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## SAHRC IN THE MEDIA

### The days of hate speech and racism are over

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Earl Coetzee



Former president Jacob Zuma's son Edward during an interview on April 1, 2016 in Durban, South Africa. Picture: Gallo Images

This is clear after yesterday's Equality Court hate speech ruling against former president Jacob Zuma's son Edward, along with the racism conviction of Vicki Momberg. According to Ulrich Roux, a Johannesburg attorney, recent court findings set a clear precedent that the courts will no longer tolerate any speech that seeks to divide South Africans along the lines of race or ethnicity.

The South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) was granted an order in the Equality Court in Durban yesterday that interdicts Zuma from "publishing, propagating, advocating or communicating hate speech". This comes after statements he made in an open letter in July 2017. Therein, he referred to ministers Pravin Gordhan and Derek Hanekom as sellouts and supporters of white monopoly capital. (Source: The Citizen) [Read more](#)

### Limpopo Health cuts ties with ARVs distributor



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The WHO's latest guidelines recommend the provision of ARVs to HIV-negative men who have sex with men who may have difficulties using condoms consistently. File Photo.

**LIMPOPO** – The South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) will be monitoring the readiness of public health facilities in Moutse before the Department of Health begins the process of transferring HIV patients from the Ndlovu Care Group into public health facilities of their choice.

SAHRC commissioner Victor Mavhidula said this was necessary in order to avoid another Life Esidimeni crisis, and so all health facilities will have to be properly ready before the transfer can take place.

Ndlovu Care Group is an NGO which distributes ARVs to HIV positive patients in Moutse near Groblersdal in Sekhukhune. Currently, they roll out ARVs to 3501 patients in the Moutse area. (Source: Health-E News) [Read more](#)

## Free Internet Access for All South Africans Should Be Human Right

### Free internet access for all South Africans should be a basic human right

16 May 2018, 12:31 PM | Izak Minnaar | @SABCNewsOnline



Image: Reuters

The IAB SA has kick-started a campaign for all South Africans to have free basic access to the Internet. As the right to information is one of our constitutional rights, it follows that South Africans should have the ability to access this information freely.

Chris Borain, chair of the IAB SA, says, "We believe in fostering digital equality among all citizens. While Icasa is taking great strides to address the high cost of data, a basic level of free Internet access is a separate issue that requires as much attention. All South Africans, especially vulnerable groups and those without access to mobile phones, have the right to access information online, from government services, employment opportunities or online education resources."

The IAB SA is already partnering with other media stakeholders to justify the case for free basic internet access and stimulate dialogue on the matter. (Source: SABC) [Read more](#)

## A day to recognise the equality of sexual orientation

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Cape Town - The SA Human Rights Commission said the aim of the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, observed on Thursday, was to co-ordinate and raise awareness of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression (Sogie) rights violations.

The SAHRC said on Thursday commemorated the decision to remove homosexuality from the international classification of diseases of the World Health Organisation in 1990.

"The SAHRC observes the day and has taken massive strides in its work related to Sogie rights, as established through its constitutional mandate as set out in section 184 of the constitution, to promote, protect and monitor the observance of the rights as set out in the Bill of Rights the commission said. (Source: IOL) [Read more](#)

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Law enforcement patrol Schulphoek Road during a protest over land by the Zwelihle community in Hermanus. Photo: Ashraf Hendricks

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Protests in Hermanus over housing and land for residents in Zwelihle have been ongoing all week and continued on Friday. Since March, protests have centred on a controversial land deal in neighbouring Schulphoek.

Zwelihle residents complained about broken promises and blamed municipal mismanagement and corruption for the lack of housing. GroundUp approached some protesters but they did not wish to speak to the media.

On Thursday police were on high alert in front of the Hermanus Beach Club complex, facing a field which protesters had set alight. About five different private security companies were guarding private property in the area. Sandbaai Neighbourhood Watch was on patrol. Stones and burnt debris was strewn across roads and pavements. Police told GroundUp that the protestors had kept them busy and were scattered everywhere in small groups. (Source: GroundUP) [Read more](#)

## Springs family to pay abused worker

## compensation - SAHRC

The South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) wants the Springs family in the east of Johannesburg that allegedly racially abused and forced their worker to drink liquid human faeces to pay him R100 000 in compensation.

The commission is representing the complainant Joseph Mona in the case brought before the Equality court sitting at the Springs Magistrates court in Gauteng's East Rand.

37 years old Mona is seeking a public apology and monetary compensation for his alleged ordeal. In December last year, the family allegedly forced Mona drink litres of faeces before attempting to drown him in a septic tank on their plot in Springs. (Source: Springs Town Press) [Read more](#)

## KZN Health pumps millions into resolving oncology crisis

Head of KZN Health Department Musa Gumede told the commission that millions have been spent on efforts to deal with oncology problems in the province.



*Head of the KwaZulu Natal Health Department Musa Gumede gives evidence before the SAHRC on the province's oncology crisis. Picture: Masego Rahlaga/EWN.*

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JOHANNESBURG - The head of the KwaZulu-Natal's Health Department has told the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) that close to R40 million has been spent in the past two years to try and deal with the backlog of cancer treatment for patients in the province.

Musa Gumede appeared before the commission in Braamfontein on Monday to answer questions about the department's role in dealing with the oncology crisis in the province.

The commission last month served MEC Sibongiseni Dhlomo with a subpoena after he and his department were singled out in a damning report by the commission last year. Officials were found to have violated the rights of oncology patients at the Addington and Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central hospitals. (Source: EWN) [Read more](#)

## UNISA bullying allegations: Investigator forced to end probe

An employee relations practitioner in the Human Resources Department at the University of South Africa (UNISA) told the South African Human Rights Commission that he experienced resistance when he attempted to conclude investigations into the directors accused of bullying and harassing subordinates

Leslie Kgapola was testifying on Wednesday at the hearing led by the SHRC to investigate allegations of unfair discrimination, racism, sexism and harassment at the UNISA college of law.

He said two of the women who were suspended by the university, were later reinstated without going through disciplinary hearings.

He told the hearing that Vice Chancellor, Prof Mandla Makhanya and Vice Principal of teaching, learning, community engagement and support, Prof Gugu Moche instructed him to halt investigations.

The director at the Directorate of Academic Planning Accreditation and Registration, Alice Mkuzangwe, has been accused of unfair labour practice, bullying and victimising her staff, insubordination, duty negligence, fraud and corruption.

Academic information system manager, Bayanda Malgas has been accused of bullying, harassment and victimising her staff. (Source: ANA Newswire) [Read more](#)

## Waiting To Die

KwaZulu Natal (KZN) is facing a cancer crisis. Within a year more than 300 cancer patients have reportedly died at one hospital alone (Nkosi Albert Luthuli Hospital), as a result of being unable to access life-saving treatment in time. Some cancer patients have even moved to other provinces to get necessary treatment.

Heartbroken families are angry that the health system is failing the most vulnerable, patients who rely on public healthcare services. Later this month KZN Health MEC, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo, will appear before the South African Human Rights Commission over his department's failure to meet deadlines put in place to rectify the province's oncology crisis.

With the highest rate of HIV-Aids related cancers- cervical cancer being the deadliest- KZN's lack of oncology services has increased the demand for palliative care. Hospices are left to shoulder the burden of patient care.

## Police identify victim of fatal hit-and-run during #SiqaloProtest

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WESTERN CAPE / 3 MAY 2018, 2:15PM / STAFF REPORTER



A 21-year-old resident died after he was run over by a taxi during protests outside the Isiqalo informal settlement in Philippi. Picture: Phando Jikelo/African News Agency/ANA

Cape Town - A 21-year-old Bayview resident died after he was run over by a taxi during protests outside the Isiqalo informal settlement in Philippi on Wednesday night.

Several residents were also injured on Wednesday night when the protests on Jakes Gerwel Drive became violent again.

The protests and related violence, including shooting, the burning of tires, looting of ATMs and businesses and the razing of a fruit and vegetable stall, have flared intermittently since late Tuesday night.

On Wednesday night, Mogamat Tauriq Mohamed was at the scene when a taxi ploughed into him, in an apparent hit-and-run, Wayne Dyason of the City's Fire and Rescue services said. (Source: IOL) [Read more](#)

## MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

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SAHRC KZN on an outreach in Makhambane in Mtubatuba.



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Before proceedings commenced judge Muller wished to put on record that he was sent several letters about his decision and that he refuses to be intimidated.  
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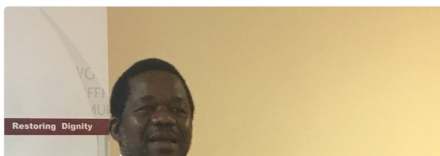
## SAHRC Celebrates Africa Day



**SAHRCCommission** @SAHRCCommission · May 25  
SAHRC celebrates #AfricaDay2018



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Africa had no borders, Adv Bongani Majola, SAHRC Chairperson #AfricaDay2018





## AFRICA DAY 2018

### 1. Best Dressed Business Unit or Province

b) Commissioners programme



Pic: Nobesuthu Cekiso, Ncumisa Willie, Gift Kgomo, Mpho Tsoku, Hlengiwe Khumalo, Allan Tumbo and Omolara Asuni.

### 2. Best Dressed Male

a) Gift

### 3. Best Dressed Female

a) Melina

### 4. Best Dressed Person

a) Pamella



Pic: Judy Hollenbach and Pamella Pango.

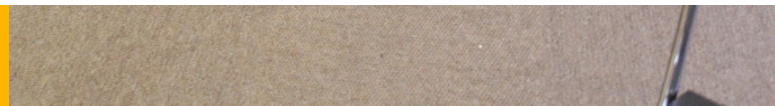
**5. Best Tasting African Dish**

- a) Breyani - Rakesh from Internal Audit

**6. Best dressed Commissioner**

- a) Commissioner Sibanyoni





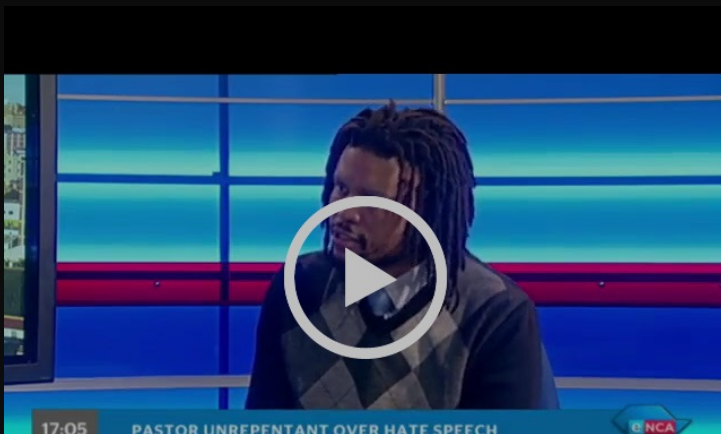
Pic: Commissioner Jonas Ben Sibanyoni, Mantsibile Mojapelo and Allan Tumbo.

**Some of the African dishes on display.**



**SAHRC ON YOUTUBE: SAHRC1**

**Gushwell Brooks on ENCA speaking  
about Pastor Bougardt's unrepentant  
hate speech.**



## Pastor Bougardt narrowly escape jail sentence for homophobic posts.

Commissioner Andre Gaum speaks to ENCA



## GP Provincial Manager, Buang Jones on oncology investigation at Charlotte Maxeke Hospital.



## REPORTS ON THE WEBSITE

### Website update

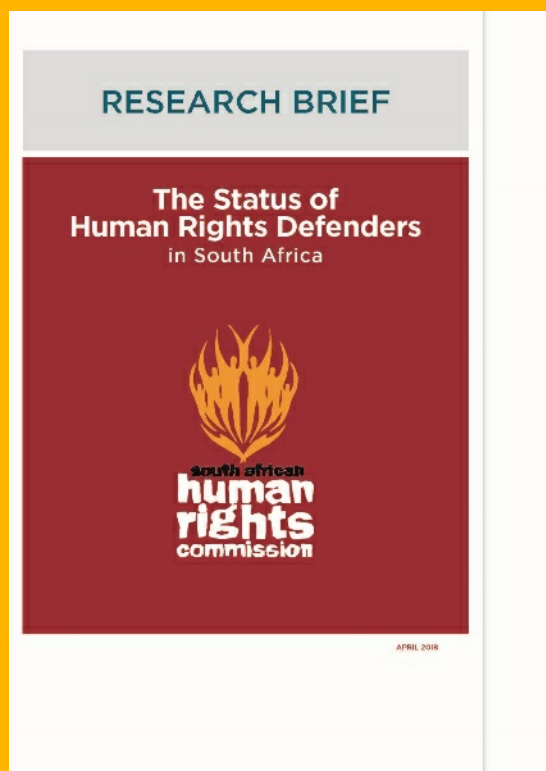
Dear Commissioners and Colleagues

Kindly note that the Commission's website has been updated with Research Briefs on *The Status of Human Rights Defenders in South Africa*, and *Unpacking the gaps and challenges in addressing gender-based violence in South Africa*.

To access reports click on the respective images below.

#### **The Status of Human Rights Defenders in South Africa**

This research brief seeks to highlight the current landscape and environment for human rights activism in South Africa, and the importance of ensuring that the work of HRDs receives the necessary promotion and protection from both State and non-State actors in ultimately achieving the goals enshrined in the Constitution.



## Unpacking the gaps and challenges in addressing gender-based violence in South Africa

As previously reported by the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC), Statistics South Africa (StatsSA) has estimated that 21 per cent of women over the age of 18 years have experienced physical violence by a partner, while 6 per cent of women have experienced sexual violence by a partner.<sup>5</sup> However, it is widely believed that these numbers are inaccurate due to the fact that many cases of GBV go unreported.



## BIRTHDAYS

Collin Shongwe (HO) 01st

Oarabile Gaoraelwe (NW) 04th

Jabulile Gumede (HO) 05th

Omolara Asuni (HO) 03rd

Carol Ngwenyama (MP) 05th

Chantelle Williams (NC) 08th

Musawenkosi Mchunu (HO) 09th

Sibongiseni Tula (HO) 14th

Gift Kgomosotho (HO) 15th

Nonandi Diko (WC), Barbara Moloi (HO) & Nompumelelo Sobekwa (HO)  
20th

Zamathuli Luthuli (NW) 21st

Lufuzo Yona (EC) 25th

Harriette Buga (GP), Neo Tsikwane (FS) & Siyasanga Giyose (HO) 26th

Commissioner Chris Nissen (WC) 28th

Phillip Molekoa (GP) & Peter Ngoasheng (HO) 29th

Sandile Mdunusana (HO) & Musa Mgenge (KZN) 30th

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