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RE: 'Misinformation about the impending National Assembly's recess'

The recent misinformation being circulated particularly through social media that the National Assembly 'is going on holiday next week' is **factually incorrect**. As it has been the tradition over the years, the National Assembly has two sessions per year. The first session usually start mid-February and ends in July, with the second session resuming beginning of September till end of November of that year. The above has been the case from the 1st Parliament in 1990 to date.

1. As per the Parliamentary Calendar 2020, the Assembly is schedule to rise next week Wednesday, so there is nothing untoward to that effect.
2. Article 62, sub-article (1) (b) of the Namibian Constitution states, "the National Assembly shall sit for **at least two (2) sessions during each year**, to commence and terminate on such dates as the National Assembly from time to time determines".
3. Accordingly, the National Assembly can sit "for such special sessions as directed by Proclamation by the President from time to time," says sub-article (1) (c) of Article 62.
4. Members of the National Assembly are the representative of all people, they have the responsibility to visit their constituents during recess to attend to the issues raise in the community. On the other hand, Members of the executive who sits in Assembly also have other duties at Cabinet and implementation of their ministries projects, paramount this times are ministerial attention required from them to fight against covid-19.

5. Based on the above, the insinuations about 'Members of the Assembly going on holiday', is hereby dismissed with the contempt it deserves!

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