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SAVE THE LIVES ~~For A Free Southern Africa~~ PATRIOTS!

Three young soldiers in the army of the African National Congress of South Africa face imminent death by hanging. They are:

- Ncimbithi Johnson Lubisi - age 29
- Petrus Tsepo Mashigo - age 20
- Naphtali Manana - age 24

They were sentenced to death by a racist South African court for high treason, in that they took part in an attack on a South African Police station in the country town of Soekmakaar in April 1980, during which no one was killed. The South African Appeal Court on 7 April denied their appeal and confirmed the death sentence handed down by a lower court. The only recourse now is for the South African State President to grant clemency.

Three other ANC freedom fighters have been sentenced to death for treason. They are:

- Anthony Tsotsobe
- David Moise
- Johannes Shabangu

Their appeal to the high court is pending.

All these young men - and hundreds of other women and men - are part of the rising tide of resistance, both military and non-military, against the increasingly vengeful and increasingly insecure apartheid regime in Pretoria. As the struggle for liberty in South Africa and in occupied Namibia grows so too will the frantic attempts of Pretoria to stay in power.

The Reagan administration in the United States has a policy of 'constructive engagement' with Pretoria in the belief that the South African regime can be induced to bring about change. The everyday facts in South Africa belie this excuse for a policy. The more Pretoria is placated the greater is its repression and aggression - in South Africa, in Namibia, in Angola, in other neighboring states. The US government is coddling a monster.

There is a worldwide effort to save the lives of these fighters for liberation of their country. The United Nations Security Council has called on Pretoria to commute their death sentences and urged the world community to join in this campaign. The African National Congress in November 1980 solemnly declared its adherence to the Geneva Conventions on the humanitarian conduct of war. The ANC has asked the international community to demand that captured guerrilla fighters be treated as prisoners of war according to those same Conventions.

DEMAND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CALL ON PRETORIA TO SPARE THE LIVES OF THESE MEN

DEMAND THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S APARTHEID REGIME YIELD TO THE WORLD'S OPINION

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