Save the Sharpeville Six

Six people, one woman and five men — the Sharpeville Six — face imminent execution in South Africa. These young victims of apartheid had their appeal against their death sentences rejected on December 1st 1987 even though the Appeal Court Judge stated that 'It has not been proved in the case of any of the six accused of murder that their conduct has contributed causally to the death of the deceased'.

Lawyers for the six have submitted a Petition for Clemency to the State President — the last chance for a reprieve.

The appalling injustice of the Appeal Court decision, reinforcing the glaring lack of evidence implicating the accused in the original case has evoked widespread condemnation both within South Africa and internationally.

From South Africa has come a renewed Appeal, addressed to Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, President of the Anti-Apartheid Movement, from twelve democratic organisations in the country calling for action to do ‘everything legally possible to save the lives of these young South Africans’. These organisations are the South African Council of Churches (SACC), the South African Catholic Bishops Conference (SACBC), Azanian People’s Organisation (AZAPO), United Democratic Front (UDF), Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU), National Council of Trade Unions (NACTU), South African Youth Congress (SAYCO), World Council of Peace and Religion (WGPR), National Association of Democratic Lawyers (NADEL), Lawyers for Human Rights, Black Sash and the Call of Islam.

Now only urgent pressure on the Pretoria regime can save the lives of the Sharpeville Six and we must respond to this united call of the representatives of the South African people.

In Britain the Archbishop of Canterbury, Cardinal Hume and the General Secretary of the TUC are among the thousands of individuals and organisations who have already joined the call for the saving of the lives of the Six and all those currently on death row in South Africa for their alleged actions in resisting apartheid.

Internationally the United Nations Security Council and the EEC are among those who have also echoed this appeal.

Student Action

6–7pm

Wednesday March 2nd 1988

South African Embassy

Trafalgar Square, London WC2

Jointly organised by SATIS and NUS
WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Join the Student Action at the South African Embassy on Wednesday March 2nd, 6–7pm.

- Write to the British Prime Minister demanding that the British Government, and she personally, make a direct intervention with the South African authorities for clemency for the Six.

- Support the No Apartheid Executions Campaign through which you and your organisation can receive regular campaign material.

I/We wish to support the No Apartheid Executions Campaign and the regular protest actions on Wednesday at the South African Embassy. Please add us to the Action Mailing Scheme.

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