

MEDIA RELEASE PSA condemns stabbing of Mthatha Social Worker: Demands urgent strengthening of workplace security

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) condemns the stabbing of a social worker at the King Sabata Dalindyebo government office complex in Mthatha in the Eastern Cape.

The incident raises serious concerns regarding workplace security, particularly how a sharp object allegedly used in the attack entered the premises. The PSA calls for a thorough investigation into the incident and the adequacy of existing security measures.

Public servants should face violence whilst carrying out duties. The PSA demands urgent strengthening of security at government offices, including effective access control, proper visitor screening, adequate deployment of trained security personnel, and clear emergency-response procedures. A comprehensive security risk assessment must also be conducted at public-service facilities where employees interact directly with members of the public.

The safety of public servants is non-negotiable. The PSA urges the relevant departments to engage organised labour and implement practical measures to protect employees. Security reviews must translate into tangible action before another public servant is harmed.

The PSA wishes the injured social worker a full recovery and stands in solidarity with her, her family, and colleagues.

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