



## Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority

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### Media Release

#### PSIRA serious about cleaning up the Private Security Industry

The crackdown on security service providers engaged in illegal activities and general non-compliance to the Private Security Industry Regulation Act is set to continue throughout the country in a campaign to clean up the industry and ensure the protection and promotion of the public interest. Section 20 of the Private Security Industry Regulation Act stipulates that no person may in any manner render a security service for remuneration, reward, a fee or benefit, unless such a person is registered as a security service provider. The past few months saw security service providers not adhering to the law by either deploying unregistered security officers or operating businesses unaccredited with the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSIRA) being apprehended in several planned joint operations between PSIRA and the South African Police Services (SAPS).

The operations resulted in 306 security service providers throughout the country apprehended with convictions as per the below table.

Number of arrests	Unregistered	Foreign Nationals	Non-compliance with the Firearms Act	Initiated by the department of labour
306	300	127	2	26

These operations, aimed at ensuring a clean private security industry are conducted in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies such as Department of Labour, Department of Home Affairs and the South African Police Services. Out of the 306 arrests effected, 300 were as a result of operations initiated by PSIRA and 26 on invitation by the department of labour. 300 security service providers comprising of 127 foreign nationals were found to be operating whilst not registered, 2 for contravening the fire-arms Act and 26 for non compliance with the Basic Conditions of Employment Act.

Criminal cases opened against those implicated for respective contraventions of the Act and code of conduct hearing enquiries are being held on concerned security service providers with fines up to R10 000 00 imposed for the said infringements.

PSIRA is responsible to ensure that everyone that renders a security service undergoes the necessary training for the service offered and for the screening of everyone intending to enter the industry to ensure that those with serious criminal convictions are prohibited from operating in the industry.

Apart from operations conducted in collaboration with SAPS, PSIRA conducts regular inspections to investigate and detect unregistered security businesses as well as other criminal contraventions of the Private Security Industry Regulation Act.

Section 20 of the Private Security Industry Regulation Act makes provision for every owner, director, trustee, or partner to be registered and ensure that every security officer in their employ meet the registration requirements as set out in the Act and be lawfully registered with PSIRA before security related services are offered.

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