



MEDIA RELEASE PSA calls for urgent action amidst rising robberies at public institutions in Gqeberha, Eastern Cape

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is extremely concerned about employees' safety in the wake of a recent spate of robberies at public institutions in the Gqeberha area of the Eastern Cape.

Recently, three schools in the area and a doctor working at Dora Nginza Hospital were robbed. These incidents have left affected employees, learners, and patients traumatised. The situation further directly infringes on workers' rights to safe working conditions as enshrined in the *Occupational Health and Safety Act (85 of 1993)*.

The increasing frequency and severity of these barbaric acts, if left unattended, will inevitably lead to employees fearing to go to work owing to unsafe conditions. This fear is exacerbated by employers' failure to provide a safe working environment.

The PSA urges the Eastern Cape Premier to intervene urgently, as this alarming trend needs to be addressed with all available means.

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