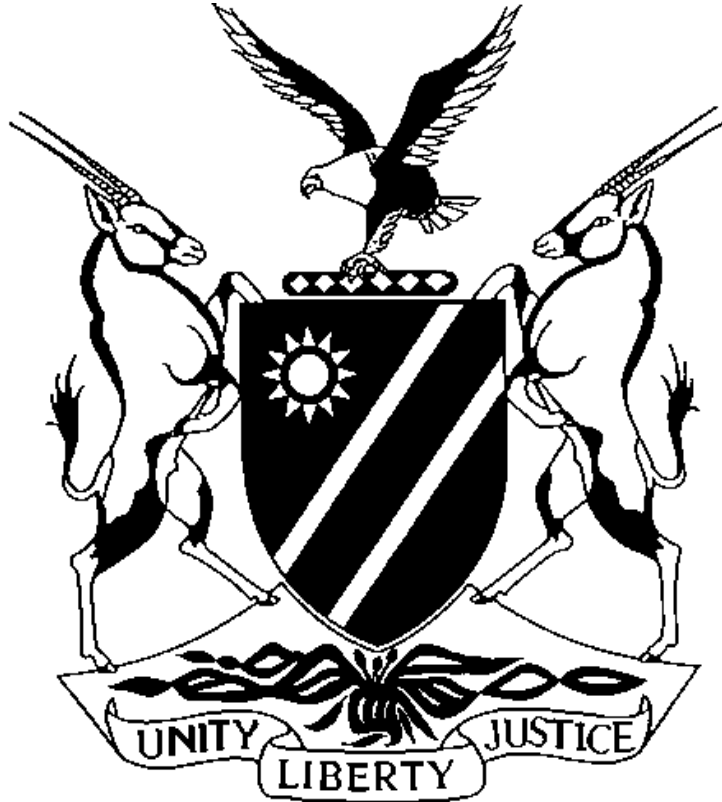


REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



**REMARKS BY HON. DR ALBERT KAWANA, MP, MINISTER OF
PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS AND ATTORNEY-GENERAL ON THE
OCASSION OF HANDOVER OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE
FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

13 MARCH 2015

**OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER
PROSPERITA
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Director of Ceremonies

**Your Excellency, Dr. Bioudun N. Olorunfemi High
Commissioner of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to Namibia**

**Dr. D. O. Olumeko: Director of Food and Strategic Reserve
Department of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,**

**Dr A. Raji- Director of Animal Production and Husbandry
Services in the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural
Development of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,**

**Dr Pengeondjabi Shipoh, Namibia's High Commissioner to
the Federal Republic of Nigeria**

Mrs. Nangula Mbako, Secretary to the Cabinet,

**Mr Joseph Iita, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of
Agriculture Water and Forestry of the Government of the
Republic of Namibia**

Senior Government Officials,

Members of the media,

Ladies and Gentlemen

**I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of you to this
handover ceremony. I wish to extend a special welcome to our**

guests who travelled a long way to attend this important event where the Government of the Republic of Namibia is receiving a donation from the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Please feel at home, Namibia is your home away from home.

It is said that a friend in need is a friend indeed. Nigeria has been one of such friends. The people of Nigeria stood by us during the difficult period of Apartheid colonialism. They stood by us whenever we were affected by natural disasters such as drought. During the 1992 devastating drought, Nigeria was one of the friendly countries which gave us assistance in 1993. Again during the 2011 floods which affected Namibia, the Nigerian High Commissioner to Namibia donated an amount of N\$3 485 000.00 to the affected communities.

Today we are witnessing the donation of 300 MT of millet rice; 700 Mt of maize and 3 Mt of fish powder. I wish to make use of this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (through its Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development- Strategic Grains Reserve Department), for this donation. We will, therefore, be ever grateful to Nigeria.

There are many communities affected in various regions of our country. I want to assure you that our Government through the Office of the Prime Minister will make sure that the donation is urgently distributed to the affected communities.

I once again, would like to thank you on behalf of His Excellency, Dr. Hifikepunye Pohamba, President of the Republic of Namibia, and on behalf of the Namibian people,

especially those who are affected by the drought and those most vulnerable to the impact of the drought situation.

I thank you.