



MEDIA ADVISORY

SACE TO VISIT TSHEGOFE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The SACE team will today the 5th day of May 2021 visit Tshegofe School at Letlhakaneng village in the North West province where a female teacher was allegedly stabbed with a sharp object by a fellow male teacher from another school. The alleged incident happened on the first day of the school re-opening on Monday, 3 May at the nearby community hall which was used by the school as temporary accommodation as the school was going under renovations.

It is alleged that the perpetrator stormed into a community hall where the victim was called outside by the perpetrator and later the argument erupted between the pair. The Management of the school managed to rescue the situation, however, the victim had already sustained multiple stab wounds from a sharp object that the perpetrator used to attack her. The victim is in the intensive care unit whilst the perpetrator had been arrested.

Teachers as leaders in society are expected to impart the notion in our children that violence is not the answer and disagreements cannot be solved through violence and further that violence is never the answer to address differences.

School violence especially by a teacher affects not only those who are directly victimised but also those who witness the violence occurring at schools, creating an atmosphere of fear and apprehension, which interfere with a pupil's ability to learn.

The SACE condemns this unfortunate incident that occurred in Tshegofe Primary school. This incident happened in the wake of the handbook on teacher safety that was launched by the SACE on 31st March 2021.

The handbook aims to address these kinds of challenges, among other things. SACE strongly condemns violence against any teacher or community members.

The act of the perpetrator was in breach of the SACE code of professional ethics and as a result, SACE will immediately be launching an investigation into the incident as it views such conduct in a very serious light and cannot accept or tolerate such unprofessional conduct.

Our thoughts and best wishes are with the teacher and her family for a speedy recovery.

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