

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA stands against gender-based violence and femicide
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is alarmed by escalating levels of femicide in Mpumalanga, particularly following the recent tragic killings of young women.

Violence against women remains distressingly high and continues to be one of the most pressing social challenges affecting communities across Mpumalanga and South Africa at large. The PSA reaffirms the Union's commitment to advocating for safer communities and strongly condemns all forms of violence against women.

The PSA calls on society, government, and law enforcement agencies in Mpumalanga to take urgent and decisive action to protect women and bring perpetrators to justice. In solidarity with national efforts, the PSA fully supports the *#TurnTheCountryPurple* campaign, aimed at raising awareness and calling for an end to gender-based violence and femicide.

The PSA urges members of the public in Mpumalanga to show their support by wearing purple or black and participating in awareness initiatives that promote respect, safety, and equality for women. PSA members are further encouraged to wear black on 21 November 2025 and to observe 15 minutes of silence or inactivity at 12:00 in remembrance of all victims of gender-based violence and femicide.

Every life lost to gender-based violence and femicide is a tragedy. There is a collective responsibility to protect, support, and uplift women. The PSA remains steadfast in the Union's commitment to working with stakeholders to enhance awareness, prevention, and support for survivors of gender-based violence and femicide.

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