

**MESSAGE OF SUPPORT BY LIEUTENANT GENERAL
RISIMATI SHIVURI, THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER OF
THE NORTHERN CAPE, AT THE LAUNCH OF THE
NORTHERN CAPE SCHOOL SAFETY IMPLEMENTATION
PROTOCOL**

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN AT SCHOOL IS OF
PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO ALL OF US.

IF WE DO NOT TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE
THAT THE CULTURE OF LEARNING TAKES PLACE UNDER
THE MOST CONDUCIVE ENVIRONMENT THEN WHO WILL
DO IT FOR US?

IN THESE TIMES WE ARE LIVING IN, VIOLENCE AT
SCHOOLS COMMITTED BY OUR LEARNERS THEMSELVES
OR AGAINST LEARNERS AND TEACHERS HAS TAKEN THE
CENTRE STAGE, INSTEAD OF WHAT SHOULD BE
HAPPENING IN CLASSES.

PUPILS, TEACHERS, PARENTS AND THE SOCIETY, ARE
EQUALLY BLAMED AS WE KNOW WHO THE
PERPETRATORS OF CRIME ARE AND WHERE THEY LIVE.

WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE HAVE CREATED
THIS MESS. WE HAVE ALLOWED FOR SOME OF THE
LEARNERS TO COME TO SCHOOL CARRYING WEAPONS

AND DRUGS, THUS DISRUPTING THE CLASSES AND DISTURBING PEACE.

WE HAVE ALLOWED THOSE CHILDREN TO BULLY OTHERS, DISRESPECT THE TEACHERS, COME LATE TO SCHOOL AND LEAVE THE PREMISES BEFORE TIME.

SCHOOLS HAVE ALSO BECOME A BREEDING GROUND FOR CRIMINALS AND THIS HAPPENS RIGHT UNDER OUR WATCH AND PRISONS ARE OVERFLOWING WITH PEOPLE AND CHILDREN BECAUSE WE HAVE ALLOWED CRIME TO MANIFEST ITSELF INTO AN INSURMOUNTABLE MOUNTAIN.

I HAVE NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT THERE IS NOT A PARENT HERE WHO WANTS TO RAISE A CRIMINAL.

“I KNEW THAT SANTINO WAS GOING TO HAVE TO GO THROUGH ALL THIS. AND FREDO, BUT I NEVER WANTED THIS FOR YOU...I THOUGHT THAT WHEN IT WAS YOUR TIME,... YOU WOULD BE THE ONE TO HOLD THE STRINGS. SENATOR - CORLEONE, GOVENOR - CORLEONE, OR SOMETHING...” DON VITO CORLEONE

THESE ARE THE WORDS THAT WERE SPOKEN BY A WELL-KNOWN CRIMINAL IN ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS MOVIES EVER TO BE MADE, THE GODFATHER , WHILE VITO WAS SPEAKING TO HIS SON MICHAEL IN ONE OF THE SCENES.

ALTHOUGH VITO WAS A HARDENED CRIMINAL HIMSELF, HE DID NOT WANT HIS SON TO BECOME A CRIMINAL LIKE HIM. NOBODY WANTS TO RAISE A CRIMINAL.

LIKE IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN SAID, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME. PARENTS MUST START TAKING RESPONSIBILITY AND REPREMAND THEIR CHILDREN. THEY MUST STOP DELEGATING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE TEACHERS AND THE POLICE.

THE SAPS JUNIOR COMMISSIONER PROJECT, IS AN INITIATIVE SPEARHEADED BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, GENERAL KHEHLA SITOLE TO HELP THE POLICE AND THE LEARNERS TO FIND ONE ANOTHER IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

THROUGH THIS INITIATIVE, WE ARE HOPING TO REDUCE CRIME LEVELS IN OUR SCHOOLS AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING EVERYBODY INVOLVED.

THIS IS THE ONLY PLATFORM THAT ALLOWS THE LEARNERS TO PLAY A PIVOTAL ROLE IN FIGHTING CRIME IN SCHOOLS.

SANDISIWE NDULELISA, AS THE JUNIOR PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER ALONG WITH HER DEPUTIES ARE THE NEW AGENTS OF CHANGE THAT WERE ELECTED IN UPINGTON IN AUGUST THIS YEAR AND ALL OF THEM KNOW WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THEM.

THEY KNOW THAT THROUGH THIS PROJECT, THEY HAVE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY AND THAT OF OTHERS BY TAKING THE LEAD IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

THEY MUST WORK VERY CLOSE WITH THE POLICE AT THE SCHOOLS AND REPORT ALL CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES THAT ARE TAKING PLACE IN ALL THE SCHOOLS WITHIN THEIR REACH. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO MUST HELP IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME AT THE SCHOOLS.

THE OTHER CHILDREN MUST EMULATE THEIR WAYS AND ENSURE THAT SCHOOLS BECOME MORE OF CRIME FREE ZONES THAN THE WAR ZONES THEY HAVE BECOME.

THIS IS THE INITIATIVE FROM THE SIDE OF THE POLICE. UNFORTUNATELY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS INITIATIVE WILL NOT BE SUCCESSFUL IF WE DO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE PARENTS OF THESE CHILDREN.

THIS IS EXACTLY THE REASON WE ARE CALLING ON PARENTS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. THEY ALSO NEED TO BUY INTO THIS TO ASSIST US IN FIGHTING CRIME IN OUR SCHOOLS. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO ENSURE THAT THIS PROGRAMME IS INDEED A VERY SUCCESSFUL ONE AND YOUR MOTIVATION IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE.

IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT THEY ARE STILL YOUR CHILDREN AND IT REMAINS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO RAISE THEM IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT.

PLEASE PROTECT THEM AS IS EXPECTED FROM REAL PARENTS.

WE HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL POLMUSCA EVENT THIS YEAR THAT WAS HELD AT MITTAH SEPEREPERE CONVENTION CENTRE IN KIMBERLEY WHERE OUR MEMBERS WERE COMPETING IN SONG.

TO MANY PEOPLE OF KIMBERLEY, IT CAME AS A SURPRISE THAT THE POLICE CAN SING THAT WELL.

THE AIM OF POLMUSCA IS TO STRENGTHEN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITIES AND TO FIGHT THROUGH MUSIC.

HENCE DURING ITS LAUNCH, WE ALSO LAUNCHED A THREE IN ONE OPERATIONAL PLAN THAT WILL TAKE US THROUGH THE FESTIVE SEASON AND THE ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR.

CITIZENS OF THE NORTHERN CAPE, YOU MUST KNOW THAT YOU ARE SAFE. WE WILL DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE PROTECTED IN THE UPCOMING FESTIVE SEASON AND THE ELECTIONS.

MEC MOTLHAPING AND MEC BARTLETTE, PLEASE ACCEPT MY ASSURANCE OF THE FULL SUPPORT IN THIS SPECIFIC INITIATIVE FROM THE SIDE OF THE POLICE SERVICE IN THE NORTHERN CAPE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO WHAT IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN IN ALL SCHOOLS IN OUR PROVINCE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

