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NO APARTHEID EXECUTIONS

People in South Africa currently under sentence of death for their alleged involvement in anti-apartheid activity.

Mojalefa Reginald Sefatsa (30)
Reid Malebo Mokoena (22)
Oupa Moses Diniso (30)
Theresa Ramashamola (24)
Duma Joshua Khumalo (26)
Francis Don Mokhesi (29)
(The Sharpeville Six)

Sentenced to death in December 1985 in the Pretoria Supreme Court by Justice W J Human. Appeal rejected in December 1987. Convicted of murder following the death of a Lekoa councillor who was killed on the first day of the Vaal uprising, 3 September 1984, during a mass protest against rents increases.

Jackson Madikane (26) Desmond Majola (27) Patrick Manginda (23)

Sentenced to death in September 1986 in the Cape Town Supreme Court by Justice A J Lategan. Convicted of murder following the killing of a councillor by a crowd of over a hundred in Bridgton, Oudtshoorn, in November 1985.

Daniel Maleke (19) Josiah Tsawane (29)

Sentenced to death in September 1986, in the Vander-bijlpark Circuit Court by Justice H P van Dyk. Convicted of murder for killing a policeman held responsible for the arrest of COSAS members including Tsawane's brother.

Paul Tefo Setlaba (22)

Sentenced to death in December 1986, Colesberg Circuit Court. Convicted of murder following the death of a suspected police informer in October 1985. She was killed during severe police repression of a consumer boycott in Colesberg.

Similo Lennox Wonci (21)
Mziwoxolo Christopher Makeleni (22)
Ndumiso Silo Siphenuka (25)
Mackezwana Menze (40)

Members of the Addo Youth Congress, sentenced to death in January 1987 in the Port Elizabeth Supreme Court by Justice Kroon. Convicted of murder for allegedly killing a farmer and his wife in Kirkwood in June 1985.

Robert John McBride (23)

ANC combatant, sentenced to death in April 1987 in the Pietermaritzburg Supreme Court by Justice Douglas Shearer. Convicted of the murder of three women killed in a car bomb explosion at Marine Parade, Durban, in June 1986. McBride said he had planted the bomb in order to pierce the secrecy covering the imposition of the state of emergency two days earlier.

Daisy Modise (25)
Thomas Chauke (27)
Johannes Tshabalala (18)

Sentenced to death in the Temba court of the Bophuthatswana bantustan in May 1987. The three are members of the Stinkwater Youth Organisation who allegedly participated in 'people's courts and necklacings'. No further details.

Tjeluvuyo Mgedezi (28) Solomon Mangaliso Nongwati (38) Paulos Tsietsi Tsehlana (38)

Members of the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), sentenced to death in May 1987 in the Klerksdorp Circuit Court by Justice J J Strydom. Convicted of murder for the killing of four team leaders at the Vaal Reefs gold mine in February 1986.

Mzwandile Gqeba (22)
Wantu Salinga (27)
Lundi Wana (20)
Thembinkosi Pressfeet (30)
Mzwandile Roro Mninzi (27)
Monde Trevor Tingwe (23)

Sentenced to death in June 1987 in the Supreme Court sitting in Port Alfred. Convicted of murder for the killing in Queenstown in December 1985 of a woman accused of fraternising with the police. She was killed shortly after police shot dead 14 people attending a meeting in the local Methodist Church.

Bekisizwe Philip Ngidi (19)

Sentenced to death in May or June 1987, in the Rand Supreme Court, by Justice T Spoelstra. Convicted of murder for the killing of a policeman in April 1986. Ngidi was a secondary school pupil in Soweto when arrested.

Michael Lucas

A secondary school pupil sentenced to death in August 1987 by Justice Williamson in the Cape Town Supreme Court. Convicted of the murder of a bus inspector killed during an attempt to set fire to a bus in Bhongolethu in April 1986. Lucas' age is unclear — he was first said to be 17 years old but before sentencing him the court ruled that he was over 20.

Gilindoda Gxekwa (22)

Member of the Uitenhage Youth Congress sentenced to death in August 1987 by Justice T M Mullins in the Supreme Court sitting in New Brighton. Convicted of murder for the killing in Kwanobuhle in March 1985 of a man believed to be an informer. The killing took place a few days after the police shooting of at least 21 mourners during a funeral procession from Langa to Kwanobuhle. Leave to appeal refused by Appeal Court, January 1988.

Sibusiso Senele Masuku (22) Oupa Josias Mbonane (21)

Sentenced to death in August 1987 in the Pretoria Supreme Court by Justice Human. Convicted of murder for the alleged killing of a policeman in Soshanguve in February 1986. Masuku was already serving a 10-year sentence imposed earlier in the year for laying a landmine.

Tsepo Letsoare (22)

Member of the Port Elizabeth Youth Congress sentenced to death in September 1987 by Justice T M Mullins in the Supreme Court sitting in New Brighton. Convicted of murder for the killing in Motherwell in October 1985 of a woman believed to be a police informer.

Joseph Chidi (23)

Sentenced to death by Justice le Grange in the Rand Supreme Court in September 1987. Convicted of murder for the killing of a councillor in Tembisa in May 1986.

Vuyisile Goni

Member of the Port Elizabeth Youth Congress sentenced to death by Justice Mullins in the Supreme Court sitting in New Brighton in September 1987. Convicted of a killing in Walmer in November 1985.

Mlondolozi Benjamin Gxotiwe (27)

Member of the Port Elizabeth Youth Congress sentenced to death in September 1987 by Justice Solomon in the Port Elizabeth Supreme Court. Convicted of killing a policeman in Swartkops in December 1985.

Nico Ledube Mnyamana (31) Menzi Tafane (21)

Sentenced by Justice Solomon in the Port Elizabeth Supreme Court in September 1987 for a killing in Burgersdorp in January 1986. Convicted on the evidence of two unnamed state witnesses who were indemnified from prosecution and whom the defence stated had been offered money by the police to implicate them.

Mxolisi Malgas (38) Michael Mambukwe (28) Lulamile Maneli (27)

Sentenced in October 1987 by Justice Beckley in the Grahamstown Supreme Court. Convicted of murder (by 'common purpose') for attending a meeting in December 1985 at which it was allegedly decided to set fire to a house in Kubusie, Stutterheim. Three women later died in a house fire.

Johannes Moseki (23)

Sentenced in October 1987 in the Rand Supreme Court by Justice Irving Steyn. Convicted of killing a policeman in Tembisa in March 1986. Refused leave to appeal by trial judge.

Thembiseli Baneti (35)

Sentenced in November 1987 in Ciskei (bantustan) Supreme Court for alleged killing of suspected Port Elizabeth vigilante in July 1986.

Mtutuzeli Bottoman Ngqandu (22)

Sentenced in November 1987 in the Supreme Court sitting in Uitenhage by Justice Foxcroft. Convicted of killing a policeman in Port Elizabeth in September 1985. Refused leave to appeal by trial judge.

William Ntombela

Sentenced in Rand Supreme Court in November 1987. A shop steward with the Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers Union (CCAWUSA), Ntombela led a strike against the state of emergency in July 1986. Convicted of killing a strike-breaker.