



PRESS STATEMENT

The Passing on of Hon. Rosalia Nghidinwa

On behalf of the National Assembly of the Republic of Namibia, I hereby join the family and friends of Comrade Rosalia Nghidinwa and the rest of the country, in expressing our deep felt sympathy and condolences at her untimely passing.

The late Hon. Rosalia Nghidinwa, a long serving Namibian politician, was born 26 October 1952, in Nkurenkuru, Kavango West Region. She was a long serving member of SWAPO, having joined SWAPO in 1974 and spent many years in exile.

Rosalia was a health practitioner by profession and an active member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN), who served on the Church's governing council from 1991 to 1996 and through the years, ran several community health centres within Okavango for the ELCIN Church.

She served as Deputy Minister of Labour from 2000 to 2005, Minister of Home Affairs and Immigration from 2005 to 2012, having been re-elected to the National Assembly in 2010. She later moved on to become the Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare since December 2012 until 2015 when she left Parliament. As a parliamentarian, she had a strong commitment towards community development programmes in rural areas and improving the welfare of vulnerable groups including elderly citizens, woman and children.

The Parliament and the nation at large will indeed miss a seasoned leader and mother with a passion to care for the needy and was therefore a very useful pillar in molding the future of our nation.

On behalf of the National Assembly of the Republic of Namibia, let me take this opportunity to convey our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of the late Hon. Hon. Rosalia Nghidinwa.

May Her Soul Rest in Eternal Peace!

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