

MEDIA RELEASE PSA extremely concerned about safety of employees at Caluza Clinic in Pietermaritzburg in wake of armed robbery

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is extremely concerned about the safety of employees at Caluza Clinic in Pietermaritzburg in KwaZulu-Natal following an armed robbery that took place on 29 November 2025.

Two men entered the gate, pretending to be ill. As soon as the security guards allowed them to enter the facility, they robbed the security guards at gunpoint. One of the security guards refused to hand over his cell phone and was shot by the robbers before they fled. The victim was transferred to hospital. This incident has left employees and patients traumatised and fearing for their lives.

Violent attacks on public health facilities in South Africa have become a disturbing trend, affecting health workers and the communities they serve. The PSA strongly denounces the violent armed robbery at Caluza Clinic. The PSA has repeatedly raised concerns about deteriorating safety conditions at public health clinics and hospitals, especially in KwaZulu-Natal, where such incidents have occurred at various facilities during 2025. Health workers have become soft targets in their place of work and face hijackings, robberies, rape, and threats of violence. Essential services are being disrupted, and critical care is being compromised.

The PSA urges the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health to implement stricter security measures to protect employees, especially during weekends and provide counselling to the affected workers. The PSA also urges the South African Police Service to intervene and provide regular monitoring at public health facilities to prevent future incidents. The PSA stands firm in the Union's commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of healthcare workers.

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