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A man linked to the murder of African National Congress leader Chris Hani is playing a key role in the far-right British National Party's bid to win a first European seat, a report said Saturday.

Arthur Kemp, who appeared as a prosecution witness in the trial for the 1993 shooting, runs the BNP's merchandising arm and has been spotted preparing campaign leaflets for next month's European elections, the Guardian reported.

The killing of Hani, one of South Africa's highest-profile black politicians, was widely seen as an attempt to block the transition from apartheid to democracy.

Kemp was arrested in connection with the murder but freed without charge. At the subsequent trial he denied producing a "hitlist" of names found at the home of an anti-Communist activist who was one of two men convicted of the killing.

One of Kemp's books, "March of the Titans: A History of the White Race", is popular among far-right activists.

In his personal blog, Kemp expresses satisfaction that a poster he designed with the caption "Immigration, Open Your Eyes" was voted "the most impressive BNP poster" on another party member's blog.

The BNP says on its website it is campaigning to "secure a future for the indigenous peoples" of Britain.

A spokesman for the BNP told the newspaper that Kemp, who moved to Britain in 1996, was a "valued member" of the party but said he did not have an official role in the election campaign.

The elections for the European Parliament take place across the continent on June 4-7 with Britain voting on June 4.

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