

Moving tribute paid by colleagues of slain Grey's Hospital nurse

KZN Health MEC, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo joined Senior Management and colleagues of the Grey's Hospital slain nurse at the memorial service held in her honour at the institution this afternoon.

Sr Ntokozo Millicent Xulu was gunned down at her home at Grange just as she was arriving from night duty at Grey's Hospital on Tuesday morning.

MEC Dhlomo expressed shock and dismay at the continued killing of female nurses in the UMgungundlovu District saying:

'Sr Xulu becomes the third nurse to be brutally killed in the space of three years in this District. All these nurses can be said to have been basically killed on duty as the other was travelling to work when she was shot on the freeway from Howick whilst the other was outside Edendale Hospital. One of these nurses was killed by an assailant using an R5 Rifle.

It is all shocking;'

She leaves behind two children; both girls aged 17 and 13 as well as her younger brother. Colleagues of Sr Xulu described her as highly intelligent; warm; caring and bubbly saying the paediatric ward at Grey's Hospital will never be the same again. They say she was a bed-side nurse who treated all her patients equally and had a penchant and passion for working with children. MEC Dhlomo says this is not surprising judging by her qualifications:

'Within two years after her employ as a mere Auxiliary Nurse in 1995, Sr Ndlovu was qualified as an Enrolled Nurse. Thereafter she was selected for the Bridging Course that made her become a Professional Nurse in 2003.

She demonstrated that her passion was with Paediatrics by following her midwifery studies with a post basic qualification in Child Nursing Science.

We have truly lost a mother to all sick babies at Grey's Hospital, who was at home with working night duties at a very busy paediatric medical department.'

MEC Dhlomo what makes this death more painful is the fact that Sr Xulu was gunned down in the sanctuary of her home where she was least expecting to be attacked.

The news of the death of Sr Ntokozo Millicent Ndlovu still remain incompressible to her colleagues who expected her to report back for her duties on Tuesday.

She will be laid to rest on Saturday [Jan 28] at the Sweetwaters Cemetery in Pietermaritzburg at 9h00.

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The MEC for Health Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo with Xulu and Ngcobo family during the memorial service of Ntokozo Millicent Xulu at Grey's Hospital



The MEC for Health Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo deliver his speech during memorial service of Ntokozo Xulu at Grey's Hospital