



REMARKS BY HON NAHAS ANGULA FORMER PRIME
MINISTER AND CHAIRPERS OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE SAM NUJOMA FOUNDATION, ON THE
OCCASION OF THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE BOOK,
“PICTORIAL BOOK OF THE FOUNDING PRESIDENT

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Director of Ceremonies; Madam Hilda Bason-Namudjebo
HE Dr. Nangolo Mbumba, Former President and Madam Mbumba;
Rt. Dr. Elijah Tjitunga Ngurare, Prime Minister of the Republic of Namibia
Cde Utoni Nujoma and the Entire Nujoma Family Members
Honourable Ministers and Deputy Ministers present;
Honourable Members of Parliament present;
Distinguished Veterans of the National Liberation Struggle;
Dr. Martha Namundjebo-Tilahun
Dr. John M Sifani, NEPC Board Chairperson
Distinguished Invited Guests;
Members of the Media;
Ladies and Gentlemen;

It is my distinct pleasure to join you here today, on this special occasion of the Official Launch of the Pictorial Book of the Founding President, H.E Dr. Sam Shafiishuna Nujoma which was produced by Newera newspaper and partly sponsored by Dr. Martha Namundjebo-Tilahun.

Indeed, photographs are used to tell stories in many different ways and the theme of this event is befitting *A Legacy Immortalized in pictures*. Images play an important role in everyone's life – they connect us to our past, they remind us of people, places, feelings, and stories and they can help us to know who we are. Photography has the power to inspire many people and could lead to a change for the better. Hence in our homes and offices we have portraits hang on walls to tell to evoke emotions and memories as well as to create connections.

The photos in this book portray the Founding President as an epitome of Namibia's liberation struggle. He spent his entire life fighting for the freedom and genuine independence which our country enjoys today. His dedication and sacrifices that he made together with many other brave sons and daughters of this country make a compelling story of tenacity, courage, pain and triumph.

Hence, it is plausible that Newera newspaper and partners came up with the idea of using pictorial book to continue telling our history from a national liberation struggle perspective. They say "A picture is worth a thousand words" which simply means sometimes multiple ideas can be conveyed by a single photo.

In this regard, the photos used in this book create tangible memories that can transport us back to special moments of the liberation struggle and solidarity. They allow us to relive those significant occasions and cherish the memories that might have faded over time. This book is one of the key tools to maintain the legacy of the leader of the revolution, the First President of the Republic of Namibia and Father of the Namibia Nation, hence the theme *A Legacy Immortalized in pictures*.

Director of Ceremonies

We are here today to witness the launching of a book to continue honouring the unwavered commitment of the Founding President to our National Liberation Struggle.

We have the moral responsibility to produce as many reading materials as possible about those who sacrificed their lives for this country in order for the future generations to learn and understand the true history of Namibia. The purpose of

studying history is to help students better understand the past, present, and future by providing context for current events, fostering critical thinking, promoting empathy, and offering lessons from past mistakes and successes.

I am pleased that the authors have dedicated time to produce this pictorial book and share with the Namibian people and the world at large, the rich experiences of the journey of the Founding President and other aspects of his life.

In the same vein, I am aware that there are thousands of Namibians, whose stories of their participation in the National Liberation Struggle have not yet been told and many unfortunately have departed this world without telling their stories.

It is against this background that I encourage prospective authors to write books about many other stories that are related to the national liberation struggle to supplement this book so that we will have enough materials that we can use to expand the existing body of knowledge and literature on Namibia's struggle for freedom and independence.

In conclusion, on behalf of the Sam Nujoma Foundation I express my deepest gratitude for all the initiatives and activities that are carried out to maintain the legacy of the Founding President and to complete projects that he initiated or intended to do when he was alive.

I thank you!