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DCS Condemns Stabbing Incident that Claimed Two Lives at Pollsmoor Remand Correctional Facility

The Department of Correctional Services (DCS) confirms that a violent incident occurred in the morning of Wednesday, 29 October 2025, at Pollsmoor Remand Correctional Facility, in which officials were attacked and two inmates sadly lost their lives during efforts to contain the situation.

The incident involved a stabbing attack directed at officials, prompting the use of force in an attempt to restore order. Calm has since been restored at the facility, and the injured have been transported to hospital for medical treatment.

As per standard procedure, the South African Police Service (SAPS) was called to the scene and DCS will conduct a thorough investigation into the circumstances surrounding the incident.

National Commissioner of Correctional Services, Mr Makgothi Samuel Thobakgale has strongly condemned the attack, expressing deep concern over the loss of life and reiterating that, “attacks of this nature are unwarranted and deeply saddening, especially when lives are lost.”

The Department extends its condolences to the families of the deceased and assures the public that all necessary measures are being taken to ensure the safety and stability of the correctional environment.

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