



National Assembly

**REMARKS BY HON. PROF. PETER H. KATJAVIVI, MP, SPEAKER
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Hon. Members,

Permit me to bid you all farewell as we close this sitting.

As we move from here, we all have a very important assignment, that is, to return to the people of this country and to seek a new mandate from the people of this country.

It is my hope and prayer that all will proceed peacefully as it has become the tradition in this country so that we continue to preserve peace and stability of the Republic of Namibia.

I want to close the House by citing two examples built around love and peace.

First, is Elvis Presley's song, when he says that I cannot help loving you! In the context of Namibia, we can translate that as, "we cannot help but love Namibia with all our hearts". As the famous saying goes,...east or west, home is best. In the same context when the late Jackson Kaujeua sang his song,... "avihe ovirongo oviua nu ka-Namibia". In English it translates as,...all lands are good but not like Namibia.

Secondly, a mother in Serbia called out to his son, "my son, do you know where you are?... this is Serbia". This was after Serbia had regain its self-determination and the mother was reminding her son that that was his heritage and he needed to preserve it.

I wish you all well, good health and all the best in the upcoming elections!