

SHELL & BP FUEL APARTHEID

Five years ago this month – on 16 June 1976 in the African township of Soweto – South African police opened fire and killed school children taking part in a peaceful demonstration against apartheid education. Massive protests followed. Over a thousand blacks were killed in cold blood by the police.

Today in Southern Africa the apartheid regime has embarked on a war of terror, not only against the black population of South Africa and Namibia (the UN territory it illegally occupies) but increasingly against independent African states. During the last three years over 1,800 people have been killed during South African attacks against Angola alone.

South Africa needs oil to fuel the apartheid war machine. South African lawyers classify oil as a 'munition of war'. It has no oil reserves of its own although it can produce some quantities of oil from coal. It has been estimated that an effective oil embargo would bring the regime to a halt within three years!

Most oil exporting countries, in solidarity with the freedom struggle in Namibia and South Africa, have stopped the flow of their oil to South Africa. The United Nations has appealed to all countries to impose an oil embargo against South Africa.

However, oil continues to flow to South Africa – fuelling the apartheid economy and its war machine – thanks to the backing of five major oil companies (Shell, BP, Mobil, Total and Caltex) and a few Western powers.

**JUNE 1981:
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BRITAIN PLAYS A KEY ROLE

- Britain, with the US and France, has vetoed proposals in the UN Security Council to make the oil embargo mandatory
- Shell and BP, two British-based oil companies, market approximately 40 per cent of South Africa's oil and own South Africa's largest oil refinery
- A British colony, Brunei, is the only country openly supplying oil to South Africa
- At least 55 tankers, either flying the British flag or owned, managed or chartered by British companies, docked in South African ports during the period January 1979—March 1980
- Two swap arrangements have involved North Sea oil and South Africa; now South African mining interests are moving into the North Sea.

The Anti-Apartheid Movement has declared June 1981 a Month of Boycott of Shell and BP, in memory of the victims of Soweto and to highlight Britain's role in fuelling the apartheid war machine.

Campaign for —

**Shell and BP out of South Africa!
UN mandatory oil sanctions against South Africa now!
No North Sea Oil for South Africa!
Isolate Apartheid South Africa: Sanctions Now!**

I am considering joining the Anti-Apartheid Movement and would like more information

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