

Where Are We Heading?

Letters to the Editor

I WISH to air my views about high-ranking people in our Government. There is corruption and scandalous deeds going on in different sectors.

These include, among others, sectors such as police and justice. These two organs are supposed to work honestly and justly because they know the law. If they happen to defy their code of conduct, can we expect others to follow it? Particularly people in these two Ministries must refrain from corruption, misuse of Government property,

fraud and criminal activities. These wrongdoings raise the question of where we are heading.

Recently a Minister and deputy were under scrutiny reportedly for illegal dealing in ostriches and their products. We also heard recently that two top police officers in the far north were suspended for several reasons. These reports bear a bad impression. Not only Ministers and deputies but also permanent secretaries and civil servants. The taxpayers' money is being misused by selfish-

minded people like these in our Government. I think the Government should take merciless measures against these greedy elements. We are sick and tired of people who cannot live on their monthly salaries. They want to use the taxpayers' money as their own. This cannot be tolerated in any government in the world. The government

should eradicate these elements by even throwing them into custody instead of suspending them. If a person is under suspension, he/she does not feel anything because at the time he/she is still receiving a salary. High-ranking people should also be made to feel ashamed by being put in cells while the investigation is carried out.

Should our Government remain silent about this? I do not believe our democratic Government will leave stones unturned in this matter of public concern. I, as a taxpayer, earnestly advise our Government to avoid corrupt people in our society. Who is going to listen to a minister with long fingers telling people what they should not do while he is doing the same? In writing this, I do not want to discredit our Ministries and the civil service in general, but simply give my advice and opinion on

what is happening in this country. Sodom and Gomorrah began with one evil but ended up with the destruction of the entire city. If we keep these people who are careless with the resources of their own government, then we are prepared to live in "no funds land". Let us stand together and point out the malpractices in our society so that peace, justice and stability may flourish in Namibia.

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