

STOP

THE VIOLENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA



Boipatong, 20 June '92: Police murder unarmed protestors

STOP THE VIOLENCE NOW!

Black people in South Africa today are compelled to live in fear. Political violence has cost the lives of over 7,000 people since the release of Nelson Mandela in February 1990. *Apartheid* is violence. It is a system created out of the exploitation of the black majority, which deliberately fosters racial conflict, and which has been imposed through ruthless repression. But the political violence in South Africa today is of a special form. It is primarily organised by the police and security forces and elements within Inkatha, in order to prevent democratic change. They are deliberately instigating and fomenting the violence in order to weaken the ANC and others working for a genuine end to apartheid. Apartheid propagandists seek to project the situation as 'black on black' violence. But the reality is very different.

Since February 1990 –

- 1,207 people have been killed during attacks on township residents – such as that at Boipatong – which have been organised from single sex hostels. Witnesses have given evidence of how Inkatha supporters in these hostels have been armed and trained by the security forces.
- 227 people travelling on commuter trains in the Transvaal area have been brutally murdered during random attacks. Again both the security forces and Inkatha supporters have been implicated in these attacks.
- 119 political activists have been assassinated in mysterious circumstances during this period.

In Natal, where the violence first started, judges have established that the *police set up hit squads* to murder opponents of apartheid and to foment violence between the ANC and Inkatha.

Today this violence threatens the prospects of a negotiated settlement in South Africa. Because of the complicity of the security forces in the massacres at Boipatong in June, and the failure of the De Klerk regime to stop it, the African National Congress has broken off its participation in negotiations. Unless the De Klerk regime responds positively to a set of basic demands, the whole negotiation process will collapse. The ANC and other anti-apartheid organisations including churches and trade unions, have called upon the international community to help stop the violence.

The **Anti-Apartheid Movement** has responded by launching its *Stop the Violence* campaign which is working for:

- Maximum pressure by the international community on the De Klerk regime to implement the ANC demands.
- The replacement of the De Klerk regime by an Interim Government which will ensure impartial control over the security forces.
- An end to the De Klerk regime's insistence on a white veto over constitutional change.
- An international force to monitor the violence.

You can help now!

- Participate in the *Stop the Violence* postcard campaign
- Write to the Prime Minister, John Major, (10 Downing Street, London SW1), asking him to support the demands of the ANC and of the *Stop the Violence* campaign.
- Write to your MP (c/o House of Commons, London, SW1) seeking her/his support.
- Write to F.W. de Klerk, (South Africa House, Trafalgar Square, London WC2), calling upon him to support the demands of the ANC.
- Keep up the boycott of South African goods and peoples' sanctions.
- Join the Anti-Apartheid Movement

ANC demands to end violence

- Terminate all covert operations including hit squad activity.
- Disarm, disband and confine to barracks all special forces, as well as detachments made up of foreign nationals.
- Suspend and prosecute all officers and security force personnel involved in the violence.
- Ensure that all repression in some of the self-governing states, and in the so-called independent states, is ended.
- The immediate implementation of the programme to phase out the hostels and convert them into family unit accommodation, and the installation of fences around these establishments.
- Guarding of these hostels by security forces on a permanent basis, monitored by multi-lateral peace structures, and the expulsion of those who occupy the hostels illegally, and regular searches of hostels with the participation of multi-lateral peace structures.
- Banning the carrying of all dangerous weapons in public on all occasions, including so-called 'cultural' weapons.

ANC National Executive Committee, 23 June '92



● I want to help end the violence and promote democracy in South Africa. I enclose a donation of £ _____ towards the work of the Anti-Apartheid Movement.

Please send me:

- Information about the *Stop the Violence* campaign
- Information about the *Free all Political Prisoners* campaign
- Information about *Boycott South African goods* campaign

I wish to join the Anti-Apartheid Movement

Joint fee £18 p.a. Individual £14.50 Student/unwaged £9.50

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