



MEDIA RELEASE	PSA calls for increased security at Correctional Centres following attack on Correctional Officers at St Albans
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is calling for increased security at the St Albans Correctional Centre in Gqeberha following a knife attack on a Correctional Services official by offenders.

The attack happened whilst Correctional officials were serving breakfast to inmates near the dining hall area. The official sustained injuries to his face and hands and was rushed to the Livingston Provincial Hospital for medical attention. Another official was recently attacked at the same Centre and was stabbed in the neck and shoulder.

A PSA shop steward met with the Area Commissioner and another meeting has been scheduled to address these attacks on officials. The PSA will visit the injured officials to offer moral support and assistance. This unfortunate incident could have been avoided, had the Department of Correctional Services filled all vacant positions, as continuously demanded by the PSA. These attacks on officials by offenders are condemned and should serve as a costly lesson to the management of the Centre in ensuring that maximum security is restored.

The PSA demands that the Department of Correctional Services increases the post establishment at all Correctional Services Centres to ensure security and stability. The PSA further urges the Department to urgently fill vacancies to prevent further violence and fatal assaults at Correctional Centres.

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