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KZN Health MEC, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo, sends condolences to the family of murdered Edendale hospital nurse

KWAZULU-NATAL Health MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo has sent his deepest condolences to the family of a 46 year-old Edendale Hospital nurse who was shot and killed in cold blood at her home in Napierville, Pietermaritzburg, early yesterday evening (22 April 2016).

It is alleged that Ms Thabisile Doyisa had just got home from work when she was murdered.

Ms Doyisa, who was a professional nurse who specialised in advanced midwifery, had worked at Edendale Hospital since 1992.

She has been described by her colleagues as a down to earth, humble, flexible and hard-working person who was always dedicated to her profession.

MEC Dhlomo reacted with shock and sadness to the news of her murder.

“To lose a nurse under such brutal circumstances, is unacceptable and a huge setback to the department's efforts to provide quality health care to all. From what we hear, nurse Doyisa was a dedicated staff member who will be extremely hard to replace.

“We wish to pass our deepest condolences to her family, colleagues and friends. We are grateful that a suspect, whom we believe was known to the late nurse, has been arrested.

“We hope whoever is responsible for this callous act will be subjected to the full might of the law,” MEC Dhlomo said.

Earlier this month, 28 year-old Nelisiwe Shelembe, a professional nurse from Grey's Hospital, was shot dead, also in Pietermaritzburg, while on her way to work.

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