

Call To Reinstate The Death Sentence

PLEASE allow me a small space in your newspaper to express myself against crime. Since independence, crime has been on the increase non-stop and even reached a peak between 2001/2. This includes serious crime such as robbery, murder and rape.

Our President has just spoken a few weeks ago against crime, but his words fell on deaf ears or even fuelled crime. Believe it or not, crime is a virus to our economy and to the security of our people. Considering the small population we have in Namibia, one would always think that something wrong is going on somewhere somehow.

I think Namibia is running a surplus of democracy and human rights which are letting the majority of our citizens to suffer from criminals. Some are saying that the constitution prevents the death sentence in the strongest terms and cannot be amended but our constitution has already been amended several times even to suit some individual's interests. Some scholars attributed unemployment to crime but this might be otherwise. Some of these criminals are robbing a lot of money or expensive properties yet they can't start their business to work for themselves but rather target more victims. This means crime is their regular business and probably would not stop it for the rest of their life as long as they are protected by the Namibian constitution. Notably some criminals get arrested four times in a year for the same case or both of the aforementioned crimes.

However our leaders must consider that we have cast our votes for them to pursue our interests and benefits but this looks untrue, the whole nation is overwhelmed and feels very insecure. Its time that our leaders must learn to take hard decisions to deal with hard situations such as reinstatement of death sentence for serious crimes such as robbery, murder and rape which are currently

destabilising peace and security for our beloved nation.

Let me suggest how the death sentence will work; It will only apply to the following three serious crimes namely: Robbery, Murder and Rape. If the same person gets arrested, prosecuted and found guilty three times for any or both of the three serious crimes, then such a person would be considered as a dangerous virus to our economy and the society and thus must be eliminated from society by death sentence.

This, to a large extent, would help to curb these dangerous crimes and criminals and also eliminate overcrowding in our prisons on which the government is spending a lot of taxpayers money. We cannot talk of democracy or so called human rights while innocent people are dying because of crime. The situation is getting out of hand and I don't see any better solution that would eradicate crime and criminals in this country. Should this law not be passed by all the MPs I will declare the current government incapable and incompetent.

Petrus Muteyauli, VIA E-MAIL

Finding Friends

GREETINGS. My name is (Miss) Antoinette Vera Mdimba, I'm writing this letter to your newspaper as I'm trying to trace a friend of mine, I met him in 1983 here in Soweto, South Africa. His name is Lazarus Bizzah Booiki Tsamaseb. He used to tell me that he was from Katutura, Soweto in Namibia. Please any reader who knows him please do contact me at the telephone and address. 1716 Makhalima Street Rockville. PO Moroka 1860, Soweto, South Africa. Tel: 011 984-8826.

I'm also trying to get hold of ex-Kaizer Chiefs player