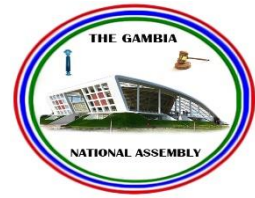




REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA

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Rt. Hon Speaker's Tribute Statement to Her Majesty, The Late Queen Elizabeth II

Honourable Members, the world including the Republic of The Gambia received with great shock the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, which occurred on Thursday 08th September, 2022 in the United Kingdom

As Hon. Speaker of the National Assembly, on behalf of both sides of this Assembly, and indeed, on my own behalf, I wish to convey our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Royal family of the late Queen Elizabeth II, the Hon. Speakers of the Houses of Parliament, UK, the Government, and people of UK and indeed the commonwealth of nations. It is with humility that this Assembly join all Parliaments of the Commonwealth to pay tribute to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and to eulogise in memory and deed, the life of an extraordinary public servant.

Her Majesty, the late Queen Elizabeth II will be remembered for her sense of humour, charisma, and statesmanship in the global governance structure, most particularly in the commonwealth for which we are part of as Nation and Parliament. She was a citizen and an outstanding leader of the World throughout her reign. The Gambia has special historical ties with England and the UK, and the late Queen. As one of the five English speaking country in British West Africa, The Gambia gain independence from the United Kingdom at the time of Her Majesty's reign. Though we were the last Anglophone West

African colony to attain political independence on the 18th of February, 1965, the Queen peacefully granted our request.

It is noteworthy and historic that the late Queen featured prominently in our colonial transition to a Republican status in 1970. There is no doubt that we immensely gained from her guidance and wise counsel as a Nation. Notably, she deeply appreciated Gambia's political history and thus she made a three-day visit to The Gambia in December, 1961. Her Majesty's leadership was exemplary and inspirational.

We praise the Almighty for her service to humanity and the many lives she touched during her life here on earth. She has faced and overcome challenges with fortitude and witnessed countless technological advances and human achievements.

Once again, on behalf of the National Assembly and my own behalf we extend our heartfelt condolences to the Royal family of the late Queen Elizabeth II, the Hon. Speakers of the Houses of Parliament, UK, the Government, and people of UK and indeed the commonwealth of nations.

On this note, I wish to request for the Assembly to observe a minute silence in honour of Her Majesty, The Queen Elizabeth II.

**Assembly rises to observe a Minute Silent in Honour of Her Majesty,
Queen Elizabeth II**

Thank you. May I now invite both the Majority and Minority Leaders to make their tribute statement on behalf of their respective groups, starting with the Majority Leader.

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Monday 19th September, 2022