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UNRULY BEHAVIOUR BY INMATES INSIDE COURT SHALL BE DEALT WITH

The National Commissioner of the Department of Correctional Services, Mr Makgothi Samuel Thobakgale, has condemned in the strongest possible terms a scuffle inside court, where the co-accused in the Senzo Meyiwa murder trial attacked a Correctional Official.

Such utter disrespect will not be tolerated and the Department is looking into the incident. Correctional Officials rendering escort and guarding responsibilities do so on behalf of the State. Hence, any form of unbecoming behaviour warrants a security review so as to ensure safety of those in closer proximity to the inmates.

If those escorted to court have complaints and issues to raise, they must follow and adhere to established processes and channels within DCS and not resort to undermining security at the court which will not be tolerated in any way whatsoever.

Failure by the accused persons to behave themselves calls for the Department of Correctional Services to act and it will do so without any form of hesitation. The accused are sentenced for other offences; Hence the escort and guarding duties are rendered by DCS.

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