

What Sacrifice Means

I WISH to reply to the article headlined 'Ekandjo goes ballistic' on May 7.

As ambassadors of Namibia out here we feel very much ashamed of the sick speech by a minister.

Name calling, insults have become the politics of the day in Namibia.

To add insult to injury, on a day when many Namibians still feel the pain of the loss of loved ones who sacrificed their lives in Cassinga, one of the country's leaders who claim to have fought for the independence of our country goes public and give orders to the police to "kill" their own people (botsotsos). Minister, we are still mourning. We, the affected citizens of Namibia don't have ill feelings and we want leaders who can lead us on the way to true reconciliation, not leaders who are instigating hatred, leaders who want to turn our nation into a bunch of murderers.

This was the day we expected comforting words from the 'leaders' not insults. This is showing that our leaders don't know what sacri-

fice means.

The leaders of Namibia who paved the way for us to be where we are today need respect only then, can they rest in peace, let those who died for the true cause in Cassinga rest in peace and be remembered with love, let those

who survived the horrors of that day be respected, they are the heroes, and the nation needs direction.

Mr Ekandjo, the days when you people stood on the drums telling South Africa to go to "Kakamas" are over.

Did you go to the North to re-

member the fallen sons and daughters of Namibia, who were brutally murdered or did you go on an election campaign?

Choose your days and activities like mature people and not people threatened by the nation's decision to break away from a certain or-

Money & Managing In Nam Schools

IT is of considerable importance that schools use the money available to them in the most productive way. Money should be used wisely, bearing in mind that it is constrained by the budget.

A key issue is the management of finance and effective decision making within schools concerning this issue.

Participation in decision making is also an important area to consider. Within the school middle management and the classroom teacher should be

involved in determining spending because they are closer to the children and perceive their needs on a day-to-day basis.

I suggest that delegating more power to the school means that decision making in the school takes on greater importance. This is particularly important when establishing a school management team to be involved in this process. The best way to use money in schools is to set up a good decision making structure with the

right amount of staff participation.

The second area of importance is for schools in Namibia to understand and be able to interpret budgets. Each school will then be faced with the task of planning its operations to achieve educational objectives within the budgetary constraints. To do this, planning and budgetary skills need to be developed.

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ganisation, you failed and will never learn from your mistakes.

The people who died in Cassinga might not be related to you but please if you really fought for your country and people do better than that. Use dictionaries in the future before going public and disgrace the nation.

The decision taken by CoD is the right one and should serve as an example to all Namibians who believe in calling others traitors and spies, that some of those words are not just words but can lead to you going to court to prove what you said. That is why we have courts and I believe our courts are no longer going to have robbers tried there because they "must be killed" according to Ekandjo, than those calling names must be taken to court. Remember, my vote is my secret.

We will never forget Cassinga. May the souls of our beloved ones rest in peace.

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