

STOP THE HANGINGS OF MEILIES AND JANTJIES

The UDF calls on all peace-loving South Africans and the international community to demand of the government that they immediately reprieve Wellington Mielies and Moses Jantjies who are due to face Pretoria's hangman on Tuesday.

The use of the death sentence will not stop the people of South Africa from resisting oppression and injustice in all its forms. Instead it makes it more difficult to seek solutions to a situation that is entirely of the making of the apartheid regime.

This regime has relied for too long on capital punishment as a way of silencing and controlling the people of South Africa. And increasing we are seeing the use of the "death sentence" against UDF activists carried out by police and vigilantes without going through the courts. In the last week three Daveyton youths witnessed a white policeman write up "999 Lemba Street - Caiphus Nyoka executed - Hands of Death" shortly after former Trasco executive member Caiphus Nyoka was killed.

The Front fully supports SAYCO's "Save the 32" campaign, and demands the unconditional reprieve of all those who face death because of their correct and just opposition to the barbarity of the regime.

At this hard time our thoughts are also with the families of Jantjies and Mielies. We say to them: the people of South Africa are fully behind you and your sons.