

# Ndaleneni clinic double killing: KZN Health MEC sends condolences to families of the victim and perpetrator

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KwaZulu-Natal Health MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo has sent his deepest condolences to the family of a nurse who was fatally shot by her fiancé inside a consulting room at Ndaleneni Clinic in Richmond yesterday.

It is alleged that the shooter, identified as Grey's Hospital ward clerk Themba Bhengu, then shot himself and also demised.

This incident comes as South Africa gears up to spread awareness about the plight of women and child abuse through the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children campaign, which begins tomorrow.

Staff nurse Nomusa Angel Ngcongco, 35, from the Slahla area, had worked at Ndaleneni Clinic since 2012, following a transfer from Grey's Hospital. Affectionately known as "Noms", she has been described by her friends and colleagues as a "very polite, dedicated and intelligent". She would call her patients "abantu bami" (my people). She had no children, and had been staying with her mother, who is sickly.

Reacting to the incident, MEC Dhlomo said: "We are shocked and saddened by this callous and inhumane act. What is even worse is that it has come at a time when government is intensifying its efforts to create a better environment for women, through the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children campaign which begins tomorrow.

*Murder is unacceptable and regrettable, and will never be a way to resolve any dispute. The death of any health worker is always difficult to deal with, as the work that they do can be considered Godly. But we are always even more concerned when women are killed or harmed by those who are known to them, and are supposed to care for them.*

*We wish to offer our deepest condolences to the families, colleagues and friends of both the nurse and perpetrator, as this must be devastating for both sides. As we begin the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children campaign, we wish to urge all women who may feel that their lives are under threat to confide in someone or approach law enforcement authorities for assistance. They must not stay in an abusive relationship.*



*Staff nurse Nomusa Angel*

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