

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA condemns attack on learners of Ngazindlovu High School, Mpumalanga
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is deeply disturbed by the shocking attack on learners of Ngazindlovu High School in Kabokweni, Mpumalanga.

The Mpumalanga Department of Education organised a school-based camp for matriculants, intending to enhance their preparations for the upcoming final examination. Shockingly, this endeavour took a nightmarish turn when a group of assailants targeted the learners, subjecting them to violence and holding them hostage. During this ordeal, the learners were robbed of electronic devices and left deeply traumatised. The affected learners were promptly taken to Themba Hospital for counselling.

The PSA strongly condemns the barbaric actions of these criminals who targeted vulnerable and defenceless children. The PSA calls upon the South African Police Service to initiate a thorough investigation into this incident, apprehend the perpetrators, and ensure they face the full force of the law.

The PSA also implores the Mpumalanga Department of Education to take immediate and comprehensive measures to ensure the safety of learners at schools. Security assessments must be conducted at educational institutions by trained professionals. When schools organise after-hours school camps, security should be enhanced, and additionally, security personnel should be deployed to safeguard the learners. The safety and security of learners and educators remain the ultimate responsibility and accountability of the Mpumalanga Department of Education.

The PSA stands in solidarity with the affected learners and their families during this distressing time and is committed to its endeavours of supporting drives to ensure that educational institutions remain safe for teaching and learning.

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