

tarians. Those without ties and without suitable suits, especially the member who has, for the past session, been sitting in the House with a scruffy blue denim jacket.

To me it shows a lack of respect for the whole nation, if a leader, representing the majority of Namibians, does not care how he appears in this high office and in the presence of his people.

If you are busy with serious affairs concerning the nation, then your appearance makes a difference, and if you are dressed indifferently, people do not take as much notice of what you say.

Everyone is talking about you, we are watching the actions of all of you, and if you appear frivolous and disrespectful we lose trust in your ability to handle our affairs seriously.

Please, dear Members of Parliament, we still have a long way to go in cultivating the trust and loyalty of our people. Let your actions speak louder than words.

Don't underestimate Namibians. Please take the sterling example of our President. We want to be proud of you, so please show respect to the House and leave out the pettiness and low-level slandering of one another. Forget the past and build the future.

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Law of the knife

I WISH to express my feelings about the violation of human rights in Namibia. At this point I would like to urge my fellow Namibians to respect life more than money or property.

Many people have lost their lives since independence. Mainly because some people do not want to respect the laws and constitution of the Republic of Namibia which provides for the protection of life, and other human rights.

The use of knives to kill others is the order of the day in Namibia, especially among young people. In order to reduce or eradicate the problem altogether, I appeal to the government to introduce laws to prohibit the carrying of knives in public places. The knife is as dangerous as the gun, and there must be punishment to ensure that knife-users are deterred. What we have to bear in mind is that the killing of innocent people is a violation of human rights in terms of our laws.

Note that the constitution says that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political and other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment and punishment. But people are disrespectful of the

law of reconciliation, which should promote justice. We are all seeking peace and not war.

Please, people must obey the laws. They should familiarise themselves with them. Help to defend and promote them. The country belongs to all of us.

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Mafwe preference

I WOULD like to inform the Ministry of Education that we student teachers at the ECP course at Caprivi Teachers Training College are worried. Our Principal is inclined towards tribalism. He, Felix Mukasa, and Henry Buiswalelo and another student, Hurtson Simasiku, decided to dissolve the SRC for ECP student teachers for 1990 on May 15 this year.

The reason given was that the Masubia SRC members outnumbered the Mafwe members. We student teachers elected our SRC members jointly, and with a spirit which disregarded tribal origins. We were really shocked when our fellow SRC members were dismissed.

Mishake Muyongo of the DTA is using Mukasa and Buiswalelo and some of the student teachers to promote the Mafwe by sowing confusion and claiming that all central schools (town schools) should belong to the Mafwe only. The problem is that all central schools are headed by Mafwe principals.

We students who are Mayeyi, Mbukushi, Masubia, Makwengo, Mafwe, Matolela, are 'together as one' but Mukasa, Muyongo of the DTA and Buiswalelo are trying to mislead us.

We ask the Ministry of Education to take note of this.

WORRIED TEACHERS
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Netball thanks

THIS is merely a note to express our heartfelt gratitude at the extensive coverage given to our recently held netball championships, which took place at the Independence Stadium from July 12 to 14.

Your contribution in this regard has helped in re-awakening the interest of the public in netball, which is so popular in Namibia, but which for a long time seemed destined for little attention from our media.

Again thank you for your continuous support, both for our continuing league commitments (1990) and with our future programmes which we hope to announce soon.

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