

# Stop Rape And Violence

MANY more young people are becoming violent in their relationships. Some of them brutally kill their partners. Is that love? Love is not violent and violence is wrong. In Namibia there are many cases of partners killing one another, because one partner tried to terminate the relationship.

I would like to express my condolences to the three young women Mirjam Ndakumininwa Haindongo, Susan Nangula Ikela and Ipula Akwenye who were brutally murdered by their partners.

Women should be allowed freedom of movement and speech and to do what they want, think is the best and what they need. Today we are enjoying peace and stability under the spirit of national reconciliation. Men should stop murdering women and raping children on a daily basis.

Women are our mothers and sisters.

They need to be given love, care and protection against all form of violence and abuse. Violence against women and children is widespread in Namibia. Some young men forced their partners into sexual slavery. Is that love? But love is not pain or violence. The death of even one woman in Namibia in this manner is unacceptable.

Let us respect their quality and dignity. Let us show our comradeship and solidarity as young people of Namibia to oppose this villainous behavior.

I would also appeal to the law enforcement authorities to take drastic action against perpetrators of such crimes. Where are we heading with this kind of wicked behaviour? I call on all Namibians to stand up against these barbaric criminals.

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