

APARTHEID KILLS COMMUTERS

On 13 September 1990, a train left Johannesburg's Jeppe station at 5.10pm. Six men suddenly produced shotguns, pistols and machetes and began to shoot passengers at random. Within minutes 26 people had been murdered and 137 wounded.

Many of those passengers died praying. They were holding a prayer service whilst travelling home – a common practice amongst black commuters in South Africa.

This was not an isolated incident. Between July 1990 and April this year, 227 people were killed and 747 injured, as a result of 163 train attacks.

Political violence - such as these train attacks – is again on the increase. Unless stopped, it could destroy the prospect of a new and democratic South Africa.



***Stop the train massacres
in South Africa!***

CAMPAIGN FOR PEACE AND DEMOCRACY IN SOUTH AFRICA! STOP THE VIOLENCE!

Two years ago the world was shocked by the massacre of 26 commuters on board the 5.10 train from Jeppe station. The world was again shocked this year by the tragic massacre at Boipatong on 17 June. But the political violence continues. 7,000 people have been the victims of political violence since President de Klerk came to power in 1989. An average of ten people killed every day.

The responsibility for the political violence rests with the de Klerk regime. It has failed to ensure that the police and security forces act impartially. It has failed to implement agreements reached with the ANC aimed at curbing the violence; and it has even failed to consider the recommendations of Judge Goldstone – whom de Klerk appointed to head a Commission of Inquiry into the violence. There is growing evidence that much of the violence is being instigated and fomented by the police and security forces in order to prevent democratic change.

DEMOCRACY NOW!

Political violence now threatens the very future of South Africa. As does de Klerk's insistence on a 'white veto' over change and the intransigent position he has adopted in negotiations over a new democratic and non-racial constitution.

During the first week of August 1992 South Africa came to a halt as millions of people demanded 'PEACE AND DEMOCRACY NOW!'. This pressure must now be mirrored internationally. The UN, the Commonwealth and the European Community are all discussing what to do. De Klerk has been compelled to agree to the presence of a small group of UN observers. But much more is required to end the violence and ensure that rapid progress is made towards democracy in South Africa.

PLEASE ACT NOW!

- Write to Douglas Hurd, Foreign Secretary, Foreign Office, London SW1 urging him to support a full scale international monitoring force and to pressurise the de Klerk regime to take effective action to end the violence.
- Keep up the boycott and people's sanctions.
- Contact the Anti-Apartheid Movement for details of its Campaign for Peace and Democracy in South Africa.

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