



MEDIA ADVISORY

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PSiRA CONDEMNS RECENT INCIDENTS INVOLVING SECURITY SERVICES PROVIDERS

The Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSiRA) is deeply concerned about recent incidents involving security service providers engaging in criminal activities. The private security sector plays a crucial role in safeguarding people and assets across the country, and this responsibility demands the highest standards of integrity and professionalism.

PSiRA has taken note of two alarming incidents in the Western Cape and KwaZulu-Natal, as well as reports of extortion activities involving private security companies nationwide.

Incident 1: Nyanga Shooting Involving Security Officers

PSiRA strongly condemns the recent shooting incident in Nyanga, Western Cape, allegedly involving individuals linked to private security companies. The incident, which resulted in fatalities and injuries, underscores the pressing need to address violence and misconduct within the private security sector.

Incident 2: Allegations Against Prosecure CEO

In KwaZulu-Natal, PSiRA has noted with concern the arrest of Mr Ferrel Govender, Group CEO of Prosecure, a registered private security company, along with his brother. The two have been charged in connection with the tragic shooting of a businessperson in Umhlanga.

Incident 3: Extortion Activities

PSiRA has also received reports of private security companies and individuals allegedly engaging in extortion activities. Such actions erode the integrity of the private security industry and endanger the safety and economic stability of businesses and communities across South Africa.

Immediate Actions by PSiRA

PSiRA has launched investigations into these incidents and is conducting compliance audits on all implicated security service providers. In collaboration with the South African Police Service (SAPS), PSiRA is working to ensure that those responsible are held accountable.

Any security companies or individuals found to have violated the PSiRA Act or contributed to these criminal acts will face strict regulatory measures, including suspension or deregistration upon conclusion of the investigations.

PSiRA reaffirms its commitment to upholding a professional and ethical private security industry that prioritises the safety and security of all South Africans. The Authority will continue enforcing stringent compliance standards to ensure all registered security companies and personnel adhere to the highest standards of conduct.

PSiRA's Position on the Incidents

As the regulatory authority for the private security industry, PSiRA unequivocally condemns all acts of violence and criminality involving private security providers or their employees. These actions not only jeopardise community safety but also undermine public trust in the industry. PSiRA will act decisively within its mandate to support investigations and ensure accountability.

Call to Action for Security Companies

PSiRA urges all private security companies to conduct their operations responsibly and resolve conflicts peacefully. The use of excessive force or involvement in criminal activities will not be tolerated.

Message to the Public

PSiRA encourages the public to report any misconduct or concerns regarding private security companies. Reports can be made via the toll-free complaints helpdesk at **086 133 3850** or via email at **Complaints@psira.co.za**.

By addressing these issues, PSiRA aims to restore public confidence in the private security industry and ensure it continues to serve as a pillar of safety and protection for all South Africans.

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The Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSiRA) was established in terms of Section 2 of Act 56 of 2001 to effectively regulate the private security industry and to exercise effective control over the practice of the occupation of security service providers in the public and national interest and in the interest of the private security industry itself.