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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WINDHOEK**

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**Honourable Speaker;**

**Honourable Members;**

I rise to formally inform this August House and the entire Namibian community about the imminent operations of the Ministry of Safety and Security and other stakeholders aimed at the prevention and combating of crime and making Namibia a safer place to live.

Following the double Murder of the two (2) sisters in Khomasdal, His Excellency Dr. Hage G. Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia directed that various stakeholders should join hands to curb the escalating crimes in and around Windhoek.

To heed this directive, Operation “**Omake**” was established. **Operation “Omake”** is spearheaded by the Ministry of Safety and Security with Ministry of Defence, Namibia Intelligence Service and Windhoek City Police as main stakeholders. There are other important stakeholders who I will deal with later in my statement, as this will be a massive operation and each and every stakeholder has an important role to play.

It is with concern that we note that many of these heinous crimes are committed in the city’s riverbeds, which seem to be a nesting place for criminals. Honourable Speaker, Honourable members, you recall the gruesome murder of Magdalena Stoffels some years back and now the two sisters a few weeks ago.

It is a fact that many of our people take shortcuts through riverbeds to get to work or home and we cannot prevent them from walking here as we live in a free country and citizens’ should be able to move where they wants, but still feel safe.

Therefore, the following activities have been identified to be carried out, of course being mindful of the financial aspect, in an attempt to make Namibia, and specifically its capital city, a safer place for its inhabitants:

- Clearing of riverbeds and open spaces;
- Flattening of riverbeds where necessary;
- Increase patrols by Nampol and City Police;

- Installation of flood and street lights in crime prone areas;
- Increase the installation of CCTVs in crime prone areas;
- Vigorously enforce the Liquor Act;
- Vigorously combat drug trafficking, illegal immigrants and trafficking in persons.

For Operation “Omake” to be a success, we need the assistance of a wide spectrum of stakeholders such as:

Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration

Ministry of Justice

Office of the Prosecutor General

Ministry of Environment and Tourism

Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture

Ministry of Higher Education, Training and Innovation

Ministry of Urban and Rural Development

Ministry of Works and Transport

Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology

Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and SME Development

Ministry of Health and Social Services

The Bus and Taxi Association

The Shebeen Owners Association

Neighbourhood Watch Society/Association

Property Owners and Volunteers

Namibian Media

*Communities, traditional authorities*

Private Sector

I have already been writing letters to the various stakeholders to inform them about their role and to ask that we take hands in this national operation. For instance, Ministry of Health and Social Services will be

required to have an ambulance and medical personal on standby in case of any emergency while teams are working out in the sun, water will be needed by the teams, chainsaws to cut the bushes, gloves as protection against bushes, insect and even reptiles bites, sunscreen, hats or helmets, protective clothing, food for the people on the ground, and a host of other things, too many to list.

We will amongst others, also need the assistance of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism when it comes to us not chopping off protected flora, Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture to ensure we do not destroy national heritage sites, Ministry of Information and Communication Technology for public awareness, and so many others who will know what is expected of them in Operation "Omake" once their letters have been sent, as each and every stakeholder's part is of extreme importance for the success of this operation.

**This massive joint operation will be launched on Monday, 2 November 2015 at 9h00 in the morning at the Moses Garoeb Street in Khomasdal, where the two Kuaseua sisters have been murdered,** and I invite each and every one to come and join us on that day. It will continue as long as it is necessary and will be rolled out to the regions in due course.

I therefore wish to take this opportunity to request all members of Parliament and the public out there to support these effort and participate in the efforts of the stakeholders.

I also want to call upon all Namibians not to move around with any type of weapon, as the Police will be conducting vehicle and body searching, and anyone found with weapons and/or drugs will be dealt with in accordance with the law.

I further want to appeal to the Shebeen Association to inform their members to abide by the Liquor Act, and stick to specified business hours as NAMPOL and the City Police will make sure that the shebeens close at the specified time as per their licences.

Honourable Speaker; the initial manpower is estimated at four hundred and ninety (490), but this figure is expected to increase as we will be welcoming community members and volunteers to join the operation.

The joint Operational Command Centre will be housed at the Namibian Police Force National Headquarters, Ausspännplatz, Windhoek.

Honourable Speaker, Honourable members, Operation “**Omake**” will be carried out in accordance with the Supreme Law, the Constitution of the Republic Of Namibia, strictly upholding and respecting the fundamental human rights and freedoms guaranteed to all people, the provisions or guidelines as set out in the Criminal Procedure Act 1977 (Act 51 of 1977) as amended, and other relevant legislations.

**I Thank You Honourable Speaker**

