



FOR PSA MEMBERS: **NORTHERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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OHSA non-complaint mortuaries: Francis Baard District - Northern Cape

The PSA has raised concerns regarding poor working conditions at mortuaries in the Francis Baard District and requested urgent intervention by the Head of the Department of Health. The PSA noted the following concerns:

- The mortuary at Phakamile Mabija Street, near the Police Station, was closed on 25 May 2026 owing to *Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA)* non-compliance.
- The mortuary at Prof ZK Matthews in Barkly West is unsuitable for dissecting corpses owing to inadequate ventilation.

These issues are concerning because Forensic Pathology Officers (FPOs) in Kimberley are required to travel to various locations for dissections, without the employer's support for travel costs. The PSA further noted that administrative staff and general workers do not receive danger allowances. FPOs also report not receiving counselling or immunisation despite the risks associated with their work.

All public servants are encouraged to join the PSA by contacting Mhlanguli Madubela on 082 880 8982.

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