



Republic of Namibia

**STATE FUNERAL OF**  
*H.E. Dr. Hage G. Geingob*  
**NATIONAL HERO**  
**AND THIRD PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**



\*Sunrise: 03 AUGUST 1941  
+Sunset : 04 FEBRUARY 2024

**THEME: "INCLUSIVITY SPELLS HARMONY, EXCLUSIVITY SPELLS CONFLICT." (DR. HAGE G. GEINGOB)**

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Independence Stadium  
Windhoek  
Saturday, 24 February 2024 at 14h00

**BURIAL SERVICE**

Heroes Acre  
Windhoek  
Sunday, 25 February 2024 at 10h00

# ABRIDGED BIOGRAPHY

## HIS EXCELLENCY DR. HAGE GOTTFRIED GEINGOB

### THIRD PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

Following the sixth national democratic elections in 2014, where Dr. Hage G. Geingob won the presidential vote by 87% of the votes cast, President Geingob was sworn into Office on the 21st of March 2015 as the third President of the Republic of Namibia. In 2019, during the 7th national assembly and presidential elections, President Geingob was re-elected to a second term in Office. Dr. Geingob was also the third President of the ruling SWAPO Party of Namibia following his election at the 6th SWAPO Party Ordinary Congress in November 2017. At the 7th ordinary congress of the SWAPO Party in 2022, President Geingob was re-elected by acclamation as President of the SWAPO Party. As President of the Republic of Namibia from 2015-2024, Dr. Geingob led Namibia during a difficult period, providing steady leadership throughout an economic downturn occasioned by the global commodity crisis of 2014; severe droughts between 2015-2019, recorded to have been the worst in the history of Namibia, including the Covid-19 pandemic, which affected many sectors of the economy from 2020 to 2022.

Born on the 3rd of August 1941 in the district of Grootfontein, Dr. Geingob began his schooling in Otavi in the year 1948. In 1958 he attended the Augustineum College, where the first seeds of political consciousness were planted. As a student at Augustineum College, the young Hage G. Geingob led a strike against the unfair treatment of students. In 1961 he completed his teachers training, after which he started teaching at Tsumeb. It was in Tsumeb where he started partaking in SWAPO activities and joined SWAPO officially in 1962.

In December 1962, Dr. Geingob left Namibia (then South West Africa) for exile, commencing in Botswana where he joined other freedom fighters in pursuit of the independence of Namibia. Dr. Geingob left Botswana for Léopoldville (Kinshasa) in the Congo and was eventually offered a scholarship in 1964 to go to the United States of America, where he schooled at Temple University. While in the United States, Dr. Geingob

was appointed as SWAPO Representative to the Americas and the United Nations. Combining his duties as a freedom fighter and petitioner to the United Nations, Dr. Geingob obtained a BA in Political Science from Fordham University New York in 1970 and later read for a Masters in International Relations at The New School for Social Research in 1974. He obtained a Doctor of Philosophy from Leeds University in the United Kingdom in 2004, with his thesis titled, State Formation in Namibia: Promoting Democracy and Good Governance. In 2015, Dr. Geingob received from his alma mater Fordham University an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. A recipient of many international awards in recognition of his exceptional leadership in different areas of human endeavor, President Geingob is also the recipient of the Order of José Martí award for outstanding leadership from the Government of the Republic of Cuba.

Following the termination of the South African mandate over Namibia in 1966, the United Nations assumed direct responsibility and subsequently established the United Nations Council for Namibia, which led to the creation of the United Nations Institute for Namibia (UNIN) in Lusaka, Zambia. Dr. Geingob was assigned by SWAPO to be a member of the UN Namibian team as political affairs officer. On the recommendation of Dr. Sam Nujoma, the President of the liberation movement, SWAPO, Dr. Geingob was appointed Director at UNIN from 1975-1989, an institution he established and whose core function was sectoral policy research and to train cadres for the future civil service for an independent Namibia. In 1989, he was chosen by the SWAPO leadership to lead a cohort of senior SWAPO leaders and Namibians in exile to Namibia under the United Nations Security Council Resolution 435. Following the successful United Nations supervised elections in 1989, where he held the position of Director of Elections of SWAPO, Dr. Geingob was elected to be the Chairman of the Constituent Assembly, the body that was responsible for drafting the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia.

At Independence, on the 21st of March 1990, Dr. Geingob was appointed as the first Prime Minister, where he dismantled the Apartheid administrative system in favor of an inclusive public service geared towards serving the interests of all Namibians. Dr. Geingob served for twelve years in the position of Prime Minister, before taking a brief hiatus from the political sphere. In 2005, Dr. Geingob returned to active politics and served as Chief Whip of the SWAPO Party in the National Assembly and also Chaired the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Economics.

Following his election in 2007 as Vice President of SWAPO, Dr. Geingob was appointed in 2008 as the Minister of Trade and Industry. As Minister, Dr. Geingob spearheaded the Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) assistance through the Equipment Aid Scheme, the Industrial Policy and the creation of the SME Bank.

Dr. Geingob was elected as Vice President of the SWAPO Party during the SWAPO Party Congress that took place in November 2007. In 2012, Dr. Geingob was re-elected as the Vice President of the SWAPO Party, following which he was again reappointed as Prime Minister in 2012 until election as President of Namibia in November 2014.

A fervent defender of the unity of the Namibian people, his themes are: “Inclusivity spells harmony, exclusivity spells conflict; One Namibia, One Nation” and that “No one should

feel left out of the Namibian House”. A proponent of partnership in government and enhanced transparency and accountability in the public service, President Geingob led the creation of the Anti-Corruption Commission as Prime Minister in the 1990s. Concerned with the acceleration of development and prosperity for the Namibian people, President Geingob initiated the Harambee Prosperity Plan I and II, with the stated objective of strengthening Namibia’s Effective Governance Architecture, the Social Progression of the vulnerable, Economic and Infrastructure Advancement for the Namibia, as well as the enhancement of the place of Namibia in international affairs. President Geingob championed the continental recognition of green hydrogen as a strategic vector for Africa’s green industrialization and a key component for combating climate change. As Head of State, Dr. Geingob spearheaded the creation of the Welwitschia Sovereign Wealth Fund for Namibia to ensure intra and intergenerational equity from the nation’s natural resources.

On the 16th of January 2024, President Geingob was diagnosed with cancer, which he communicated to the Namibian public on the 19th of January 2024. President Geingob passed away on the 4th of February 2024.

His Excellency Dr. Hage G. Geingob is survived by his wife Madame Monica Geingos, eight (8) children and three (3) grandchildren, two (2) siblings and numerous nieces and nephews.

## DAY 1

### SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2024, INDEPENDENCE STADIUM

Director of Ceremonies: **Rt. Hon. Dr Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, Prime Minister**  
**Hon. Frans Kapofi, Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs**

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>ARRIVALS:</b>	
10h00	: General Public
10h45	: Guard of Honour
11h00	: Service Chiefs
11h10	: Dignitaries
11h15	: Members of the Diplomatic Corps
11h20	: Chief Immanuel /Gaseb, Chairperson of the Council of Traditional Leaders
11h25	: Dr. George Simataa, Secretary to the Cabinet
11h30	: Her Worship Queen Kamati, Mayor of the City of Windhoek
11h35	: Hon. Laura McLeod-Katjirua, Governor of the Khomas Region
11h40	: Members of Parliament
	- Hon. McHenry Venaani, MP and Leader of the Official Opposition
	- Hon. Sophia Shaningwa, Secretary General of the SWAPO Party
11h50	: Cabinet Ministers
12h00	: Hon. John Mutorwa, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport, and Madame Mutorwa
12h05	: His Lordship Peter Shivute, Chief Justice and Judge Shivute
12h10	: Hon. Lukas Sinimbo Muha, Chairperson of the National Council and Madame Muha
12h15	: Hon. Prof. Peter H. Katjavivi, Speaker of the National Assembly
12h20	Rt. Hon. Dr Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, Prime Minister and Mr. Amadhila
12h25	: H.E. Dr Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Vice President of the Republic of Namibia and of the SWAPO Party, and Lt. Gen. (Rtd) Ndaitwah
12h35	: Heads of State/Government and Other Foreign Dignitaries
13h35	: H.E. Dr Hifikepunye Pohamba, Second President and Madame Pohamba
13h40	: H.E. Dr Sam Nujoma, Founding President and Father of the Namibian Nation, and Madame Nujoma
13h50	: Madame Monica Geingos, Widow, Children, Grandchildren and Representatives of the Family
	- The Casket
	- H.E. Dr Nangolo Mbumba, President of the Republic of Namibia, Commander-In-Chief of the Namibian Defence Force, Chief Mourner, and Madame Mbumba, First Lady
14h00	: National and AU Anthems
	- Welcoming Remarks by the Director of Ceremonies and Acknowledgement of Foreign Dignitaries
	- Devotion by Bishop Emeritus Dr. Zephania Kameeta, Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia
	- Eulogy by Hon. Prof. Peter H. Katjavivi, Speaker of the National Assembly

## Tributes

- Performance by the Namibian Defence Force Military Band
- Mrs. Ndiitah Nghipondoka-Robiati on behalf of the Children and Grandchildren
- Performance by the Namibian Defence Force Military Band
- Hon. McHenry Venaani, MP and Leader of the Official Opposition
- H.E. Dr Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Vice President of the Republic of Namibia and of the SWAPO Party on behalf of the SWAPO Party
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- Performance by the Namibian Defence Force Military Band
- Heads of State/Government and Other Foreign Dignitaries
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- Tribute by Madame Monica Geingos, Widow
- **Message by H.E. Dr Nangolo Mbumba, President of the Republic of Namibia, Commander-In-Chief of the Namibian Defence Force and Chief Mourner**
- Announcements by the Director of Ceremonies
- Benediction by Rev. Dr. Ngeno Nakamhela (Rtd), Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia

20h00

- : AU and National Anthems
- Viewing of the Body
- **Body Lies-in-State at Independence Stadium**

## Departures:

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- Rt. Hon. Dr Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, Prime Minister and Mr. Amadhila
- Other Dignitaries
- Members of the Public

**SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2024, HEROES' ACRE, WINDHOEK**

Director of Ceremonies: **Rt. Hon. Dr Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, Prime Minister**  
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	- General Salute: Guard of Honour

## Order of the Procession

- Namibian Defence Force Chaplain
- The Casket
- H.E. Dr Nangolo Mbumba, President of the Republic of Namibia, Commander-In-Chief of the Namibian Defence Force, Chief Mourner, and Madame Monica Geingos, Widow
- Chief of the Namibian Defence Force
- Children, Grandchildren and Representatives of the Family
- The Casket is placed in front of the Eternal Flame
- 10h00 : National and AU Anthems
- Remarks by the Director of Ceremonies
- Prayer and Scripture Reading by Rt. Rev. Bishop Sageus |Keib, Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia
- Performance by the Namibian Defence Force Military Band
- **Message by H.E. Dr Nangolo Mbumba, President of the Republic of Namibia, Commander-In-Chief of the Namibian Defence Force and Chief Mourner**
- The Casket is taken to the Grave-site
- Removal of the Flag by Bearers
- Lowering of the Casket concurrently with 21 Gun Salute and Fly Past
- Last Post and Reveille
- Rite of Committal by Rt. Rev. Bishop Sageus |Keib, Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia
- Covering of the Grave by the Namibian Defence Force
- **Handing over of Accoutrements to Madame Monica Geingos, Widow by H.E. Dr Nangolo Mbumba, President of the Republic of Namibia, Commander-In-Chief of the Namibian Defence Force and Chief Mourner**

## LAYING OF WREATHS

- Madame Monica Geingos, Widow
- H.E. Dr Nangolo Mbumba, President of the Republic of Namibia, Commander-In-Chief of the Namibian Defence Force and Chief Mourner
- H.E. Dr Sam Nujoma, Founding President and Father of the Namibian Nation
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- Hon. Prof. Peter H. Katjavivi, Speaker of the National Assembly
- His Lordship Peter Shivute, Chief Justice
- Chief Immanuel /Gaseb, Chairperson of the Council of Traditional Leaders
- Air Marshall Martin Pinehas, Chief of the Namibian Defence Force
- Vote of Thanks by Justice Petrus Damaseb on behalf of the Family

- Announcements by the Director of Ceremonies
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- Other Dignitaries

14h00

- Official Luncheon at State House by invitation

**PALLBEARERS TO SERVE ALONGSIDE THE NAMIBIAN DEFENCE FORCE  
DAY 1 & DAY 2**

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| • Hon. Alfeus !Naruseb  | • Hon. John Mutorwa    | • Lt. Gen (Rtd) Martin Shalli |
| • Mr. Mangaliso Geingob | • Hon. McHenry Venaani | • Hon. Ben Amathila           |



**GOODBYE, TILL WE MEET AGAIN!**





## **National Anthem of Namibia**

Namibia land of the brave  
Freedom fight we have won  
Glory to their bravery  
Whose blood waters our freedom

We give our love and loyalty  
Together in unity  
Contrasting beautiful Namibia  
Namibia our country

Beloved land of savannahs  
Hold high the banner of liberty

**Chorus:**  
Namibia  
our Country  
Namibia motherland  
We love thee



## **AU Anthem**

Let us all unite and celebrate together  
The victories won for our liberation  
Let us dedicate ourselves to rise together  
To defend our liberty and unity

### **Chorus:**

Oh sons and daughters of Africa  
Flesh of the sun and flesh of the sky  
Let us make Africa the tree of life



Republic of Namibia