

MEDIA RELEASE: Attack on workers at Bapong Health Centre is a serious indictment on health workers in the Public Sector

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is appalled by the violent attack on healthcare personnel at Bapong Health Centre in the Madibeng District, North West. The PSA strongly condemns this heinous act and calls for immediate intervention to ensure the safety of all healthcare workers.

Reports indicate that clinic staff and security personnel were brutally assaulted in the early hours of the morning by a group of individuals demanding priority treatment for a patient that was stabbed. When requested to wait to be attended the group reacted violently, assaulting and stabbing the staff. This horrific incident has left several workers severely injured and has caused widespread anxiety among healthcare personnel.

The PSA is deeply concerned about the growing trend of attacks on healthcare workers across the country. These frontline workers dedicate their lives to providing essential medical services, yet they continue to face physical assault, verbal abuse, robberies, and even fatal attacks while on duty. Such incidents severely undermine their commitment to delivering healthcare services and put their lives at risk.

The PSA demands that the government take urgent and decisive action to protect healthcare workers. This includes strengthening security measures at hospitals and clinics nationwide, increasing the number of healthcare facilities and staff to address high patient volumes and limited resources, and ensuring swift justice by holding the perpetrators accountable.

The PSA calls on the Minister of Police to prioritise this case and ensure that those responsible face the full might of the law. The assault on healthcare workers is not only an attack on individuals but a direct affront to the state's commitment to public health and service delivery.

The rising number of violent incidents at healthcare facilities is alarming and demands immediate government intervention. The PSA will continue to advocate for the safety and well-being of public servants and urges authorities to implement robust security measures to prevent further attacks on those who dedicate their lives to saving others.

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