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## Apartheid target for arts group

**POLITICAL** arguments that sanctions against South Africa make only the black people suffer must be ignored, says African National Congress cultural group Amandla.

Group speaker Candy Mthembu said sanctions were a powerful weapon against the Government of South Africa.

"The black people of South Africa have been suffering for so long.

"It doesn't make a change for us.

"They must not make that excuse.

"It is the other countries that keep the South African Government going."

The 35-member Amandla, formed in 1978, is spreading the word of the South African people against their racist Government.

Amandla has toured African countries, the US, Canada, Eastern



Candy Mthembu . . . sanctions vital

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Europe and Scandinavia.

In Australia the group has visited north Queensland, Alice Springs, the Adelaide Festival and Melbourne.

The Sydney season opens tonight at Belvoir St Theatre, with a special performance tomorrow to launch the Mandela Foundation of Australia, headed by Anne Deveson and Don Dunstan.

Ms Mthembu said continuing support for South Africa was why an assassin was able to shoot ANC leader Dulcie September

in Paris late last week.

Artistic director Jonas Gwangwaand, composer of the score for Richard Attenborough's film Cry Freedom, flew home to London early last week to deal with a family crisis.

Amandla's role internationally is vital to the ANC and, because of its power, Amandla members are unable to return to South Africa.

Since Candy Mthembu left in 1980 she has not seen her family and will not be able to go home unless the Government and its apartheid policies are thrown out.

## FBI warns of S African hit-squads

**WASHINGTON:** Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents have warned black South African anti-apartheid activists in the United States that they may be targets of hit-squads dispatched by the Pretoria Government.

The point-blank killing in Paris last week of a senior official of the African National Congress (ANC) — Pretoria's main guerilla foe — has lent new credibility and urgency to the FBI warnings.

The activists, who are black South Africans based in Washington and New York, said they were wary of FBI requests for meetings.

They feared the agents' real aim was to gather information on their political activities and pass it to the Botha regime.

The ANC, founded in 1912 to oppose Pretoria's policy of apartheid, has close links with the South African Communist Party.

The activists said the FBI warnings were first made six months ago and had continued into last week.

Mr Jack Terrell, a former US-based mercenary who trained Nicaragua's Contra rebels, said recently South African intelligence agents had asked him to form an "eight-man hit-team".

If South Africa is discovered sending agents to the US without authorisation, the White House will protest to Pretoria.

The New York Times newspaper reported in 1986 that the FBI regularly sent intelligence reports to Pretoria on ANC activities in the US.

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