

# **White Racism in Zimbabwe**

- For the past eighty years, the people of Zimbabwe have been brutally subjugated by British colonialism, which has turned the territory into a bulwark of white racism.

- The people have been evicted from their lands, to make way for the white man, whose "special" mission is "to civilize and Christianize Africa." At present racism and fascism are legal in South Africa. Many urban and rural areas in South Africa and Zimbabwe have been declared "white zones." Africans are moved into barren and unfertile lands where livestock and agriculture cannot thrive and they live exploited and subjected for the benefit of the racist white minority and the imperialist monopolies.
- The guerrilla experiences have been decisive; victories speak for themselves, the defeats have been bitter lessons, but from them the people have forged a nucleus of staunchest revolutionary fighters whose courage is recognized even by imperialist forces.
- The trials held against the African patriots, leaders and militants in South Africa and Zimbabwe have shown to the world the fascist nature of the white minority regimes of Pretoria and Salisbury. The captured guerrillas are murdered in the forests and prisons. In the human slaughterhouses of Salisbury over a hundred freedom fighters are awaiting execution; they choose death rather than betray the struggle. Among the more than 50 000 men and women in concentration camps is the leader of ZAPU, Joshua M. Nkomo, who has been imprisoned for six years now in Gonakudzingwa, near the Mozambique border, despite continuous appeals for his release from inside Africa and abroad.
- The people of Zimbabwe are confronting a well-armed internal enemy and also fascist South Africa, whose troops in Zimbabwe have reached 4000 soldiers and officers in addition to members of the Rhodesian forces. Moreover, there are some 250 former British officers and soldiers who serve the Salisbury regime, instruments of imperialism in Zimbabwe. The necessity for these forces reveals the heroism and the determination of the freedom fighters of the people of Zimbabwe.
- The Executive Secretariat of OSPAAAL is fully convinced of the anti-imperialist character of the struggle waged by the peoples of Zimbabwe and South Africa and has not the slightest doubt that the revolutionary combatants will achieve victory; we also

condemn Great Britain's hypocrisy which protects and supports the racist white regime of Zimbabwe, and we exhort the progressive governments and, in particular, those of the socialist countries, as well as revolutionary organizations, to extend their material and moral support to the people of Zimbabwe and their combatants who fight against white racist domination imposed by the British and for the genuine political and economic independence of the country.