
MEDIA STATEMENT

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Attention: Journalists and News Editors

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MINISTER MAITE NKOANA- MASHABANE IS OUTRAGED BY THE KILLING OF MS PRECIOUS RAMABULANA

The Minister in the Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, Maite Nkoana-Mashabane is outraged by the killing of Ms Precious Ramabulana – the 19-year old student who was studying at the Ramokhopho Campus of the Capricorn TVET College. Ramabulana was brutally murdered on the eve of 16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children Campaign which was officially opened in Witpoort, Limpopo.

Ramabulana was stabbed multiple times in her off-campus dorm room. It was also reported that she was raped.

It is deeply concerning that the brutal killing of women continues even after President Cyril Ramaphosa has pleaded with the nation to stop this barbaric behaviour against women and children. “Gender-based violence is a shame on South Africa’s conscience and we are pleading with the police to find the perpetrator(s) and ensure that justice is served. GBVF must stop, enough is enough,” said Minister Nkoana-Mashabane.

In his address at the opening of the 16 Days of Activism Campaign, President Ramaphosa said: “We will not be defeated by this scourge. We will turn the tide. Let us move together, a nation resolute and above all united, to end gender-based violence and femicide forever.” The President also outlined the Emergency Response Plan to curb the attacks, which included reducing gender-based violence case backlogs at forensic laboratories, and harsher jail sentences for convicted rapists and murderers.

The department also launched a National Pledge which calls on all men to partner with women in fighting this scourge. Men must form part of the solution. The country of South Africa has millions of

good men, and these men need to stand together to root out abusive men by engaging in behavioural change campaigns, and take action in ensuring abusive men are reported.

The department wishes to send its condolences to family and friends of Ms Ramabulana.

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