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The Widow, Meme Maria Movilongo-Nangolo, the Children
and the Entire Bereaved Family
Ongolo Nongeyama,
Ruacana Constituency
OMUSATI REGION

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It is with profound sadness that I have learned of the passing of your beloved
husband, father, grandfather and a Veteran of our National Liberation Struggle,
Comrade Jacob Nailenge Amaalala Nangolo, on Wednesday, 24 May 2023, at West
Care Private Hospital in Windhoek, Khomas Region.

Like many selfless Namibians, the Late Comrade Jacob Nailenge Amaalala Nangolo
sacrificed a lot of his personal and family wealth for the liberation of our country and
the independence that we enjoy today. In this regard, I would like to join the
community in bidding farewell to one of our fearless freedom fighters and pay tribute
to his acts of bravery and unflinching support for the total liberation of Namibia.

Indeed, the Late Comrade Jacob Nailenge Amaalala Nangolo, affectionately known
as Kaherero, was one of the committed local business people who assisted the
combatants of the People's Liberation Army of Namibia (PLAN), SWAPO's Military
Wing, since 1979 in areas where he had businesses such as Otjovanatje, Kaokoland
and in Angola.

As the liberation struggle intensified, he provided more assistance and valuable
information on the movement of the enemy to PLAN combatants who were operating
in the areas of Etoto, Otjovanatje and further in the Kaokoland under Commander
Johannes Katangala.

In 1984, he allowed SWAPO to run an underground office and clandestine operation
which was stationed at his homestead in Ruacana and people used it as a transit
point to cross into Angola to join the liberation struggle in exile. These are indeed
acts of bravery by the Late Comrade Kaherero because this was a time when any
association with the liberation movement risked imprisonment, and even death.

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The Late Comrade Kaherero continued to play a vital role through continuous engagement with various communities, especially the Ovahimba and Ovadhembra speaking Namibians, by encouraging them to join SWAPO. During the pinnacle and critical time of the struggle on the 1st April 1989, the Late Comrade Kaherero bought coffins and transported corpses of PLAN Fighters for decent burial.

We also particularly remember, during the implementation of the United Nation's Resolution 435, when the Late Comrade Kaherero transported wounded PLAN Fighters whom he later hid in his house and they spent three weeks receiving medical treatment from Dr. Angula Kangundo and after they recovered he assisted them to cross the border back into Angola.

In 1989, under the UN Repatriation program, the house of the Late Comrade Kaherero was like a bee hive of activities where many repatriated Namibians from exile were housed, particularly those from the areas of Ruacana and Uukolonkadhi. His house was also used to store guns and ammunitions for SWAPO's intelligence operations. It is against this background that he was declared and conferred with the status of the Veteran of the Liberation Struggle.

As such, up until his untimely demise, the Late Comrade Kaherero continued to be an inspirational SWAPO Party pillar in the Ruacana Constituency and beyond. He was a highly respected community member, a true revolutionary SWAPO Party cadre, a hardworking family man and farmer of good standing, a grandfather and a loving husband.

Thus, throughout his life, the Late Comrade Kaherero remained true to his character and convictions. We must therefore learn from him the qualities of selflessness, sacrifice, hard work, discipline and love for the people.

As you lay him to rest, allow me therefore, 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 entire bereaved family, Comrades and friends 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 and enduring legacy of the Late Comrade Jacob Amaalala Nangolo "Kaherero" will live on and illuminate the African heavens. 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 Jacob Amaalala Nangolo "Kaherero" continue to guide us as we chart the future destiny of our country.

May His Soul Rest In Eternal Peace!

Sam Nujoma
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