

South Africa: Evictions in Woodstock for 2010 World Cup

Anti-Eviction Campaign Solidarity Press Release

Over 50 people in Cornwall Street, Woodstock, are under threat of evictions. Most residents have lived their whole lives in the street. The owner of flats in the street, Fatima Gabi, and the City of Cape Town would like to demolish the buildings to build luxury flats in time for the 2010 World Cup. Six families - including disabled persons, pensioners, and children - could lose their right to adequate housing. These families received lawyers' letters from the owner's legal advisors who informed them to vacate the properties on, or before, the 24th of February 2009. If they refuse, they have been informed that they will have to appear in the Cape Town Magistrates Court on the above date. The Woodstock Anti-Eviction Campaign condemns this kind of intimidation from the slumlords who like to make profits out of the poor.