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PRESS RELEASE – ATTACK ON PROSECUTOR JUSTINE SHIWEDA

The Society of Advocates of Namibia expresses deep sorrow at the tragic passing of Justine Shiweda, the Ondangwa regional prosecutor who died on Saturday, 7 February 2026 after suffering severe injuries from a brutal attack on 17 October 2025 when she was shot and assaulted with a corrosive substance, which caused significant internal damage and led to multiple surgeries.

We condemn this violent and senseless act in the strongest possible terms and call upon the relevant law enforcement authorities to ensure that a thorough investigation is conducted to ensure that those responsible for this atrocious act are prosecuted without delay. We commend the ongoing efforts of law enforcement authorities and note the confirmation by the Oshana police that the case will now proceed as murder case, and that the six suspects remain in custody.

An attack on a prosecutor is not only an attack on an individual, but an attack on the justice system and the rule of law. Such acts have no place in our society and must be met with unwavering condemnation and a firm pursuit of justice to preserve public confidence in the justice system.

We call for continued vigilance, accountability, and collective commitment to ensuring that those who serve the public — particularly within the justice system can do so without fear of violence or intimidation.

At this time of profound loss, the Society of Advocates of Namibia extends its heartfelt condolences to Ms Shiweda's children, family, friends, and colleagues. May the memory of Justine Shiweda inspire strengthened resolve in the pursuit of justice and the protection of all who uphold the law.

Yours faithfully,

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