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nbc Engages Prosecutor General in efforts to Intensify TVL Inspection and subsequent Prosecution

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17 February 2017, **Windhoek; Namibia** - The Namibian Broadcasting Corporation (nbc) in its efforts to intensify TV Licence collections has engaged Prosecutor General (PG), Martha Imalwa this week in regard to the broadcaster's legal mandate of TV Licence defaulters and the prosecution of such offenders.

The nbc's Director General, Stanley Similo, together with nbc's legal team paid a visit to the Office of the Prosecutor General to ascertain the legal steps that will ensure the positive and probable conviction of TV licence defaulters.

The PG and her staff were adamant that if the right legal procedures are followed, people can and should be held accountable for failure to adhere to the laws of Namibia. "We are happy you came to engage us and we are ready to work with you (nbc)", said the PG in response to the said meeting.

According to the Broadcasting Act, Act no. 9 of 1991, various fines and penalties are prescribed for courts, this include:

1. A fine not exceeding N \$2000
2. Imprisonment for a period not exceeding six (6) months
3. The confiscation of any or all television sets in connection of the offence.
4. The payment of all arrear licence fees

In addition, the nbc shall forward details of TV licence defaulters to a debt collector and individuals as well as business owners shall be liable for all legal costs. nbc Head of Legal Services, Steven Ndorokaze emphasized: "TV set owners are obliged to pay outstanding TV Licence fees and the requirement to pay your licence has nothing to with which channels you view on your television set."

The nbc with the assistance of the City Police has been and will continue to inspect homes and businesses in and around Windhoek, as well as other parts of the country to ascertain the validity of TV Licences.

The nbc TV licence inspectors will be visiting the following areas in the coming week:

Swakopmund, Walvisbay & Otjiwarongo – 20 – 24 February 2017;
Keetmanshoop, Mariental & Maltahohe and surroundings – 22 – 25 February 2017;
Oshakati/Ondangwa/Ongwediva – 20 February – 03 March 2017;
Windhoek and Surroundings – 20 – 24 February 2017 ongoing.

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nbc's Purpose is to become a leading Multimedia Public Broadcaster of Choice in the world. It is the only Namibian broadcasting house that runs radio broadcasting in ten (10) Namibian languages and three (3) Public Service TV channels. nbc offers local, SADC and international news, current affairs and entertainment programming and covers more than 74.5% of the Namibian population. It further broadcasts beyond the Namibian borders on the DSTV audio bouquet and online at www.nbc.na

ABOUT Digital Terrestrial TV (www.nbc.na)

Digital television is a new way of broadcasting television. Although digital terrestrial television changes the way pictures are sent to your TV, it won't change the way you watch television.

Since the beginning of television, we've been watching what is known as 'analogue television': TV signals are broadcast using radio waves, which are picked up by an aerial and sent down a wire to your TV, the analogue television receiver. Your set then changes the analogue signal into pictures and sound. nbc boasts altogether with Six (6) channels on its DTT bouquet – nbc1, nbc2, nbc3, One Africa, TBN and EduTV (nbc4).