemed Members of the Clergy present;  
Fellow Mourners:

It is with great sadness that I stand before you today to bid farewell to one of the veterans of our National Liberation Struggle, my brother-in-law, our beloved Comrade Petrus Iiyambo Jason, who passed on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023, at Okahao State Hospital.

Indeed, we are consumed with grief as we remember his life and mourn his absence, yet we are also here to celebrate a life of a fearless freedom fighter, a father and grandfather as we recall the power of his guiding moral voice.

He was part of the generation that kept alive the flames of liberation that the apartheid regime sought to extinguish by imprisoning our leaders or forcing them into exile.

His children and grandchildren used to call the Late Comrade Petrus Iiyambo Jason father and grandfather but to me and my brothers and sisters, he was simply our brother-in-law as he was married to our beloved sister, Meme Julia Namukuwa Iiyambo.

The Late Comrade Petrus Iiyambo Jason together with the entire family, survived numerous intimidation and harassment by the apartheid security forces for the simple reason that they are my family members, but they never wavered until the attainment of our freedom and genuine independence on 21<sup>st</sup> March 1990.

I remain extremely appreciative of the insight, diligence and integrity, these being some of the qualities that have embodied his life.

He remained true to his character throughout his life and true to his convictions, but most of all, he remained true to his family out of his deep love.

Against this background, he will be missed but what he stood for will never be forgotten as his work will fill the void of his passing. It is now our solemn responsibility to strive together to live as a family and build the future destiny of our country to which he dedicated his life.

To the widow, Meme Julia Namukuwa Iiyambo, the children and the entire bereaved family members, please find solace in the knowledge that we share your pain.

Our thoughts are with you as you go through this difficult moment that engulfed both the Nujoma and Iiyambo families.

May you be comforted by all the words of honour that have been ascribed to your husband, your father and grandfather and take inspiration from his life and honour his memory by upholding the principles he stood for. Let us learn from him the qualities of selflessness, sacrifice, hard work, discipline and love for the people.

Against this background, 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 once again extend our heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies to the widow, my sister Meme Julia Namukuwa Iiyambo, the Children and Entire Bereavement Family for the loss of the Late Comrade Petrus Iiyambo Jason.

May we all be granted fortitude during these trying times. May the Soul of the Late Comrade Petrus Iiyambo Jason Rest In Eternal Peace.

I thank you.