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COMMISSIONER'S PROGRAMME

Acting Chairperson Commissioner Mohamed Ameerma pays tribute to the Sharpeville fallen heroes.

The 10th of December 2016 marked the 20th anniversary of the signing of the South African Constitution by then President, Nelson Mandela. On this day, the world commemorated International Human Rights Day, observed annually in remembrance of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by (the newly formed) United Nations General Assembly on 10 December 1948. This proclamation was the first global expression of human rights and is globally recognised as one of the first major achievements of the fledgling UN.

The Commission's Acting Chairperson, Commissioner Mohamed S. Ameerma,

represented the Commission at a commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the signing of the Constitution at the Sharpeville Sports Ground. The Commission also conducted advocacy and information sharing on human rights, the constitutional protections provided to everyone, and how people who feel their rights have been violated can approach the Commission. [Read more](#)



SAHRC IN THE MEDIA

SAHRC against South Africa's "no" vote at the UN in rights defenders resolution, seeks answers from government.

The South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) wrote to the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Ms. Maite Nkoana-Mashabane requesting information in order to understand why South Africa voted No to an important United Nations General Assembly resolution that reiterates the need for human rights defenders to be protected. [Read more](#)

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Many people are concerned about what happens

The South African Human Rights Commission Addresses the National House of Traditional Leaders

The South African Human Rights Commission (the Commission) addressed a sitting of the National House of Traditional Leaders (NHTL) in Parliament on the matter between the African Diaspora Forum and Others v His Majesty, King Goodwill Zwelithini, on the 7 December 2016, at Parliament in Cape Town.

The Commission shared information about its mandate in terms of the Constitution to “promote respect for, monitor, and assess the observance of human rights in South Africa”, as well as its work in the provinces with traditional leaders. The Commission encouraged the NHTL to work with Chapter 9 bodies, such as the Commission, to accelerate awareness and realisation of human rights in all communities. [Read more](#)

Human Rights Commission subpoenas Mpumalanga's agriculture MEC

The commission said in a statement that Vusi Shongwe's notice to appear before it arose out of a complaint in which it is alleged that the owners of Ryton Estate Farm, near Ngodwana, sold the farm to the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs without the knowledge or consent of 214 farm workers, who were previously allocated portions of the farm. [Read more](#)

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MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

Limpopo Office represents a complainant at the Seshego Magistrate Court



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Day 2 of transgender matter, Limpopo. From left of Provincial manager Victor Mavhidula, Adv Sha'ista Kazeem, Dr Eileen Carter



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Acting Chairperson, Commissioner Ameerma signs a pledge to uphold the Constitution I'm Sharpeville. #Constitution20.



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HUMAN RIGHTS DAYS

International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust, 27 January 2017

By virtue of its resolution A/RES/60/7, the General Assembly of the United Nations designated 27 January – the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp-as an annual International Day of Commemoration to honour the victims of the Holocaust, and urged Member States to develop educational programmes to instil the memory of the tragedy in future generations to prevent genocide from occurring again.



Birthdays

The following colleagues are celebrating their birthdays in January.

Flora Dipela (LMP) - 01st

Betty Boya (NW) - 05th

Gift Mashele (GP) - 06th

Lerick Muthaphuli (HO) - 13th

Alinah Khomeli (FS) & Margaret Salila (MP) - 14th

Zena Nair (WC) - 15th

Nthabiseng Kwaza (GP) - 23rd

Lucky Zulu (HO)- 25th

Gail Smith (HO) - 28th

Mokgadi Mphaphuli & Ramaredi Mathibela (HO) - 31st



Top row: Flora Dipela, Ramaredi Mathibela and Lucky Zulu

Bottom row: Zena Nair, Nthabiseng Kwaza and Mokgadi Mphaphuli

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