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INGONYAMA SECURITY SERVICES LOSES ITS APPEAL AGAINST THEIR SUSPENSION: SHOOTING INVOLVING ITS SECURITY OFFICERS AT BRAKPAN TAXI RANK

PRETORIA-On the 27th of February 2019, the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSiRA) suspended Ingonyama Security Services and its member/Director following the taxi-related violence which resulted in the loss of lives which happened on 23 May 2018, in Brakpan, Gauteng, wherein security officers employed by the company, were arrested.

Subsequent to the suspension, the business appealed against the decision of its suspension in terms of Section 30 of the Private Security Industry Regulation Act 56 of 2001 to the Minister of Police. The Minister then appointed an Appeals Committee to adjudicate the matter which was heard on 20 June 2019. The business' application was subsequently dismissed by the Appeals Committee.

PSiRA's CEO, Manabela Chauke, says that, "The Authority welcomes the dismissal of the appeal, which is a sign of the seriousness of the allegations against the business and an emphatic indication that the Authority will always act without fear or favour and in the public interest."

Furthermore, Chauke accentuated that the act of lawlessness and criminality by any private security service provider will not be tolerated. Security Service Providers are bound by the industry's Code of Conduct which amongst others, provides that, "A private security provider may not infringe any rights of a person as provided for in the Bill of Rights." The code of conduct further enjoins security service providers to act in a manner that promotes good discipline in public interest and the private security industry itself.

Based on the prescripts of PSiR Act, Section 26 (3), the effects of a suspension is that the security service provider whose registration is suspended may not render any security services, unless otherwise, prior written permission by the Authority has been obtained or the suspension is uplifted.

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