All those who worked to remove apartheid were at first to deny and then it came about. They champion “Free” South Africa but don’t support for a minute the victimised West Papua.

Unfortunately this is the reality. All those trips to South Africa were to show how liberal the attendees were. Tony Abbott took a jet aircraft there and back to show his liberalism has disgraceful.

In analysing Nelson Mandela’s legacy, the chattering classes have conveniently overlooked the fact that modern-day South Africa is an economic basket case and the rape-murder capital of the world.

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Mandela’s past

NELSON Mandela pleaded guilty to more than 150 acts of terrorism and was imprisoned for those horrible deeds.

He was never a “political” prisoner or a prisoner of “conscience” he was a convicted terrorist.

His later official biographer, a columnist for the London Observer, joined a huge international contingent of legal experts, reporters, trial observers and critics of the South African judiciary in Pretoria for Mandela’s trial. They all reported that the judiciary was completely independent and handed down a just verdict, none could discredit the trial and Mandela, trained as a lawyer, pleaded guilty.

Even the left-leaning Amnesty International refused aid to Mandela because they do not defend terrorists.

Using Mandela’s own writings, especially “How to Be a Good Communist”, he was found guilty of multiple acts of terror costing the lives of hundreds of innocents, black and white.

After his release from prison, Mandela continued to support the terrorist leaders of Africa, Libya, Cuba and Palestine.

He remained a close friend of these promoters of terrorism and an enemy of freedom and the West.

The wretched South Africa of today, almost solely due to Mandela’s leadership, is the rape capital and murder capital of the world.

Poverty and lawlessness are endemic and the poor black South Africans are in much worse shape than they ever were under Dutch rule.

Although political correctness demands it, Scripture tells us, for good reason, that it is an abomination to praise the wicked.

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