

# **Tribe after tribe**

I AM an Ovambo-speaking man who is very disappointed with his fellow countrymen.

I was told I could get a job in the building construction industry' in Tsumeb, and had to see a man at the Tsumeb Municipality. He told me to come back the following morning at 07h00, which I did, and he made me wait all day. I was eventually told I could not get the job, and then after a friend of mine again requested, I was told to go to the Municipality once again.

When I did so, the man told me there were no jobs for Ovambo-speaking people, but only Damaras, Namas and Coloureds.

Some of our brothers in government offices treat others on a tribal and discriminatory basis. While the Ovambo-speaking people are those who are suffering the most, one has to hear that they are 'thieves and terrorists', and they are discriminated against' in job situations.

I had used my own money to go to Tsumeb for that job, and had no place to sleep and nothing to eat.

Blacks always blame the whites for discrimination and racism, but some of our own people, like the one who dealt with me at the Municipality, are oppressing their own people.

We should learn from these mistakes so we should not make the same mistakes in the future.

Our country is torn by war and this situation will only be resolved if the people of the country can work hand in hand for peace. This peace will only come through love, and an understanding of our duty to the nation, and if we forget the differences among ourselves and see one another as brothers and sisters who are equal before God.

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