

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



THE PRESIDENCY

**MESSAGE READ ON BEHALF OF HIS EXCELLENCY, DR.
HAGE G. GEINGOB, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
NAMIBIA ON THE OCCASION OF BURIAL OF THE LATE
COL. WERNER MANDUME KAUKUNGWA**

25 JULY 2020

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Comrade Shapwa Kaukungwa;

The widow, Meme Adelheid Kaunapawa Olle ya Joseph Mukohongo and the children;

The entire bereaved family;

Veterans of the Liberation Struggle;

Distinguished Service Chiefs;

Traditional and Community Leaders;

Fellow mourners;

You are gathered at the final resting place to honour a steadfast soldier and bow your heads in memory of the late Col. Werner Mandume Kaukungwa, the brave son of Comrade Shapwa Kaukungwa and the late Meme Selma Nelenge. The life of Col. Kaukungwa embodies strong dedication to duty, bravery and patriotism in the face of danger, sacrifice for the cause of our national liberation struggle, and a commitment to serving his country and people.

The late Col Kaukungwa left Namibia at a young age to dedicate his youth and adult years to freeing Namibia from foreign occupation by a white minority apartheid regime. At the tender age of 16, he was undergoing Military Training within the People's Liberation Army of Namibia (PLAN) at Tobias Hainyeko Training Centre in Lubango, and rose after training in the former Yugoslavia to become the Commander of the Security Training Centre. In an independent Namibia, this courageous

son who helped to liberate Namibia served the Namibia Defence Force in several roles, and was until his death the Military Attach at the Namibian High Commission in the Republic of Botswana. Sadly, he passed on at an age where he still had a lot to offer to his country and as a father of a family.

It is always sad for a father to lose a son, for a wife to lose a husband, and for children to lose a father. The Namibia Defence Force has lost a soldier, one of its own. Indeed, Namibia, lost a son, a husband, a father and dedicated servant.

I could not be with you. But you are in our prayers. Therefore, during this moment of grief and as we mourn Col Werner Mandume “Naholo” Kaukungwa, we should find comfort and solace in the word of the Lord, Philipians 4:6-7, which reads: “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

On behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic of Namibia, I extend my sincere condolences to the wife, Madame Adelheid Kaunapawa Olle ya Joseph Mukohongo, the children, the father, Comrade Shapwa Kaukungwa, the family and the Namibia Defence Force.

May the soul of the late Comrade Col. Kaukungwa rest in eternal peace.

I thank you