

STRAIGHT TALK...

VINDICTIVE WE ARE

"If the qualification to make a house a camp is that people living in it can use the gun - every man, woman and child in South Africa who is not black can use the gun. The white population in South Africa is per capita the most heavily armed in the world. There are weapons in each and every household. Are those houses bases or camps? We need to know in a hurry".

-PRESIDENT O.R. TAMBO

When we laid to eternal rest 13 of our fellow combatants who were brutally slain in that forever enraging fascist commando-mercenary raid in Matola, Mozambique, in January 1981, we asked and expressed the urgency of the question of the definition of a base in no cryptic terms. If our residences, and our neighbours! are susceptible to military raids on the mere assumption that they house personnel trained in the use of weapons, what then would be the reason for the South African whites' residences insusceptibility to MK's firepower when it has never been secret that there is a weapon in every white South African household, weapons that this far have never been used for "defence" but for shooting down innocent and unarmed Africans, including striking workers? Perhaps we patiently awaited the answer too long and the racist enemy has now decided to provide one in the field of battle.

A little after midnight on the 9th of December 1982, the racist South African cutthroats committed yet another obscene crime to the people of the subcontinent, an impunity unprecedented in the history of the Kingdom of Lesotho. Animated by the devilish desire to blot the ANC out of

existence and their complete disregard for African independence, the South African death squads, armed to the tooth and supported by 4 helicopters raided 12 houses that rendered sanctuary to South African patriots. In the ensuing massacre which left the whole world enraged, 30 South African freedom-lovers and 10 Lesotho nationals, 7 women and 3 children, were bestially murdered; as of this writing more than 10 are still beyond identification.

Inspired by Zionist Israel's *modus operandi* in the Middle East, the South African racist regime's intentions of transforming the whole subcontinent into a theatre of war were summed up most vividly by the South African representative before an incensed world during the United Nations Security Council's debate on the South African invasion when he arrogantly declared that the act was calculated to serve as a stern warning to all countries of Southern African who share their sympathy with the ANC, while RSA propagandists' malicious voices were singing the same old tune, esteeming the Maseru Massacre to be a pre-emptive strike as the victims are supposed to have been preparing to enter the fascist Republic and engage in terrorist activities during the festive season.

Mentored and godfathered by Reagan's USA the racist regime has publicly displayed its immunity to international condemnation alone and their appalling determination not to move an inch from their abominable policies of apartheid. Instead they have expressed an everyday flaunt unrestrained devotion to export apartheid to countries even far beyond our borders. Their inevitable doom grows more and more undoubted with every passing hour and they seem to have vowed to drag as many people within their reach down the abyss of their own making.

Now is the time not for lamentation but action. The world's resolve to rid humanity of the scourge of apartheid should find better expression in the intensification of sanctions against the apartheid regime and increased all-round solidarity and support for our fighting people led by the ANC. To our brotherly people in the subcontinent this is the time not to lose heart but to add all your weight behind the ANC's victorious march to a liberated

South Africa governed along the principles enshrined in the Freedom Charter, when Southern Africa, the continent at large and all its peoples will forever live and labour under conditions of true stability and lasting peace. Towards that goal the ANC, its allies and Umkhonto We Sizwe shall never for a moment shirk their responsibility.

In laying the martyrs of Maseru to rest, history enjoins us to enter the battlefield immediately ahead of us like infuriated lions. We value the life of each of our fellow combatants more than a lion regards its cub and therefore shall not mourn but carry out with dutiful devotion befitting irate revolutionaries our bounden duty of avenging mercilessly our comrades. Vindictive we are and we shall from now henceforth make every inch of ground burn under the racists' feet. South Africa shall cease to be a paradise where all abounds in clover for whites as Umkhonto We sizwe solemnly vows to spread its assaults throughout the length and breadth of our motherland, hitting not only at apartheid's economic and administrative installations but puncturing the hearts of the racist hordes pitilessly.

At the end of the day when the flag of black, green and gold is hoisted over our land, included in the list of all those who with their blood and lives brought the day nearer will be those innocent victims of Lesotho whose only crime perhaps is having not expelled or killed our people themselves in their hour of need. The sacrifice they have had to make is no less than ours.

THE ENEMY IS ATTACKING, LET US REPLY!



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