

# Proxies, Players and Pariahs

## The secret alliances

### KEY

#### Covert exchanges:

-  Arms
-  Intelligence
-  Finance
-  Oil
-  Commercial goods

### Argentina

The military junta and South African intelligence agents were at the centre of a bizarre right-wing plot to launch simultaneous coups in the Balkans.

### Chile

Under dictator Pinochet, Chile welcomed apartheid's military intelligence chiefs with open arms, and facilitated weapons transfers where it could.

### Ivory Coast

Ivory Coast was a key link between France and South Africa. South African politicians and military chiefs had regular meetings with President Houphouët-Boigny.

### Zaire

Mobutu was a key ally of apartheid, and able middleman in numerous arms deals. He was close to PW Botha and lobbied for Mandela's release.

### Comoros

The SADF had a listening station in the Comoros. They paid the president of Comoros while supporting the de facto ruler, French mercenary Bob Denard.

### Seychelles

Used extensively for oil sanctions busting, including by Craig Williamson's company GMR.

### West Germany

A key source of weapons and technology to apartheid. Regular intelligence-sharing conferences were held.

### Switzerland

The Swiss banks were not the only allies of the apartheid regime. Their intelligence agents had close ties too.

### Iraq

Iraq supplied oil to apartheid (as did Iran), while Pretoria shipped cannons and shells in return for use against Iran.

### Israel

A large weapons supplier to the apartheid regime. Senior leaders in both countries identified with each other as unfairly treated by the international community.

### Singapore

Regular visits by military and intelligence officials between the two countries cemented a strong relationship.

### Taiwan

Despite growing relations with Communist China, apartheid military and intelligence links to Taiwan remained close.