



APARTHEID'S VIOLENCE

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TO: IAM & USWA

ATTENTION: BROTHERS GEORGE LOULIN & LEON LYNCH

RE: MURDER OF CROWN ALRODE SHOPSTEWARDS

Just on the eve of the signing of the settlement to the Crown Alrode dispute, which signalled celebration of victory of Union-to-Union links and international solidarity, one Crown Cork Alrode shopsteward was killed.

The brother's name was David Dingane Radebe, a diligent, angust and upright shopsteward. He was killed on Saturday, 29 March 1992, when a car clearly and doubtlessly seen emerging from a hostel in Tokoza, opened fire randomly at residents housed next to the hostel. The hostel is a base of the INKHATHA vigilantes led by Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, and have been responsible for the killings occuring in our Country, in cahoots with the police and defence personnel.

Tokoza is a black residential area, very close to Alrode (where Crown Cork is situated), and is the residential township of most of the Crown Cork workers. David was buried on Saturday, 4 April 1992, and is survived by his wife and three children.

The killing of David is a vindication of the difficult circumstances under which members of NUMSA and other COSATU Unions (including Crown Cork workers) live and travel to and from work. We feel sad and hurt, not only at the killing of our member, but at the recognition and assistance to the vigilante movement of the Kwa-Zulu government, by your government. It hurts us the most to see the US taxpayer's money being used not to combat conditions of poverty homelessness and unemployment in the USA at least, but used to fund and buttress the hand that is responsible for most of the killings and attacks in our Country.

We believe this occurence calls for need to expose and fight US government and corporate complicity in the murder of innocent and defenceless people, an initiative which is presently spearheaded by the Africa Fund in the US.

We request that you communicate this message to Crown Cork workers organised by your Union

Comradely,
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