



Namibia's Next Chapter: A Legacy of Strength, A Future of Promise

As Namibia bids farewell to the past and steps into a new era, we reflect on the resilience, unity, and unwavering hope that continue to shape this great nation.

It has been one of the greatest honours of my life to serve you and this great nation. As we stand at the cusp of a new chapter in our journey, I find myself reflecting on the weight of history — on what has been and what is yet to come.

While the path behind us is known — including the two watershed moments of President Hage Geingob's passing last year on February 4 and, this year on February 8, of the Founding Father of the Namibian Nation, President Sam Nujoma, who shaped much of present-day Namibia — the path ahead remains uncertain. Yet, we are called to step into the future, and its dawn is unambiguously certain.

But even in uncertainty, this much I know to be true: Namibia, the Land of the Brave, will stand tall — not just tall, but stronger, more prosperous, united, and peaceful. For its people remain steadfast in hope and faith, woven together and guided by the invisible hand of God.

Namibia finds herself in a bittersweet moment, one of both bidding farewell to the past and embracing a new dawn. On one hand, she stands ready to embark on an era filled with anticipation and possibility. On the other, she mourns the loss of a defining past, a farewell so profound that words cannot ease its ache.



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—FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK—



There comes a time to let go, to step aside, knowing that some departures leave a silence that lingers. Yet, within that silence, history speaks, and the future is born. This, dear friends, is such a time.

At my age, I have come to understand that true greatness is rarely recognized in its own time. The famed painter Vincent van Gogh, a visionary ahead of his era, created over 2,000 works but sold only one in his lifetime. His genius was only fully appreciated long after he had faded into history. His brilliance, like a shooting star, illuminated the world only after his physical essence had turned to dust. In Namibia — a land stretching across 824,292 km² of ancient and modern landscapes — we do not measure greatness in applause. We measure it in the legacy that unites a nation, in the hope and pride that build a future as bright as the Namibian sun.

True greatness does not always wear a crown. Sometimes, it wears the scars of sacrifice, the weight of responsibility,

and the quiet knowledge that history will tell its story long after the hero has stepped offstage. We witnessed this truth when we laid to rest the Founding Father of the Namibian Nation, Dr. Sam Shafiishuna Nujoma, at the beginning of this March.

Some say it is time for me to be unchained! They say retirement is a time of ease and reflection. Yet, I find that stepping away is never easy. But my greatest comfort is knowing that Namibia's story is far greater than any individual. It is a story of hope — of a nation whose unity produced the heroes and heroines who fought for its political freedom, upon whose foundations future generations will build their hopes for economic freedom. And so, I do not leave you with a farewell. Instead, I leave you with a welcome — a welcome to the most beautiful country in the world. Welcome to the new, brave Namibia — The Land of the Brave.

Let the journey continue. 🍇