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TO NEWS EDITORS AND JOURNALISTS FROM THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEC DLAMINI CONDEMNS THE BRUTAL MURDER OF A SECURITY GUARD

The MEC for Education, Ms Cathrine Dlamini strongly condemns the brutal killing of Mr. Elliot Mndlovu, a 58 year security guard at Melekutu Primary School. Mr.Mndlovu's lifeless body was discovered in the early hours of Sunday morning on 23 June 2024.

According to the report from the school, the incident happened around 3am when the thugs broke into the school premises and forcefully opened the room where Mr. Mndlovu used to spend his time in between his patrols and killed him.

Hi - Tech security company had to respond to investigate the school scene when they received a signal from the school's alarm system and immediately dispatched a patrol squad to the school.

Upon arrival there was no sign of the security guard and after searching around the premises they found the lifeless body of Mr. Mndlovu lying dead close to the computer laboratory. The thugs made their way with the school tablet, an overhead projector and a school panic button.

MEC Dlamini visited the school and the bereaved family today, Monday 24 June 2024, to pay homage to the deceased Mr. Mndlovu and to express her condolences to the bereaved family. During her visit, the MEC called upon the members of community to work collectively to fight crime in the area and assist with providing law enforcement agencies with information that could lead to the arrest of the perpetrators of this heinous crime.

She also urged the community to refrain from buying stolen goods indicating that they should however, report any person who is selling such items to the authorities. The Department also deployed officials from the wellness section to render psycho-social support to everyone who is affected by this horrific incident at the school and family.

The MEC concluded her words of comfort by calling upon anyone who might have information that would be useful in the investigation to contact the nearest police station. The Department expresses its deepest condolences to the families who are affected by this tragedy.

May the Soul of the Departed Rest in Peace.

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