

CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCE OPENING REMARKS AT THE FIFTH (5TH) EDITION OF THE NDF ANNUAL SPORT TOURNAMENT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AS FROM: 30 JULY TO 05 AUGUST 2018

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Commissioner General Raphael Tuhafeni Hamunyela- Chief of Correctional Services

Senior superintendent Nathaniel Nendongo- Acting Chief of City Police

General Officer Commanding 21 Bde

General Officer Commanding 26 Bde

General Officer Commanding 12 Bde

General Officer Commanding 4 Arty Bde

General Officers Present

All Senior and Junior Officers

Warrant Officers

Senior and Junior NCOs

Fellow Sports Men and Women

Members of the Media

All Protocol Observed

Ladies and Gentlemen

Good Morning

I am Rear Admiral Sinsy Bamba Nghipandua the Navy Commander; on behalf of the Chief of Defence Force it is my distinct honour to welcome you all to the capital city of Namibia, Windhoek, for the 5th edition of the Defence Force Foundation (DFF) Annual Sport Tournament.

Let me give a brief historical background of this sport tournament. The DFF Annual Sport Tournament came into effect as a result of the Management Committee resolution to commit an amount of N\$ 100 000.00 annually, in sponsorship for the hosting of this sport event which shall take place on the NDF Day. The preceding events were held as follows:

- a. The first (1st) edition of the NDF Annual Sports Tournament took place in 2013 and it was hosted by the Army Headquarters in Grootfontein.

b. The second (2nd) edition was held in 2014 hosted by the Namibian Navy at Walvis Bay.

c. The third (3rd) took place in 2015 hosted by the Namibian Air force at Grootfontein, the fourth (4th) edition was held in 2016 hosted by 4 Artillery Brigade in Otjiwarongo.

d. The fifth (5th) edition is this one we are attending here today hosted by 21 Motorized Infantry Brigade in Windhoek.

In order for Service, Formation and Unit to host this prestige sport event, their respective combined clubs are required to submit a bid proposal to the DFF Secretariat where the best proposal will receive the blessings of the Management Committee who select the host based on the best bid proposal. The following Units will be participating in this sport tournament:

- a. Defence Headquarters
- b. Navy
- c. Air Force
- d. 26 Bde
- e. 12 Bde
- f. 21 Bde
- g. 4 Arty Bde
- h. MSO
- i. AD Bde
- j. Special Force

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- k. Recce Regt
- l. C/Depot
- m. Log Sp Bn
- n. Eng Regt
- o. Army Provost

The aforementioned units will be competing in the following sports codes:

- a. Soccer twenty two (22) teams
- b. Netball and Volleyball eighteen (18) teams each
- c. Boxing three (03) Units will be participating
- d. Pool Table twenty two (22) teams
- e. Athletics eighteen (18) Units will be participating

Ladies and Gentlemen, at this juncture, I would like to touch on the objectives of this tournament which is to promote cohesion, encourage endurance, inspire physical fitness and embolden **esprit de corps** (team work). Participating in sport allows the body to be relaxed and that in turn keeps the mind well focused. Sports have the ability to bring people together to interact with one another thereby creating friendship.

Furthermore, I should remind you that the NDF is a member of the International Commission of Military Sport (CISM) which is responsible for organizing regional and world military games. If we wish to see the NDF well represented at these games, it is through events like this one

were talented athletes are identified to competitively represent the NDF at this regional and international military games.

To all sports participants, you must seize this opportunity to show case your talents and market yourself by showing that you are worthy of representing the NDF and Namibia as a whole at national, regional and international level sports event.

The NDF has created a platform for each and every member to actively participate in sport through the sports day parade that takes place every Wednesday and the inter- units sport completions were talented athletes are identified hence all members must be encouraged to participate in those sports events. I would like to use this opportunity to thank our men and women who have excelled at international sports events, thank you so much for being good ambassadors of the NDF in particular and the Namibian nation in general.

Lastly, let me wish you all the best during the duration of the tournament and to remind you that, although we are here to compete, our completion is a friendly one, so discipline and sportsmanship spirit both on and of the pitch should prevail throughout this tournament.

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I therefore urge you to seize this opportunity to interact, make friends and most of all enjoy the sport activities, I believe that, your host has made Windhoek your home away from home during this period.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is now my distinguish honour to declare the DFF Annual Sport Tournament fifth (5th) edition in 2018 officially open.

I thank you.