

Heart sore man

I HAVE spent sleepless nights. I have lost appetite and my heart is sore because of what I saw in a front page photograph of The Namibian of June 19. In front of me was the disfigured body of a 2-year-old girl amidst the rubble of what she used to regard as home.

I am a Namibian, a father of two children and on the other hand I am a paediatrician - a doctor of the children. I have chosen this field because of a strong love for children. I have vowed to help them when they are sick and my purpose is to try and lead them into adult life, both physically and mentally stable.

I have seen children dying. They die because there are complications at birth; they die as a result of severe congenital abnormalities, and sometimes they die because of a cancer.

According to one of the road regulations, one should not move a vehicle either in forward or backward gear without look around for the possible presence of children. The girl in question died because of an emotionless, feelingless, 'Casspir' driver. The little girl died in a war situation which the State President of South Africa regards as not having reached a calamitous stage. Mr Botha, how many of the two-year-old children must die before your heart is moved? How many 5-months pregnant women must die before you stop these merciless killings of innocent people?

I am speaking on behalf of the children living in northern Namibia. Mr Botha, please drop linkage and allow implementation of Resolution 435. We are part of the children of the world. We do not want war, but peace. We do not want to see blood and motionless bodies, but we want to live. let the Almighty God intervene now.

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