

Bew "AW32" Item 66

**Prayer meeting to commemorate  
June 16 and also those hanged on  
Thursday**

**Speakers: Zinzi Mandela  
Essop Jassat  
One of the parent of those hanged on  
Thursday**

**Sunday 12 June 1983  
Jiswa Centre, Lenasia  
2.30 p.m.**

**We mourn the deaths of**

Thelle Simon Moegerane	23
Jerry Semano Mosololi	25
Marcus Thabo Motaung	27

**who were sent to the gallows this week**



## **JUNE 16 — A DAY OF MOURNING**

South Africa is an unjust society, where the overwhelming majority of its people are politically, economically and socially deprived. It is a society wherein peaceful forms of opposition is met with harsh and brutal repression.

On June 16, 1976 young children protested against the unjust and inferior Bantu education, which attempted to force them to accept Afrikaans as a medium of instruction. They were met with bullets, and hundreds of children were killed.

A major uprising developed, sending rumblings right up to the power corridors of the Apartheid government.

This reign of terror in the black townships has given rise to a new phase in our struggle, with mass resistance at a grassroots level beginning to re-emerge once again. The present alliance of democratic forces within the country bears testimony to the fact that the 1976 struggle for equal education was not in vain.

**The Transvaal Indian Congress joins other democratic forces in this country in calling for a day of mourning on Thursday, June 16. We appeal to all religious organisations to observe the day with prayers for all those who have died in the struggle for a democratic South Africa. We appeal to all businessmen to follow the practice in past years when all business have remained closed on June 16 in order to observe the day. All Sports organisations, and any other organisations, must also observe this day.**

**WE CALL ON ALL WORKERS TO OBSERVE THE DAY OF MOURNING.**

**EVERYBODY IN OUR COMMUNITY SHOULD COMMEMORATE THE DAY**

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