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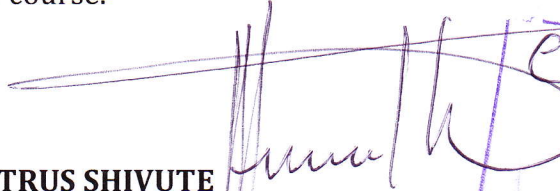
PROHIBITION ON TAKING OF PHOTOGRAPHS OR MAKING OF SKETCHES, PLANS, MODELS OR NOTES OF MILITARY PREMISES OR INSTALLATIONS

1. It has come to the attention of the Ministry of Defence (MOD) that there are individuals taking photographs and snooping on military bases and installations for the reasons only known to them. Of recent, the MOD has observed the use of drones flying over military installations which could be construed as threat to the military installation. The MOD is therefore, hereby urging members of the public, media or any other person to stop such practice with immediate effect.
2. In terms of Section 55 of the Defence Act, 2002 (Act 1 of 2002) provides that "NO person may, unless authorised thereto by the Minister or on the Minister's authority, take any photograph or make any sketch, plan, model or note of any military camp, barracks, dockyard, installation or other premises or any land or area of water used for military or defence purposes or which is under military control or of any part thereof or any object therein".
3. Furthermore, a member of the Defence Force may seize:
 - (a) any photograph taken or sketch, plan, model or note made in contravention of this law;
 - (b) any camera or other apparatus in possession of any person in contravention of such provision.
4. Any person who contravenes this provision may on conviction be sentenced to a fine not exceeding N\$ 20 000 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

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5. The mandate of the MOD is clear and Namibian Defence Force is entrusted with the constitutional obligation to defend the territorial integrity of the Republic of Namibia. I therefore, urge all Namibians to desist from compromising the security of our Motherland or else the law of the country will take its course.

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