

Namibia's ruin

THE economy of our country is being ruined. The mineral resources are exploited excessively with the help of Western capitalists who are assisting the illegal regime of Pretoria in our country.

There are numerous multinational companies operating illegally in Namibia today, viz. CDM, Rio Tinto, TCL, Soekor and others. These companies are mining Namibian minerals contrary to UN Decree Number 1.

Millions of tons of diamonds, copper, and metric tons of uranium are exported illegally to Nato-member countries.

The Namibian people, under the leadership of Swapo, the sole and authentic representative, have tried on many occasions to oust Pretoria from Namibia but because the racist government has the backing of the capitalist West, this has not succeeded.

When one travels Namibia, one sees evidence of how our resources are exploited and exhausted. The freeway down to the south is always full of heavy duty trucks loaded with cattle being taken to South African markets, while many of our children are looking for food in rubbish bins and are sleeping with empty stomachs. There are more bottle stores than educational facilities.

And while our natural resources and agricultural potential is being exploited, our independence is made conditional to the withdrawal of Cuban troops from the People's Republic of Angola. The Cubans have been in Angola for almost eleven years now, and are only seen as a threat by the cowboy regime in Washington.

If apartheid Pretoria had not invaded Angola in 1975, there would have been no Cubans there today. Pretoria is responsible for what happened in that country just before independence.

We are no so naive to be misled into believing the Cubans are a threat; Namibia was never colonised or invaded by Cubans. We only know apartheid South Africa.

South Africa should quit Namibia now and leave us in peace to decide our own future, through internationally-supervised elections under UN Security Council Resolution 435.

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