



MEDIA STATEMENT

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MEC CHILOANE DEEPLY SADDENED BY DEATH OF EXAM MARKER

Gauteng Education MEC, Mr Matome Chiloane, is deeply saddened by the passing of a female IsiXhosa NSC examination paper marker (50) at the Alberton Marking Centre on Tuesday, 3 December 2024.

According to reports, the marker allegedly tripped and hit her head against a pole while leaving the centre on Tuesday evening. She was immediately rushed to the hospital but, sadly, succumbed to her injuries later that night while receiving medical attention.

Our Psycho-Social Support Unit has arranged to be on-site at the Alberton Marking Centre today to provide emotional support to her colleagues and other markers affected by this incident.

“We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of the deceased marker. Her commitment to the education sector was invaluable, and her untimely passing is a profound loss to all of us,” said MEC Chiloane.

NORTHVIEW HIGH ACTING PRINCIPAL SHOT 6 TIMES ON SCHOOL PREMISES

In another unfortunate incident, Gauteng Education MEC, Mr Matome Chiloane, is deeply shocked by an unfortunate incident that took place at Northview High School on Tuesday, 3 December 2024, where the Acting Principal was shot at 6 times in his office.

According to information at our disposal, two unidentified armed men entered the school premises on Tuesday morning under the guise of seeing the Acting Principal to give him a quotation for tree felling.

The men then reportedly entered the Acting Principal’s office and suddenly opened fire at him, hitting him 6 times before fleeing the scene. The Acting Principal was rushed to a medical facility, where he is currently in ICU.

Police investigations into the circumstances surrounding this incident are currently underway. Our Psycho-Social Support Unit will be dispatched on Wednesday, 4 December 2024, to provide necessary trauma counselling for learners and educators who may be affected by this incident.

“As the Department, we are deeply shocked by this brazen act of violence and lawlessness, which not only targeted a school leader but undermined the sanctity of our educational institution. We are working closely with law enforcement to ensure the perpetrators are brought to book. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Acting Principal, his family, and the school community during this difficult time and we wish him a speedy recovery,” said MEC Chiloane.

For more information, contact the Gauteng Department of Education’s Spokesperson, Steve Mabona on 072 574 3860 or Spokesperson for Gauteng Education MEC Matome Chiloane, Xolani Mkhwemte on 084 513 9285

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