



Republic of Namibia

Welcoming Remarks

By

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**During the Hero's Memorial Service for the Late Cde. Peter
Tshirumbu Tsheehama**

8th October 2010

The Widow - Meme Nalukale Albertina Tsheehama and Children

H.E. Hifikepunye Pohamba – President of the Republic of Namibia and the 1st Lady, Meme Penehupifo Pohamba

H.E. Dr Sam Nujoma – Founding President and Father of the Namibian Nation and Meme Kovambo Nujoma

Rt. Hon. Prime Minister Nahas Angula and Madam Tangeni Angula

Hon. Dr Libertine Amathila, Former Deputy Prime Minister

Hon. Dr Theo-Ben Gurirab – Speaker of the National Assembly and Madam Guriras

Hon. Asser Kapere – Chairman of the National Council and Madam Rev. Maria Kapere

Hon. Peter Shivute – Chief Justice and Madam

Hon. Ministers and Deputy Ministers

Major-General Peter Nambundunga – Acting Chief of the Namibian Defence Force

Distinguished Service Chiefs

The Secretary to Cabinet – Cde. Frans Kapofi

H.E. Anastas Kaboba Kasongo Wa Kimba – Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Acting Dean of the Diplomatic Corps

Hon. Members of Parliament

Members of the Diplomatic Corps

His Grace Arch-Bishop Liborius Ndumbukuti Nashenda

Distinguished Veterans of the Liberation Struggle

Uniformed Men and Women

Father Erastus Kapena Shimbome

Dear Mourners

Comrades and Friends

We are gathered here today to pay homage to yet another hero of the Namibian revolution. Cde. Angura Peter Tshirumbu Tsheehama dedicated his entire life to the total liberation of our country. He left the country at a very tender age to participate in the liberation struggle and rose through the ranks and file of the People's Liberation Army of Namibia under the Leadership of the SWAPO Party. He was a courageous and disciplined soldier who respected time. Over and above that, he was a dedicated husband and a father, a brother to many, an uncle, a grandfather and a trusted Comrade and friend who never betrayed the course. Cde. Tsheehama was a man of few words and respected time.

Accordingly, I want to appeal to all those who are going to be paying their tributes to please observe the time allocated. The Programme is rather long because so many of his comrades, colleagues and family members would like to pay their tributes to this brave gallant son of the Soil. But if all speakers know him well, they will know that he was a man of few words.

At occasions such as this one, people want to speak from their hearts rather than from a written script. Even so, I urge you all to restrict your tributes to few critical traits that you remember him.

Given the list of speakers on the Programme today, I am sure we will cover all aspects of Cde. Tsheehama's illustrious life at the end of it all.

I am Richard Nchabi Kamwi, I will be your Director of Ceremony. This being a State Memorial Service, it is important that we observe certain established protocols. As Director of Ceremony, I have done so on behalf of all of you. Therefore, in order to save time I request speakers other than their Excellencies to please restrict your protocol salutations to the following:

Mrs Nalukale Albertina Tsheeham and Children,

Your Excellency Cde. President,

Your Excellency, the Founding President and Father of the Namibian Nation,

The Rt. Hon. Prime Minister,

The Bereaved family,

Dear Mourners,

All protocols observed.

To commence with our Programme, I wish to invite Father Shimbome to bless the proceedings with a prayer. Father Shimbome, please may you come forth and bless the proceedings.

Thank you.