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COMMISSIONERS' ACTIVITIES

SAHRC convenes Dialogue on Policing and Human Rights

The South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) and the African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum (APCOF) convened a Dialogue on Policing and Human Rights in South Africa at the SAHRC Offices in Braamfontein on Thursday 20 and Friday 21 April 2017.

The dialogue comes at the backdrop of serious concern on the state of country's policing raised by the United Nations (UN) Committee on Human Rights in 2016. The SAHRC, APCOF, the SAPS, and other stakeholders will address these and other concerns during the Dialogue.



Civil claims amounting to more than R14 billion received by police ministry in last financial year

Civil claims totaling more than R14-billion rand – mainly for alleged human rights violations – were received by the police ministry in the last financial year.

This was revealed by the chairperson of the portfolio committee on police, Frans Beukman in Braamfontein, Johannesburg, during a dialogue on police and human rights hosted by the South African Human Rights Commission and the African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum. Beukman

Commission and the African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum. Beukman said the actual number of civil claims was 16,000, compared to 2,887 cases in the 2014/15 financial year.

SAHRC Chairperson Bongani Majola opening the Dialogue on Police and Human Rights.
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Commissioner Chris Nissen on SAHRC's work on Police and Human Rights

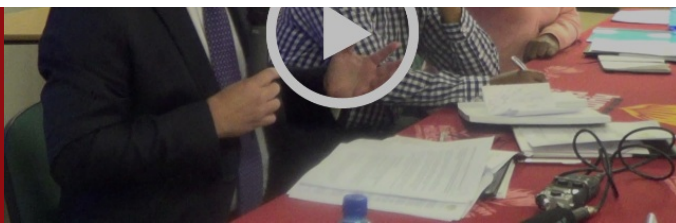


Commissioner Jonas Ben Sibanyoni on SAHRC's work on Police and Human Rights.



Portfolio Committee on Police Chair, Hon Francois Beukman on their role on Police and Human Rights.





SAHRC hosts Chicago School of Professional Psychology

The South African Human Rights Commission hosted the Chicago School of Professional Psychology who had visited the country to engage the Commission on Human rights and law enforcement as well as Children's rights and basic education.

Pic: Commissioner Angie Makwetla, (centre) together with the members of the secretariat took a moment to share memories with the Chicago School of Professional Psychology following an interactive engagement.



SAHRC IN THE MEDIA

Message being circulated about Monitoring and Surveillance

The South African Human Rights Commission is aware of an electronic communication currently being circulated that warns members of the public that, from today onwards, all calls will be monitored and all communications on WhatsApp, Twitter and Facebook and other forms of social media are being monitored by the police. It warns the members of the public not to forward any posts or videos they receive regarding politics and the present situation about the government. It suggests that there is a new communications law referred to as "Cyber Crime" allegedly being applied by the police to monitor to record phone communications, including on social media, and other electronic communications. [Read more](#)

Africa Pretrial Detention Day 2017

The 25th of April 2017 marks the 2nd anniversary of Africa Pretrial Detention Day, commemorated annually to raise awareness of the plight of thousands of people who are held in detention in police cells and prisons across Africa for prolonged periods without trial. The 25th April was chosen to coincide with the adoption by the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights of new Guidelines on Arrest, Police Custody and

Pretrial Detention ('the Luanda Guidelines'). The new Guidelines provide a blueprint for States to strengthen national systems and practices in relation to arrest, police custody and pretrial detention. The Luanda Guidelines reinforce the importance of a criminal justice system built on core human rights principles.

Call for govt action on Africa pretrial detention day

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Human Rights Commission calls on police to respect SA Constitution

Thursday 4 May 2017

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Some roads have been blocked.

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BE AWARE of criminal elements planning to disrupt protests today and take note of road closures in and around Durban.

Buses are blocking Umgeni Road, Cannabught bridge, the M4 at Blue Lagoon and the N3 Spaghetti Junction

buses are blocking Ornge Road, Connaught bridge, the M4 at Blue Lagoon and the N5 Spaghetti junction. Thousands of South Africans are exercising their right to protest today in the #ZumaMustFall marches. Meanwhile, some have expressed their intention to disrupt these legal protests.

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Department of Home Affairs spokesperson Thabo Mokgola said the department's policy was that "for record purposes a notice of birth" would be issued instead.

Frail care homes inspected

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A complaint was filed against the MEC alleging that it would be a violation of patients' human rights to move them. The only two fully state-funded frail care centres in Port Elizabeth, Algoa Frail Care and Lorraine Frail Care, are operated by East Cape Frail Care, a subsidiary of the Life Healthcare Group under the Life Esidimeni banner. (Source: The Herald) [Read more](#)



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Xenophobia's shameful assault on schoolchildren

COMMENT
Andre Gaum

As the nation reels from more xenophobic violence, another equally egregious form of institutionalised xenophobia played out far from the glare of public attention. It was directed at schoolchildren, com-

Yet these children of Mozambican and Swazi parents were born in South Africa. Children were booted out of primary and high schools, some of them in matric, in the Nkomazi area that includes Jeppe's Reef, Buffelspruit and Komatipoort areas. Piet Retief is also affected.

A principal said a home affairs

tutions, guarantees rights to all in South Africa, including documented and undocumented foreigners. The recent rise in xenophobia has caused distress to many migrants and stands in sharp contrast to the spirit of ubuntu contained in the preamble to our Constitution: "We, the people of South Africa ... believe that South

reacted swiftly, ensuring parents received the correct information in a notice on the school's app. More importantly, the department took steps to ensure that the affected children could return to school.

In the Mpumalanga case, Mhaule said she'd discuss it with the minister of basic education at an education

children from various backgrounds. Section 28 of the Constitution provides that the best interests of a child shall be paramount in all matters concerning the child. Schools, therefore, have a clear obligation to adopt reasonable measures to avoid painful psychological trauma to minor learners.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

states: "All learner's documents need to be up to date. If any foreign

The South African Human Rights Commission became aware of the let-

ers and refugees -- as for many South Africans -- education provides

mented status. Undocumented children may not be refused admission

school governing bodies and parents in develop a culture of respect for

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exposed how schools near the Mozambique and Swaziland bor-

Xenophobia is an irrational fear of foreigners. This prejudice against

department of education, which informed the commission that the

department should be lauded, it is immensely worrying that such a let-

come xenophobia if schools fail to lead by example?



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Dr Carter from the SAHRC Limpopo with the Mr Radebe, court manager, and Ms sekgota, the Equality court clerk.



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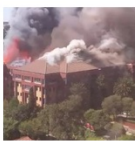
SAHRC Limpopo has today instituted proceedings in the Equality court sitting at Mokerong Magistrate Court on a hatespeech matter.

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went to lunch, came back to building next to @SAHRCCommission on fire!



EWN Reporter @ewnreporter

#Braampark Big fire at an office park in Braampark in downtown Johannesburg @dengeo (DG)

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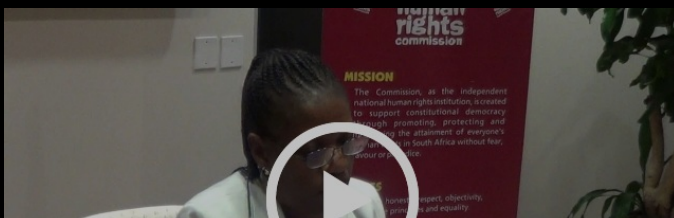


YOUTUBE: South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC1)

SAHRC Chairperson Bongani Majola welcoming the Chicago School of Professional Psychology



Commissioner Angie Makwetla sharing with Chicago School of Professional psychology on the rights of children





Advocacy Coordinator Joyce Tlou shares with Chicago School of Professional Psychology on how the SAHRC carries out Advocacy work.



Head of Legal Services Pandelis Gregoriou sharing with Chicago School of Professional Psychology on the SAHRC Legal work



SAHRC Commissioner Angie Makwetla's reaction following the story of a dead Coligny boy.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAYS

Africa Day, 25 May

Africa Day, formerly African Freedom Day and African Liberation Day, is the annual commemoration of the foundation of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) on 25 May 1963. It acknowledges the progress that Africans, have made, while reflecting upon the common challenges faced in a global environment.

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