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PSIRA CONDEMNS THE KILLING OF SECURITY GUARDS IN SOWETO AND KZN

The Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSiRA), strongly condemns the unbridled killing spree of security officers which have sent shock waves across the country.

The first incident was the cold blooded killing of two security officers reportedly near Maponya Mall, SOWETO. The deceased security officers were working for 24/7 Security Services. The video clip of this this horrific incident was captured on the dashboard camera of their patrol vehicle and has since gone viral on social media.

Whilst the private security industry was still reeling from this shock, another callous shooting happened around Bushbuck Road in Ntshongweni, KwaZulu-Natal, whereby two security officers, both in their twenties, were shot at, sustaining critical injuries.

Mr Manabela Chauke, PSiRA's Chief Executive Officer, did not mince his words when he said, "an attack on security officers is tantamount to an onslaught against the State. Therefore, PSiRA will lend its support to the police to ensure that the perpetrators of these barbaric acts are apprehended as swiftly as possible as it would be somewhat, a welcome relief to the deceased families and the industry at large".

The CEO further reiterated that communities should rally behind the police to put an end to these continuous attacks on our security officers. Moreover, Chauke has urged the public to be circumspect when posting such graphic videos on social media to show respect for the deceased families.

Accordingly, the Authority would like to convey a message of condolence to the families of the security officers.

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