

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA concerned about safety of employees of Department of Agriculture and Rural Development at Kgora Farmers Ramatlabama Training Centre, North West
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) strongly condemns the attack on an employee at Kgora Farmers Training Centre in Ramatlabama on 19 May 2025 by a group of community members, calling themselves “*Gatvol*”, and aiming to ensure that tenders are solely allocated to people in North West.

According to information received by the PSA, the group entered the Department’s premises through gates manned by private security company employees and went to the employee’s office without her prior knowledge of such a visit. It was also indicated that the group was angry and threatened to assault the employee as she was allegedly responsible for denying them an opportunity to secure training tenders at the Department.

This incident happened in the employee’s office, raising major concerns about security measures at the Centre. The PSA emphasises that the safety and well-being of employees are of serious concern. The PSA maintains that a safe work environment is a fundamental constitutional right.

The PSA regards it as the responsibility of the Department to ensure robust and maintained safety measures. This incident highlights the urgent need for enhanced security at the Department. The PSA urges the Department to address this issue with urgency and ensure that all necessary precautions are implemented to protect the Centre’s employees.

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