The economy was hit by the High Court’s order to employers to cut pay and salary cuts, as unconstitutional and invalid.

Metal and Allied Namibian Workers’ Union (Manwu) secretary general Justina Jonas said she foresees a wave of mass retrenchments over the coming weeks. She said the judgment has opened the door for employers to retrench employees.

She further indicated that employers who want to retrench should adhere to the Labour Act concerning compensation.

Kavihuha Mahongora from the Union Congress of Namibia (Tucna) said the judgement is a huge blow and slap in the face of employees and is in favour of business.

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Elbow-greet... The Legal Assistance Centre (LAC) yesterday handed over 160 postcards to President Hage Geingob written by learners from the Zambezi and Khomas regions. The postcards were addressed to both the President and First Lady Monica Geingob. Two main actors of the film Baxu and the Giants, Camilla Daries (11) and Wafeeq Naran (16) accompanied the LAC delegation to State House yesterday. Baxu and the Giants is an LAC-commissioned film that tells the story of a young girl tackling rhino poaching in northwestern Namibia. The postcards and the film Baxu and the Giants are part of a bigger project, whereby the LAC collected information on wildlife crime cases from all courts across the country for research purposes and policy advice, training of magistrates and prosecutors as part of efforts to raise awareness on poaching hotspots. In the photo, the actors pose for a snap with President Geingob.

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