



HELP STOP APARTHEID: BOYCOTT SHELL

Royal Dutch/Shell (the largest corporation in the world in terms of assets) is a major sustainer of the racist system of apartheid in South Africa. South Africa has no oil of its own. By supplying oil, Royal Dutch/Shell provides the South African government with a crucial natural resource. Without oil, the apartheid economy would grind to a halt and the security forces would not be able to brutally repress the black majority or invade neighboring states. By boycotting Shell products, we can ensure that Royal Dutch/Shell withdraws from South Africa and thus help stop apartheid.

Shell Fuels Apartheid.

- * Shell has shipped large quantities of crude oil to South Africa, in violation of the international oil embargo against the apartheid regime.
- * Shell supplies oil products to the South African military and police, including fuel, the raw materials for napalm and nerve gas, and defoliation substances. Without these products, they would not be able to enter and brutally occupy black suburbs and townships or to carry out raids and bombings in Angola, Botswana, Lesotho and Mozambique.
- * Shell's investments in the oil and chemical industries in South Africa prop up the crisis-ridden apartheid economy. Shell co-owns or operates South Africa's largest oil refinery, the offshore platform through which most imported oil is delivered, over 800 gasoline stations in South Africa, and produces chemical solvents, detergents, insecticides, and lubricants.
- * Shell mines and exports South African coal, lead and zinc. They are given generous export quotas by the South African government in return for guaranteeing a supply of oil. Shell is known for its anti-worker, anti-union policies at its Rietspruit coal mine, where striking workers have faced teargas and rubber bullets and been forced to resume work at gunpoint.
- * Shell continues to operate in Namibia, illegally occupied by the South African army, in contravention of UN decrees. Shell owns a chain of gasoline outlets, and provides the occupying armed forces with fuel. It has also been involved in oil and metals exploration, activities which defy UN decrees designed to protect Namibian natural resources from exploitation and depletion.
- * Shell has close ties with the South African army. It makes voluntary payments to white employees doing national service, and has appointed security militia at its plants to protect these strategic installations from attacks by liberation movements and repress labor unrest.