

# Bigotry Needs To Be Exposed

AS a matter of principle, I don't engage in sub-standard arguments, but there're exceptions, especially when utterances of the anti-democratic forces beg for an appropriate response.

It's high time, brothers and sisters, that the misguided elements in our society are taken to task and their bigotry exposed.

If peace-loving Namibians remain silent any longer, this country will go to the monkeys before we know it.

It seems the anti-democratic forces are having a good time in Namibian political life, behaving like extra-terrestrial beings and becoming more dangerous every passing day.

They are misusing all avenues - talk shows, discussion panels, conferences, etc.

The sad case in point: Mr. Paulus Kapia's and Honourable Petrus Ilonga's pointed accusations of the judiciary. They, deliberately disregard common sense and logic.

Were they not supposed to know better? Why, then, did

they - out of their own free will - choose the road of demagoguery and hostile agitation? Is that their only "trick" to discredit the judiciary in general, and Judge Elton Hoff in particular?

Another sad case in point is Mr. Jordan Atshipara's letter (Judge Hoff's judgement disappoints - Namibian 9/3/2004).

At one point he says: "The charges remain: the accused allegedly planned and declared war against the Government of the Republic of Namibia. Were we supposed to sit back with our tails between our legs, while our hard-earned peace is being disrupted and our country being destabilised?"

And I say: You missed the point altogether. The case before Judge Hoff was not one of high treason but one of unlawful extradition. Even if it was a case of "alleged" high treason that remains an "allegation" to be tested in a competent court of law (not a kangaroo court or something!).

He says: "We all know the results of war ... those who want to secede the Caprivi .... If found guilty - should rot in jail."

And I say: So! There is still a possibility of them being found guilty - wait till then!

He asks: "But were Judge Hoff and his court blind and deaf the day when he ruled that return of the 13 to Namibia violated some international laws and procedures guiding extradition?"

Which procedures did the 13 follow when they allegedly carried out their attack at Katima Mulilo? Why should we follow some procedures by bringing misguided elements to be tried back home?"

And I say: It seems we are dealing with an arrogant misguided element who believes that the State should not follow procedures simply because alleged terrorists did the same, ah?

He asks: "Who is he (Judge Hoff) to determine the fate and the interest of the Namibian

nation?"

And I ask: Are you accusing the Government of bringing high treason suspects before an "unknown Judge", who has no right "to determine the fate and interest of the Namibian nation"?

Come on guys; let's be serious!

Why not consider the real causes for the Swapo Party Government's poor performance before Namibian and international courts (Kasikili!)? Like, for example, negligent legal advisers, incompetent State prosecutors, reckless police investigations and indefensible violations, by Government, of existing laws and regulations?

Anyway, why have laws and regulations when the likes of Sackey Namugongo can go on air and tell the Nation who's guilty?

Brothers and sisters, the road to anarchy is wide open!

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