

Judicial System 'Sucks'

IF we were to spend our time worrying about justice or the judicial system in our country, which clearly sucks, I swear many would have a nervous breakdown.

Prisoners, in jails throughout the country, are being treated like persons who are not guilty of a crime. On top of that they are given lenient sentences by the courts.

The judicial system maintains that prisoners have their rights - something which really baffles me. They (prisoners) are resting peacefully in jails because they know that the death sentence has been abolished by the Namibian constitution.

Of course rehabilitation programmes in jails are good and are welcomed. However, the prisoners must pay their dues for the crimes they committed.

With our judicial system must be improved to prevent a situation where criminals serve only half their sentences or are allowed to escape from

prisons - sometimes while out on bail. This does not make sense.

There are people in this country who say that the high crime rate is caused by unemployment. Can anyone prove that rape is caused by unemployment? The sooner we dispose of that ill-founded idea the better. Let us stop this tendency, otherwise we are promoting crime through unemployment. Not only do we find excuses for the culprits, we also have to support them with our hard-earned tax money.

The criminal disease is alive and well in Namibia so let us combat it by finding its cure. Let a team from government, private sector and individuals make Namibia a crime-free society.

I would like to meet the person or persons who came up with the idea that prisoners in Namibia have more rights than ordinary citizens and their victims.

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