



On the 1st March 1984, Comrade Andimba Toivo Ja Toivo, founder member of SWAPO and now Secretary General of the movement, was released from 18 years of imprisonment by the racist and colonial South African regime in Namibia.



MARCH

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Mon		4	11	18	25
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Photo 1: SWAPO members at Lusaka International Airport welcoming Comrade Ja Toivo to Lusaka three days after his release.

Photo 2: Comrade Sam Nujoma with Comrade Ja Toivo at Lusaka International Airport, minutes after Comrade Ja Toivo had stepped off the plane which brought him to Lusaka.

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APRIL

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On April 19, 1980 the beacon light for liberation was lit on our land: SWAPO was born to organise, unite, inspire, orient and lead the masses of the oppressed Namibian people in the struggle against colonial oppression and for national independence. Today SWAPO is the concentrated expression of the political wishes and aspirations of the oppressed masses of our people.

Photo 3: A large rally of more than 10,000 SWAPO militants is seen welcoming the delegation of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Namibia in Windhoek in 1980.

Photo 4: A rally of SWAPO Pioneer Movement, the teenage wing of the Organisation, reaffirming the commitment of Namibia's young generation to the noble fight for a free and democratic Namibia.



MAY

Sun		5	12	19	26
Mon		6	13	20	27
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For about a decade now, the 18th of May is commemorated by the Namibian people as Heroes Day in remembrance of all the patriots who have laid down their lives in the course of Namibia's century-long struggle against colonial oppression and imperialist plunder.

Photo 1: Hendrik Witbooi, a Namibian leader and commander of the resistance to German colonialism. From 1892 to 1905, his men held the German army of colonial conquest at bay in the southern part of our country until his death in battle in 1905.

Photo 2: Peter Eneas Nanyemba, a founding member and leader of SWAPO, a leading architect of the People's Liberation Army of Namibia (PLAN) as well as its political and administrative chief for 13 years, until his death on active duty in 1983.

Photo 3: Jason Hamutenya Ndadi, a popular leader of SWAPO as well as a fearless and able commander of PLAN who gave the best of himself to the struggle for Namibia's liberation since the foundation of SWAPO until his death in action against the enemy in 1977.

Photo 4: Jacob Morenga, one of the most outstanding Namibian heroes and commanders of the early phase of our people's century-long struggle. He fell in the battlefield in 1907.

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JUNE

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Photo 5: Greenwell Matongo, a remarkable political leader and brave commander of PLAN for more than a decade who sacrificed his life in action against the enemy in 1979.

Photo 6: Tobias Haiyeko, first field Commander of PLAN forces, who died in armed confrontation with the enemy in 1968. He was an intrepid soldier of Namibia's struggle for liberation.

Photo 7: Samuel Maharero, leader of the 1903 – 1907 Great Uprising in central Namibia. He refused to surrender to the German imperialists, despite the extermination of more than two-thirds of his 80,000 followers. He died in exile in Botswana in 1923.

Photo 8: Mass grave of nearly 1,000 unarmed, Namibian patriots – women, children and old men – who were murdered in cold blood by racist South Africa's bombers and paratroopers at Kassinga, some 250 km inside Angola, on May 4, 1978.

Photo 9: Heroic combatants of PLAN who are continuing the unfinished historic mission of Witbooi, Morenga, Maharero, Ndadi, Haiyeko, Matongo, Nanyemba (and many other unarmed heroes) to regain our people's right to self-determination and national independence. They are marching forward quite certain of the final victory.



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Photo 1: Proceeding from the basic premise that knowledge and skill are vital factors in the transformation of both nation and society, SWAPO pays special attention to the educational needs of the Namibian people. Besides, the schools it has set up for the tens of thousands of Namibian children in Angola, Zambia, Congo and Cuba, the movement is running an extra-mural programme for thousands of adults. Classes for this programme are being held even under trees in all exile centres. This is one of such classes at Kwanza-Bul, Angola.

Photo 2: Cultural activity is one of the forms in which the struggle for the liberation of our beloved motherland is finding active expression. Comrade Jackson Kanyona, the popular Namibian artist, is seen intoning through a poem - "My Africa" - the memory of the fallen combatants of Namibia's battle for liberation. In the same poem, he is urging the Namibian patriots to persevere in the bitter but just struggle for our country's independence until final victory.

AUGUST

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This year marks the 19th anniversary of the launching of the armed liberation struggle in Namibia. The last 18 years have been for SWAPO a time of trials and tribulations. But the SWAPO leadership as well as PLAN Commanders and combatants have borne their tribulations bravely. Our liberation army has made supreme sacrifices. But it has at the same time, grown in size and strength and gained invaluable combat experience. Our movement is determined to continue with the armed struggle until final victory.

Photo 3: Comrade David Meroo, National Chairman, addressing on 26th August 1983, a mass rally in Lizards to mark the 17 anniversary of the beginning of the war of national liberation in Namibia. The rally was attended by representatives of the MPLA-Workers Party and SWAPO officials as well as by a large crowd of SWAPO and MPLA cadres.

Photo 4: Comrade Sam Nujoma, President of SWAPO, is seen at attention somewhere in the war zone as units of PLAN march by in demonstration of combat readiness before their Commander-in-Chief, December, 1984.

Photo 5: PLAN combatants gathered to receive political, ideological and combat directives and orders from the Commander-in-Chief, December, 1984.

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African and other world leaders continue to reaffirm their firm support to SWAPO and international solidarity with the struggling Namibian people.

Photo 1: Comrade Sam Nujoma discussing recently developments in Namibia with Comrade Robert Mugabe, Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, at State House in Harare.

Photo 2: Comrade Mengistu Haile Mariam, Head of the Socialist Republic of Ethiopia, receiving Comrade Nujoma at State House in Addis Ababa in October, 1984.

Photo 3: Comrade Erich Honecker, Secretary General of the Socialist Unity Party of GDR and GDR Head of State, welcoming the President of SWAPO to Berlin, October, 1984.

Photo 4: The Zambian Head of State, Comrade K.D. Kaunda, together with the SWAPO leader being welcomed at Lusaka International Airport by Comrade H. Mulemba, Secretary General of UNIP, on their arrival in Lusaka from a Frontline summit, held in Arusha, November, 1984.



NOVEMBER

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DECEMBER

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Photo 1: "Implement UN Security Council Resolution 435" — cry out the Namibian spiritual leaders. Here, Bishop H.J. Kautuma, President of the Council of Churches in Namibia, and four other Namibian priests (half the table to the right) are seen in a meeting with the UN Secretary-General and his senior aides discussing the urgent need for the international community to put pressure on South Africa to allow the implementation of 435 in order to put an immediate end to the bloodshed and sufferings in our illegally occupied land.

Photo 2: Namibian women dressed in Herero traditional dresses for women. These dresses were worn by the crowd of women who participated in the historic Windhoek Uprising of 10th December, 1969, which is now the Namibian Women's Day.

Photo 3: Comrade Peshikeni Kaulaga, Secretary for the SWAPO Women's Council, addressing a rally to mark the 25 anniversary of the Namibian Women's Day in Lusaka, December, 1984.

Photo 4: Young Namibian female are today participating actively in the war of national liberation. Here two young female members of PLAN are seen carrying their guns and combat radios which are used to direct and control PLAN forces in the field of battles.



JANUARY

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The struggle for Namibia's national liberation continues on different fronts.

Photo 1: PLAN combatants marching forward to confront the enemy on the battlefield inside Namibia.

Photo 2: Comrade Richard Kapelwa, Acting Secretary for Defence, addressing a meeting of PLAN General Staff at PLAN's Commanding Headquarters, December 1984, informing the commanders to brace themselves for hard battles ahead in 1985 as the enemy is showing no signs of being ready to give up Namibia.

Photo 3: SWAPO militants at a political rally organised to demand for Namibia's immediate independence.

Photo 4: Comrade Hendrik Witbooi, Acting Vice President, recently addressing a press conference in Windhoek to explain SWAPO's policy, aims and objectives in the present phase of our national liberation struggle.

Photo 5: Comrade Sam Nujoma, President of SWAPO, addressing a mass rally at the Namibia Health and Education Centre in Kwanza-Sul, People's Republic of Angola, informing a gathering of more than 30,000 SWAPO followers that the recent re-election of President Ronald Reagan means for us four more years of bitter struggle and supreme sacrifices to bring about Namibia's independence.