

BARCLAYS

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NAMIBIA: THE FACTS

- The United Nations General Assembly terminated South Africa's mandate over Namibia in 1966.
- South Africa continues to defy the International Court of Justice and the UN Security Council by *illegally* occupying Namibia.
- South Africa now has an army of occupation of 100,000 troops to maintain this illegal occupation.
- The apartheid system in Namibia involves the systematic oppression of the black majority by the white minority.
- Blacks in Namibia are denied all political rights and power. Their liberation movement SWAPO is suppressed, protests are brutally crushed, while their leaders are imprisoned and tortured.
- Foreign companies such as Barclays operating in Namibia in defiance of international law help sustain South Africa's occupation. SWAPO has consistently called for the withdrawal of all such companies.

BARCLAYS AND NAMIBIA

- Barclays has 26 branches in Namibia and forms the largest banking operation.
- Barclays provides facilities for the South African army in Namibia with their branches in Grootfontein, Tsumeb, Oshakati and Ondangwa. In at least one branch, in October 1984, Barclays staff distributed army conscription forms to Namibian workers. The bank also regularly advertises in military magazines.
- Barclays supports the Namibian police. In August 1984 Bowring Barclays, 33% owned by the bank, donated R6000 to the SWA police.
- The natural wealth of Namibia is plundered by the South African regime and western firms — Barclays plays a key role in channelling these profits to South Africa.
- Barclays UK supports the apartheid regime by massive lending. At the end of 1985 the bank's loan exposure to South Africa was £766 million.

THE BOYCOTT

Because of Barclays collaboration with apartheid in Namibia and South Africa there is a worldwide campaign to boycott the bank, including massive support from the African and Caribbean countries.

Since the boycott began 15 years ago, thousands of individuals, as well as church groups, trade union branches and other organisations have moved their accounts from Barclays; and in the last six years, at least 11 local authorities in this country, including Norwich, Coventry, Lambeth, Brent and Newham, have transferred their accounts worth thousands of millions of pounds to other banks. Barclays itself has admitted that its share of the student market has slumped due to its apartheid connection.

So if you bank with Barclays and you think their collaboration with apartheid in Namibia and South Africa is wrong — then

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