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CAUTION AGAINST 'FAKE NEWS' CIRCULATING ON SOCIAL MEDIA

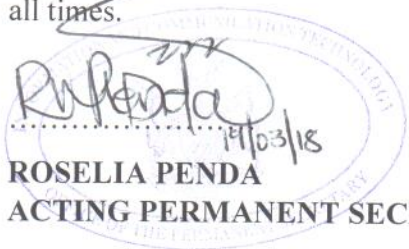
The Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT) has noted with concern over the WhatsApp message containing misleading information currently circulating on social media platforms, which alleges that Government has passed a new regulation that will monitor people's cell phones and communication platforms.

MICT would like to make it clear that the Ministry has not passed any such regulation and it is not in possession of a system that has links to the public's cell phones nor does MICT monitor phone calls and social media activities of citizens. It should be noted that the WhatsApp message currently circulating that indicates all calls are being recorded, and that social media platforms such as WhatsApp, Twitter, Facebook and other social media platforms are being monitored is in fact 'FAKE NEWS'.

MICT is therefore urging the public to be cautious of such messages as they are being created and circulated by people whose agenda is to create fear and destabilize peace among the public. As a ministry charged with Government information dissemination, MICT will always ensure that information is communicated to the public in an official manner through all communication platforms.

We therefore urge the public to stop circulating such fake news as it is misleading the nation. The public is further cautioned to avoid using social media platforms as a battle ground for political character assassination, discrimination, racism, sexism, tribalism and any other evil deeds to destabilize the peace and stability of the Namibian House.

We have only one common heritage which we guard jealously, and that is Namibia. Let us not play with the name and image of our country. Let our country remain the treasure for all of us at all times.



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