



National Assembly

Announcement by Hon. Prof. Peter H. Katjavivi, MP
Passing on of Comrade Andimba Herman Toivo ya Toivo
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National Assembly Chamber

Hon. Members,

I would like to take this opportunity, to formally announce to the House, the passing on of our long serving senior citizen and former member of this honourable House and Cabinet Minister, Comrade Andimba Herman Toivo ya Toivo.

Comrade Andimba Herman Toivo ya Toivo passed away at his residence, during the late afternoon hours, on Friday 9th June 2017.

Comrade Andimba's life was shaped by the liberation struggle so much that his entire life

became public knowledge, particularly, to the older generation. He is a person whose character could have been summarily described as a non-assuming and highly principled personality, who had great faith in the cause of his people, and who was an anchor for activism and friends around him. In other words, he was a rallying point, committed to the common good for all.

His nature of person was reflected in his famous speech during his trial in Pretoria when he told off the South African Judge with the famous words:

“We are Namibians and not South Africans. We do not now, and will not in the future, recognise your right to govern us, to make laws for us in which we had no say, to treat our country as if it was your property and us as if you are our masters.”

Hon. Members, let us observe a minute of silence in memory of this great son of Namibia!

MAY OUR GOOD LORD REST HIS SOUL IN ETERNAL PEACE!