

On Ahtisaari

PLEASE allow me to air my views regarding the position of Mr Martti Ahtisaari in the current situation in our country:

Sir, we are very perplexed by your attitude towards our people under the leadership of Swapo.

It is amazing that, as UN Special Representative, who has come to Namibia to make sure that the international procedures leading to independence, are carried out with justice and without partiality to any party, you have given the order to the troops of South Africa to hunt down forces who in fact were in the country prior to the ceasefire.

This, to us who are yearning for our freedom, clearly demonstrates that you have taken a partial decision in favour of our colonisers. It is a pity that instead of bringing about peace, you are encouraging the forces of the racist government to eliminate Namibians.

Swapo is a well-disciplined movement and would not defy the guidelines and regulations set up and agreed to concerning our transition to independence.

Instead of deploying Untag peacekeeping forces to the area of conflict to separate the warring sides, you decided in favour of the one side. Swapo forces then had no alternative but to defend themselves against those who started hunting down our combatants.

Sir, if justice were to be done, you would have acted impartially to solve the conflict. The Government in Pretoria may have planned these acts of violation in advance, to jeopardise the peace process. They knew long ago that a number of Plan forces were based inside Namibia. They attacked our fighters on the day implementation of the peace plan started, and then put the blame on our forces as the violators of the peace process.

Then most of the world, including Margaret Thatcher, started blaming Swapo; they have most of the media at their disposal. How can you decide to assist the racist forces to expel these bona fide sons of Namibia from their own country? Angola is not their country.

We would prefer our forces to be at home. We have no other country but Namibia.

We hoped for peace and justice when the UN came. But instead we have a war catastrophe. Peace is in jeopardy, and if it is to be once again brought about, then the UN contingent should be restored to its original

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