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## HAVE YOU SEEN THEM?

- ▶ Starving Mozambicans, huddled wretchedly in refugee camps
- Maimed Angolans, crippled by land-mines

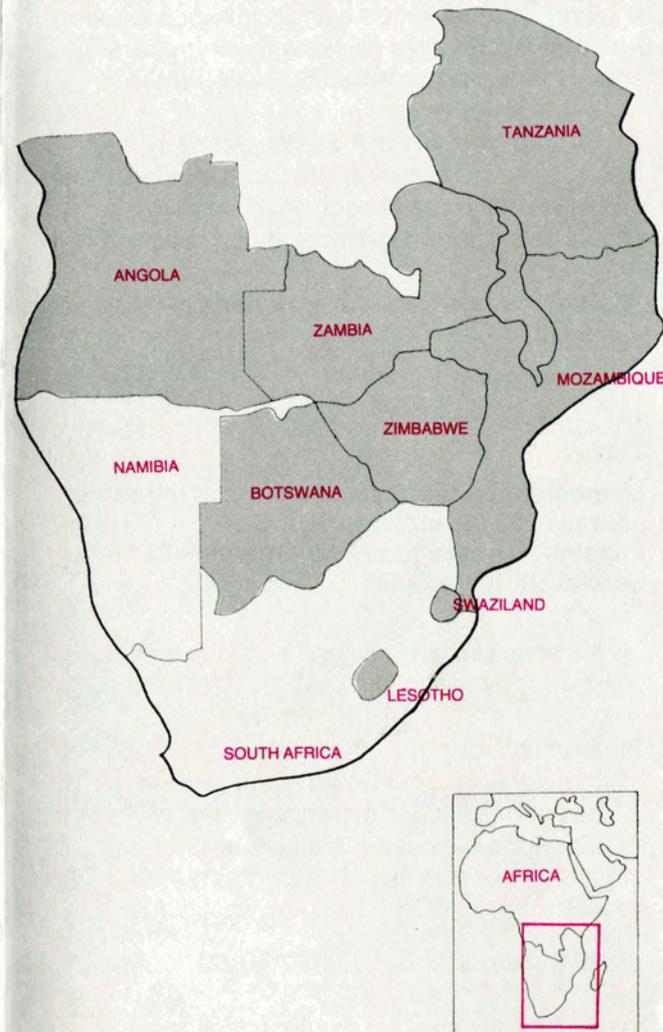
These are images you sometimes see on your TV screen. Just another far-off war of no concern to Britain?

No! These are victims of South Africa's apartheid regime. Unable to quell the fight for freedom within its own border, or to stop the on-going struggle for the independence of Namibia, the racist South African regime has for years been conducting a cruel war against independent countries in Southern Africa.

This war is aimed at terrorising neighbouring countries into submission — to compel them to give in to South African demands. Botha is trying to bully them into abandoning their opposition to apartheid, and their support for the liberation movements — the African National Congress of South Africa and SWAPO (South West Africa People's Organisation) of Namibia. The independence of the Front Line States is seen by the white minority rulers as a threat to their power.

This apartheid war captures few headlines, but it is being waged with murderous ferocity. Since 1980, in the nine independent countries in Southern Africa —

- ▶ some three-quarters of a million people have died as a result of South African aggression and destabilization — most of them in Angola and Mozambique.
- ▶ South Africa's undeclared war is estimated to have caused some \$25-30 billions worth of damage and loss.
- ▶ Over a million people have been made homeless.



The Front Line States are: Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. They are united in their opposition to colonialism and apartheid. In 1979-80 they teamed up with three other independent countries — Lesotho, Swaziland and Malawi — to form a regional grouping to help each other's development, mobilise foreign aid for mutual projects and to reduce dependence on South Africa. This association, SADCC (the Southern African Development Coordinating Conference), is a prime target of South African destabilisation — especially its transport and communications projects aimed at breaking South Africa's grip on the region's railway network.

## INDEPENDENCE AT RISK

Independent countries determined to build their own futures have been devastated by South African aggression.

Since independence in 1975, **Angola** has not known a day without South African troops on its soil. It has been forced to expend precious resources on defending itself from attacks mounted by South Africa from the illegally occupied territory of Namibia. The puppet UNITA forces, sponsored and armed by South Africa and the US, have left a trail of destruction.

**Mozambique** has seen its every effort to build a better future for the people systematically wrecked by apartheid's agents with their wanton massacres and pillage. The MNR, like UNITA in Angola, does not hesitate to kidnap foreign aid and religious workers, including Britons. Few are lucky enough to escape with their lives.

There are other targets of apartheid terror: Commonwealth countries like **Zimbabwe**, **Zambia** and **Botswana** have all been subjected to economic sabotage, political blackmail, commando raids and a variety of South African sanctions measures. Together with **Tanzania**, these are the countries that have long been on the front line in the fight against colonialism and racism in Southern Africa. These are the Front Line States.

The peoples and the governments of the Front Line States support each other in the fight against apartheid aggression. In Mozambique Zimbabwean and Tanzanian troops are helping to keep the vital Beira corridor open. But the Front Line also needs our support.

## NO PEACE WHILE APARTHEID LASTS

The Front Line States will know no peace or security until apartheid is ended. That's why they want South Africa's main financial and commercial partners — especially Britain and the US, West Germany and Japan — to impose sanctions, to hasten the downfall of the apartheid regime. This is where we come in. Our government's opposition to sanctions encourages South Africa to keep up its war against the Front Line States. They need our solidarity.

Sanctions will weaken the apartheid state. The United Nations arms embargo needs to be strengthened, and the oil embargo made effective. These two measures alone would cripple South Africa's war machine — and give the Front Line States some respite. For the countries of the Front Line, the short term costs of sanctions are totally out-weighted by the long-term costs of continuing South African aggression and destabilisation.

Backed up by measures to support and help defend the Front Line States, comprehensive and mandatory UN sanctions will isolate apartheid and speed up its dismantling. Aid to the Front Line States *without* sanctions is ineffective: South Africa destroys whatever is built. And token aid coupled with rigid rejection of sanctions is hypocrisy — putting profits in South Africa before peace in Southern Africa.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

- ▶ **Expose apartheid's war** against independent Africa — and Britain's failure to confront apartheid and effectively support the Front Line States.
- ▶ **Support the AFRICA FUND.** Set up by the Non-Aligned Movement in 1986 to channel aid to the Front Line States and liberation movements, it should be supported by Britain — but so far isn't.
- ▶ **Join the campaign for sanctions** to help end apartheid.

**Membership rates: 2 people living at the same address £13.00; Individuals £10.00; Pensioners/unwaged £4.50; Students £6.50; School students £4.50.**

- I wish to join, and enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to the AAM.

Please send me:

- more details about South Africa's role in destabilisation and current information
- information about the Africa Fund

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