

On 'Plan gangs'

THE nonsense about Plan 'gangs' in the north has come to my attention. For the past weeks Plan combatants have been deployed in the province of criticism by journalists who invent stories in order to supply copy for professional vendors of political slander in this country.

The matter was also brought up by Mr Eric Biwa (NPF) in Parliament and others who expressed concern about the deteriorating security situation in the north.

The electorate expect the Parliament to attack burning issues in the country like education, health, unemployment, houses etc.

Certain members of Parliament are apparently insensitive to the fact that Namibia is a newly-born nation,

emerging from the debris of apartheid colonialism. The time for shabby politics has gone. The time is now for realism and people are waiting for concrete and constructive programmes which will assist the long down-trodden nation in realising its hopes and aspirations.

We are all affected when there is lawlessness in any part of the country. As the opposition is concerned, so is the Government. Our President has also expressed his government's concern about the breakdown of law and order and the Minister of Home Affairs deployed extra police units along the border.

The problem is that the situation is not being presented in the right perspective in certain quarters. What I have learned from the people in the affected area, is totally different to Mr Biwa's assertion. The citizens of the region are concerned about the fact that Unita elements are threatening both their safety and their property.

So I say 'hands off Plan', the members of which have endured a lot of suffering to achieve peace and freedom in this country.

There are people who present barriers to the burning desire for change. They are the same people who demand swift solutions to problems from the new government - problems they themselves neglected when they were in government.

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