

# Where Are We Headed?

TAKING a close look at what is happening in our region and in Namibia in particular as far as leadership and politics are concerned, I would like to point out two things that are increasingly becoming a threat to our democracy.

**TOLERANCE** - Namibians have seen a growing number of cases where politicians, especially in the ruling party, have exhibited intolerance. This happened after the launch of the new party and there was namecalling, especially about Ben Ulenga.

Launching a political party is in line with the Namibian Constitution and does not infringe on any person or other party's right of existence.

**CENSORSHIP** - The fact that State-owned media are always reporting in favour of Government and the ruling party is a clear indication that there is a great deal of censorship in the media. The state is footing their bill, but as a taxpayer I want to be fed with real, correct and factual information and news.

Hearing lines like 'the legitimate government of President Kabila' on NBC makes me laugh. What makes Kabila's government a legitimate one? Is it because it was brought to power through the barrel of a gun? Is it because Kabila overthrew a long time dictator with the help of foreign troops? Is it because Kabila happens to be a personal friend of some of our regional leaders? Would someone please tell me how Kabila's government got its legitimacy?

In conclusion, I hope that our democracy, peace and stability, that we cherish and enjoy, does not go down the drain. Of course we can only accomplish this if we are all tolerant of one another as countrymen and women irrespective of our political differences and affiliation, colour, creed and religion.