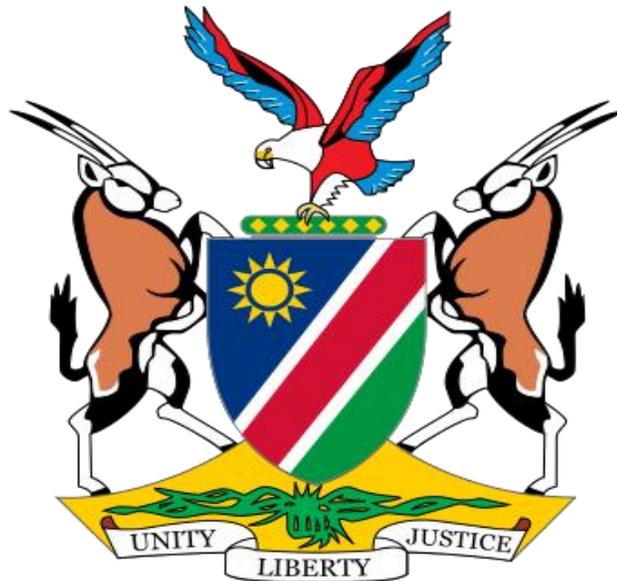


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CONDOLENCES TO THE UJAHA FAMILY

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All media

1. **It is with great sadness that the Ministry of Justice came to learn of the harrowing circumstances under which Ms Cheryl Avihe Ujaha came to pass.**
2. The Ministry of Justice expresses its heartfelt condolences to the Ujaha family and also wishes to take this opportunity to again alert parents to the possible dangers that their children may face in everyday life. Although the Ministry strives to create a safe environment for all Namibians through establishing a robust protective and enabling legal framework, the cooperation of all citizens is required in ensuring these laws are effective.
3. Parents are urged to keep their children in sight at all times when leaving the house and outside yard and not to let children watch over each other. Children cannot be saddled with the responsibility of adulthood and parenting because their attention span and level of responsibility do not warrant this.
4. Further, parents are urged to limit their children's access to the internet and monitor who they communicate with online. Cyber bullying, harassment and stalking are issues that are receiving urgent legislative attention of the Ministry as too many children fall victim to this scourge.
5. Parents, caregivers, family, friends and entire communities are also urged to notice unhealthy means of affection showed towards children and to report it immediately.
6. I urge all Namibians to stand together in the fight against gender based violence. Men, love and look after your mothers, wives, daughters and sisters. Women, act honourably and make wise decision for your own safety. It is our responsibility to teach young men and women how to interact respectfully, keeping each other's best interest in mind to build a healthy, happy Namibia.

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