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On the 6th of April, **87** members of the Soweto Electricity Crisis Committee marched on the Kensington home of the city's mayor, Amos Masondo. Their aim was to **FIRE THE MAYOR** but it appeared he had already resigned – to Hawaii to plan for the World Summit on Sustainable Development. One of Masondo's guards opened fire on people of Soweto demanding that the mayor go for failing to deliver on *Free Electricity* promises and choosing to cut off people's power supply instead. So they disconnected the mayor's water in return.

For using the same discipline as the government's privatisation imposes on people, the SECC marchers were arrested. All 87 except the pensioners and a 6-year old child were locked away for 10 days. The ANC branded them "hooligans", pretending that there are "channels through which to air their grievances".

On the 31st of August, at least **20,000** people from the Anti Privatisation Forum, Landless Peoples Movement, Palestine Solidarity Committee and other organisations pushed through from Alex to rock Sandton. We were **UNITED** by common experiences of a rotting economic order that includes privatisation. The successful demonstration followed months of police repression, intimidation and mass arrests that began with the Kensington 87. The ANC-SACP-Cosatu alliance also demonstrated their weakness on the same day – just 2,000 members of the tripartite alliance were stopped from entering Sandton by their president, Thabo Mbeki, when he became too embarrassed to admit to the world how little support he really has.

For exposing the government, the presidency responded with ultra-rightist hysterics. The



spectre of ultra-leftists threatening the development of the country was raised. If by 'development' Mbeki means more poverty, then 31 August 2002 did challenge privatisation and we are indeed the 'ultra-left'.

On the 23rd of October, the Kensington 87 face the judge again on charges of public violence and damage to property. The trial has been postponed to try dampen the fire of the SECC. But the criminalisation and persecution of SECC is also just delay – to the *Fire the Mayor* campaign.

The ANC government says SECC members are "criminals".
Who should you believe?

The case of the **Kensington 87** continues
on **23 October 2002**
at the Jeppe magistrate's court

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