

KZN Health MEC condemns fatal act of violence by unknown thugs at King Edward VIII Hospital

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KwaZulu-Natal Health MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo has condemned in the strongest possible terms an incident at King Edward VIII Hospital today, in which two unknown armed intruders were shot dead while a hospital security guard was shot in the leg. He also praised the guards for being alert at all hours.

It is alleged that the intruders are part of the group of aggrieved people who are employed by outsourced security companies. The Department understands that the unknown armed men entered the hospital and a shootout ensued between them and security guards on duty. Two of the intruders were shot dead, and a security guard had to receive treatment in the trauma unit after being shot in the leg. A nurse was also assaulted while walking from the matron's office to the transport department.

MEC Dhlomo said: *"This is a very unfortunate and unnecessary incident. I would like to once again urge any aggrieved individuals to desist from perpetrating acts of violence, and instead follow the appropriate channels, using recognised labour formations, to air their grievances.*

"We also wish to call upon law enforcement authorities to work to ensure that people who break the law, or those behind acts of sabotage, are apprehended and made to face the full might of the law."

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