



Late Peter Nanyemba with captured John van der Mescht

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He was at times an intimidating figure which was his trademark like President Sam Nujoma. He was one of those who wore beards in a revolutionary manifestation. Obviously he was influenced and inspired by him, (Nujoma).

How do we remember Danger? What is the legacy? These are the mind boggling questions. Reasons are abound because the life of this great military leader cannot be summed up in ten odd pages. He lived and died SWAPO. He was a revolutionary and visionary freedom fighter.

He was humble and possessed unequalled qualities, and persistent good sense of

humour, regardless of his intimidating characters and statue. He shared a common vision of Namibia, a Namibia free from the shackles of poverty, underdevelopment and employment, tribalism and regionalism, nepotism, corruption and many other such vices, for that he was a true patriot.

He was a great believer in shared values and cultural diversity. Danger was the greatest reconciliator. He made friends with his former enemies such as Johan van Der Mescht, whom he invited to Namibia with his family not too long ago.

He took him to Elundu Water point where he was captured. A film and a book in his memory is being prepared. He is a man who commanded immense respect and admiration

from friends and foes alike. He was likeable and a source of inspiration particularly at very difficult times of the armed Liberation Struggles

and for that his name and legacy will remain a living memory in the history of Namibia both before and after 20 years of freedom and independence.

A nation that forgets its history and its heroes and heroines is like a tree without roots. A tree without roots is condemned to doom because soon its leaves and branches will wither and when that happens the tree ceases to exist.

May his soul rest in eternal peace

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bility and sustainability of the service.

The PSC promotes good practice in skills identification and provisioning, support leadership and learning and development in the Namibian Public Service, foster ethical behaviour and workplaces that value diversity.

“We have an important evaluation role in working with agencies to ensure that the Namibian Public Service is performing effectively and consistently with the Public Service Commission values”, Amkongo explicated.

The Public Service Commission’s role has remained constant since its inception in 1990, he said, adding that the PSC provides Namibians with a highly competent, non-partisan and representative public service, able to provide service to all its stakeholders.

“The Public Servant will serve as a conveyer belt between the PSC and all its stakeholders. A well-designed, compellingly written newsletter will be an efficient communication tool that can accomplish many goals.

“It will educate, inform, advocate, promote, influence and/or connect. For a newsletter to be effective, it must provide value to the reader while delivering its message”, he said.

He further asserted that this newsletter will serve as a vehicle to communicate to any group of people with a shared interest, particularly the civil servants and our stakeholders, who aspire to know and to enternalise the issues pertaining to the Public Service.

The Public Servant will be published three times a year, in April, August and December and circulated free of charge. It will contain news, interviews and features written specifically for all and sundry in the Public



Former PLAN Combatants with Danger

Service of Namibia.

Ambassador Amkongo expressed his profound appreciation to Luc Fabre, Counsellor

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Special field force carrying casket of Danger

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colonialism.

The memorial service was attended by dignitaries such as President Hifikepunye Pohamba, Founding Father Dr. Sam Nujoma, Vice president of SWAPO Party Dr. Hage Gaingob, deputy Secretary General minister of safety and security Nangolo Mbumba, Defence Minister Charles Namoloh, Acting Defence Chief mojor general Peter Nambundunga, Police Chief Inspector General Sabastian Deitunga and members of the

diplomatic Corps. The liberation songs were sung to harmonise with the lyrics from the hymns.

Danger joined SWAPO armed wing PLAN in the 70s, where he served as a Commander ever since he joined PLAN. He received his training in the then Soviet Union as a reconnaissance and a Commander.

Speaking at the memorial service, Namoloh describes Danger as a man who always talk about fighting and strategizing every time, he liked talking about war, how to go about it. “He is a fearless man and he never feared anything” said Namoloh.

Cde Danger was entrusted to lead the special unity that fought Boers at the triangle inside Namibia, which was an economic area by then, where most Boers were doing their crop and animal farming, the same unity operated in the area of Kavango Region. This unit penetrated the whole police zone which was commercial area deep in Namibia as far as Okahandja and later down South of Namibia.

This unit according to Namolo, consisted of young tough and fearless men that were trained to operate one or group of two, as there were given tough task deep inside the country.

President Pohamba said that he was touched by the Namoloh’s Description of Danger, he therefore urged all intellectual to write something about the liberation struggle now or lecture it to the students so that our liberation struggle would not disappear.

“I always say we should talk about the person while he is alive, just like I do, I always tell you that when you talk about the history of Namibia and you don’t mention Nujoma’s name then you are wrong. This country is liberated because of his contribution”, said Pohamba. Adding that, we are enjoying peace in this country because of this man rested in the coffin today.

Speaking at the Service Founding Father Dr. Sam Shafiishuna Nujoma described him as a hero who had a unit of Commando, he had to sing the commando song, “etanga lekomando”. He gave a word of comfort to the bereaved family of Danger.

Namoloh told the congregation how he commanded the battle where PLAN Combatants captured Johan van der Mescht, in Namibia and how they managed to take him to Lubango.

It was not easy as the South African racist occupationists Army wanted to recapture Johan van der Mescht back. There were several battles taking place in the area. He said

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