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MEDIA STATEMENT

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Council Condemns Heinous Act Against Ikhala TVET College Student

The Council of Ikhala TVET College is deeply saddened and outraged by the recent rape of one of our students. We condemn this heinous act in the strongest possible terms and reaffirm our stance against all forms of gender-based violence. Our full support and necessary assistance, including medical, emotional and academic support, will be provided to the victim.

We commend the South African Police Service (SAPS) for their swift action in apprehending the alleged perpetrator and ensuring that justice takes its course.

Council also notes with concern that incidents of gender-based violence are never acceptable, regardless of the circumstances. No behaviour, environment or condition can ever excuse violence. This reality highlights the urgent need for safe and secure student accommodation. We are actively engaging with partners to provide residences that protect our students and promote their wellbeing.

As Council, we remain committed to safeguarding the dignity, safety and future of our students. Gender-based violence must end, and we call on all stakeholders to join us in this fight.

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