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The German legacy – one lonely Simmentaler bull ...

• BRIGITTE WEIDLICH

LANDS MINISTER Jerry Ekandjo says no development took place in Namibia during 106 years of colonial rule, first under Germany and then under South Africa. Taking part in debate on national reconciliation in the National Assembly yesterday, Ekandjo said the Germans and South Africans did not bring

any livestock to the country, except one single bull. "They did not come with land, they did not bring any cattle, except one Simmentaler bull, so let us start there with reconciliation, it all started in 1884 with German colonialism," Ekandjo told the House. Ekandjo obviously missed



when 12 karakul sheep were brought from Germany to Namibia. "We have to buy back our own land in the name of reconciliation," he said. "The Germans brought no development, only extermina-

tion under General Lothar von Trotha," he added, referring to the extermination order of October 2 1904 against the Herero people after their uprising. If it had not been for von Trotha, there would be 30 million people living in Namibia today," he charged. "There are no villages outside Windhoek or other towns," he claimed. **BULL: cont. on p2**

Help the Police

The Namibian Police yesterday issued a renewed appeal for help in establishing the identity of the woman whose head and arms were found at Grootfontein on Monday. A photograph of her face is published on page 2.

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'Security' trumps freedoms

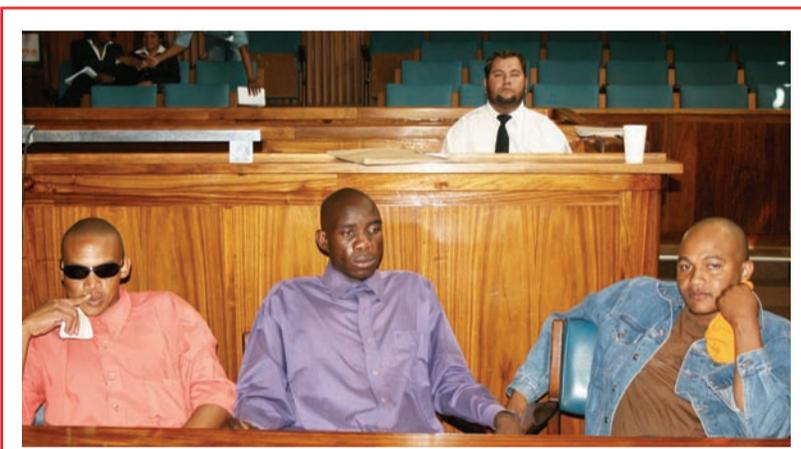


Photo: Henry van Rooi

BACK IN THE DOCK ... Farm massacre suspects Sylvester Beukes, Stoney Neidel, Gavin Beukes (front, left to right) and Justus

Christiaan ('Shorty') Erasmus (back) in the High Court in Windhoek before their trial resumed this week.

Dispute over 'assault' at farm massacre trial

• WERNER MENGES

THE High Court trial of the four men accused of having had a hand in the massacre of eight people at a Kalkrand area farm in March 2005 plunged straight back into a side hearing about the admissibility of statements that two of the accused are claimed to have made as soon as it resumed this week following a five-month break. At the centre of the trial within a trial that has been continuing before Judge President Petrus Damaseb on Tuesday and yesterday are statements that multiple murder suspects

Sylvester Beukes and his brother, Gavin Beukes, are alleged to have made to Police officers between the time of their arrest on March 6 2005 and their first court appearance on March 9. Between March 4 and 5 2005, it is alleged in the indictment faced by the two brothers and their co-accused, Justus Christiaan ('Shorty') Erasmus and Rehoboth area resident Stoney Raymond Neidel, eight people were murdered at the farm Kareeboomvloer between Rehoboth and Kalkrand. **DISPUTE: continued on page 2**

'Majority view' should govern media: Minister

• STAFF REPORTER

THE Namibian Government says it is committed to freedom of expression and information, but "the recent experience of rage at the current unlimited freedoms with regards to speech and expression demonstrated that the socio-political climate is not right to blindly start with reforms". This warning was sounded yesterday by Information and Broadcasting Minister Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah at the start of consultation on an audit of media legislation in Namibia this week. Speaking at her Ministry's workshop, Nandi-Ndaitwah said: "In the reform of media and communication legislation, we shall be guided by the feelings of the majority of the population and the national security situation in the country." **FREEDOM: continued on page 2**



Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah

Woman hits back at carjackers

• DENVER ISAACS

TWO would-be car thieves from Windhoek were left more than just empty handed on Monday morning when they were both sent fleeing, one limping badly, into the bushes. The two tried to rob 46-year-old Louise Le Grange of her BMW just metres away from her home in Klein Windhoek's Van

Coller Street. Le Grange told *The Namibian* yesterday that she had left her home at around 11h48 that morning. When she stopped at a stop street, she heard her front passenger window being smashed, only to see two men, one armed with a gun, looking at her. "I was so shocked, and this guy was screaming and shouting at

me," she recalled. Instead of giving in to the carjackers, Le Grange put the car in reverse and ran over one of them. "Just then a car from one of these private security companies came past and they [the suspects] managed to run into the bush", she said. The Police yesterday confirmed the incident. No arrests have been made.

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