



MESSAGE TO ALL COMRADES AND COMPATRIOTS  
IN DETENTION, PRISON AND FACING TRIALS.

On behalf of our organisations and all freedom loving people in this country, the UDF salutes all you stalwarts, compatriots and fighters for freedom. At this crucial time in the history of our country, when those who have forcefully abrogated power to themselves are bent on dictatorial and repressive policies that are violently implemented against our people, we take this moment to specially think of you.

The United Democratic Front reiterates its position that until you are all unconditionally released from bondage and persecution, and until the South African state machinery stops its violence against innocent and unarmed communities, there shall be no genuine and lasting solution to the crisis in this country.

For you comrades sentenced to long terms of imprisonment for your contribution in the liberation of our country: We commend you for your principles and sacrifices, for having turned down Botha's offer of first denouncing violence before you can be released. Your principled stand is an indictment against the apartheid regime's own guilt of being the perpetrator of violence weighing heavy against unarmed communities. Our people are aware of the terror food you are fed and the unbearable conditions under which you serve your sentences. However, we know that every one of you are regarded as Heroes in our struggle for emancipation.

To those in detention : Those who unpopularly weild power thought that by removing you from your people and communities, they would stall the tide of change.

By detaining and imprisoning you, the regime hoped to solve the crisis it faces, however, our reading of the situation is that our struggle has deepened. It is evident that what you represent are true aspirations of an oppressed people.

No amount of repression, detentions, death squads killings and intimidation will quell the people's thirst for freedom. This is a vindication of what you stand for. Our freedom is a certainty.

Comrades and compatriots, we are with you in your present incarceration and sufferings. Presently many of us live an impossible twilight life of existence underground. Many of us have had their homes destroyed by death squads and paid dogs of Apartheid. However we remain steadfast in our convictions and our beliefs that history is on our side. Apartheid is doomed to die in its failure. You must carry your heads in pride for having to live and suffer for an idea that will live, than to be subdued and corrupted for an idea that is doomed to fail.

Keep your morale high and maintain your comradely discipline.

The birth pangs of a new society are always painful, yet they carry with them hopes for a new order.

Comrades every one of you are heroes in our struggle.

Be strong and survive!

LONG LIVE THE PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE  
LONG LIVE PEOPLE'S POWER  
FORWARD TO A PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC STATE  
MATLA KE A RONA  
AMANDLA aWETHU