Adverts For Posts Already Promised

THE Ministry of Basic Education and Culture recently printed a thick document advertising hundreds of vacancies at schools in Namibia for 1998. Is this not a waste of taxpayers' money printing such a big document whilst 90% - 99% of the vacancies are already earmarked or reserved for candidates? I do not think one needs to come up with evidence since this is common knowledge among all teachers and principals. How long will we tolerate this? Even Nantu and TUN are aware of corruption and nepotism at schools when it comes to the appointment of teachers or their promotion. Are the aspirant teachers not wasting their time and energy by applying to fill a vacancy

which is already reserved for a specific person? If these things are still happening when are we going to start with the process of integrating teachers in schools? In my understanding integration not only means taking a black teacher to a white school but also taking an Ovambo teacher to a Damara or Namaschool. Integration must take place between Black and White and Black and Black. Fellow Namibian teachers, let us fight the social evils of nepotism, corruption and tribalism in Namibian schools with all the means at our disposal in order to build a better education for our children

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