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MEDIA ADVISORY DAY 3: NATIONAL JOINT INQUIRY INTO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM RESPONSE TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND FEMICIDE (GBVF) IN SOUTH AFRICA

Attention: Editors and Reporters

Date: 29 September 2026

NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT TO APPEAR BEFORE THE NATIONAL JOINT INQUIRY ON GBVF

Tomorrow, on 30 September 2026, the National Joint Inquiry convened by the Commission for Gender Equality (CGE), the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) and the Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities (CRL Rights Commission) will enter its third day.

The Inquiry is examining the reporting, victim support, investigation and pre-trial functioning of the criminal justice system in responding to gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) in South Africa.

On Day 3, the National Department of Social Development will appear before the Inquiry. The Department's participation will provide an opportunity for the Inquiry to examine the psychosocial and other support services available to victims and survivors of GBVF, including the systems and interventions in place to support those affected by gender-based violence and femicide.

The Inquiry seeks to gain a deeper understanding of the experiences of victims and survivors, and the institutional responses intended to support them throughout the criminal justice process.

INQUIRY DETAILS

Dates: 28 September – 2 October 2026

Venue: Forum A, Braampark Office Park, 33 Hoofd Street, Braamfontein, Johannesburg

Time: 09:00 daily

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the proceedings.

Members of the public will also be able to follow the proceedings online. Daily livestream links will be made available through the SAHRC YouTube channel, @SAHRC1.

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