

whether the Minister knows what is happening in the police force and among the public as well. I can assure him that the accusations of the public are not only aimed at the police themselves, but against him as well.

The public is unhappy about certain actions of the police and feel there is room for lots of improvement. As to your repeated answer that you have to report to the Cabinet, the public knows that you are accountable to them, but that cannot stop you from improving the police.

The behaviour of the police is causing serious concern among the public and reminds them of the old colonial days.

Honourable Minister, your answers on the Face to Face programme were not satisfactory to us, and the message we would like to convey is that we are looking forward to you informing us about your findings and whether our media and the public at large would like to live in a state of fear of police suppression for ever.

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## **On Walvis Bay**

**An open letter to  
UN Secretary General  
Dr Boutros Boutros Gali**

IN VIEW of Namibia's second anniversary of independence, I would like to express my deservedly deep concern about parts of our country still under foreign domination.

Writing straight to you probably reveals my ignorance regarding the 'correct method' of communicating with you. However, deliberate deprivation and annihilation during the tragic colonial era would justify my shortcomings. No wonder, Namibia's current more than 50 per cent illiteracy rate.

Nowhere in the world, at any point during both the League of Nations and subsequently the United Nations' existence, were more resolutions passed, defied, overlooked and/or forgotten than in the world body's former 'baby' for which it had direct responsibility.

The long colonial years dilapidated both Namibia's un-renewable natural and human resources. European nations and other parts of the world are

still paying reparations to each other after the two world wars. Regardless of her plunder at the expense of growth, production, literacy and self-sufficiency, Namibia has her second anniversary of sovereignty in debt and heavily dependent upon imports.

Worse still, more than 90 per cent of her imported commodities are handled in Walvis Bay, her only deepwater port. Unfortunately, to our detriment, Walvis Bay is apparently still considered as part of South Africa. Twelve, if not more of Namibia's offshore islands are also still under South African control, thus effectively reducing the area covered by the country's offshore rights by about one-fifth.

If part of the world body's responsibilities is to safeguard peace, security, self-determination of member states and observation of good faith and overwhelming justice towards all nations, then Namibia deserves its long-violated rights and national integrity honoured. I therefore, on behalf of the Namibian people, request your organisation to ensure that justice prevails and that Walvis Bay and the offshore islands are returned to the authentic control of the indigenous population - the Namibian people. I should be grateful to see the new world order incorporating all parts of this fragile world.

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## **On police action**

EVERYBODY seems to condemn the actions of the task force on March 3 at the Breweries. To be honest, I cannot condemn their actions in total because of the involved interests that have to be balanced equally.

On the one hand we have the constitution that guarantees the freedom to demonstrate peacefully and on the other we have the duty of the police to maintain law and order (for example, to prevent demonstrators barricading entrances).

Let us be honest with ourselves - it was clearly depicted on TV that the demonstrators were barricading the entrance to the Breweries (and an intelligent person knows what the consequences of this could be) and the boulders used to barricade the entrance could also be