

letter is to inform the public at large about what appears to me as black racism. What do we Namibians say about this? Let me end this letter with a quote of a remark made by Mark Twain to Maxim Gorky: "He who dares to visit a country other than his own should have the audacity to behave in conformity with the laws of that country".

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*Note: This letter has been shortened. - Ed*

## Our priorities

IT seems for me to be the time that the Government puts the priorities of our country right.

On the one side we have problems with our budget. We are dependent on help from abroad. We are waiting in vain for investments. We are suffering from a most serious drought ...

On the other side I learned that the Government is intending to buy a special aircraft for the President and Ministers at an amount of R20 million. If one adds the costs for maintenance, the crew, fuels, landing charges and others, the costs incurred and to be paid by the taxpayers will be around R30 million.

For those R30 million we can buy:

- \* 1 million bails of lucerne;

or

- \* 43 000 t or 652 000 bags of maize or

- \* 22 000 first class air tickets for the State President, Ministers and other high officials for a retour trip to London, Bombay or New York; or

- \* we can build approximately 5 000 core houses.

R30-million means R21 per capita or R200 for a family with four children. It

means R150 for each person on work in the modern sector or approximately R550 for each registered taxpayer.

On the one side the State President and his Ministers used to remind us that we must save, that we have to work harder to be more productive and to be less luxurious on weekends ..

But on the other hand the Parliament made acts by which we enjoy today seven more public holidays and seven more yearly holidays than in the past. Accordingly, our productivity has decreased by 6 per cent and the costs of production have increased by 4 per cent ...

What are our priorities now?

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