

The NBC did a good job

ALLOW me a space in your newspaper to express my concerns on the remarks made by the Swapo Women's Council chief Eunice Iipinge.

If my memory serves me well, on Wednesday July 3, 2002 in your edition appeared the report on the Swapo's Women Council. In this report Ms Iipinge took a swipe at the NBC for featuring men falsely accused and jailed for rape, with a simple reason that it will hinder the progress made in tackling violence against woman.

I was very much shocked to see that our own Namibian women who have been for quite some time on the so called 50:50 campaign do not want to see justice done in our society.

One would ask why should the NBC be silenced in broadcasting the findings in the court of law? Are the men not supposed to be cleared of all the dirt brought upon their names and social status?

In the case of Mr Mwakembeu who was also featured in the *Open File* programme, he was one of the caring men who took up the social responsibility for working for the good of all women and

children by promoting the anti-violence against women and children campaign.

Mr Mwakembeu conducted several workshops in many schools in the country one of which I attended and he was making a noticeable impact on school-boys and he was really preparing us (boys) to grow up into responsible men who can live in peace and harmony with women.

But the question still remain that, will the dedicated and committed Mr Mwakembeu be able to continue to work for the social wellbeing of all women and children?

We are all aware of many rape and other violence against women related cases around the country, and we all call for serious punishment for those convicted and found or proven guilty of the charges against them, but in the same manner, we should also accept the truth as it is, and must definitely clear the names of all the innocent men falsely accused and jailed for rape. The NBC has just done a good job.

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