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The Widow, Meme Elizabeth Ndeshipewa Amakali, the Children
and the Entire Bereaved Family
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OHANGWENA 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, the late Captain John Ruben Amakali, on Wednesday, 06th March 2024, at Okongo State Hospital, Ohangwena Region.

In this regard, I would like to join the entire bereaved family 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.

When the apartheid regime intensified its repression, the late Captain Amakali took the difficult decision to leave the country and join the liberation movement in exile in 1975. He received his first basic military training as an Underground Intelligence Officer at Kasapa in the Eastern part of Angola.

Indeed, the late Captain Amakali after his training in 1976 was sent to the North Eastern Front as an Underground Intelligence Officer to work with the then Regional Commander, the late Comrade Matias Ndakolo (Mbulunganga).

In 1977, the late Captain Amakali was transferred to the Northern Front under Regional Commander the late Comrade Amutenya Nandenga (Zulu) for underground intelligence operations.

He and others such as Comrade Johannes Matias (Ngee Kepo Nakaifanwe) operated from Eheke where he was a Platoon Commander and undertook several missions in Northern Namibia from 1976 to 1977. In addition, he was among the first PLAN combatants to reconnoitre the area where the Tobias Hainyeko Training Centre was built in 1977 and which later became the main military training academy of PLAN, SWAPO's Military Wing.

Indeed, they went on to be trained in reconnaissance and artillery (GP gun) and the same year in 1977, the late Capt Amakali was nominated to go to the Former Soviet Union where he underwent further training in intelligence until 1978 when he returned to the Northern Front where he operated from 1977 to 1984.

The late Captain Amakali successfully created a sophisticated and very effective underground network along the Angola/Namibia borders from the North Central to the Namib Desert, especially following his promotion to the position of Regional Chief Intelligence for the Northern Front in 1983.

Most importantly, the late Captain Amakali successfully managed to infiltrate the Northern Region and this made it possible for PLAN combatants to attack enemy bases such as Elundu, Eenhana, Okongo, Epinga and Ondangwa Airport, among others.

In 1978 he worked with Cde George Namundjebo in the area of Oshikango and recruited him in intelligence network as an organizer of transport and shelter for PLAN combatants working underground and hiding firearms and ammunition as well as facilitating the issuing of identity documents to PLAN combatants in underground work.

As such, the late Captain Amakali, fondly known as Nakaundule as a combatant name, was part of a generation that fought fiercely in the 1970s and 1980s until the attainment of our freedom and genuine Independence on the 21st March 1990.

After independence, the late Captain Amakali served our country in various positions, including as a Security Officer. Indeed, he was one of the hardworking, dedicated and dependable Security Officer who served with distinction in every position he occupied and every responsibility he was assigned to.

Thus, we have lost not only a dependable cadre but also a loyal and faithful servant of the Namibian people who had many virtues. Indeed, he had the endearing ability to lift any mood and fortify people's resolve even in the most difficult times.

Nevertheless, It is not enough to eulogise our departed Comrades, we must complete what they were not able to finish in their lifetime, that is, building our nation and an ethical state led by selfless men and women of integrity and of conviction such as those who belonged to the glorious generation of freedom fighters such as the late Captain Amakali who, with a majestic sense of purpose and through their endurance and selfless sacrifices, saw us through to final victory.

Against this background, as you prepare to lay him to rest, 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 entire bereaved family for this loss.

To the Widow, the children, grandchildren and the entire bereaved family, 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 Captain Amakali will live on. 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 Captain Amakali (Nakaundule) continue to guide us as we chart the future destiny of our country. We will always remember him as a brother, a husband, a father, a disciplined cadre, a consummate professional and an unwavering revolutionary.

May his rest be as peaceful as he was and may his revolutionary spirit live on.



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