

# **No to 'boere'**

**I AM** a twenty-year-old black Namibia. But despite my colour, there is something about some black Namibians which hurts me deeply, and that is the use of the word 'boere' regarding white Namibians.

In the name of Christianity, humanity and democracy, let us stop it.

This little word is furthering hostility and suspicion instead of peace and unity.

Even some of our leading Ministers are guilty of this. As our leaders, I expect them to help peace and democracy, simply by stopping from use of this word. The word is busy



dividing the Namibian nation and I know how we all felt being called 'kaffirs', but this doesn't give us the right to call them 'boere'. That era is hopefully past.

So my beloved compatriots and comrades, let us forget the past and look further forward to a Namibia in which we call one another brothers and sisters.

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