



**Republic of Namibia
The President**

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**Meme Talitshi Loini Shivute and the Bereaved Family
Omuntele
Oshikoto Region**

RE: Message of Condolences

With a heavy heart, I write to express my condolences to you, the children and the entire bereaved family during this difficult time of mourning your dear husband, father, brother and uncle, Comrade Peter Shivute, who passed away on 29 October 2017.

In life, Comrade Shivute was a dedicated patriot who served our country with distinction in many areas, both during the national liberation struggle and after the attainment of freedom and independence. As a young man, he joined our national liberation movement SWAPO, and later left for exile to join other Namibians in the execution of the historic mission of freeing our country from foreign domination. He was a tested cadre of SWAPO's military wing, PLAN, who was prepared to sacrifice his life in order to break the chains of apartheid colonialism. Today, we pay tribute to his bravery and salute his patriotism.

It was during his tenure of office as Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Defence that the Namibia Defence Force expanded and grew. This resulted in the establishment of the fully-fledged services such as Namibian Navy and the Air Force.

Moreover, Comrade Shivute oversaw the expansion of our defence industry which now contributes to the Namibian economy through local manufacturing of various military equipment and materiel.

The passing away of Comrade Shivute is not only great loss to you and your entire family, but also to our country. Although words will never be sufficient to soothe the grief, I wish to assure you that you, the children and the bereaved family, are not alone. We join you in grieving and celebrating the life of your departed father and husband. We join you in sharing the beautiful and enduring memories and the legacy that Peter leaves behind because when someone that you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. May the memory of Comrade Peter Shivute become a treasured memory that you hold dear.

His legacy of dedication and hard work should stand as a source of strength for you, Meme Loini, the children and the entire bereaved family as you start a new chapter in your lives without him. As you bid your final farewell to him, may you find the strength and resolve to allow a deeper sense of healing to begin and to conquer this loss.

On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Namibia, my family and indeed on my own behalf, I extend to you our heartfelt condolences. We will keep you in our prayers.

May the soul of Comrade Peter Shivute rest in eternal peace.


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