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Minister plans illegal march

**South Africa's Boesak gets jailed**

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CAPE TOWN, South Africa — The Rev. Allan Boesak, one of the nation's staunchest foes of apartheid, was jailed Tuesday on the eve of a protest march he was to lead to Pollsmoor Prison, where Nelson Mandela is serving a life term.

The government also suspended currency and share trading until Monday to halt the flight of capital. South Africa's rand, once worth more than \$1, has declined sharply during a year of black riots against white-minority rule and hit a record low Tuesday of 35.75 cents.

Boesak's lawyer said the march would go ahead as planned Wednesday despite the leader's detention and government pledges to halt the illegal assembly.

Mandela, black leader of the banned African National Congress, has been in prison since 1964, convicted of plotting sabotage.

Boesak, 39, is of mixed race and is president of the 70-million-member World Alliance of Reformed Churches. He was arrested at a roadblock near the University of the

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Western Cape, where he serves as chaplain.

He was detained indefinitely without charge under the Internal Security Act, police said.

In Washington, the State Department condemned the arrest and made a protest to the South African government.

The World Alliance of Reformed Churches said in Geneva, Switzerland, that Boesak's detention was "a manifestation of intolerance on the part of the South African government" and demanded his release.

The statement was issued jointly by the alliance and the World Council of Churches.

Boesak is a fiery and eloquent opposition leader with a strong personal following. Outdoor political gatherings have been banned since 1976, and he was aware of the possibility of arrest when he announced the planned illegal march to Pollsmoor.

The government said Saturday that the march was banned and police would take "stern action" to stop it. Unconfirmed reports said police set up roadblocks to turn back buses bringing participants to the Cape Town area for the march, which Boesak predicted would draw 20,000 people.

The Cape Town police chief, Brig. Gert Odendaal, said a soccer stadium in the city's Athlone mixed-race suburb, where the marchers are to assemble, would be sealed off throughout Wednesday. He called the march both illegal and "a serious threat to public safety."

Boesak's lawyer, Essa Moosa, said of Wednesday's demonstration, "It is the people's march . . . and it will go ahead."

Boesak is a major figure among the South African clergymen involved in the struggle against apartheid. He is a member of the mixed-race branch of the Dutch Reformed Church, which is segregated.

The Afrikaans-language Dutch Reformed Church has long supported the government. Boesak was instrumental in getting the white branches of the church suspended from the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.

Boesak was arrested by four security policemen near the campus of the university. Aides said he was there to head off a confrontation between some 400 placard-waving students and police firing tear gas.

Police in riot helmets marched across the campus to disperse the students demanding the release of two lecturers who are among the 2,222 people detained without charge under a state of emergency imposed July 21.

Boesak, however, was held under the Internal Security Act as were twenty-seven other top leaders

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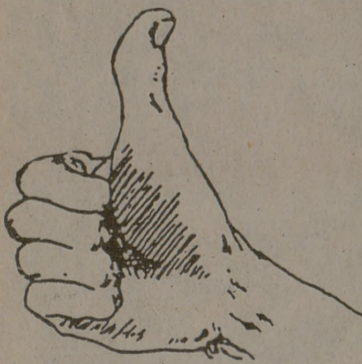
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