

Minister wants contraceptives for schoolgirls

Namibia's Education Minister Katrina Hanse-Himarwa has proposed the compulsory distribution of contraceptives for female learners in order to prevent escalating teenage pregnancies. The [New Era](#) reports that **she was addressing the National Gender Advisory Committee**. 'I know this (proposal) is a controversial one, and I will get a lot opposition and pressure from parents and churches. However, the problem is with us and sometimes we need to take unpopular decisions,' she said. Hanse-Himarwa suggested that public hearings be held to gather input from parents, learners, the church and other stakeholders.