

Namibia for Freedom Angola for Peace

Cultural and information event
in remembrance of Kassinga Day

Saturday, 6th May 1989, 6.30pm

Emerald Centre
Hammersmith Broadway

(next to Hammersmith Tube Station)

SALSA BAND BOLIVAR

International food 6.30-7.30pm

Cuban Poet Pedro Perez Sarduy
with "Cumbite"

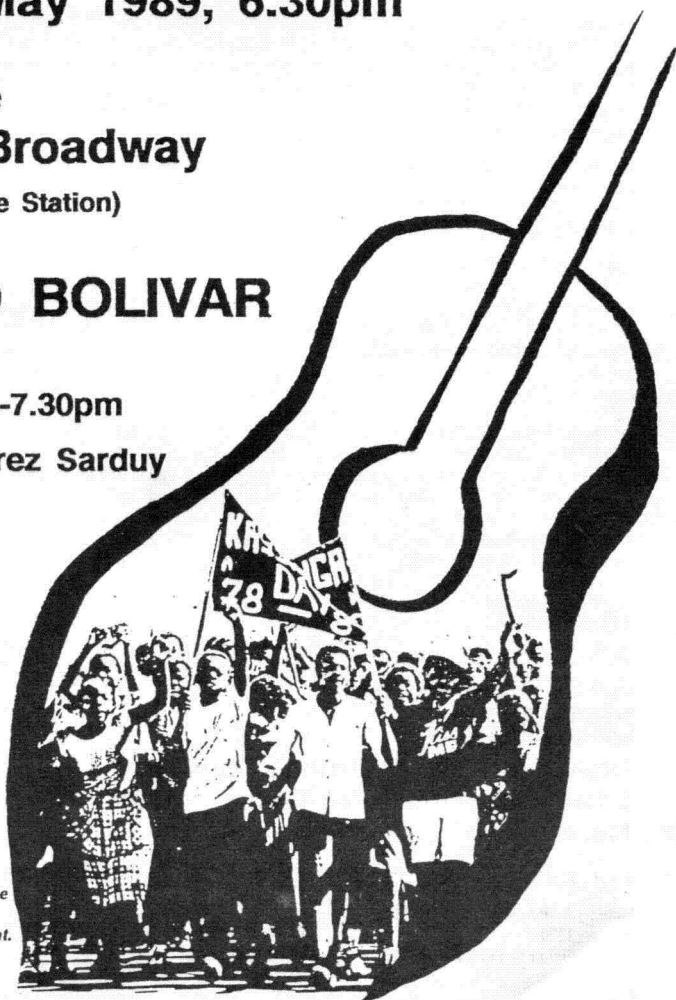
Introduction by

Bernie Grant

Speaker from ANGOP

Speaker from SWAPO

SWAPO Singers



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WHAT HAPPENED ON KASSINGA DAY

Eleven years ago, on May 4, South African soldiers launched "Operation Flendeer", against a refugee camp where in one day they slaughtered 700 Namibian people including 206 children. The raid on Kassinga transit camp in southern Angola was a shock to the world.

The people killed at Kassinga were from Namibia, a country that South Africa has illegally occupied for years. Britain helps this country as do other countries that have profitted from stripping out its huge wealth of uranium and diamonds.

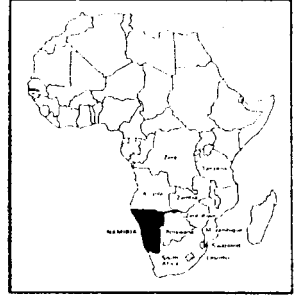
Some of those who died at Kassinga had walked miles across their border to get education and skills with help from SWAPO, the national liberation movement for an independent Namibia. Many had fled the endless murders, rapes, tortures and imprisonments caused by apartheid's rule.

Following an agreement signed last December to begin implementing the United Nations independence plan (resolution 435), after ten years of delay, progress is at last being made because South Africa has been weakened by the sanctions Mrs Thatcher says would never work, and by its military defeat by Angolan, Cuban and SWAPO soldiers.

Internationally supervised elections are due to be held in Namibia this year, but there is no guarantee that South Africa will honour its agreement. Already it's plotting to subvert the elections and keep its illegal troops and police in Namibia.

The people of southern Angola are tired of war. Throughout the region tens of thousands have been slaughtered, either by South African soldiers, or by their gangs like MNR in Mozambique and UNITA in Angola, that are run and supplied by the South African military. Not to forget that children die because farms are burnt, clinics bombed and teachers shot, in a bid to block development.

At Kassinga, Namibians died, but the same story is told time and time again from the rest of the frontline states. This year, British people must keep up the pressure on the Government to make sure nothing goes wrong, to make sure that free and fair elections are held, and that real independence comes. If it does come, it will be a new message of hope for the millions of black people, in South Africa, and in the world, that racism can be beaten.



ABOVE ALL THERE MUST BE NO KASSINGA MASSACRES THIS YEAR

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