

MEDIA STATEMENT:
01 November 2015

Mncwabe family killers must repent and reveal accomplices, says KZN Health MEC

KWAZULU-NATAL Health MEC, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo, has called on the two brothers convicted for the murder of 8 members of the Mncwabe family to repent for their heinous acts, and reveal the identities of their accomplices.

In a speech delivered on behalf on KwaZulu-Natal Premier, Mr Senzo Mchunu, KZN Health MEC, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo, yesterday said: "This is a despicable act of violence and hatred. It is unlikely that young people in their 20s can have so much deep-seated hatred and kill even a one year old with a panga without being possessed by Satan, or under the influence of drugs."

The Mncwabe family, including one-year old child, were massacred last week in a midnight attack at Mabheleni, a village on the KwaZulu-Natal south coast.

Their murders are believed to be linked to allegations of witchcraft.

Thulani Mncwabe, 28, and his brother Sibonelo Mncwabe, 26, were arrested and pleaded guilty on Wednesday for killing their relatives. They were sentenced to seven life terms by the Pietermaritzburg High Court on Thursday.

"Indeed, they must pay the price for what they've done. The Mncwabe family has lost their loved ones. They are now homeless after one of their rondavel was burnt. The killers must repent, and also tell the world who the rest of the perpetrators are, so that they too can be subjected to the full might of the law," said Dr Dhlomo.

ENDS

Issued by the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health Contact Sam Mkhwanazi
on 081 038 2193.