

PROJECT: MASS MURDERS IN SOUTH AFRICA

South Africans have so much to be concerned about – dealing with everyday issues such as an incapacitating infrastructure and continued loadshedding. This makes normal business practices almost impossible. Apart from our economy failing, the crime rate seems to grow exponentially.

Personal safety is no longer something that our citizens can assume. Incidents of extreme violent crimes are skyrocketing.

- Mass murder in South Africa is only one such example.
- Mass murder involves two or more people being killed in the same incident.
- From 1 April 2019 to 30 December 2022 5,709 people were killed in 2,446 incidents of violence in the country.
- The Minister of Police, Mr Bheki Cele, has made this known in response to a parliamentary question from Dr Pieter Groenewald, leader of the FF Plus.
- Even though this debate has reached our country's parliament, accountability is still not visible.
- Apart from the murder figure, it is also disturbing that although 1,511 people were arrested in connection with the murders and appeared in court, only 103 a scant 6.8% were found guilty.
- Thus of the 1,511 people arrested, 1,408 were found not guilty.

Most incidents and deaths occur in KwaZulu-Natal, followed by Gauteng.

The increasing escalation in these isolated (not connected to each other) mass shooting incidents raises questions about the effectiveness of law enforcement and the justice system.

It is alarming that the consequences of violent crime challenge basic human rights like: the right to life, freedom of movement and personal security.

CHALLENGES WHEN ADDRESSING THESE MURDERS:

- Crime begets crime.
- It is disturbing that almost 5,000 certified firearms are reported stolen in South Africa each year, most of which are used to commit robberies, murders and attempted murders.
- Many SAPS Police Stations have been raided specifically for the weapons kept there in the past few years.
- SSS has also highlighted that corrupt SAPS members "rent" their official firearms to criminals for personal financial gain.
- The government's drive to disarm the public is also called to question as many citizens have voluntarily relinquished their firearms to the SAPS; as the Firearms Control Amendment Bill seeks to make it illegal for South Africans to apply for firearm permits for self-defense, we question the safekeeping of these arms.
- The government's decision to cut the police budget means a smaller police service, less access, and overworked staff.
- Accountability must be held to the highest standard in the SAPS and all corruption within the ranks must be rooted out.

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS:

- Special police operations need to be established.
- The confiscation of illegal firearms and ammunition, particularly in highrisk areas is crucial; storage of these weapons must be controlled perfectly.
- To reduce the prevalence of gun violence, the performance of crime intelligence must be addressed.

- To ensure that those responsible for mass shootings are made liable, police crime intelligence units must begin proactively identifying and tracking various groups' operations.
- A joint approach involving social development, safety and security entities and law enforcement, particularly crime intelligence, is urgently needed.

If severe measures to combat gun violence are not taken, South Africa risks an ever-increasing spike in mass murders as the use of violence to resolve conflict becomes inevitable and acceptable.

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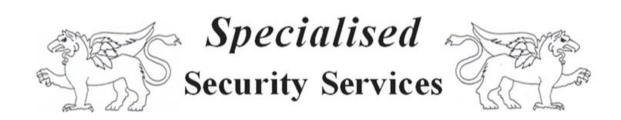
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