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COMMISSIONERS' ACTIVITIES

Investigative Hearing Report on the Underlying Socio-economic Challenges of Mining-affected Communities in South Africa



SAHRC report finds inconsistent legal compliance by mining industry

The South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) has released its investigative hearing report on the underlying socio-economic challenges of mining-affected communities in the country.

Among other things, it found that despite extensive regulation, current industry practice is still characterised by inconsistent legal compliance.

Commissioner Jonas Ben Sibanyoni spoke to Eye Witness News regarding the report. [Click here for the podcast](#)

Source: EWN

 **Sibongile Mashaba** @smashaba · Aug 22

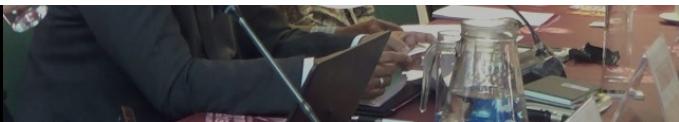
@SAHRC will today release an investigative report on the underlying socio-economic challenges of mining-affected communities in South Africa

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“The mining report aims to improve the lives of people living in mining areas,”
Adv Bongani Majola, SAHRC Chairperson.





"The benefits of mining operations disproportionately favors mining companies and the state," Commissioner Mohamed Ameermia.



"Mining communities live in fear, houses are demolished, activists are targeted," Prof. Tracy Lynn-Humby Wits University.



"Mining companies must work closely with municipalities to ensure alignment of social and labour plan," Dr Shanelle Van Der Berg, SAHRC Senior Researcher for Equality.



"There is a need to recognise security of tenure beyond traditional concepts of ownership," Dr Shanelle Van Der Berg, SAHRC Senior Researcher for Equality.

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#MiningReportLaunch There is failure by all relevant stakeholders to cater for rapid influx of people in mining areas.



National Hearing on the Underlying Socio-economic Challenges of Mining-affected Communities in South Africa

13-14 SEPTEMBER; 26 AND 28 SEPTEMBER; 3 NOVEMBER 2016



The report is available on SAHRC website www.sahrc.org.za. [Click here to download the report.](#)

SAHRC IN THE MEDIA

Hope for better life

The South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) has taken steps to help residents of Lavender Hill and the surrounding areas with the ongoing gang violence. The SAHRC was established to support constitutional democracy and promote respect for, observance of and protection of human rights.

On Tuesday August 21 parents, school governing bodies and organisations met with officials from the SAHRC at Hillwood Primary School in Lavender Hill to discuss a way forward following daily shootings in the area.

Children have been negatively affected by the gang violence and absenteeism at school has increased dramatically.

One parent at the meeting, who did not want to be named, said her children are only attending school two or three times a week.

Source: Southern Mail

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Commission for Gender Equality and the Human Rights Commission being merged into one group – Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, Lechesa Tsenoli joins Stephen Grootes in the line for more on this.

[Click here to the podcast.](#)

Source: SAFM

Human Rights Commission condemns violence against foreigners



Residents of Jabavu, Soweto, loot a foreign-owned spaza shop after Banele Qhayiso was allegedly shot dead by a shop owner on August 29, 2018.

Image: Thulani Mbele

The South African Human Rights Commission says South Africans should remember that foreigners have rights too.

The statement comes after incidents of deadly looting of foreign-owned shops in some Gauteng townships this week.

At least three people were killed in the violence. “The commission would like to reiterate that every human being inside of the republic – irrespective of ethnic origin or country of birth - has the protection of the rights set out in the Bill of Rights,” spokesperson Gail Smith said.

“Looting, violence and intimidation are not appropriate responses to disaffection and the commission appeals to communities not to act in an unlawful manner, nor to infringe on the rights of others,” she added.

The looting was sparked by claims that some of the shops were selling expired and illicit goods. The Health Ministry announced earlier this week that it was looking into these allegations. Law enforcement authorities have been conducting raids in some areas, seizing illicit goods. The SAHRC said the allegations were not an excuse for violence.

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Source: Times Live

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This followed an incident which happened on 17 February at the station. Nelson Maisela of the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) explained: "During an argument over office space, Enslin had allegedly called Sergeant Moses Molepo [by] the k-word. Several witnesses alluded to this during the hearing.

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Head of the SAHRC in Limpopo, Victor Mavhidula, commented: "We are happy at the outcome of the case against Enslin and we believe that it will send a clear message that racism has no place in our society." Enslin said on Tuesday: "I'm still weighing my options over my dismissal and have no comment to make."

Source: SA Labour N

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Source: SA Labour News

SAHRC: #AdamCatzavelos probe underway



Video screengrab - supplied

The South African Human Rights Commission says it has received more than 50 complaints of hate speech and racism against Adam Catzavelos' racist video.

The commission's Priscilla Jana says they've been inundated with requests for Catzavelos to be brought to justice.

The Johannesburg businessman's comments were met with anger on social media.

While on holiday in Greece, he filmed himself using the K-word saying it's heaven on earth because there are no black people in sight.

Source: Jacaranda FM

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PE clinic reopened after meeting with authorities and residents



Residents closed down Kwazakele clinic after staff and patients were robbed on numerous occasions. (Joseph Chirume, GroundUp)

A public clinic in Port Elizabeth has been reopened after it was shut down by residents last week. This comes after authorities intervened. Kwazakhele clinic, which serves about 500 patients a day and has 60 employees, was shut down over accusations that the health department was failing to honour its promise to upgrade its security system and aging infrastructure.

According to GroundUp, staff and patients have been robbed on numerous occasions, according to the protesting residents. They said the most recent incident occurred at the end of July when two security guards were tied up and robbed in broad daylight at the clinic. Thieves made off with the guards' cellphones.

Clinic committee chairperson Xolani Sandlana told GroundUp: "We are trying to work in conditions that are not safe, but patients have a constitutional right to get treated under safe and secured conditions. It is unfortunate that at this clinic, this is not possible because of crime."

Source: News 24

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Sonke and Lawyers for Human Rights welcome the Deputy Minister of Police's

statement on unintended consequences of public statements he made in July 2017

Sonke Gender Justice (Sonke) and Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) welcome the public statement issued by the Deputy Minister of Police, Mr Bongani Mkongi on 21 August 2018. In what is unprecedented in South Africa, there is acknowledgement, and regret expressed by a political leader that acknowledges the unintended consequences of public statements on migrant safety. Sonke and LHR work in communities where xenophobic violence destroys the fabric of society, especially those communities that struggle to combat crime and where poverty is exacerbated by poor service delivery.

In August 2017, following correspondence with the Deputy Minister and public statements expressing concerns about his remarks in Hillbrow on 14 July 2017, Sonke and LHR laid a complaint about the Deputy Minister's alleged xenophobic statements with the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC). Read more

Source: Sonke Gender Justice

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

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SAHRC ON YOUTUBE: SAHRC1



SAHRC intervenes in the stand-off between locals and non-nationals in Zeerust.

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Nomathamsanqa Manamela (HO) - 04th

Allan Tumbo (HO) - 07th

Brandon Ainslie (EC) - 08th

Mahlatse Ngobeni (LMP) - 19th

Mandy Mashele (HO) - 20th

Pavershree Padayachee (KZN) - 21st

Lorinda Lynn (HO) - 22nd

Mokgadi Nyuswa & Matimba Ndhlovu (HO) - 23rd

Tshepang Sebulela (HO) - 24th

Rulani Khuvutlu (HO) - 29th

Yolokazi Mvovo (HO) - 30th

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