



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY HON. PROF. PETER H. KATJAVIVI, MP ON THE FLOOR OF
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THE PASSING ON OF HON. HIDIPO HAMUTENYA**

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Honourable Members,

I have two announcements to make before the House today.

1) Firstly, on a sad note, I wish to announce to the House, the passing on of our dear colleague, Hon. Hidipo Hamutenya.

The Late Hon. Hidipo Hamutenya was born on 17th June 1939 at Odibo in the Ohangwena Region. He attended primary school at Engela before attending Augustineum Government College in Okahandja from 1959 to 1961. I particularly recall this period because we joined Augustineum Government College more-or-less at the same time.

During the liberation struggle Hamutenya furthered his studies in journalism at the Sofia University in Bulgaria and later obtained a BA in political science and history from Lincoln University in the United States, and in 1973 he

graduated from McGill University in Montreal, Canada, with a MA.

I knew Hon. Hamutenya as a dedicated comrade and veteran politician who contributed immensely to the freedom and independence of Namibia. Indeed we shared many years in exile. He held a number of ministerial portfolios after Namibia attained its independence.

As all we know, Hon. Hamutenya formed the Rally for Democracy and Progress (RDP) Party as its Founding President, and continued to make significant contribution on the political landscape of the country as the leading opposition politician. However, he returned to SWAPO Party on 28th August 2015.

Our sincere heartfelt condolences go to his dear wife, *Nangula Hamutenya,* children and the rest of the family. May I request this Honourable House to observe a minute of silence in honour of the late Honourable Hidipo Hamutenya.

May his soul rest in eternal peace!

2) Secondly, I would like to bring it to the attention of the House that on Monday 10th October 2016, at 11:00am. The National Planning Commission (NPC) will do a presentation in the Chamber, for all MPs on NDP5.