



MEDIA RELEASE PSA calls on SASSA to improve security at Limpopo offices

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is appalled by reports that employees were intimidated and brutally attacked at the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) Thabamoope Local Office in Limpopo.

The Office is based in the Lebowakgomo Government Complex that also houses other departments with a clear need for adequate security to protect resources and employees. The PSA is further concerned that the employees who were attacked were allegedly persuaded by the police not to open cases to avoid victimisation. Either than the matter being reported to management, it seems that very little has been done by law enforcement.

It is extremely worrying that the building remains unsecured. SASSA as an employer has a legal obligation to provide a workplace that is safe and without risk to employees. Management has not done anything to demonstrate that it values employees' health and safety. The employees did not receive counselling despite suffering trauma at the hands of criminals. Failure to deal with the persons who attacked the employees will set a precedent, allowing members of the public to believe that attacking officials is acceptable in dealing with their frustrations. The police officers who were at the scene and SASSA management must take responsibility for this situation.

Security at government buildings must be improved and the PSA has engaged SASSA with a demand that security be upgraded and that employees receive counselling. These demands have been ignored, and the PSA will escalate the matter to SASSA's CEO as the safety of employees is a matter governed by legislation and cannot be taken lightly.

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