



MEDIA RELEASE **PSA calls on communities to unite against gender-based violence following fatal shooting of nurse in Limpopo**

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The Public Servants Association of South Africa (PSA) calls for urgent and decisive action by the South African Police Service and greater community involvement to combat gender-based violence in the wake of a fatal shooting of a nurse outside Lebowakgomo Hospital in Limpopo.

The nurse was on her way to work earlier this week when the tragic incident occurred. This brutal incident deepens the pervasive fear amongst women in South Africa where, on average, eight women are murdered every day. Such violent disregard for human life is a stark reflection of the moral decay and growing lawlessness.

The PSA is saddened by the loss of yet another dedicated health professional who had devoted her life to caring for and serving others. The PSA extends sincere condolences to her family, colleagues, and friends during this painful and challenging time.

The PSA appeals to men across the country to unite in the battle against violence directed at women. The PSA strongly reaffirms its support for the *365 Days of No Violence Against Women and Children* campaign and encourages all South Africans to cooperate in creating safer, more secure communities.

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