

Support for Xmas boycott

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THE MAMELODI SRC and the Human Rights Committee have come out in support of the Soweto SRC call for a boycott of Christmas this year and to treat the period as a time of mourning for the dead and the wounded, the detained and arrested.

They call on people not to hold Christmas parties, not to send cards or do Christmas shopping, not to buy presents or clothes this year, and not to drink or buy liquor.

The Mamelodi SRC which represents two schools and a technical college in the Pretoria township, has warned persons transporting or storing liquor in the township.

In an open letter of support, the secretary of the Human Rights Committee, Miss Sheila Weinberg, says the Christmas period this year should not only be seen as a period of mourning "for those dead and wounded in the current uprising against the system" but also "as a gesture of support for our detained brothers and sisters."

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The Human Rights Committee chairman, Mr Mohammed Timol, has been detained under the Internal Security Act.

The HRC has decided to

cancel its annual children's party for the families of political prisoners. "This is no time to celebrate."

"The year 1976 shall go down in history as the year of mourning, the year that flowed with sweat, blood and tears for our liberation."

"We shall demonstrate our solidarity and sympathy with those who lost their lives, and those who lost their wages and jobs."

"We demand the immediate release of all political prisoners and detainees."

No Eid visits for Fort detainees

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THERE were no special visits to detainees on Eid Day at Johannesburg's Fort. No visits are allowed on Saturdays and Sundays, except to prisoners who are serving a sentence.

At Modder B. Benoni, the ordinary Saturday non-contact visits were allowed on Eid Day.

The only special Eid Day event for detainees Mrs Fatima Meer at the Fort and Yunus Carrim, Mahomed Timol and Rashid Meer at Benoni, was receiving cards, telegrams and special Eid hampers.

The Transvaal Region of the Federation of Black Women have called for the immediate release of their president, Mrs Meer.

Mrs Deborah Mabiletsa, the Transvaal president, condemned the banning and detention of Mrs Meer whom she said "was the moving spirit behind the formation of the Federation."