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MEDIA STATEMENT

To: All media

Bisho- Eastern Cape Health MEC Nomakhosazana Meth has expressed shock and sadness at the brutal killing of an Enrolled Nursing Assistant at Zithulele Hospital early this morning.

The 34-year old male nurse who resides at the hospital nurses' residence within the hospital premises, was stabbed to death allegedly by his girlfriend's second boyfriend from the local community.

According to the report, it was during the early hours of today when the deceased, his girlfriend, and the roommate in the adjacent bedroom, heard a big bang on the door. The roommate went out to investigate and opened the door.

It is alleged that the culprit stormed inside searching for his girlfriend and a fight erupted. The fight ended in the fatal stabbing of the health official.

The roommate went on to call hospital security, who found the deceased on the floor, bleeding and rushed him to hospital where he was declared dead.

Police were called to the scene, and the culprit was later arrested.

MEC Meth conveys words of condolences to the family of the deceased.

"Our hearts go out to the family and colleagues of the deceased at this time of sorrow and sadness. As the department we are sending healing prayers and comforting words during this difficult period" Meth said.

"Words cannot adequately express the pain of losing such a young health worker, especially at the time when the country needs each one to continue the fight against COVID-19. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time".

Meth has instructed the department's security services unit to investigate how the culprit was allowed to enter the hospital premises armed with a weapon.

Health facilities have been declared as secure zones where any form of weaponry is strictly prohibited.

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