



Johan Anthoniszoon van Riebeeck (1619-1677) was a Dutch explorer who in 1639 entered to the service of the Dutch East India Company (Vereenigde Oostindische Compagnie - VOC). On behalf of the VOC the 6th April 1652 landed with three ships (Drommedaris, Reijger, and Goede Hoop) to Table Bay. With him there were about [ninety men](#) , mostly of German and Frisian ethnic origin - most of whom were flooded out of their homes by the VOC and later forced to accompany Jan Van Riebeeck to the Cape- as well as smaller numbers of Dutch.

The objective of the VOC was to set up a supply station at the Cape, for the ships of the company who were en route to Java.

On April 6, 1654, two years after his arrival, Jan van Riebeeck announces that in future this day will be observed as a [prayer](#) and Thanksgiving Day to God.

Van Riebeeck restrained the arrival of French Huguenots that fleeing Catholic persecutions and left southern Africa, where he didn't want to live. He was a white, Dutch, tyrant, a [colonialist](#) who never felt himself as African, and who decided not to have descendants in Africa.

Jan van Riebeeck was an oppressor of the ancestors of the Boers.

The Boer nation was formed several years later, on the [Cape frontier](#) . That was when, during the late 1600s and all throughout the 1700s, a number of the poorest whites of the Cape (proto Afrikaans speaking) began to trek northward and eastward. They were unwilling to submit themselves to the [dictato](#)

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, in search of a land to be free. They were called “

[Trekboers](#)

” because on the Cape frontier became nomadic pastoralists.

The Boer people were not born in Europe, nor among the Cape Dutch, but on the Cape frontier. The “ [Trekboers](#) ” are the fathers of the Boer nation, not Jan van Riebeeck.

Jan van Riebeeck is generally represented by the supporters of the so-called “white South African nationalism” and of the so-called “white Afrikaner nationalism” (false nationalisms, created by international capitalism in anti-Boer function) as the father of a false “white South African” or “white Afrikaner” nation, of which the Boers would be part. But to deny Boer national identity is only an act of [Boer Genocide](#) .

