

Nelson Mandela's Message



*"We are now entering the decisive stage
of our freedom struggle.
Our need for solidarity is greater than ever . .
Do not relax your efforts now."*

On 16th April 1990, Nelson Mandela spoke to 76,000 people at Wembley and to millions of people here and in other countries watching TV, and delivered an inspiring message:

“The apartheid crime against humanity remains in place. It continues to kill and maim. It continues to oppress and exploit . . .

Therefore do not listen to anyone who says that you must give up the struggle against apartheid.

Dear friends . . . you are allies in the common struggle to bring freedom, democracy, and peace to all the people of South Africa.

There are some people in the world who wish to support the South African government by giving it rewards and carrots . . . We, representing the overwhelming majority of the people of our country, turn to you for support, which we need more than ever before . . .”

Britain's Responsibility

Nelson Mandela has a special message for people in Britain:

“Britain has a unique relationship with South Africa which makes your solidarity with our struggle of such special significance. . . . I especially appeal to the people of Britain to take whatever action you can to isolate apartheid and impose peoples' sanctions.

Don't buy the produce of apartheid. Don't invest in apartheid. Don't trade with apartheid.”

Apartheid must go. Sanctions must stay!

Even before Nelson Mandela walked out of prison Mrs Thatcher had started to abandon some of Britain's limited sanctions measures. Now she is dismissing sanctions as 'almost irrelevant'. But the Deputy President of the ANC knows better than she does how important sanctions are to the people who still suffer under apartheid:

“I also appeal to you to resist any moves to relax sanctions and call upon the British Government to support fully the efforts of the rest of the international community to impose sanctions against South Africa.

We urge you to intensify the campaign for sanctions and to isolate the apartheid regime until the apartheid system is finally destroyed and the people of South Africa have created a united, non-racial, and democratic country.”

Solidarity with the ANC

Nelson Mandela's message to us is:

“Please intensify your support for the African National Congress and our peoples' struggle. . . Do not relax your efforts now.”

The ANC is striving for a united, non-racial and democratic South Africa. This means every adult should have the vote, on a non-racial voters' roll, in a united South African state - where each vote is equal to every other, regardless of race.

If we are to help the people of South Africa reach that goal, we must give the ANC our support.

The Anti-Apartheid Movement

Nelson Mandela has been generous in his praise of the Anti-Apartheid Movement:

“We know of the solid support we have received from the Anti-Apartheid Movement. It has not only been a source of real inspiration to us all but it has also helped to put the struggle for a non-racial South Africa on a level never seen before . . .

We urge the people of Britain to join the ranks of the Anti-Apartheid Movement. Please give all possible support to the Anti-Apartheid Movement and its campaigns in support of the cause of freedom in South Africa.”



What you can do

The AAM's current **South Africa: Freedom Now!** campaign has four main themes:

Stop Apartheid Repression

★ Contact SATIS (c/o AAM) for information.

Join its quick response network so that you can get up-to-date information and action plans.

★ Protest quickly against acts of apartheid repression - write to President de Klerk, c/o South African Embassy, Trafalgar Square, London WC1. ★ Ask your MP/MEP to take up instances of repression in parliament and with the Foreign Office in order to get the British government to intervene.

Boycott Apartheid! Sanctions Now!

★ Boycott South African goods and encourage others to do so - at your place of work or learning, and in organisations that you belong to. ★ Boycott Shell as part of the campaign to get Shell to pull out of South Africa, and for an effective oil embargo. ★ Lobby your bank to get an undertaking that it will not make loans to, or finance trade with South Africa until apartheid is ended. ★ Urge your travel agent not to sell trips to South Africa. Apartheid is no holiday! ★ Lobby your MP/MEP to support sanctions, and encourage any organisation you belong to, to support sanctions.

Solidarity with ANC

★ Invite the ANC to send a speaker to your organisation (write to ANC, PO Box 38, 28 Penton St, London N1 9PR).

★ Help sell ANC T-shirts and gifts (write to ANCSA Merchandise, PO Box 881, London N7 8QW for catalogue).

★ Organise collections and other fund-raising events for the ANC.

For a united, non-racial, democratic South Africa

★ The AAM is circulating a short statement of principles in the form of a petition, entitled 'Call to Freedom'.

Help get support for it. ★ Order copies of the UN's Declaration on South Africa, which sets out the internationally agreed alternative to apartheid.

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 Joint membership £17.00 (2 people living at the same address) Individual £13.50 £8.50 Concessionary (student, unwaged, OAP)

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_____ (no. of thousands) 1000 copies at £40 per 1000 (post free)

 A sample copy of the Call to Freedom Information about the South Africa: Freedom Now! campaign. I enclose cheque/PO for: (Cheques payable to AAM please)

£ _____ (Membership) and £ _____ (Donation)

Also £ _____ (Payment for above materials). Total £ _____

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 I wish to contribute regularly to the campaign against apartheid.

Name of bank _____

Bank Address _____

Sort code _____ Your a/c no. _____

Please pay the Anti-Apartheid Movement £ _____ every month

from _____ (please make this at least one month from now)

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Signature _____ Date _____

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