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The Shooting of a Nurse at Tembisa Hospital Highlights Persisting Scourge of GBV and Femicide

Yesterday, South Africans woke up to shocking news reports in the media about the shooting of a Nurse allegedly by her Policer Officer Partner at the Tembisa Hospital. The alleged shooter is reported to be her intimate partner. It is reported that the victim died on the scene, and that the alleged shooter is currently in a critical condition after turning the gun on himself.

“The Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) sends its condolences to the Nurse’s family and trust that they would find comfort and solace during this time of unimaginable distress. As part of our Constitutional and Legal Mandate, the Commission will be monitoring the development around this matter, taking into cognisance that the perpetrator of this heinous crime is also fighting for his life. The Commission believes that justice will prevail”, said Ms Tamara Mathebula, the Chairperson of the Commission of Gender Equality.

This CGE has consistently highlighted the scourge of brutal intimate partner violence in the country over the years. This incident once again places the spotlight on the challenge of gender-based violence in general, and in particularly the emotive problem of intimate partner violence. During our annual national campaigns on 16 Days of Activism, the Commission regularly uses various fora or platforms to highlight the worrying and increasing numbers of intimate partner killings.

Tembisa has been declared one of the GBV hotspots in the province. This places a great obligation and duty on the part of the law enforcement and security authorities to increase vigilance and heighten security around public facilities, including schools in the light of the recent incident where a Deputy School Principal was also shot and killed at one of the schools in the province.

Once again, the CGE implores South Africans to join hands as part of the 365 Days of Activism to continue raising awareness and advocating against the scourge of gender-based violence. The Commission condemns any kind of gender-based violence committed regardless of the gender of the person who commits it.



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The Commission hopes that, and encourages, members of our communities across the country to use alternative and less violent methods of resolving conflicts.

END,

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