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New Digital Archive Reveals Tanzania and Africa's role in diplomacy and geopolitics over six decades

Dar es Salaam – Today, the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, officially launched the *Salim Ahmed Salim Digital Archive (the SAS Digital Archive)*, a website dedicated to the work and contributions of Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim, renowned international diplomat, former Prime Minister of Tanzania and Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

The launch, which took place at an official ceremony at the Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre in Dar es Salaam, unveiled Tanzania's first digital archive. Focusing on the work of Dr. Salim, the archive explores the country's role and journey in international diplomacy, the anti-Apartheid movement, liberation struggle against colonialism as well as the broader role African countries played in geopolitics from the 1960s through to the early 2000s.

During her speech prior to launching the Archive, H.E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, stated:

"The Salim Ahmed Salim Digital Archive aims to provide unprecedented insight and access to how Tanzania and other African countries played a role in global history and international diplomacy. It seeks to educate, inform and provide a unique glimpse into the history of Tanzania and Africa through the perspective of one of Africa's most distinguished diplomats."

The SAS Digital Archive, (www.salimahmedsalim.com), captures the story of Dr. Salim's contributions to public service and provides insight into the history of global politics in an African context.

The archive consists of interviews, speeches, academic papers, personal notes and correspondences, news clippings and photos with additional materials to be added.

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Notable Documents in the Archive

- Personal notes detailing a proposed mission by the Carter Administration to send Dr. Salim to help negotiate the release of the American hostages in Tehran in 1979;
- Press coverage, meeting minutes and personal notes detailing the 1981 UN Secretary General campaign that almost saw Africa's first candidate secure the position;
- Bilateral engagements and conversations over the most pressing issues of the day with influential leaders like: President Mwalimu Nyerere; President Robert Mugabe, President Nelson Mandela; President Hosni Mubarak; President Kenneth Kaunda; Prime Minister Meles Zenawi; and President George Bush to name a few;
- The first visit to the United Nations by Pope John Paul II and Fidel Castro, weeks apart, while Dr. Salim was President of the General Assembly.

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About the Salim Ahmed Salim Digital Archive

The Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim Digital Archive seeks to educate, inform and provide a glimpse into the life of one of Tanzania's most distinguished diplomats – a pan-Africanist, a patriot and a son of Africa.

Dr. Salim spent 60 years as a diplomat, government minister and elder statesman at the highest possible levels. His public life afforded him the privilege of bearing witness to pivotal moments in Tanzanian, African and world history.

This archive aims – for the first time – to provide a window into history through the eyes and words of Dr. Salim. The content on this platform provides insight into and perspective on the events that shaped Dr Salim's life.

These records are in the form of photos, videos, speeches, written notes, typed notes and academic papers. The archive is a constantly evolving snapshot of Dr. Salim's experiences and journey. Over additional content will be uploaded onto the archive.

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