

# LEARN with DAWN

## *You too Countryman, can be a Freedom Fighter*

The murderers of Saul Mkhize, Hector Petersen and countless other victims of Soweto, Sharpeville, Langa, Bulhoek, Mdantsane, shot to kill. They were cold-blooded and inhuman. With the same callousness that drives the Pretoria cutthroats to lunatic plunder and carnage, they are destroying villages and homesteads in parts of Mozambique, taking pot-shots at innocent Basotho and breeding bandits for subversive ends from across the border. The Botha-Malan regime rules by the gun. We have come to learn through bitter experience that the gun in the hands of the boer-fascist bullies is an instrument of human destruction and untold coercion, a tyranny enforcing device.

The time has long come for you countrymen to learn the manipulation of guns for the purpose of making your voice louder, making your political demands more boldly and effectively.

The gun in the hands of an oppressed people should be used as an instrument of political struggle for political ends, for the conquest of a free and democratic South Africa where the rule of law will aim at the welfare of the people and the benefit of social progress. You of the down-trodden must know how to manipulate the weapons that are used to press

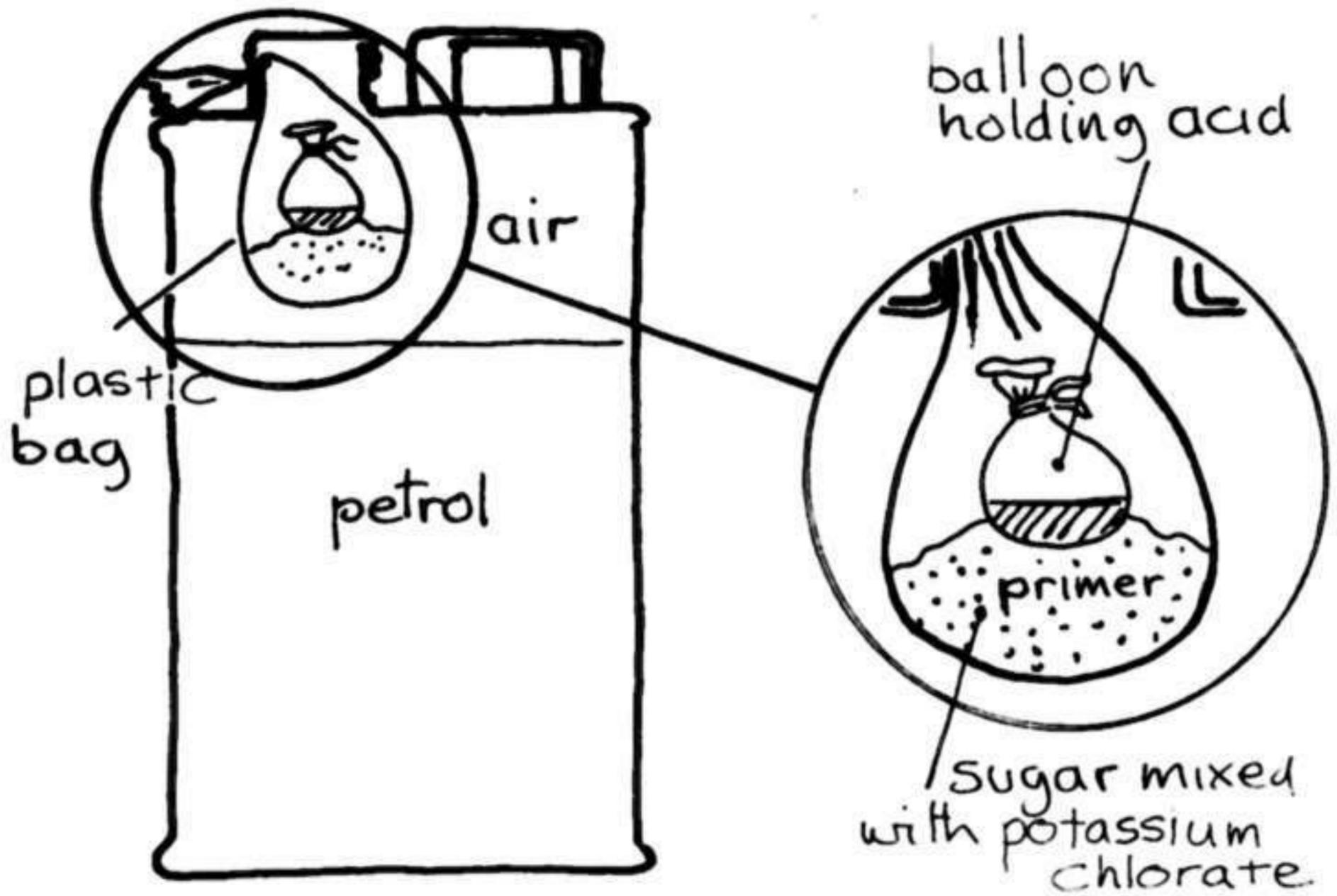
your people down to positions of humiliation. Know how to make each bullet count so that those butchers of Matola and Maseru, the villains that came for Solomon Mahlangu, Marcus Motaung, Jerry Mosololi and Simon Mogoerane's lives with noose and cold-bloodedness should reap the fruits of their evil seed.

Combine our everyday struggles around local and national issues that affect our daily lives, rejection of the farcical political schemes of the enemy such as the Presidential Council, bantustans, etc. Confront the enemy on all fronts and forge **an unprecedented mass political offensive**. Seek out for our People's Army and swell its ranks so that the van of this, our struggle, the spearhead of revolutionary armed struggle, should cut deeper across all sorts of apartheid fortifications. Umkhonto we Sizwe will continue to play its part in the front ranks of the people's defence.

*Learn with Dawn* how to help augment the armed might of popular struggles.

### **PETROL BOMB WITH TIME DELAY**

Fill a jerry-can three-quarters with petrol (plastic one is the best). When you are ready to plant the bomb place a few drops of concentrated sulphuric acid in a balloon (or condom). Then tie the balloon and wipe off its outside with a damp rag as a safety precaution in case some



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acid has spilt onto the outside. Place the balloon in a small plastic bag containing a few tea-spoons of potassium chlorate and sugar mixture (the primer). Hang the plastic bag in the neck of the can above the petrol. Tighten the lid of the can so that it holds the bag just above the petrol. After a period of time the acid eats through the balloon, comes into contact with the potassium chlorate and sugar mixture and ignites it. This in turn causes the petrol to explode. Great damage will be done when this bomb is placed inside a building or under the petrol tank of a lorry or car.

**SAFETY WARNING:**

This explosive device is recommended because all the parts are easy to get and the bomb is simple to make. But great care must be taken to ensure that the acid does not contact the explosive mixture before you want it to. That is why you must make sure that the balloon is perfectly clean on the outside before placing it in the plastic bag which contains

the potassium chlorate and sugar mixture. Also you must use a reasonably strong balloon. If it has a small hole or a weakness in it acid will eat through it quicker than you think. In that case the explosive charge could go off in your hand.

It is convenient to use petrol as the main charge because it is easy to get. If you use a chemical charge, a lot of time is taken up with the grinding of the chemicals into a fine powder. So use a petrol bomb whenever possible.

But you must understand that it does not cause damage through shock waves, but only by burning. That is why it is best used inside a building, when no one is about as your aim is to destroy property, like the pass or municipality office. To do a good job pour petrol on the floor near the bomb so that the fire spreads more rapidly.

**NOTE WELL:**

You must have space for air in your container. If the container is filled completely with petrol it will *not* —

repeat — *not* ignite. Petrol burns only when it is in contact with air.

### CAPSULE:

Gelatine capsules are useful containers for the acid. They can be used instead of balloon. They can be obtained from chemists. Separate the two halves and carefully fill the large half with sulphuric acid using an eye-dropper. Again, make sure that there is no acid on the outside of the capsule. Close it with the other half. Place the capsule in the primer which itself might be in a plastic bag, balloon or a table-tennis plastic ball. The acid will

larger one you will double the time delay.

To know the exact time the capsule takes to burn through make some tests. When getting the capsules try to get those from the same batch (possibly the same production date). Check them all for holes or faults and select those which you feel are perfect. Then make tests by filling the larger half of the capsule (using an eye-dropper), wiping it off and closing it. Check the time on your watch. You can also check to see if it lights your primer (potassium chlorate and sugar mixture). Do *not* check it in the petrol bomb. For that will cause it to explode and may cause damage to your hide-out, etc. This testing method is also advisable with the balloons.

### SAFETY WARNING:

Always make sure that the outside of the capsule is free from acid before you place it in the primer. If it is not clean it can cause fire and burn you as soon as it touches the primer. Gently wipe with a damp cloth.

Also examine the capsule carefully to ensure that it has no fault. If it has cracks or other faults, the acid will eat through it sooner than expected and the explosive charge will go off in your hands.



take about 8 — 10 minutes to eat through the capsule and set fire to the primer. If you place acid in a small capsule and then place it (capsule) inside a

