

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



**MESSAGE BY HIS EXCELLENCY DR. HAGE G. GEINGOB,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA, AT THE
FUNERAL SERVICE OF THE LATE MEEKULU AUGUSTE
MUKWAHEPO IMMANUEL**

JUNE 9, 2018

EENHANA SHRINE

OHANGWENA REGION

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Directors of Ceremonies,

- 1. Comrade Frans Kapofi – Minister of Home Affairs and Immigration;**
- 2. Comrade Hilmar Nicanor – Deputy Minister of Veterans Affairs;**

The Bereaved Family of the late Meekulu Auguste Mukwahepo Immanuel;

Comrade Nangolo Mbumba – Vice President of the Republic of Namibia;

The Right Honourable Dr. Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila – Prime Minister of the Republic of Namibia;

Comrade Hifikepunye Pohamba – Former President of the Republic of Namibia;

Honourable Netumbo Nandi Ndaitwah – Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation;

**Honourable Professor Peter Katjavivi,
Speaker of the National Assembly;**

**Your Lordship Petrus Damaseb, Deputy
Chief Justice of the Republic of Namibia;**

**Honourable Cabinet Ministers, Deputy
Ministers and Members of Parliament;**

Members of the Diplomatic Corps;

**Madam Monica Geingos, First Lady of the
Republic of Namibia;**

**Comrade Sophia Shaningwa – Secretary
General of the SWAPO Party;**

**Honourable Usko Nghaamwa, Governor of
the Ohangwena Region and other Regional
Governors present;**

**Your Worship Cllr Amos Nangolo – Mayor of
Eenhana and mayors of other towns in
Namibia present;**

Honourable Regional and Local Authority

Councillors;

Meekulu Ohamba yOvaKwanyama Martha

Mwadinomho Kristian yaNelumbu;

All leaders of the Traditional Authorities

present;

Senior Government Officials,

Service Chiefs,

Members of the media,

Comrades and Friends

On May 30, 2018, one of our valiant fighters, a trailblazing heroine and daughter of the Namibian soil; Comrade Meekulu Auguste Mukwahepo Immanuel tasted the bitterness of death. Given her legendary bravery, she took her death, with acceptance and peace, knowing that during her life she fought hard and she fought bravely, for her country.

For those of us she has left behind, it is never easy to say goodbye. Therefore, as we prepare to send her off on her final journey, let us take solace in the fact that the enduring spirit of her life will live on through our memories of this pioneering female combatant. She is now ready to join her fellow compatriots, immortalized

through the blood that waters the freedom of the people of the Republic of Namibia.

We are all indebted to Comrade Mukwahepo, who did not join the struggle for glory, but out of conviction and purpose. She knew that the freedom of Namibia's people was their birth right and therefore, it was worth fighting and dying for. Due to the bravery of fighters like Mukwahepo and her peers in PLAN, SWAPO and its allies were able to stifle the brutality of the Apartheid Regime, forcing it to bend its knees and cede the territory of Namibia back to its rightful owners.

To the family of the late Comrade Mukwahepo; although no words of comfort

can ever substitute the endearing presence of this great woman, please know that we are here to share with you the pain of her loss. We are here, also to celebrate the memory of her exemplary life.

I conclude with a passage from the Book of Corinthians 5:1, "For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands."

Let us take solace from these words, knowing that although Comrade Mukwahepo's earthly tent is destroyed, she is now ready to enter the eternal house in heaven.

May Her Soul, Rest in Eternal Peace.