

## Gay rights group calls for government intervention

A gay rights group in Zimbabwe has reportedly called on the government to set up policies that would protect its members from abuse, blackmail and segregation after a gay teacher at a top private school quit his job due to threats. As previously reported in [Legalbrief Today](#), Neal Hovelmeier, who taught for 15 years at St John's College, was forced to quit after some parents expressed outrage. [News Day](#) reports that **Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe programmes manager, Samuel Matsikure**, said homosexuals in the southern African country were often subjected to blackmail and abuse due to a widespread culture of shaming them.