



12 July 2023

Mr. Simon Kangootui and the Entire Bereaved Family of the Late Comrade Adolf Schirongo Kangootui
Otjinoko Village
Epukiro Constituency
OMAHEKE REGION

Dear Mr. Simon Kangootui

It is with sadness that Meekulu Kovambo Nujoma and I have learned about the passing on of your beloved father and a long serving politician and former Otjinene Constituency Councillor, the Late Comrade Adolf Schirongo Kangootui, on Saturday, 24th June 2023.

While knowing that words alone cannot say how deeply we feel with the entire family in these times of bereavement, we nevertheless wish that you find solace in the knowledge that we share in your grief. In this regard, we join the family and friends as you gather to bid him farewell, but also to commemorate and acknowledge his immense contribution to our country.

Indeed, I remember when we were mobilizing our people together with Levi Nganjone, David Meroro, Engelhardt Festus Karita, there were young men the likes of Dr. Tjiriange who was working with OPO in the late 50's at the time of the Windhoek Uprising, together with Comrades Peter Katjavivi, the Late Mose Tjitendero, Karumburumbu Kahimise, Erasmus Nganjone, Zebulon Tjondaura, Luther Zaire, Alphons Ngeama and others, who joined SWAPO at its inception in 1960.

At that time, it was expected that the young Otjiherero-speaking people were to either join SWANU as the first option or work in the ranks of Chief Hosea Kutako's Council because these were the only two national liberation movements in Namibia.

It is against this background that the Late Comrade Kangootui joined politics in the early 70s and was active in the early 80s opposing the white minority South African colonial regime under the banner of SWANU, which he joined in 1974 and thereafter went into exile in 1975 via Botswana.

Due to his involvement in politics and assisting people to leave the country, he was arrested and tortured which led to his partial paralysis. Consequently, he was transferred to Pretoria Military Hospital where he received medical attention and was later held in Pretoria Maximum Security Prison for six months.

Against this background, his passing has not only robbed the bereaved family and friends of an admired and respected personality who was always ready to selflessly share his vast knowledge and experience in politics and community affairs but has also robbed the Ovaherero Traditional Authority of an advisor and part time Draftsman who served his community and country with pride.

The Late Comrade Kangootui's life was one of selflessness and service – dedicated to realising the objectives of our democratic Constitution. He was a political mobilizer who inspired many Namibians to join the struggle and fight against the white minority South African regime. For these exemplary deeds, he will be remembered and emulated by the future generations of Namibians and we take solace in the knowledge that he lived to see the independence of his motherland for which he spent his youthful life.

As you lay him to rest, allow me, on behalf of Meekulu Kovambo Nujoma and the Nujoma family, and indeed on my own behalf, to hereby extend our deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathies to the entire bereaved family for your loss.

May you all find comfort as you are strengthened and granted fortitude to overcome this great loss.

May His Soul Rest In Eternal Peace!

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

Sam Nujoma
FOUNDING PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA