



## **Campaign for National United Action**

Supported by the United Democratic Front, Congress of South African Trade Unions, South African Council of Churches and National Education Crisis Committee.

# **Christmas Against the Emergency December 16 to 26**

This Christmas we, the freedom loving people of South Africa, pledge ourselves to ten days of united action in protest against apartheid and the State of Emergency.

We do this at a time when 33 500 South Africans have been detained since January, and hundreds have died. About 5 000 children are in detention. Thousands of troops occupy our townships while all around us schools are being closed down. There are over six million workers without jobs. Countless people will be without food and shelter.

There are only two sides to take in South Africa today. The side of those fighting for democracy, non-racialism and peace or the side supporting apartheid destruction. It is crucial that all sections of our society take a definite stand to end minority domination in our country.

During the ten days between 16 and 26 December remember those who are in prison and in exile. Those who have died and those who fight on. We do not forget friends and relatives in apartheid's prisons, particularly the hundreds of young people and children

**In the spirit of the Campaign for National United Action  
we call on our people to observe this Christmas  
Against the Emergency**

***LET EVERY COMMUNITY OBSERVE CHRISTMAS  
AGAINST THE EMERGENCY***

- We must observe this ten day period with dignity.
- On 16 December, and on the 24 December between 7pm and 9pm all (electric) lights should be put out and candles lit.
- The National Anthem should be sung, a Pledge for Unity read out and a minute's silence observed at church services
- We must support the families of those in detention, on trial and in exile
- Let us conduct weddings and other family functions in the spirit of a Christmas Against the Emergency.

Township residents should buy from the townships during these ten days.

The UDF is making an appeal for sports fixtures and music festivals falling within this period to be suspended.

Shebeens have been requested to close at 8pm from 16 December to 26 December.

And church bells will ring at 6am on 16 December to usher in the ten days, and again at 6am on 26 December to announce the end of the campaign

The above requests are guidelines for all parts of South Africa, with variations according to local conditions.

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UNITE AGAINST THE EMERGENCY!***