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Tribute to Ruben "Danger" Ashipala

By Martin Shali

Today the nation mourns one of its greatest sons. Today another warrior has fallen. Today marks another sad day in the chapter of the liberation struggle, a true freedom fighter and one which we shall all remember is no more.

Ruben Ashipala, affectionately known as Danger, was born 62 years ago and died 62 years later. He was born on the 26 August, a day the liberation was to be launched on 1966 at Omugulugwombashe, and a fight that he joined later in 1974.

While working in Walvis Bay, Danger came into the reality with the harsh conditions imposed by the system of

apartheid and colonialism in Namibia at the fall of the Portuguese colonial empire in Africa in 1974, Danger together with many other young Namibian did not hesitate to join the struggle from outside Namibia.

The aim was to fight for freedom and independence of his country and people. He lived to the challenge. In 1974, Danger with many others were dis-

patched to the USSR to undergo military training and as a reconnaissance, a tough job indeed.

Danger was a remarkable man, a man of high intellect and natural intelligence. Danger was a fearless and brave Combatant. He was a great military leader who led by example. He was inspirational and a true committed combatant of plan.

Danger was driven by the



Danger Ashipala, Charles Namoloh and Martin Shali during the liberation struggle

love of his country and was always determined to see and ensure the freedom of his

Motherland, which he did. He was tough and physically a strong man, an endowment he

fully exploited.

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PSC signs bilateral relationship with French envoy

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK - The Public Service Commission (PSC) of Namibia opened up a new chapter in a bilateral relationship between the Government of the Republic of France through its esteemed Embassy in Namibia and the Government of the Republic of Namibia through the Public Service Commission (PSC) of Namibia.



PSC Chairperson Ambassador Eddy Amkongo and Jean Louis signing the moll while Pamela Hoebes looks on

The signing of the cultural smart partnership took place at Franco/Namibia Cultural Centre on Wednesday morning.

The two parties signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in a form of sponsorship of over N\$35 000 from the French Government through its esteemed Embassy in Namibia to enable the PSC

to establish its quarterly newsletter "The Public Servant" par excellence.

Speaking at the occasion, the Chairperson of the PSC, Ambassador Eddie Amkongo said that the development may appear symbolical, but viewed The Public Servant newsletter will create a platform for direct interaction between the PSC,

on one hand, and the entire Public Service as well as the wider public, on the other.

Ambassador Amkongo thanked the Embassy of France for the generosity and concrete gesture to give substance to the noble intentions of the PSC to reposition itself as an institution of good governance in Namibia.

"This sponsorship demonstrates that the Embassy of France is a true friend and dependable ally of the PSC. Despite the global financial recession, these friends have indeed identified themselves as pillars of strength to sustain our insti-

tutional venture".

He went on to say that the PSC is a central agency within the Namibian Public Service with a critical leadership role in contributing to the future capa-

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Former PLAN fighters pay last respect to Ashipala

By Esau Muzue

The former Plan combatants special unit Commander, Typhoon, who became commissioner for the special field force in an independent Namibia, commissioner Ruben Danger Ashipala has died at the age of 62.

The Katutura ELCIN Hosiana Church was fully parked to its capacity with comrades in uniforms mainly

former Peoples Liberation Army of Namibia (PLAN) combatants and civilian those who participated in the war for liberation to pay their last respect to the late Commissioner Ashipala cognomen Danger. He was described by many as a fearless fighter who joined the liberation struggle at his tender age like many young Namibian who joined SWAPO of Namibia during the 70s to liberate Namibia from the yoke of

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