

**MEDIA RELEASE**      PSA concerned about increase in gang violence at Pollsmoor Correctional Centre in Cape Town

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is dismayed by yet another violent incident at Pollsmoor Correctional Centre, in Cape Town in the Western Cape, where two officials of the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) were stabbed by offenders on 29 October 2025.

According to reports, the DCS officials were attempting to intervene during a violent altercation between rival prison gangs when the attack occurred. Two offenders lost their lives during the incident, whilst three others sustained injuries and were transported to hospital. One of the injured officials has since been discharged, whilst the other official remains hospitalised and under medical care.

This marks the second stabbing incident at Pollsmoor Correctional Centre in the past two weeks, highlighting an alarming escalation in gang-related violence in correctional facilities. The PSA continues to be extremely concerned about the safety and well-being of DCS officials who often find themselves caught up in these conflicts or even targeted during outbreaks of violence. Correctional officials continue to operate under extremely dangerous and volatile conditions, often without adequate resources, inadequate staffing, and a lack of support to ensure their safety.

The PSA calls on the Department of Correctional Services to urgently review security protocols, address staff shortages, and take decisive action to curb the growing threat of gang violence in correctional centres. It is imperative that measures be put in place to protect the lives of officials who perform their duties with dedication under increasingly perilous circumstances. The PSA stands in solidarity with the affected officials and their families during this difficult time.

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