

SWAPO TO FIGHT FOR MACHEL

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THE South West Africa Peoples Organisation, has pledged a stepped up struggle for the liberation of Namibia in homage to the late Mozambican President, Cde Samora Machel.

In a strongly worded commentary issued on Tuesday, Swapo called on African countries to unite their forces and strike a fatal blow against the racist South African regime which it accused of being responsible for Cde Machel's death.

The Swapo commentary said Cde Machel lived, fought and died so that the people of Southern Africa would live

freely in peace and prosperity.

"Hence we would be failing in our sacred duty to totally liberate Africa if we do not finish the work started by Cde Machel," the commentary said.

The commentary said the Pretoria regime's pleas of innocence that it was not concerned with the death of President Machel were "as hollow as crocodile tears" also shed by the racist regime's Western allies.

The Swapo commentary said that South Africa's Western allies, including the Reagan, Thatcher and Kohl administrations, had dismissed atrocities committed by the racist

regime against Southern African people as communist propaganda.

"Should it now take the dastardly assassination of President Machel for the world to believe that the situation in our region is indeed explosive? Did President Machel deserve to die before the world believes that the racist South African regime is terrorist and neo-Nazi?" the commentary asked.

Swapo warned Western countries that continued collaboration with the racist regime would mark them as accomplices to the murders committed by Pretoria.

It said those countries should now choose whether to side with the struggling masses of Southern Africa or be labelled forever as collaborators of murderers.

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