

## **NO SOLUTION OFFERED FOR CONTINUING CRIME**

Charles Nqacula, Minister of Safety and Security, has criticized South African for not being united in the fight against crime, which he says “affects us all”. What he failed to explain, however, is exactly what he meant by this statement. Who is to unite with whom in the battle to put an end to this scourge that is plaguing our country?

He further suggested that citizens should be compelled (as he put it) to co-operate with the police. Yet again he did not explain what he meant by “compelled”.

He announced the recruitment of an additional 11,000 police officers per year, between now and 2010 but in the same breath confessed that increasing the number of officers will not be the solution.

Nqacula referred to the latest, and may I say questionable, statistics showing a 7% reduction in crime, and made the obvious remark that “crime is still too high”.

The most shocking revelation in these statistics, however, is that crime and murder amongst the youth has escalated drastically. This does not auger well for the future of this nation.

As with everything, one needs to identify the problem, establish the cause and then offer the solution.

Nqacula did none of this.

Crime in South Africa will not be addressed, until the moral decline, which has taken place over the past fourteen years, is addressed and God is brought back into the picture.

“Righteousness exalts a nation, sin is a reproach to any people.”