

H: 9.7.87 MNR fight a losing battle

SIR — The cold-blooded murders of people by bandits in Rushinga can hamper development in the district. This may come in the form of disinvestments, lack of new investments and an exodus of skilled people.

However, the panic could stop if people are assured of security. It is common knowledge that the MNR bandits, devoid of people's support, are fighting a losing battle.

I watched with sorrowful amusement as people some 80 km from the place where the murder took place, frantically left their homes and assumed the role of refugees.

Undoubtedly, if people are in disarray, the enemy can score victory. I don't want to believe that the people of Rushinga are cowards. Everyone could have acted as they did, if pitted against armed barbarians.

Therefore, I suggest that all willing and able-bodied people of Rushinga should be armed.

I strongly feel that there is an urgent need for arming civil servants specially teachers because they are the ones who are usually victimised.

I urge the Government to help Rushinga to help herself.

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