



MEDIA RELEASE	PSA condemns violent attack on workers at Themba Hospital
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) strongly condemns the recent attack on healthcare workers at Themba Hospital in Mpumalanga. This attack constitutes a flagrant violation of the principle of medical impartiality and represents a severe breach of employees' rights to a safe working environment as a fundamental workplace principle.

Health services at Themba Hospital were severely disrupted by this incident. A group of individuals, disgruntled about procurement processes and practices, subjected certain hospital employees to threats and physical assaults, including the inappropriate use of fire extinguishers. The PSA is extremely concerned about the safety and well-being of healthcare workers and patients' Constitutional right to access healthcare services, which have been infringed upon.

The PSA urges the employer to prioritise employee safety and to enhance security measures at all healthcare facilities. The PSA further implores law enforcement agencies to carefully monitor the situation to ensure swift responses and interventions. The PSA also calls on communities to demonstrate solidarity with healthcare workers and condemn any form of violence directed towards them. It is imperative to recognise that communities rely on healthcare workers to deliver essential services. Their safety and security must be upheld and protected at all costs.

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