

# Letters to the Editor



I hope people in the regions will be encouraged by this letter to fight the injustices continuing in the different structures of our government. Colleagues, guard against injustice and save the government to save the nation.

CONCERNED CIVIL  
SERVANT  
WINDHOEK

## Student bursaries

I AM very disappointed by the Ministry of Education and Culture. I am one of those students in the University of Namibia who wants to study further both for myself and the development and building of the Namibian nation.

I have applied for bursaries from the Ministry of Education and Culture. They sent me a letter of inquiry in which they asked me to provide them with Std 10 results, but at that time the results were not yet released. They then told me that they don't have the course I have chosen although they had sent application forms and booklets to the school which stipulated the course in question. Until today I have had no feedback. I am at present attending lectures but I don't know whether I will get the bursary or whether I will have to leave. My parents are very poor and cannot afford the fees. The fees, including hostel and meals plus courses, are about R11 000. Not many people can afford to pay this sort of amount.

We students of the Academy urge the government to consider this matter. About two-thirds of the students here don't have bursaries and are still waiting for answers because they have applied.

We will go on strike unless something is done.

UNHAPPY STUDENT  
ACADEMY WINDHOEK

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ing, he survives on rumours, false expectations and promises. I am convinced that the NUNW are to be blamed to a great extent for this sorry state of affairs, because they in turn survive on re-active action and every minor labour dispute is blown out of proportion by them - but where are the achievements?

I appeal to the NUNW to please become pro-active and to start working with the qualitative assets of your members. Stop concentrating on the shameful issues only, because this makes your organisation what it is - a shameful one.

Thanks to Mr Mubita for introducing the Namibian leaders to their people in such frank and open (although sometimes biased) manner, because it helps to understand certain problems this country is facing.

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## Still imbalances

I WOULD like to register my concern on the matter of Government houses. The state of affairs concerning official accommodation for civil servants cannot continue as in the past. Something must be done now.

The Honourable Minister of Works, Transport and Communication, you are the only one who can see to it at this stage that our people get what we deserve. Justice must be practiced with the allocation of accommodation for all civil servants. Blacks are also civil servants and can also live in these houses now (which was not the case in the past). Some believe it is still the case because they serve as key figures in these so-called housing committees, most of which are not really in the interest of the majority of civil servants and are unacceptable throughout the

country.

Comrade Minister, I am convinced that you, as a freedom fighter, have not forgotten the imbalances in the rural areas that are still as they were in the past. Windhoek inclusive, there are some houses mainly reserved for white colleagues (obviously those in a good condition) and certain houses fit for blacks only.

Comrade Minister, we would like your Ministry to see to it that the structures according to which these housing committees are established, be reviewed, so that black observers be replaced and whites be transferred to a rehabilitation centre.

We need civil servants in our towns who can re-shape the status quo.

Officials in Keetmanshoop even claim that some houses are reserved for up to three months. One wonders for whom? Officials in Rundu, Oshakati, and Ondangwa and other smaller towns confirm their situation is similar. I asked some black civil servants why they didn't apply for these open houses after they had worked more than six years for the government? And their response was that they were told there were no houses available.

If there is no response from the Ministry concerned, I am prepared to provide the Prime Minister's office with the facts so that he can come to our rescue. We don't necessarily just want to replace white administrators with black ones, but we would like to see the colonial-minded whites leave.

I also hear that whites are now moving from old-fashioned houses to newer ones and this seems to be a strategy planned to maintain the gap between the privileged and the deprived. Renovations are done on certain houses at the expense of the taxpayers and on an unfair basis.