
FREEDOM FOR NAMIBIA NOW!

Zimbabwe is independent! Does that mean that supporters of African freedom can afford to relax? The answer is an emphatic NO! Ignored by most of the British press, today there is a war in NAMIBIA in which Britain is actively involved on the side of racism.

Here are six key reasons why we believe people in Britain must act to help bring freedom to the people of Namibia:

- Namibia is militarily occupied by South Africa — *it is hypocritical to condemn other military occupations and not to speak out against South Africa's occupation of Namibia.*
- Namibia is an 'international territory' and the responsibility of the United Nations. *South Africa's contemptuous refusal to withdraw from Namibia undermines the authority of the entire UN system and thereby endangers the peace of the whole world.*
- South Africa's occupation of Namibia is illegal — *Britain and other Western powers which continue to trade with Namibia are breaking international law.*
- South Africa has exported to Namibia its racist policies of apartheid and its brutal methods of repression — *the Namibian people look for solidarity from those campaigning against racism and for human rights.*
- South Africa uses Namibia as a base for attacking and invading neighbouring African states, in particular Angola and Zambia, and *there is every prospect of a major conflagration in the region with disastrous consequences. It is vital that people throughout the world help bring peace and justice to Southern Africa.*
- South African, British and other foreign companies are actively plundering Namibia's natural resources, in particular uranium and diamonds. The British government is directly involved through the contract with Rio Tinto Zinc for the supply of Namibian uranium. *British people must act to stop this exploitation.*

South Africa has occupied Namibia for over 60 years (since 1966 in open defiance of the United Nations). South Africa's chief accomplices are Britain and the other major Western powers. They have sustained South Africa's illegal occupation in order to protect the huge profits they are making from raping Namibia's mineral resources and because of Namibia's strategic position as a 'buffer state' protecting apartheid South Africa.

But the Namibian people are fighting back. Inspired by the victories for African freedom in Mozambique, Angola and now Zimbabwe, SWAPO — the liberation movement of the Namibian people — is intensifying its struggle. SWAPO's freedom fighters are engaging South Africa's military forces with renewed success. Today international attention is focused on Namibia.

This is why it is urgent that the British people act — as never before — in solidarity with the Namibian people in their struggle for freedom and genuine independence.



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ACTION—NOT WORDS

The people of Namibia look to the British people for solidarity in their struggle to end South Africa's illegal occupation of their country. You can help NOW.

- **Support SWAPO and the Namibian liberation struggle**
SWAPO, the liberation movement of the Namibian people, is engaged in armed resistance to South Africa's illegal occupation. It needs your support and practical assistance to help explain its case to the world and to provide material assistance for the thousands of Namibians who have been forced to flee Namibia. *Contact the Namibia Support Committee for details of specific projects and support resources, such as films, publicity material, etc.*
- **Demand that the British government acts to end South Africa's occupation**
In 1978 the Security Council of the United Nations adopted a plan for independence for Namibia (including arrangements for UN-supervised and controlled elections and the withdrawal of South African forces). South Africa has persistently blocked the implementation of this plan and has been encouraged to do so by Britain because it has refused to agree to any effective action to compel South Africa to do so. *Now is the time to demand that Britain backs UN mandatory sanctions against South Africa.*
- **Stop the Namibian uranium contract**
It is estimated that up to 50 per cent of British uranium is illegally imported from the Rossing mine in Namibia. Through a deal with the multinational RTZ, the British government is directly involved in this plunder of Namibia's natural resources. *Support the Campaign Against the Namibian Uranium Contract.*
- **Campaign for the release of Namibian political prisoners**
Leaders of the Namibian people, like Herman Toivo ja Toivo, are incarcerated on Robben Island; others are imprisoned, detained, tortured and banned, including a group of over a hundred who were captured during the massacre of Namibians at Kassinga in Angola in 1978. *Demand that the British government acts to secure their release. Send messages of solidarity to their families. For information contact Southern Africa—The Imprisoned Society (SAT(S)).*
- **Act to isolate apartheid South Africa**
South Africa is able to sustain its illegal occupation of Namibia because of the massive military and economic backing it receives from Britain and other Western countries. As Nelson Mandela explained in a message recently smuggled out of Robben Island, 'every effort to isolate South Africa adds strength to our struggle'. *Join the campaigns of the Anti-Apartheid Movement to isolate South Africa.*

Today international attention is focused on Namibia. African and other Third World countries are demanding action from the United Nations and that the major Western powers end their collaboration with South Africa. In Namibia, SWAPO is stepping up its struggle. Help bring freedom to the people of Namibia.

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