

# Eimbeck Offers Solution

therapy whereby the former is replaced by its heterosexual counterparts is initiated.

Theoretically, this could be done in the womb or even applied to the egg or sperm before fertilisation takes place, the last in the event that it is already known one of the parents carries a gay gene.

Even much easier, mothers could elect to abort a foetus if they thought it might grow up to be gay.

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*\* Note: In his opening letter the Minister maintained his views had no links with Nazism, yet we find the kind of genetic engineering proposed in this letter, whether intentional or not, echoes the very worst aspects of a Nazi-style philosophy. We have read with increasing abhorrence some of the remarks made by the Minister in his three letters, which we published only in the interests of free speech. This newspaper wishes to state clearly that human rights apply to all, including the gay and lesbian people, who have the undeniable right to equality, dignity and respect. Anything less than this is a trampling of human rights.*

THE Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and Police Officers once again met to discuss the rampant crime and strategies to counter the total collapse of law and order. However, there is little hope or prospect that a solution to this problem will emanate from police management for the simple reason that they either cannot or do not dare to change from traditional to modern policing.

Traditional policing worldwide seems to lose the battle against crime. The biggest problem is that the propagators of this antiquated system of oppressive policing cannot grasp nor adapt to the phenomenal political, economic and social changes of late. They also overlook the fact that the maintenance of law and order has become the responsibility of the TOTAL community. To be able to face modern sophisticated and organised crime, political and community leaders have to:

(a) experiment with new styles of policing in order to move towards more open accountability and partnership towards less reactive and more creative strategies and tactics and towards thoughtful and entrepreneurial approaches.

(b) permit community policing with the emphasis on openness and partnerships to broaden our awareness and extend our capabilities.

Therefore, all of us must

see modern policing not simply as controlling robbery, rape, burglary, theft and assault, but as helping to create and maintain communities in which citizens are **safe, secure and co-operative**. This situation can be achieved in a relatively short time by implementing the following programmes of action:

1. Encourage police/citizenship partnership in the cause of crime prevention.

2. Foster and improve communication and mutual understanding in the relationship of the police with the **total** community.

3. Promote interprofessional approaches to the solution of community problems, and stress the principle that the maintenance of law and order and the prevention of crime is a **total** community responsibility.

4. Enhance the co-operation and relationship of the police with prosecution, the courts and prisons.

5. Assist the police and community leaders in an understanding of the nature and causes of complex problems in people-to-people relations.

6. Strengthen the implementation of the rule of law and the principle of justice for all.

7. Accept that professional law enforcement work requires special skills and knowledge and demands exceptional standards of personal conduct and attitudes.

Successful implementation of these programmes will create a partnership between the public and the police which will ensure that both the public and the police will fulfil their respective roles according to mutual expectations.

The public will fulfil their role in preventing crime, in co-operating with the police in detecting and in supporting the police to maintain law and order and the internal security of the State.

The police will fulfil its role as the government institution which upholds the rule of law, which ensures justice for all and - most of all - which ensures orderly social relations and interactions.

In other words the role of a **modern police force** should be:

\* to help the public not to become victims of crime,

\* to support the public to maintain law and order and the internal security of the state, and

\* to co-operate with the public to establish and secure peace, security, stability and prosperity.

This will guarantee a workable partnership against crime which will establish a formidable and impenetrable front against crime. It will secure strength in numbers and in force of law-abiding citizens. I believe that **modern policing** in partnership can do far more than most would imagine. Policing in partnership can fight crime with

unexpected effectiveness. I believe that proper policing can act against the terrible fear of crime that grips and even paralyses so many of us. Policing in partnership can make a major contribution to improving and maintaining the quality of life of all Namibians.

And, most important of all, I believe that this approach to policing can do all these things in ways entirely worthy of a democratic society like ours. Having stated all the above, I believe that the concept and policy of policing in Namibia needs a revolutionary approach and courageous leaders to initiate and implement that new approach. After all:

**CRIME IS BASICALLY DISTURBED PEOPLE TO PEOPLE RELATIONSHIPS.**

Several projects have already been planned, initiated and executed to achieve the above aims, objectives and results since independence. I was involved in all of these. All of these were discussed at police management level and all were either functioning and proven to be viable alternatives to traditional policing or were ready to function. Sadly, all these projects were intentionally sabotaged, undermined and obstructed by police management.

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*\* Note: This letter has been shortened.*