

Second thoughts

EN route from my business to the car park recently, I was held at knife point, my life threatened and I was robbed of my handbag containing all my money, jewellery and personal identification items.

I am fast losing faith in the governments' ability to ensure my basic right to freedom and protection as a Namibian resident/citizen.

Yes, Windhoek/Namibia is becoming like any other city/country in the world, but it has the possibility of remaining a haven away from the crises of the rest of the world - especially with such a small population to cater for.

Why am I paying tax and collecting sales tax for the government when my life has changed course with the police advice to carry a gun and warnings that the offenders will be back! I am presently funding a department which gives the same excuse as five months ago, that due to a lack of staff (policemen) no assurances of proper protection can be offered.

Meanwhile voyages to and from my business are becoming nightmares of whether or not I will be mugged, still possess a car or furniture in my flat. As a shop owner I live with daily reports of theft from associates and friends and have plenty of shoplifting to report in my own business.

Regrettably, I am having second thoughts about the future in Namibia. My life is too precious to endanger, without a firm commitment from the government and its police force that my future is secure.

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