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### **Commemoration**

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in respect of heroes and heroines



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Eternal Flame during 40<sup>th</sup> Cassinga Day  
Commemoration at  
Heroes Acre-Windhoek on  
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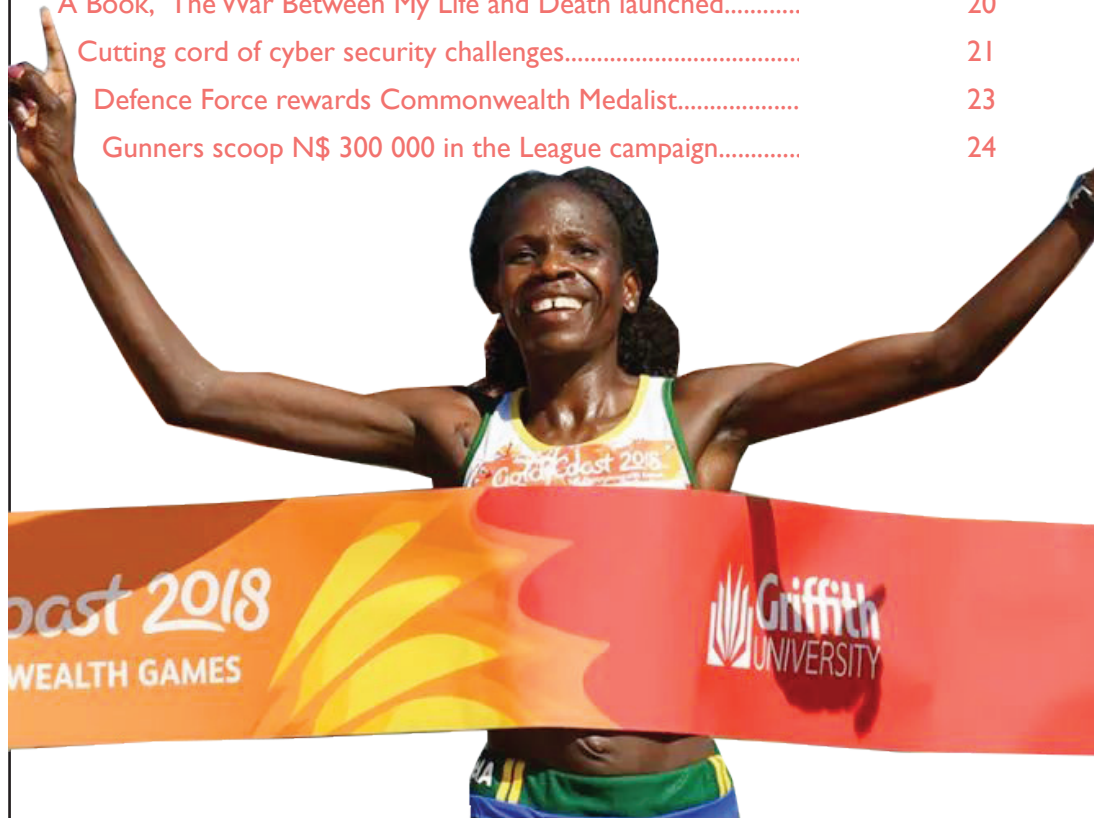
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## ditor's note

*We* are pleased to present to you the April – June edition of the NDF Journal packed with news articles on issues of defence interests. The edition covers activities carried out in quarter one (April – June) of 2018/19 financial year.

In this edition, Namibia commemorated the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cassinga Massacre at Heroes Acre where the NDF men and women successfully performed their ceremonial function. The day was honoured by a large crowd of Namibian and Angolan nationals who flocked to Heroes Acre to pay homage to the living and fallen heroes and heroines of Cassinga.

Furthermore, the NDF played their role when they successfully contributed towards the National Clean-up Campaign countrywide following the clarion call of H.E Dr. Hage Geingob who declared 25 May to be a National Clean-up Campaign day. Lt Gen John Mutwa, Chief of the Namibian Defence Force led his troops to the Clean-up Campaign to join hands with fellow Namibians to promote public hygiene.

On Human Resources development, the MOD witnessed the first team of its members who graduated from the University of Namibia, School of Military Science with Bachelor Degree (Honours) in Military Science majoring in Aeronautical, Army, Nautical Weapons, Nautical Electronics as well as Nautical Mechanics.

To this end, it is worth noting that the edition is packed with other informative articles for your reading pleasure. Please, read and share with others.

*Thank you.*







**His Excellency Dr. Hage Geingob, his Angolan Counterpart, H.E. João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço and the Cuban Ambassador to Namibia, H.E. Giraldo Mazola after laying wreaths at Heroes Acre in remembrance of the Cassinga Massacre**



## -40<sup>th</sup> Cassinga Commemoration- a Guard of Honour in respect of heroes and heroines

**T**he 4<sup>th</sup> May is a national day in which Namibians join hands to honour and pay tribute to the victims of Cassinga Massacre of 4 May 1978 where hundreds of Namibians were brutally killed by the South African apartheid forces at the then SWAPO's Cassinga refugee camp at Huila Province in Angola. On that same day, another the then SWAPO refugee camp known as Vietnam in Cunene Province was also attacked.

This year the day was commemorated at Heroes Acre in Windhoek. A number of Namibian and Angolan nationals flocked to the Heroes Acre to pay homage to the living and fallen heroes and heroines of Cassinga.

In his keynote address, H.E. Dr. Hage Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia highlighted the importance of commemorating the event together with the Angolan people, stating that Angola stood shoulder to shoulder with Namibia

through the darkest days of Namibia's struggle for independence. "Cassinga day reinforces the historic relations Namibia has been sharing with Angola," he emphasised.

He further stated that hundreds of defenseless sons and daughters of Namibia and Angola, mostly women and children were killed by the South African apartheid regime's instantaneous air strike which left numerous Namibians wounded and traumatised. "The sons and daughters of the Land of the Brave have traversed an arduous and torturous path towards independence," Dr. Geingob said.

At the event, President Geingob conferred Namibia's Highest Civilian Honour, the Order of the most Ancient Welwitschia Mirabilis First Class, to the Angolan President H.E. João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço as a recognition for the significant role he played during the liberation struggle for both Namibia and Angola.



H.E. Lourenço, was on a three day state visit to Namibia and attended the 40th Cassinga day Commemoration as a guest of honour. Speaking at the event H.E. Lourenço gave credence to the long healthy bilateral relation between Namibia and Angola, and urged the two nations to comply with the contemporary demands of new development



Service Chiefs and other Defence and Security Senior Officers at the 40<sup>th</sup> Cassinga Day commemoration

based on the close cooperation in the light of common past memories. "The joint efforts and mutual interests that we pursue will be consolidated before the history and well-being of our people," President Lourenço said.

Speaking at the same event was H.E. Giraldo Mazola, the Cuban Ambassador in Namibia, he narrated a poem by late Commander Juan Almeida, a Cuban soldier who became one of the most outstanding guerilla Commandants of the Cuban Revolution, a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Cuba and the then Vice President of Cuba.

According to the Ambassador the late Commander Almeida became one of the most popular composers and made more than 300 songs and as a writer he published a dozen of books.

Among his works he wrote a poem to the Cassinga massacre in 1986.

### ***The poem read as follows***

*The dawn had been full of hope when from the racist regime of South Africa the cruel massacre arrived. With shrapnel and fire they sowed destruction, they shared out death to children, women, the elderly, the sick, just like that, at random.*

*The airplanes disgorged shrapnel vomit, and then, the mercenaries finished off whatever remained alive. It was the punishment meted out to the people because of their liberation. The calculated genocide aimed at blocking their independence and self-determination. They killed the shadow that lived there under the skin waiting to return*

*to the beloved and defended Namibia, to recover its land, its sea, its sky or whatever remains of these after the looting and the killing.*

### ***But from the dead will spring a new life.***

In a rare but powerful display of international solidarity, after the Cassinga massacre, Cuba took the majority of the children that survived the raid to undertake their studies in the Island of Youth. Over 600 Namibian children arrived in Cuba by late 1978.

Amongst the common military functions executed during the event was the performance of Reveille and Last Post Bugle, which is a musical sound that depicts the act of incite and remembrance of the fallen heroes and heroines. The event concluded by the two Heads of State and the Cuban Ambassador laying wreaths at the eternal flame in memory of heroes and heroines of Cassinga.

# -Late Col Immanuel's-

## Last Post and Reveille

**L**ate Colonel Mukwanangobe Auguste Mwalimushi ya Immanuel commonly known as 'Mukwahepo' was accorded a dignified farewell compounded of the 17 Gun Salute, National Salute, and the Last Post and Reveille as recognition for her unfaltering role in the liberation struggle.

Col Immanuel passed away on 30 May 2018 at the age of 80. She was laid to rest at the Eenhana Shrine on 09 June where she was conferred a military funeral as an honour for her contribution to the liberation struggle. She was the first Namibian

woman to receive military training in 1964 as a combatant of South West Africa Liberation Army (SWALA) at Kongwa Training Centre in Tanzania. She was the only female PLAN combatant to be conferred with the honorary rank of Colonel in 2007 by H.E. Dr. Hifikepunye Pohamba, former President of the Republic of Namibia. She was also conferred with Omugulugwombashe medal in 1995 by H.E. Dr. Sam Nujoma, Founding President of Namibia at Omugulugwombashe in recognition of her heroism and contribution to the liberation of



Vigil Guards posted during the laying in state of the immortal remains of the Late Col Immanuel at Eenhana Sport Ground





Pallbearers carrying the casket of the late Col Immanuel to the grave site at Eenhana Heroes Shrine

Namibia.

To a greater extent, the honour bestowed on her name also stems from being the 3rd Namibian woman to go in exile, evading colonial oppression in her quest to liberate the motherland from the South African apartheid regime. Evidently, the military honour signified her role as a mother figure which she extended to many in exile.

The NDF officers led the procession as Bearers

and Pallbearers, carrying and escorting the immortal remains of Col Immanuel to Lay In State during the memorial service at the Eenhana Sport Ground and subsequently to the Eenhana Shrine where she was laid to rest.

MAY HER SOUL REST IN INTERNAL PEACE.



Buglers playing the Last Post during the burial of the Late Col Immanuel



H.E. Dr. Hage Geingob laying the wreath at the grave site of the Late Col Immanuel



# National Clean-up Campaign:

## promoting public hygiene

Namibia pronounced itself as an ambitious and goal oriented nation following a successful National Cleaning Campaign led by H.E. Dr. Hage Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia. President Geingob declared the 25 May, which is traditionally celebrated as Africa Day to be a National Clean-up Campaign day justifying that Africa Day in the absence of a clean Africa is without doubt an unhealthy Africa.

Dr. Geingob launched the National Clean-up Campaign at Green Mountain Road, Samora Machel Constituency in Windhoek on 25 May 2018 under the theme 'My waste, my responsibility'.

and one village at a time. Let us establish a narrative around good health and cleanliness, in every corner of our Namibian House. Let us therefore kick off this campaign in earnest, and make Namibia healthy and clean," emphasised President Geingob.

Namibians from all corners of the country including members of the Namibian Defence Force joined hands in support of the President's clarion call of keeping the Namibian House clean and free of dirt.

Lieutenant General John Mutwa, Chief of the Namibian Defence Force led his troops to the National Campaign. He had also issued a directive to



Air Vice Marshal Martin Pinehas, Air Force Commander (left) with his troops partaking in the clean-up campaign in Karibib

He encouraged the Namibian citizens to dedicate their efforts towards keeping Namibia as one of the cleanest countries in the world. "We will pull together, roll up our sleeves, and make Namibia healthy and clean, one street, one city, one town

all Arms of Service, Formations and Units to actively participate in the National Clean-up Campaign countrywide.

He stated that the participation of the NDF troops in the campaign was part of fulfilling their





From left Hon. Mcleod-Katjirua, Governor of Khomas Region, H.E. Dr. Hage Geingob, Lt Gen Sebastian Ndeitunga, and Lt Gen John Mutwa at the clean-up campaign

secondary role of providing support to Civil Power and Local Authority when required. “What you are witnessing here are soldiers fulfilling their secondary role and promoting public hygiene. This is immensely influenced by the fact that hygiene is part of the daily routine amongst the soldiers and it is part of their training,” said Gen Mutwa.

The cleaning campaign was necessitated by the need to keep Namibia clean and reclaim its neatness status in Africa. The campaign was therefore vital to promote hygiene, country’s aesthetic appeal and minimise the risk of diseases. It also demonstrates to the outside world the immense love and pride Namibians hold for their beloved motherland.



Members of the Namibian Navy cleaning up Walvis Bay



Pioneers of Bachelor of Science in Military Science (Honours) Degree at UNAM's graduation ceremony

# -UNAM-

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**“The School did not only intend to develop capacity into the NDF Arms of Service, but also to ensure that the programme goes beyond the defence”**

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**T**he School of Military Science at UNAM hosted a reception in honour of its Alumni and pioneers for the Bachelor of Science in Military Science Degree on 19 April 2018 at Windhoek Main Campus.

Twenty three graduates from the Ministry of Defence were the first cohorts to graduate with Bachelor of Science (Honours) Degree in Military Science (B.Sc. Military Science) majoring in Aeronautical, Army, Nautical Weapons, Nautical Electronics as well as Nautical Mechanics. The B.Sc. Military Science graduates were part of the UNAM students who graduated in different fields in April 2018 at Safari Hotel, Windhoek.

Apart from 23 members who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Military Science (Honours) Degree, the reception was also attended by 09 members who graduated with Postgraduate Diploma and 07 others with a Master Degree in Security and Strategic Studies.

In the speech read on his behalf, the Chief of the Namibian Defence Force (CDF), Lt Gen John Mutwa applauded the graduates for hard work that led them to successfully complete their studies. He stated that, he was aware that the journey towards obtaining their qualifications was not easy and it was through perseverance and hard work that they obtained their qualifications.

He encouraged the graduates to continue with their studies in order to upgrade their qualifications. The CDF reminded the graduates that his office is always ready to assist them in case they want to further their studies in areas that are relevant to the MOD and NDF mission. “Do not give up and I would say that ‘the sky must be the limit’. We need Doctors and Professors in various fields of study. My office has been supportive all along towards your studies and it remains ready to assist you”, he said.

The B.Sc. Military Science programme was fully funded by the government through the MOD. In this regard the CDF therefore urged the graduates to

apply the knowledge they gained from their studies to plough back to the defence of their motherland.

Professor Kenneth Matengu, UNAM Pro Vice Chancellor for Research, Innovation and Development expressed his sincere appreciation for the cooperation between UNAM and MOD. He highlighted that the cooperation started a long way when the school only had a Postgraduate Diploma and Master Programme in Security and Strategic Studies. The relation gradually grew and introduced a Bachelor of Science (Honours) Degree in Military Science. “The school did not only intend to develop capacity into the NDF Arms of Service, but also to ensure that the programme goes beyond the defence. The school would also like to develop a programme that speaks to the comprehensive aspects of security and strategic activities of the government,” Prof. Matengu said.

He further stated that the school also signed cooperation with several academic institutions such as the University of Nairobi which has a big faculty of military in Africa and University of Stellenbosch where some of its academic staff members are serving in the School of Military Science. In light of the above, the Professor said that through this cooperation, the school will be able to explore and consolidate in military and security aspects.

“We believe in power of partnership and utilising Africa’s capacity as we move on and go forward,” he stressed.

Lastly, Prof. Matengu informed the Defence Management that the need for modernising armed forces is strongly recommended and urgent.

In this sense, he stated that the school will play its part and work together with the MOD to ensure that they tackle the security challenges including cyber security amongst others. “I know that some military aspects require certain sensitivity and we would not use it without proper consultations,” he concluded.

# SOAPS GRADUATE

The Namibian Air Force's School of Air Power Studies (SOAPS) is living up to its mandate to capitalise on human resource development and make efforts towards achieving institutional mission.

This was testified by the graduation ceremony of the 10<sup>th</sup> intake of technical students and 5<sup>th</sup> Intake of Potential Junior Non-Commissioned Officers held jointly at Grootfontein Air Base on 29 June 2018. The mission is to train, educate and develop members of the Air Force to the highest standards of professionalism.

The ceremony was officiated by Hon. Penda Ya Ndakolo, Minister of Defence.

In his keynote address, Hon. Ya Ndakolo commended the SOAPS for their resilient commitment towards training and producing competent aircraft

technicians and leaders for the Air Force.

He said the school and its staff members' committed efforts towards nurturing the graduates with technical knowledge as well as leadership skills will enable them to perform and deliver in different situations. "I am convinced that the graduates are provided with adequate skills and capabilities to play a meaningful role, not only to the NAF but also to the entire Namibian nation where such skills and knowledge will be required," highlighted the Minister.

He further stated that the SOAPS, particularly the Technical Training Center, is a credible training institution and the only institution in the country offering these kind of technical training, stressing that having such an institution in the country is a



A group of Namibian Air Force's School of Air Power Studies students fronted by Minister of Defence (centre), CDF, Air Force Commander and other General officers and officials during the graduation ceremony.



# TECHNICIANS

Hon. Ya Ndakolo added that the commitment the School has made to train both local and foreign technicians is a clear testimony that the institution is on the right course and is recognised beyond borders.

Finally, the Minister congratulated the graduates and encouraged them to continue enriching themselves with more knowledge and skills.

Speaking at the same event, Air Vice Marshal Martin Pinehas, the Air Force Commander expressed his appreciation to the Ministry of Defence for the support given to the Namibian Air Force (NAF) which enabled them to achieve their objectives, saying, “if it was not for the Ministry’s committed support, the courses could not have materialised.”

Furthermore, the Air Force Commander thanked the Commandant and his team of Air Force instructors for a job well done. “I have no doubt that you are happy today to see the fruits of your hard work.



LACM Edson Mwombola shaking hands with Air Force Commander after receiving best academic Comendation Certificate from CDF

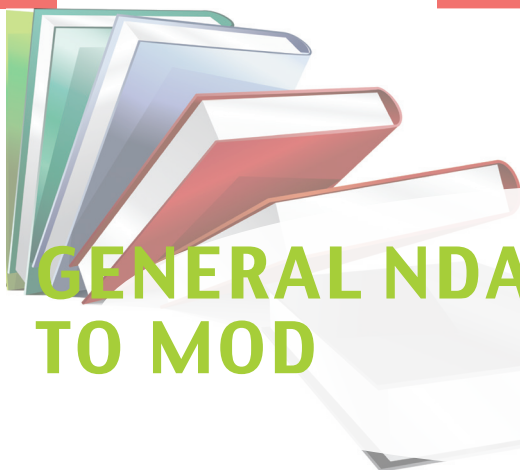


Hon. Ya Ndakolo presenting a diploma to Allied student Leading Aircraft Man (LACM) Bryan Madubeko from Zambia Air Force

We commend you and urge you to continue carrying on with your patriotic duties. Our focus should remain to produce world class technicians,” he said.

The graduation ceremony comprised 31 students who completed the Potential Junior Non-Commissioned Officers course including 16 Technical students, whereby two of them were from Republic of Zambia.

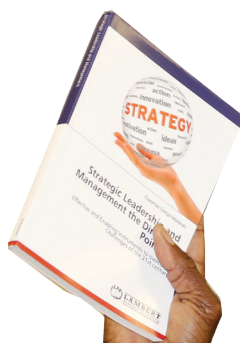
The 31 graduates were presented with Certificates in Potential Junior Non-Commissioned Officers Cadre Course. Sixteen technical students graduated with Aircraft Maintenance Engineering Technical Diploma and conferred with a half wing symbolising that they are qualified aircraft technicians.



## GENERAL NDAITWAH DONATES BOOKS TO MOD

The Ministry of Defence received intellectual work of Lieutenant General (Rtd) Epaphras Denga Ndaitwah, in the form of 60 copies of his two books titled: (1) A Life and Views of a Soldier; Authors Perspective and (2) Strategic Leadership and Management the Direction Pointer; Effective and Enabling Instruments to overcome Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Receiving the books worth of Ninety thousand (N\$ 90 000) on 20 June 2018 at Defence Headquarters was Hon. Billy Mwaningange, Deputy Minister of Defence who applauded the retired General for his intellectual work. He indicated that the books contain rich information from a man with an outstanding and long history of military service, and therefore stand to benefit all NDF members.



Lt Gen (Rtd) Ndeitwah displaying one of the two books he donated to MOD



Deputy Minister Hon. Mwaningange extends thanks to Lt Gen (Rtd) Ndaitwah, for his generous donation of his books to the ministry

Hon. Mwaningange thanked Gen Ndaitwah for his generous donation and assured him that the books would be distributed to all libraries within MOD establishments.

The Deputy Minister then challenged members to embrace a culture of reading and writing books as demonstrated by the retired Gen Ndaitwah.

Presenting the books the retired General stressed the importance of contemporary literature, and thus encouraged NDF members to acquaint themselves with the contents of his books in order to understand the complexity of strategic management.

He further encouraged them to develop a reading culture to broaden their knowledge.

General Ndaitwah is a former Chief of the Namibian Defence Force and an academic in security and strategic management. He is Head of Department and a Senior Lecturer at the International University of Management (IUM). Essentially, he developed his passion for writing when he retired from active military service in 2013 and published numerous articles on security and strategic management in various local newspapers. He was thereafter advised by other scholars to translate his articles into academic sources. This was realised in November 2017, when he launched the two books at IUM in Windhoek.



## MOD MEMBERS ATTEND ENGLISH COURSE

**T**wenty seven MOD members attended a two week course in English Language that was sponsored by the British Council in Namibia. The course took place at UNAM's School of Military Science from 18-29 June 2018.

The course facilitated by the Directorate of Education and Civil Training of MOD focused on improving the Officers' and Officials' English Language, emphasising on enhancing confidence in writing and oral communication during Peace Support Operations. The course prepared the participants to be able to effectively communicate at national, regional as well as at international level.

In his official opening speech, Hon. Billy Mwaningange, the Deputy Minister of Defence expressed his appreciation to the British Council for initiating the programme at the time when

the NDF is actively involved in Peacekeeping Operations.

He indicated that the use of English language across the globe and mostly in security sectors has become a hallmark of regional, continental and global political societies. In this regard, he said MOD's participation in such a programme is a necessity to achieve its institutional mandate.

He urged participants to take the programme very serious and acquaint themselves with good understanding of communication practices.

The course was conducted by Mr. Robert Buckmaster of Robert Buckmaster Consulting Company from Britain, using the elements from his book titled 'Military English'. Mr. Robert applauded the MOD for according him the opportunity to conduct the course. Participants were awarded with certificates at the end of the course.



Hon. Mwaningange pose for the group picture with the course facilitators and course participants

# Soldiers receive free Bibles

**M**embers of the Namibian Defence Force (NDF) received another generous donation of 2100 pocket Bibles from Gideon International Bible Society on 29 May 2018.

This was a second donation made to members of the Defence Force following

The Gideon International Bible Society delegation was welcomed by Lieutenant Colonel (Lt Col) Elias Ndiweda Ndjobela, the Tobias Hainyeko Base Commander who applauded them for their generous donation.

He thereafter encouraged members to be God fearing soldiers, "Read your Bibles to equip yourselves with the Word of God, which is a double edged sword

and the foundation of all wisdoms to guide you through your soldiering duties," said Lt Col Ndjobela.

Receiving the consignment of Bibles, Lt Col Hosea Hamwaama, NDF Chief Chaplain, appreciated the donation saying it will strengthen their faith. "The whole Bible is God's inspired words and it is trustworthy. We should read it and apply it to our lives. The Bible is our standard for testing everything else that



**NDF members receiving Bibles from Gideon International Bibles Society representatives**

another consignment of Bibles in camouflage covers donated by Bible Society of Namibia in February this year.

Gideon International Bible Society is a body of believers dedicated to ensure that the Word of God is available to everyone by distributing Bibles in English, Afrikaans and Oshiwambo versions amongst others.

claims to be true. The Bible is our safeguard against false teachings and our source of guidance for how we should live and behave," he concluded.

The consignment of the Bibles was distributed amongst NDF members from Tobias Hainyeko Garrison and Hanganee Katjipuka Kavezeri Barracks respectively.



# BDR SHIPOPYENI ordained as Pastor



Bdr Shipopyeni being congratulated by Dr. Shekutamba VV Nambala, the ELCIN presiding Bishop

Bdr Shipopyeni would be expected to join hands with various stakeholders such as civic authorities in order to provide spiritual needs to all the members of the society and that of the entire Defence Force. “The newly ordained Pastor who is a member of 4 Arty Bde will be deployed according to the needs and the reports we receive from the Services, Formations and Unit Commanders,” concluded Hamwaama.

**B**ombardier (Bdr) David Tate-Ati Shipopyeni qualified to serve as a chaplain after he was ordained as a pastor by Evangelical Luthern Church in Namibia (ELCIN) following his successfully completion a 4-years Diploma in Theology at Paulinium.

He was among the 20 Pastors and the only soldier ordained during the 58<sup>th</sup> Ordination Ceremony held at Endola ELCIN Parish on 24 June 2018.

In an interview with Lt Col Hosea Hamwaama, the NDF Chief Chaplain who also witnessed the ceremony said that, the newly NDF ordained Pastor came at a time when some members of the force are faced with critical issues of both social and psychological challenges, adding that

The ordainment ceremony was presided by Dr. Shekutamba VV Nambala, the presiding Bishop of ELCIN, who encouraged the new consecrated spiritual leaders to perform their pastoral roles with passions in serving the society and the entire Namibian nation.

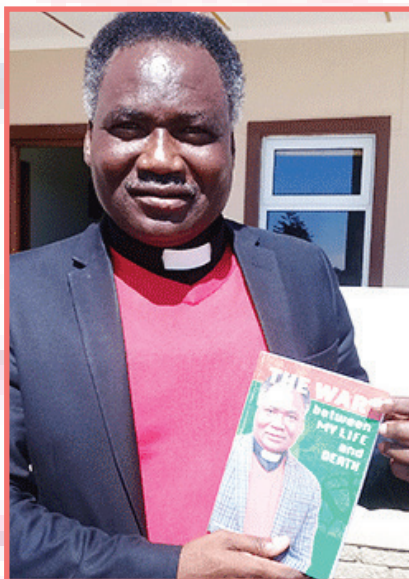
Meanwhile, Dr. Veikko Munyika, the ELCIN Bishop Western Dioceses who spoke during the presentation of new pastors to their designated Dioceses encouraged the new servants of God to exercise love in abundance for all people irrespective of their status in the society. “The society is engaged in a bad habit of baby, domestic violences and corruption just to mention a few,” said Dr. Munyika.

Various Church Leaders, Traditional Authorities and Government Officials also attended the ceremony.

# A BOOK, 'THE WAR BETWEEN MY LIFE AND DEATH' LAUNCHED

**W**arrant Officer 2 (WO2) Simeon Simon Valimo

Kandjala launched a book titled 'War Between My Life and Death'. The book reflects memories and accounts of his life of battling with psoriasis was launched on 28 April 2018 at Hossian Parish in Windhoek.



WO2 SSV Kandjala

WO2 Kandjala has been battling with psoriasis, ever since he joined the liberation struggle in the 1980's. Psoriasis is an unpredictable and irritating skin condition, which is a result of skin cells multiplying faster causing underlying cells to reach the surface and die. WO2 Kandjala has been secretly suffering from the disease but could not tell his compatriots about his condition fearing that they might think he was afraid to go to battlefield.

Even though the MOD assisted WO2 Kandjala in 2008 to seek medical treatment in Cuba, he still battling with ailment as it is incurable. He depends on a regular injection which he takes every two or three months at the cost of N\$ 14 000, which has improved his health condition.

In a statement read on his behalf at the book launch, Lieutenant General (Rtd) Epaphras Denga Ndaitwah said that it was not easy to talk about someone's health condition in public, but due to Kandjala's courage, "we are here today talking about psoriasis that he has been battling for years," he added.

He pointed out some qualities attributed to WO2 Kandjala that include courage, determination and faith which kept him strong to endure the long suffering from psoriasis. General

Ndaitwah also acknowledged the financial support from the MOD and the loving support of his family that ultimately kept his life going.

Furthermore, he stated that the book summarises everything that happened to Kandjala, the difficulties he went through and his experience with depression. "I therefore urge you all to buy the book and read it in order to get a better understanding why his book is titled 'The War between my Life and Death.'" he emphasised.

At the same occasion Brigadier General Erastus Nomongula Kashopola reflected WO2 Kandjala's contribution towards the liberation struggle as a young PLAN fighter, tough, energetic, intelligent and ever vigilant warrior from the Alpha Detachment as a reconnaissance cadre. "The same eagerness and determination he demonstrated during the liberation struggle is reflected in his firm fight against psoriasis," said Gen Kashopola.

WO2 Kandjala was born on 02 March 1967 at Onheleiwa, Omusati Region. He holds a diploma from United Lutheran Theological Seminary Paulinum and a certificate in Christian Ministry from the Namibia Evangelical Theological Seminary. He is the current Chaplain at Lt Gen Dimo Hamaambo Garrison.



From Left: Brig Gen Kashopola, Lt Col Hamwaama, Rev. Fikeipo, Brig Gen Ndeitunga and Ms. Shimbango during the launch of the book



# Cutting cord of cyber security challenges



**Ms Panduleni Amwaalwa MOD  
Media Officer**

**T**he evolution of new technology has increased cyber-attacks towards governments, security agencies, companies and individuals.

The ability of cyber attackers to reach the desired targets without the need for mass deployment of troops

represents a new dimension of advanced warfare that is capable of compromising the national security of any idling nation. Therefore, there is a vested interest for any government to work closely with their security agencies to develop comprehensive cyber security measures to mitigate the impact of cyber attack as well as deter their intended actions.

In the past months, newspapers have published articles concerning cyber security in Namibia and other African countries. The notion they depicted is that while other countries are actually strengthening their security agencies, the resources availed to these agencies in developing countries remain inadequate. In

contrast, there is also a limited political understanding of cyber security challenges.

Although advanced technology compromises the country's security and information, it is also vital to secure a country's cyber space by making use of advanced technology and having people with the right knowledge and expertise to counter any cyber security threats arising from new technology.

However, Research Associate for the Institute for Public Policy Research, Fredrico Links argued in the Informante article dated 08 February 2018 that the government should be aware that cyber security problems will not be solved by technology alone, but also requires a multi-stakeholder approach. He said that the matter requires a close cooperation and coordination by all internet stakeholders, including businesses, organisational and individual users, governments and law enforcement agencies, and policy makers worldwide.

Local Political Commentator, Ndumba Kamwanyah maintained in Namibian Sun publication dated 31 January 2018 that governments should avoid putting foreign entities in charge of the construction and security system of buildings. He warned that foreign entities might have their own interests, they come

for their economic and political interests and hence entrusting them with the country's security is a concern and the nation should be cautious.

Therefore, it is advisable for any government or security agency to create an enabling environment for employees and politicians alike to understand the impact of cyber threats.

In light of the above, employees and individuals may consider applying the following measures to protect themselves from cyber-attack:

- Do not post your address, phone number or other personal information on the internet.
- Try to keep what you post online limited to the people that you trust.
- Protect your computer by updating your anti-virus and anti-spyware software and also be sure to purchase these tools from trusted retailers or suppliers.
- Beware of criminals posing as financial institutions, bill-paying services or government agencies who will often send emails asking you to authorize transactions or verify information online. For example, the fake facebook account of Hon. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Namibia that was created claiming to reward individuals with scholarships by having to make an advanced payment.
- Be very selective about opening attachments in emails. Even emails from a trusted source can be dangerous when a friend or colleague's email is hacked.
- Change your passwords often. Most security experts recommend that you change your passwords at least once every three months.
- Use a unique password for each site. Be sure your passwords include a mix of upper and lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols for maximum security. For example, aY729familiar!!@.

- Take advantage of mobile banking applications. You can bank safely with mobile apps that provide secure access to your accounts. For example, Nedbank app.

It would also be advisable that security agencies invest in human capital by collaborating with trusted leading institutions that specialise in cyber security related fields to develop courses to train cadres of cyber security experts who will tackle the increasing cyber threat landscape.

Industrial experts can collaborate and craft policies to govern cyber security through standardising operating procedures in cyberspace to better protect classified networks.

However, keeping in mind that cyberspace is a network of networks that includes countless computers across the globe, no state or organisation can unilaterally maintain effective cyber security. Hence, government should continue to explore possible ways to defend its networks from malicious threats, and invest in people and technology.

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# DEFENCE FORCE REWARDS COMMONWEALTH MEDALIST

**C**orporal (Cpl) Helalia Johannes and other NDF participants at Commonwealth Games were met with sizzling mood and a rousing welcome by the Defence Headquarters' (DHQ) staff members.

Cpl Johannes won a gold medal in elite marathon at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia in April.

A welcoming ceremony was organised by MOD to appreciate her achievement and for raising the Namibian flag high at the prestigious Games.

Cpl Johannes made history when she became the first ever Namibian woman to win a gold medal at the Commonwealth games. Cpl Johannes put up an impressive performance as she coasted to victory in 2 hours 32 minutes and 40 seconds.

Speaking at the welcoming ceremony, Hon. Penda Ya Ndakolo, Minister of Defence said winning a gold medal at games of such magnitude is a national pride, adding that her hard work and determination had paid off as she finally made it to the top and put Namibia on the world map.

In acknowledgement of her prestigious achievement, Cpl Johannes was promoted to the rank of Warrent Officer Class Two (WO2). The rank insignias were conferred by Maj Gen Ben Kadhila, Chief of Staff Joint Operation who thanked WO2 Johannes and other NDF sportspersons for being the ambassadors of NDF through sport. He encouraged men and women in uniform to participate in various sport codes in order to maintain their physical fitness and bring more medals in the NDF.



WO2 Johannes displaying her Gold medal to MOD members



Maj Gen Ben Kadhila assisted by Col Mahela conferring rank insignias to the newly promoted WO2 Johannes



# GUNNERS SCOOP N\$300 000 IN THE LEAGUE CAMPAIGN

The NDF's Mighty Gunners soccer team collected Three hundred thousand (N\$ 300 000) prize money after they finished third in the 2017/2018 Namibia Premier League campaign for the first time since they were promoted again to the national top flight in 2014 from the National Far-Northern First Division.

Ever since they joined the league three seasons ago, Mighty Gunners Football Club from Jonas Shoongeleni Ndeimana Barracks in Otjozondjupa Region found it demanding to occupy the top three positions in the log-standing in the elite league dominated by tenacious clubs in the country. In 2014/15 they finished eighth while they had also completed the 2015/16 League at fifth position. Thanks to the coach, Gebhard Washa Washa Hengari who's out and in field plans worked to inspire the Gunners to a 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the campaign of 16 teams.

What also stirred their fighting spirit in the last league campaign was the success story in the Debmarine Namibia Cup 2017. The Otjiwarongo club struggled through to the end of the newly established competition which is played by all teams registered in the Namibia Football Association (NFA) affiliated leagues, unfortunately they lost the final 3-2 to Young Africa to walk away with the second honour of N\$ 358 000 cash prize.

The men in gold and black outfit are now a force to reckon with after they completed the league at a position traditionally occupied by certain Windhoek based teams such as Tigers, Black Africa, African Stars, Orlando Pirates and the likes of Blue Waters and Eleven Arrows from the Walvis Bay.

In fact, the Gunners started the 2017/2018 sluggishly with two losses in a row but bounced back mid-season to secure their place in the top five towards the end of the league season. The mid-season's rise progress vitalised the confidence and inspired the NDF team to a third position, and probably to put up a fight when the league program for 2018/19 starts, come September 2018.





In all 30 mandatory matches for 2017/18 top-flight campaign, the Mighty Gunners route out to 17 wins, 10 losses and 3 draws on 58 points. The win included the last two away matches they won 3-0 against Black Africa and 1-0 over Young Africa. For their efforts, the Gunners finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and banked N\$ 300 000 cash prize which is an incentive to walk with their heads high and anticipate a more advanced top position in the 2018/2019 league campaign.

Otiwarongo was in a cheery mood as the Mighty Gunners entered the town on 07

June from a success the weekend they were pronounced third place winners. Players and supporters pervaded the streets to celebrate the achievements and invite the community to join them and support the Gunners in the 2018/19 season as they set to continue from where they left off.





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**Community** – Contributing to society and demonstrating corporate social responsibility.

**Diversity** – Respecting the diversity and giving the best of composition and establishing an employee equity program.

**Empowerment** – Encouraging employees to take initiative and give the best. Adopting an error-embracing environment to empower employees to lead a decisions.

**Innovation** – Pursuing new creative ideas and methods of delivering services to our clients.

**Integrity** – Acting with honesty and honor without compromising the truth. Instill a strong culture of compliance throughout our organization.

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### August 26 Logistics

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- stakeholder relationship

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