

When Is Enough, Enough?

IS Namibia a "cry baby" nation that cannot concede defeat or is it indeed a "banana" republic that cannot respect its own laws, let alone a High Court ruling and international treaties we are signatory to.

Namibia's prosecution team has been beaten twice on the high treason drama - it goes with the saying: once beaten twice shy. When is enough, enough?

Why is the prosecution team so determined to find success where it's non-existent?

Is it a question of ego or conscience that they are so afraid to let Caprivian treason suspects walk free, as has been ordered by Namibia's High Court?

Petitioning the Chief Justice is well and good, but what more if permission is denied, based on a clear rundown by Judge Hoff of the

pros and cons of such a scenario. A clear assessment has been made by Judge Hoff, which cannot easily be beaten by the prosecution team.

How could even Botswana consider the Namibian Government's appeal for the extradition of Namibians that were needed to return and stand trial - when they would have to deal with such a messed-up legal system? Who, as of now, can take Namibia seriously?

The continuous postponement and detention without trial of Caprivian treason suspects, stretching up to 5 years now, is shattering - mentally, physically and emotionally - as well as an obstacle to nation-building.

Have we forgotten as well that we are dealing with human life?

If this drama and mockery of

justice is not stopped immediately - it will only breed more hate and disunity amongst people. It is a time bomb that is bound to bring irreparable and highly regrettable consequences if not contained by Namibia's leadership - churches, humanitarian groups and political parties.

It's not too late to spearhead the notion of peace and reconciliation - Namibia needs it.

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Note: This letter has been shortened. We appeal to writers taking a stance in favour or against judgements in the so-called Caprivi Treason Trial to keep a high standard and refrain from libellous and inciting speech - Ed