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**END APARTHEID COLONIALISM IN NAMIBIA
SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH NAMIBIAN UNIONS ON MAY 1**

On April 1, United Nations peacekeeping troops arrived in the southwest African territory of Namibia to end over 70 years of brutal and illegal occupation by apartheid South Africa. But for the past month the country has been plunged into its greatest crisis, with over 300 killed in heavy fighting between SWAPO and South African forces. Church, trade union and human rights groups have documented hundreds of assaults on civilian supporters of SWAPO by the South African army and police. There is growing evidence that South African commandos killed captured SWAPO fighters in execution-style murders. And the UN, unprepared and under-strength, has done nothing.

On May 1 tens of thousands of Namibian workers will gather at mines and factories across the country to protest the killings and repression. Their federation, the National Union of Namibian Workers, representing over half of all Namibian workers, has issued an appeal for international solidarity on that day to save the UN plan from collapse and defend the human rights of the Namibian people.

SUPPORT NAMIBIAN TRADE UNIONS ON MAY 1

- * Demand withdrawal of all South African forces to base under UN supervision
- * Support immediate deployment of additional UN peacekeeping troops and tougher action against South African intimidation and violence
- * Call for an international investigation into atrocity charges
- * Demand an end to U.S. collusion with apartheid South Africa and stronger American economic sanctions
- * Send solidarity messages to the National Union of Namibian Workers

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