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MEDIA RELEASE: NPSWU STATEMENT REGARDING A SHOOTING AT CLAIRWOOD HOSPITAL.

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The National Public Service Workers Union (NPSWU) noted with sincere concern regarding a shooting incident which took place on the 10th of January 2020, within the Clairwood hospital premises. Where two gunmen brazenly walked into the male ward and allegedly shot a patient.

NPSWU's main concern as the union is with regards to the safety of our members who are workers in that hospital, the patients and not forgetting the securities who are on guard.

The KwaZulu Natal health MEC Ms Nomagugu Simelane-Zulu "expressed deep concern and strong condemnation of the execution-style fatal shooting style of a patient".

Of which as a union we feel it not enough, as nothing has been said about the drastic measures that the hospital as well as the department of health are going to take in ensuring the safety of the staff, patients and the guards.

We are also aware as reported in the MEC's statement that suspects forced their way in and out of the hospital and they also pointed guns at the hospital security guards.

The department should look into assisting hospital security guards with needed equipments that will ensure that they are able to apprehend individuals who force their way in the hospital with unneeded/ harmful weapons.

Also, individuals who enter the hospital's gates should not only be searched at the main gate but also before and after they get into the hospital premises.

Sophisticated equipment should be made a valuable in order to avoid loss of life.