



Enemy of peace

AS a patriot and a democrat, I would like to respond to Dr Petrus J Krige's letter which appeared in *The Namibian* on April 3.

First I would like to make it clear that the policy of national reconciliation was unanimously declared as a national policy and not only the President or Government institutions have to make sure that the policy goes deep into the roots of this country and is clearly understood by all citizens. This is the task of every Namibian. For that matter, Dr Krige is not only against the prevailing atmosphere in this country, but he is also against its independence, as such he is an enemy of peace and justice.

There is no one in this country who would support his line, except perhaps a few friends who are suffering from the same disease.

When we talk about reconciliation, we mean business, and we do not judge people by colour, sex, political affiliation, ideological differences or beliefs.

It is untrue to say that the Government of Namibia does not allow judges and sport participants from South Africa while it allows imports from the same country. I think you are joking, and are obviously not a Namibian. If you are, then you don't need to get a job, but re-orientation and attend lectures to familiarise yourself with what is happening in Namibia. You must be the first ignorant intellectual in Namibia.

Regarding culture, the Government of Namibia is a democratic one, and I can assure you that it doesn't limit rights and freedoms as you maintain. Everyone has the right to enjoy his or her cultural heritage provided that this is in keeping with article 19 of the Constitution of Namibia.

I think that his theory is misleading, if not inciting hatred among Namibians. Since you are a doctor in musicology, maybe you need a medical doctor to cure you of the disease called a superiority complex and your racism. It is a pity we still have people in this country who are anti-progress

and anti-nation building.

Are you also saying that Namibians are unable to do administrative work? And are you saying that Namibians should not be appointed to high positions? I believe that all Namibians, irrespective of colour, should have equal opportunities and be able to run state machinery. Don't underestimate the abilities of Namibian people, sir. It is not only foreigners who can do these jobs.

Neither should you insult our national anthem. 'Freedom fight' has no undesirable or negative connotations. It is only your ignorant, anti-democratic and racist sentiments. Who are the Namibians who live inside the country who don't share the same sentiment regarding this? You are an autocrat and cannot talk on behalf of democrats. Who gave you the mandate to do so?

I don't think you can pretend not to know why Swapo opted for the armed struggle. There is hardly anyone, even non-citizens of this country, who do not know this.

You are not only against Swapo as the ruling party, but also against the Namibian people. You do not even honour people who sacrificed their lives for the cause of this country and now you want to be given a job, probably as a director, because you think you are the best and only musicologist in this country.

I feel sorry for you sir. Be-

sides musicology, you appear to be totally empty politically.

National reconciliation is our policy and if you don't like it you should go to a place where there is no peace and justice, since you want the policy to be reversed. Think twice, sir, and learn from your mistakes.

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Prison problems

IT IS not easy to work at Windhoek Central Prison where Namibians do not enjoy the same rights as others in this country. Many African Namibians at this institution feel as though they are working with the colonialists still.

It therefore goes without saying that there is hidden racism in our Republic, and things are often being run by people who are in leadership positions. It seems some of them are placed there to promote European domination, and promotions are only given to members who sympathise with or advocate white European supremacy.

Today's

Fine and warm but partly with isolated thundershowers, partly cloudy and cool in night. Wind: Moderate southwesterly, fresh to strong south.

Girl 'rises from

DAR ES SALAAM: An 18-year-old woman who was buried in December after doctors pronounced her dead has turned up alive in the northern town of Moshi, police said on Saturday.

Kilimanjaro regional police chief Omari Mahita told reporters Eliza Deyasi, 18, was seen among fellow students earlier this year and was on Thursday brought before members of the public and said she was not aware she had died.

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