

# Open letter

MAY 15 was International Conscientious Objector Day. On that day we, the South African conscientious objectors and their supporters remember prisoned objectors Ivan Toms (currently out on bail) and David Bruce and Charles Bester (both sentenced to six years).

Central to their and our resistance to conscription into the SADF is the belief in the illegitimacy and unjustice of the South African colonial and military occupation of your country. In our campaigning over the years, we have called for the right of conscripts not to be forced to do military service in your country. We have also called for the implementation of Resolution 435 as the way forward to the demilitarisation of Namibia and the establishment of a just peace there.

While obstacles will still appear along the way, the reality of independence for Namibia is in sight. We rejoice with you in the hope of a new beginning. We are glad to have played our small part in the struggle for a free and independent Namibia. We will join you in the celebration of that victory.

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