Despite the repeal of some key apartheid laws the reality of apartheid and the legacy of racism means:

- Black people do not yet have a vote, 4 million whites rule over 29 million blacks.
- Nelson Mandela is “free” but does not have the vote.
- 85% of the land is under white occupation.
- The richest 5% of the population owns 88% of all personally owned wealth - South Africa has a more unequal pattern of income distribution than any other member of a group of 57 countries for which calculations exist.
- The income received by over 50% of the total population is insufficient for families to maintain themselves at a minimum subsistence standard of living. For the African population as a whole the proportion in this category was 60.5%, while 81% of household heads in reserves, the majority of which are female headed, are living in dire poverty.
- Over 30% of the working age population is unemployed.
- Some 40% of rural African residents lived in 466,000 “small housing courses” in 1986 with an average density of 16 inhabitants per unit. The current estimated shortage of housing is between 800,000 and 1 million units.
- 33% of Africans over the age of 15, a disproportionate number of them whom were female, described themselves as illiterate at the time of the 1980 census.
- The government spends 800 on the education of a white child and less than 100 on that of a black child.
- One third of African children die before they reach adolescence.
- There is one doctor for every 91,000 blacks and one for every 400 whites.
- 82% of rugby pitches, 92% of golf courses, 83% of swimming baths, 85% of cricket fields have been in white only areas.
- The government spends 5.25 of the sports facilities of a white child and 25p on that of a black child.

APARTHEID STATE VIOLENCE EXPOSED

State sponsored violence has claimed the lives of over 6,000 black people in the past 4 years. As the evidence of financial, military and police support for Inkatha begins to reveal itself, it is clear that this is just the tip of the iceberg. The government spent £20 million in an attempt to prevent a SWAPO victory in Namibia. The extent of South African and American CIA involvement in destabilisation of Angola and Mozambique is well documented. The CIA’s hand in Namibia and South Africa has yet to be exposed. South African government money in fuelling violence against the people of South Africa could run into millions of pounds.

We have argued all along that the South African government is behind the violence. The intention of the campaign of violence is clear:

1) To incite violence amongst different sections of the African population and thus distract attention from the root causes of poverty, hunger, low wages, economic exploitation in South Africa, viz Apartheid.
2) To destroy the ANC and other democratic formations in the townships by killing their personal and supporters.
3) To build a psychosis of fear, insecurity and terror among the people so as to make them more amenable to a regime of martial law.
4) To project Inkatha, with whom the racist rulers plan an electoral alliance.
5) To promote divisions among the different black groups - the old policy of “Divide and Rule.”
6) To derail the process of peaceful transition and create a situation where the economic power will continue to lie in the hands of a minority.
7) To convey the notion to blacks & whites and the international community that South African blacks cannot be trusted to run a Government.

The role of the Army & Police has grown sinister over the past 18 months in particular. We should note that:

1) Direct supply of funds, weapons and personnel to Inkatha.
2) The use of army personnel to kill black people - as for example in the...
shooting of commuters on a train. The army, police & vigilantes work together.

3) Failure to prosecute Inkatha warlords - but constant harassment of political activists.

4) Failure to protect witnesses and complainants.

5) Ineffective and partial policies. Refraining from intervening in vigilante violence and turning a blind eye. Actual transporting of vigilantes to townships after disarming the local population.

6) Perpetrators of "state sponsored" violence are seldom arrested on the scene.

7) The violence is not the isolated act of a few crooked groups. It is now proved that it is part of a systematic policy of state terror. It is a well known counter insurgency tactic to use vigilantes to foster violence. We have seen this in relation to the whole of Southern Africa and parts of Latin America. Key South African government cabinet ministers are involved in the violence. General Magnus MALAN - ex Minister of Defence - admits that the army has killer squads. Adriaan VLOK - Minister of Law & Order - admits that the government has been bank rolling Inkatha. Pik BOTH - Foreign Minister - admits destabilisation in Namibia, to the tune of £20 million; he supports slush funds for Inkatha.

If these ministers knew, can anyone seriously believe de Klerk didn’t know? This man cannot be allowed to be both player and referee in the so called talks about talks.

FORWARD TO A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY AND AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT.

APARTHEID MUST END NOW.

The government has shown that it cannot be trusted to preside over a transition from Apartheid to Democracy.

EMERGENCY PROTEST VIGIL

STOP THE VIOLENCE! STOP APARTHEID CARNAGE!

The violence in South Africa must stop. Since Nelson Mandela’s release from prison, over 7,000 people have been killed in political violence - orchestrated and fomented by the South African security forces. The tragic massacres in Boipathong last week have exposed to the world the complicity of the apartheid regime in this violence. Now the international community must act to demand -

● The immediate replacement of the De Klerk regime by an Interim Government.
● International monitoring of the violence.
● The re-imposition of sanctions.

WE ARE HERE IN SYMPATHY WITH THE PEOPLE WHO WERE KILLED AT BOIPATHONG