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**We should stop demonising gay couples and fight sex pests**

I refer to Tuesday, February 16, 2010 letter to the editor by Jonathan Karanja on the intended gay wedding in Mtwapa.

He states that our nation is endowed with people who uphold lofty moral standards. Please wake up and look around you and watch what’s going on in Kenya.

I wish to ask Karanja why he doesn’t oppose men who are married who sleep with other men, men who batter women, men who rape children and so on.

The gays are two consenting adults who will answer to God one day and not man.

I think Mr Karanja should focus on those who abuse children…let one who has not sinned cast the first stone.

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I can’t help finding Mr Jonathan Karanja’s comment on the aborted gay wedding so hypocritical.

With all due respect, I would advice Mr Karanja to respect people’s sexuality. What Sodom and Gommorah is Mr Karanja referring to? I would like to invite him in the late hours to see the height of prostitution in the same town of Mtwapa.

When the slogan “*mpango wa kando*” is doing so well even among the married, I think Mr Karanja has a better congregation to address other than the gay.

There are so many morally sick people who need your teaching on morality.

The gay case is not such an emergency at all.

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The issue of gay marriages is slowly developing into a time bomb.

The matter needs to be taken seriously. What happened at the coast where a gay couple attempted to hold a wedding is proof that the issue cannot be ignored any more.

We should not victimise gay couples just because they are of a different sexual orientation which society has termed as immoral and inhuman. We cannot live without them for they are human beings.

That does not mean I support their lifestyle. My biggest concern, however, is their health. Does anyone know which hospital or health centre they go to when they fall ill?

Stoning or burning them will not stop their rapid growth; instead they will only go underground. What will happen next?

They are at risk of being infected with HIV/Aids or STDs for fear of being victimised by medics and the rest of us. Most of these medical practitioners would not even attend to them.

They will look at them as undeserving of care and the effort to fight the spread of HIV/Aids would all be in vain. This would be sad because a lot of investment has been employed both by the Government and the NGOs to fight the scourge.

The Government should first come up with special programme by setting up medical centres to look into the issue of gays.

You can imagine there are about 70,000 of them in Nairobi, based on a survey carried out recently by a team of doctors.

What about the rest of the country? Don’t you think this is a time bomb?