

Fatal Umlazi clinic and King Dinuzulu hospital shooting: KZN MEC sends deepest condolences

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KwaZulu-Natal Health MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo has expressed his deepest condolences to the families of two KSA Security supervisors who have sadly lost their lives after allegedly being shot by a security officer at Umlazi U Clinic on Saturday night.

It is alleged that the supervisors had arrived at the clinic looking for the security officer, but they could not find him as he was not at his post. When he eventually appeared, an argument ensued and the security officer allegedly shot both men. One of the supervisors demised on the scene, while another was rushed to hospital, where he unfortunately lost his life.

The security guard was arrested and is due to appear in court today (Monday, 29 January 2018). In a separate incident late on Friday night, a man sustained fatal gunshot wounds during a stand-off with security guards after trying to break into the King Dinuzulu Hospital. His accomplice was apprehended by the SAPS and is due to appear in court on Monday.

Reacting to these incidents, MEC Dhlomo said: "We wish to send our condolences to the families of the security supervisors who lost their lives. We are deeply pained by the fact that they demised at one of our health facilities, allegedly at the hands of someone who was tasked with looking after state property and the safety of the public, including that of the people that he allegedly killed. We wish their families strength at this difficult time, and sincerely hope that justice will take its course in this regard.

"Regarding the incident at King Dinuzulu Hospital, this is yet another worrying example of the moral decay in our society that we find ourselves confronted by. It is inconceivable that anyone would want to break into a health facility – something that would undoubtedly sabotage its operations and potentially place the lives of innocent people at risk.

We commend Kenyon Security for being vigilant in protecting state property. It is regrettable that a life has been lost. But if these people had not resorted to what they did, none of this would have happened."