

# Rapists Terrorise Luderitz

I would like to comment on the increasing number of rape in this town of Luderitz and, perhaps, help in exposing the truth.

It is a well-known fact that rape in this area is going out of hand and calls for the attention of relevant authorities, like the Ministry of Home Affairs.

It is important to note from the outset that the irresponsible conduct of women here, who often are seen loitering and drunk have encouraged cases of rape in this town.

One policeman told me how he came across a woman, alone and drunk, at 04:00, in the morning.

While we know that there is a so-called body of Women's Solidarity, it is difficult to know why they have not made any effort to focus on this problem to help women, here, mend their ways and stop exposing themselves to rapists. I would like to request these offices and the Ministry of Home Affairs to give this problem more serious attention.

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The comment of Sister Collective on the above letter that appeared in the *New Era* of 27 May - 2 June is:

## How to avoid Rape

Don't go out without clothes ... that encourages men.

Don't go out with clothes ... any clothes encourages some men.

Don't go out alone at night ... that encourages men.

Don't go out alone at any time ... any situation encourages some men.

Don't go out with a female friend ... some men are encouraged by numbers.

Don't go out with a male friend ... some male friends are capable of rape ... or you may meet a rapist who will assault your friend before starting on you.

Don't stay at home ... intruders and relatives are potential rapists.

Don't have neighbours ... these often rape women.

Avoid childhood ... some rapists are turned on by the very young.

Avoid old age ... some rapists inflict themselves on aged women.

Don't have a father, grandfather, uncle or brother ... these are the relatives who most often rape women.

Don't marry ... rape is legal within marriage. To be quite sure ... don't exist.

