

Whose AK-47's?

I WISH to raise a strong appeal to the South African army to withdraw from Namibian territory.

It appears they are here to harass, intimidate and oppress innocent and peace-loving Namibians.

As a member of Swapo and a Youth League activist, I condemn the latest deeds of the army and police in the Katutura hostel.

How on earth can they go into a place where people are sleeping, wake them and beating those who want to move, even to go to the toilet. Is it because the people of the so-called compound are blacks?

Security forces blame Swapo for using AK-47's, but what happens to all the arms they claim to have confiscated from guerrillas? Where are those AK-47's you have confiscated? We are not all children and cannot be fooled. Perhaps those in the Tintenpalast and Pretoria can be fooled, but not us.

The subsequent police press conference was a total distortion of the truth. There the police claimed that "we have no knowledge of any assaults committed by members of the police or security force members during the operation. That is rubbish and we have evidence that people such as Linus Shipingana and others were assaulted while looking at police from the corridors of their room when they were awakened.

I also wish to condemn in the strongest of terms the confiscation of property of compound residents. How can they confiscate things like knives or kieres. We are allowed to possess these things, and nobody needs a permit to buy or keep the abovementioned items either for household use or self defence. Let the police chief tell us that he has no knife or any other 'weapon' in his home.

I appeal to all affected comrades and the oppressed of Namibia to stand together and to take the authorities to court over these issues, because these deeds happen only in Katutura and never in 'white' Windhoek.

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