

## **Miliband's admiration for attack**

IN 2009, the then British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, David Miliband MP, was asked by BBC Radio 4's 'Great Lives' presenter Matthew Parris whether there were "circumstances in which violent reaction, terrorism, is the right response?"

Miliband responded:

"The most famous ANC military attack was on the Sasol oil refinery in 1980. That was perceived to be remarkable blow at the heart of the South African regime. But I think the answer has to be yes — there are circumstances in which it is justifiable, and, yes, there are circumstances in which it is effective — but it is never effective on its own.

"The importance for me is that the South African example proved something remarkable: the apartheid regime looked like a regime that would last forever, and it was blown down.

"It is hard to argue that, on its own, a political struggle would have delivered. The striking at the heart of a regime's claim on a monopoly of power, which the ANC's armed wing represented, was very significant."