



in Practice Apartheid

Law & Order in South Africa

The political organisations of the Black majority have been banned and non-racial political organisations are illegal. Leaders of the Black people have been imprisoned, detained, forced into exile or underground activity.

During 1976 alone, over 5000 people were detained; many for long periods without trial.

All Africans over the age of 15 must carry a pass which controls where they live, work and whether they can travel within the country.

During the last 25 years, 11 million Africans have been arrested under the pass laws; on average 1000 are arrested every day.

In South Africa, white domination operates in all spheres. Only whites can vote, all members of parliament, all government ministers, all senior civil servants and all judges are white. Apartheid in practice means separate and unequal. This is why apartheid is unpopular, unjust and why the majority oppose it. To enforce apartheid, a battery of security laws exist which enable the government and police to ban organisations, imprison, detain without trial, restrict and ban opponents.

When Blacks protest, the police shoot first—as they did in Sharpeville and Soweto.

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