

## 'Electronic'™ passports introduced

Namibia has ceased the issuing of machine-readable passports and begun issuing biometric or electronic passports. Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration official Nehemia Nghishekwa said the passports are highly secure travel documents with a chip that enhances security. **'The drive is to maintain the integrity of the Namibian travel document and to render it difficult to forge,'** he said. [The Namibian](#) reports that he said the move was in line with International Civil Aviation Organisation requirements, which urges all UN member states to implement the electronic passports. The new passports cost \$13 to order.