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The Shell Group is the second largest corporation in the world. In this country it cultivates a caring public image. **But in Namibia it fuels a brutal South African occupation.** This is in defiance of the entire international community, including the UN Security Council, the Commonwealth and the International Court of Justice.

NAMIBIA — LAST COLONY IN AFRICA

South Africa's mandate to administer Namibia was terminated 20 years ago by the United Nations on 27th October 1966. **South Africa's occupation is illegal.**

Over 100,000 South African troops and police occupy Namibia with a population of slightly over a million — one of the most intense and oppressive military occupations in history.

South Africa imposes its own repressive apartheid system on the Namibian people. They are denied basic human and political rights; their liberation movement, SWAPO, is systematically harrassed, its protests violently suppressed, its leaders imprisoned and tortured.

From northern Namibia, South African forces regularly attack surrounding countries. In 1978, the apartheid army attacked the SWAPO refugee camp at Kassinga, inside Angola, murdering over 600 unarmed men, women and children. **The raid was fuelled by supplies of oil delivered to South Africa in defiance of the UN Arms Embargo.**

The United Nations recognises that companies operating in Namibia, such as Shell, do so illegally. SWAPO has consistently called on all companies, including Shell, to cease their activities which sustain the murderous South African regime.

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The illegal South African occupying forces depend on oil for operational mobility. Repression of the local population and destabilisation of neighbouring countries would soon become impossible if oil supplies stopped. The South African government recognises this. Information on oil is covered by security legislation and petrol is designated a 'munition of war' under South African law.

Shell runs a full chain of petrol outlets in Namibia. It provides the South African military with around 20% of its needs — 500 barrels a day. Shell directors confirm that the company supplies oil to the armed forces, trade which literally fuels the apartheid occupation of Namibia.

Other oil products vital to the military include bitumen (for runways/roads), diesel and aircraft fuel. Shell provides fuel for the mining companies such as Rio Tinto Zinc which are illegally depleting Namibia's natural resources contrary to the UN Decree.

The United Nations has declared Shell to be a company operating in a **'strategic sector of the Namibian economy'.** A sector vital for the maintenance of South African control.

SHELL AND THE OIL EMBARGO

Oil used in Namibia comes directly from South Africa. Despite the International Oil Embargo against South Africa, (to which **Britain now formally subscribes** as a result of Commonwealth and EEC decisions), **Shell continues to supply oil to Namibia**, and to refine and market petrol within South Africa in clear breach of the Embargo.

The oil which Shell supplies plays a key role in ensuring the survival of apartheid in Namibia and South Africa. Because of this, international protests against Shell are escalating with boycotts spreading among groups and individuals. If you think Shell must end its collaboration with apartheid and withdraw from Namibia and South Africa, join the Boycott! Don't buy Shell products!

More details on the campaign against Shell are outlined in the Shell Shadow Report (price £1.50) available from the Anti Apartheid Movement, 13 Mandela Street, London NW1 0DW. 01-387 7966 or EMBARGO! PO Box 686, London NW5 2NW 01-485 8793.