

Albertina Sisulu has dedicated her life to the struggle for freedom in South Africa. Like all opponents of the apartheid regime, she has had to pay a heavy price. Not only has Albertina seen her husband, Walter, thrown into apartheid's dungeons for life; her children detained and harassed; but she too has been subjected to constant harassment by the security police. She was banned almost continuously from 1964 until July this year. In spite of these restrictions, she is a leading figure in the struggle against apartheid, and in August of this year was elected co-President of the newly formed anti-apartheid United Democratic Front. On the eve of its founding meeting she was detained by the security police and charged with "furthering the aims of the African National Congress".

She is now being held in detention. Her trial begins on 17th October.

The South African regime is determined to crush the resistance of women like Albertina Sisulu, both in South Africa and in Namibia, which South Africa illegally occupies. ANC activist Dorothy Nyembe has been imprisoned since 1969; Ida Jimmy, a Namibian woman, was sentenced to eight years for simply making a speech at a SWAPO public meeting. An unknown number of women have been detained without charge for over five years in Namibia, since their abduction from a refugee camp in Angola in May 1978.

These women need your support - their courage and their determination demands it.

- * COME TO THE PROTEST AT THE SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY ON 17th OCTOBER, FROM 1-2pm, THE DAY THAT ALBERTINA SISULU'S TRIAL BEGINS.
- * WRITE TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, DOWNING ST, LONDON SW1, ASKING HIM TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF MRS SISULU AND ALL WOMEN POLITICAL PRISONERS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA.
- * CONTACT SATIS & THE AAM WOMEN'S COMMITTEE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE WOMEN VICTIMS OF APARTHEID REPRESSION.

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