"I, Adriaan Johannes Vlok, Minister of Law and Order, hereby prohibit the organizations mentioned... from carrying on or performing any activities or acts whatsoever."

- Adriaan J. Vlok
  South African Minister of Law and Order

**VOICES AGAINST THE CRACKDOWN**

"The state has obviously chosen a path of total repression. They intend to destroy the few remaining vestiges of democracy after the clampdown of the Emergency Regulations.... It is clear that the government has been encouraged to opt for the path of increased repression through the support it has received from ...[the] governments of Thatcher, Reagan and Kohl."

- Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU)

The government has "nothing to offer but violence and bloodshed." This is a "vicious and provocative act by a government that has become a threat to southern Africa."

- the Right Reverend Desmond Tutu
  Anglican Archbishop of South Africa

"The lights are finally going out in South Africa on the last vestiges of freedom to criticize or resist in any way the suffocating tentacles of apartheid. To oppose is to invite liquidation. The public at large must now surely realize that all pretense of South Africa being a Western-style parliamentary democracy has now gone out of the window."

- Detainees' Parents Support Committee (DPSC)
  Detainees' Support Committee (DESCOM)

"This is another draconian way of closing the doors for all organizations which were still committed to non-violent change in this country. Once more the Nationalist government has revealed what really lies beneath its reform policy (i.e. total control of the people of South Africa by a white minority and outright repression of dissenting voices of the majority of people in this country)."

- Rev. Frank Chikane, General Secretary
  South African Council of Churches

"The government has declared war against peaceful opposition to apartheid."

- United Democratic Front (UDF)

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