President Pohamba was right when he said that as the history of Namibia could not be told without mentioning SWAPO Party, the history of SWAPO Party, too, could not be told without mentioning the name and the contributions of Cde Nujoma.

“For close to five decades,” said President Pohamba, “he led our organization with fortitude and dedication, with a sense of destiny and with an unwavering spirit of determination to achieve our historic mission of dislodging apartheid colonialism from our motherland.

“Not only did he lead SWAPO successfully until the defeat and banishment of apartheid from Namibia on 21 March 1990, he also laid a strong foundation for the future of our country as the Founding President of our Republic, which he led for 15 years.”

SWAPO was formed on April 19, 1960 to fight for Namibia’s independence. It initially championed for Namibia’s independence through peaceful means, but such efforts never yielded results.