

President Must Be Helped In Crime Fight

THE President, who is now in charge of the police, must be given a full hand to enable him to clamp down on the growth of botsootsos and the killing rate in the country. We all have to give him a helping hand. But how can we do this?

My advice is you must not only involve yourself and the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs in the campaign to combat crime but also involve the Inspector-General of the police and other highranking police officers and those at district level.

This is to bring the police to the people and promote them into becoming a community policing service so the people can gain confidence in them.

Presently you only have constables and sergeants dealing with people in the townships of the country while the highranking members of the force are sitting in their offices.

These officers must be sent into the locations and townships to explain the dangers facing our country and the need for policing.

Another thing you need to consider is a reshuffle in the police force, including the total removal of the Inspector-General and deputy Inspector-General who were praised by former Home Affairs Minister Pohamba for nothing.

There is also a need to bring balance into the force because promotions are given mainly to those from the old colonial regime while the efforts of former Plan fighters to get promotions in the force are being frus-

trated.

This situation has created a loss of confidence in the force.

The army should also continue to be used, as is the case now, with assisting in combatting of crime. They could also get short courses in policing so that they can understand their new responsibilities better.

The army should start to be a national army by introducing national service - this will bring new blood into the army and also combat crime since many of the youth who are school drop outs and those who failed to obtain bursaries are turning to crime.

By serving in the army and promoting peace, they can also get the advantage of discipline.

The Government should also introduce a centre for unemployment where the job seekers can go instead of seeing them wandering around the towns or sitting on street corners, waiting for jobs.

This will enable employers to more easily find people and the situation will be easier to monitor because less people will be roaming the streets. In this way too, crime may be reduced.

There must also be some agreement reached on the question of the newspaper sellers in the country, to enable police to control them, because many of them engage themselves in criminal activity.

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