

Unam pay demands 'unreasonable' - minister



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WINDHOEK – Higher education minister Dr Itah Kandjii-Murangi yesterday said it was unreasonable for Namibians to demand salary hikes at a time when the country faces serious economic challenges.

Kandjii-Murangi said this in response to questions by New Era on the ongoing strike at the University

Workers at the University of Namibia downed tools demanding a six percent salary increase backdated to January this year.

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of Namibia (Unam) that lasted for more than a week, with no end in sight. Unam employees, including lecturers and supervisors, last week Monday embarked on a nationwide strike, demanding a six percent salary increase backdated to January this year. Namibia Public Workers Union (Napwu) and the university were by late yesterday locked in lengthy meetings to try and hammer out a consensus. Unam spokesperson Edwin Tjiramba told New Era that the media will be briefed about the outcome of the meeting once they are done.