

The Shadow of Marikana is falling on Lonmin

Five years after the massacre British-South African platinum mining company Lonmin has not fulfilled its obligations. After the takeover by Sibanye-Stillwater 13,000 Lonmin miners will lose their jobs.



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Photo: Ethical Shareholders

Johannes Seoka

Former Anglican bishop of Pretoria, South Africa

On 16 August 2012, Bishop Seoka was in Marikana and tried to prevent the massacre in which 34 miners were killed by South African police forces.

„People expect Lonmin to take responsibility for their workers, the community and the environment.“

„It was the company that called the police to stop the strike. In the Lonmin AGM 2017 the Chairman of the Board, Brian Beamish, and CEO Ben Magara

proclaimed that a new era would be introduced and the concerns of the workers taken seriously.“

„What will be the future of the 13,000 miners who will lose their jobs after the takeover by Sibanye-Stillwater?“



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Thumeka Magwangqana

South African civil rights activist and head of the women's organization Sikhale Sonke (We cry together)

Since the Marikana massacre Sikhale Sonke campaigns for better working and living conditions of the mining affected communities.

„Five years after the massacre, there is no one held accountable. No one has been compensated. No reparations were paid to the widows and to the injured mine workers.“

„The people of Marikana are living in shacks that are leaking, there is no sanitation, no running water, no electricity. And there are no roads.“

„Where is the better life for all?“

„I learned that BASF is the biggest customer of Lonmin's platinum. Buying platinum every day for a huge amount of money but plough nothing back to the communities to improve living conditions of their workers is not fair.“



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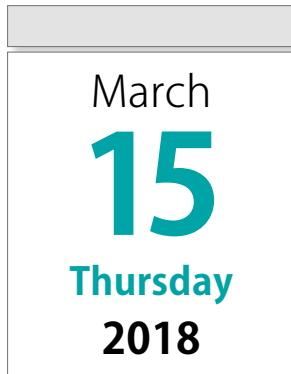
Nkome called for further action against Lonmin and politicians accused of causing the Marikana massacre. He was the first attorney who offered legal services for free to 279 injured and arrested mineworkers.

„None of the mineworkers has been formally approached by the government with a compensation offer despite the state saying in March that it had set more than one billion Rand aside.“

„We've had discussions with government. Our doctors are attending to clients who are quantifying their claims, but there's yet to be any compensation made to any of our clients.“

Marikana Solidarity Week

12-16 March 2018



Picket
9.30 am

in front of Lincoln Centre
18 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3ED
(nearest tube Holborn)

Lonmin Annual General Meeting
10:30 am

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London WC2A 3ED

Look for other events during Marikana Solidarity Week on: www.ethicalshareholders.org



Solemn vigil before Lonmin AGM 2017: Ethical Shareholders Germany and activists from various non-governmental organizations show placards with the 34 killed Marikana miners.
Photo: Markus Dufner, Ethical Shareholders Germany

Hold Lonmin to account for its role in the Marikana massacre!

An international alliance of non-governmental organizations is putting pressure on British-South African mining company Lonmin, the world's third largest platinum producer. On 15 March the alliance led by the South African Bishop Johannes Seoka will explain their demands to the company management and shareholders in the annual general meeting (AGM) which will be held in Lincoln Centre, London.

Before the AGM a picket is co-organised by Marikana Miners Solidarity Campaign and Decolonising Environmentalism. The South-African/European Campaign Network Plough Back the Fruits, Association of Ethical Shareholders Germany and London Mining Network are participating in and supporting this and other events in the Marikana Solidarity Week.



Plough Back the Fruits

is an international campaign network engaging with the world's largest chemical company BASF and its platinum supplier Lonmin.

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