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COMMISSIONERS' ACTIVITIES

SAHRC hosts conference on the rights of children with disabilities

The South African Human Rights Commission held a two day conference to look into challenges faced by children with disabilities. The Conference provided much needed space for both learners and parents of children with disabilities to pour their hearts out detailing some of the challenges they face.

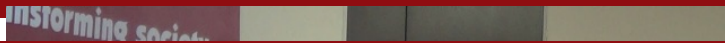


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Precious Bonchi from Filadelfia School says children with disabilities face more discrimination at mainstream schools.



People with disabilities must be involved in the policy domain and in practice SAHRC Chairperson, Bongani Majola



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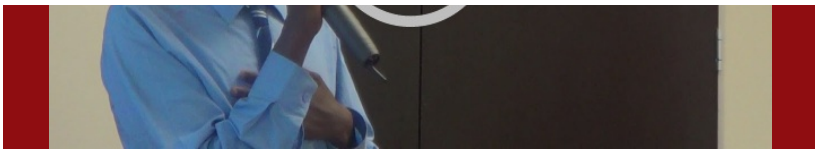


Grace Dladla on how she is empowering other parents of children with disabilities



People with disabilities can also be future leaders of the country, Rivhakundi Mudau from Filadelfia School





Bhavna Ramji, on some of the work Section 27's protection of people with disabilities



Sam Phakisi narrates challenges of being a parent of a child with Cerebral Palsy



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Commissioner Bokankatla Malatji welcoming delegates from Uganda who visited to learn best practice on legal framework on Albinism



Liberal International Human Rights Committee visited SAHRC to engage the Commission on regional and international mechanisms.



SAHRC IN THE MEDIA

Commissioner Angie Makwela radio interview on Power FM: SAHRC Concerned About Impact Vuwani Shutdown Has on Matriculants

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SAHRC Deputy Chairperson Priscilla Jana welcomes coffin assault sentencing

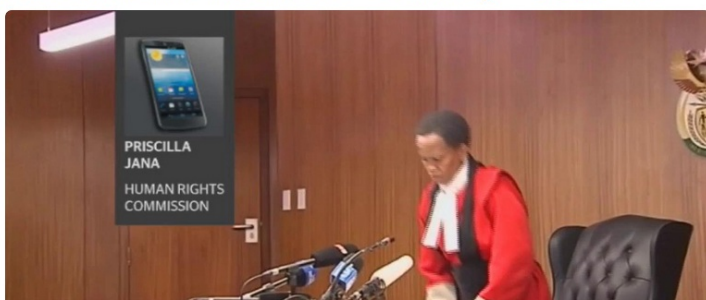
#CoffinAssault pair have been sentenced to 11 and 14 years imprisonment. The SAHRC's Priscilla Jana discusses. Courtesy @ENCA

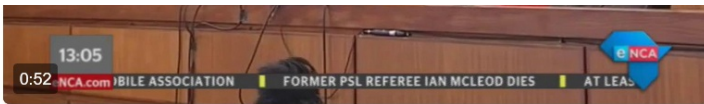


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Herman Mashaba and ADF reach settlement over 'xenophobic' comments

Johannesburg Mayor Herman Mashaba and the African Diaspora Forum (ADF) have reached a settlement after the lobby group laid a complaint of xenophobia at the South African Human Rights Commission earlier this year.

The ADF had alleged that Mashaba's comments had the propensity to fuel xenophobic attacks, which included that foreign nationals were responsible for criminality in Johannesburg.

The settlement has been described as "historic".



Rape survivor's horror ordeal

The horror case of a domestic worker, 41, from Bronkhorstspuit in Pretoria, who was allegedly raped by her employer's son and forced to perform sexual acts on his dogs, attracted wide public attention when the 45-year-old suspect appeared in court yesterday. The domestic worker said she was traumatised and confused about what had happened. "I do not really know what to say. What should I say?" the exhausted woman said outside the Bronkhorstspuit Magistrate's Court.

The SAHRC vowed to keep a close eye on the case. "We will be talking to the victim without interfering with the police in what we call a watching brief," SAHRC Commissioner Commissioner Jonas Sibanyoni said. "We are going to make sure her rights are respected and protected. "This is a matter of extreme urgency. (Source: The New Age) [Read more](#)

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The South African Human Rights Commission is concerned over the violence that's happening all over the country, including political violence that could threaten democratic processes

SAHRC CEO Tseliso Thiphanyane says political violence undermines human rights and prevents the growth of communities that adds value to human rights. The SAPS should be stricter against political violence and he say the Commission will be more actively involved in protecting the human rights. Source: RSG

'Mysterious death of patient found in hospital ceiling must be probed'

The South African National Civic Organisation (SANCO) has on Thursday urged South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) to investigate the mysterious death of a 61-year-old patient who was found dead inside a Stellenbosch hospital ceiling.

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SANCO National Spokesperson, Jabu Mahlangu called for security to be beefed up at all Public hospitals, to avoid such incidents in future.

“It is unacceptable for a patient admitted to a public hospital to simply disappear without anyone taking responsibility for his disappearance or being answerable to their next of kin,” Mahlangu said. (Source: The New Age) [Read more](#)

The South African Human Rights Commission tackles thorny issue of foreigners' access to housing

On Tuesday the South African Human Rights Commission initiated a conversation regarding the sensitive issue of foreign migrants' access to housing and resources. The subject was calmly debated, but the message was loud and clear - exclusion and inequality must fall. By BHEKI C SIMELANE.

The South Human Rights Commission held a provincial indaba on access to housing to migrants in Gauteng. The indaba coincided with Johannesburg Mayor Herman Mashaba's continued call to deport undocumented foreign nationals in his city clean-up campaign. Since Mashaba took over as mayor he has not been shy to declare his stance on undocumented foreign migrants, and his outbursts have often annoyed some.

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SAHRC Limpopo speaks to Power FM on Vuwani Shutdown

Limpopo Provincial Manager, Victor Mavhidula speaks to Power FM regarding SAHRC's intervention in the Vuwani shutdown, ensuring that the rights of school children are not hampered in the protest and to try and find a solution that will satisfy all stakeholders. (Source: Capricorn FM)

[Click here to listen to the interview.](#)

SAHRC Concerned about Political Killings

The South African Human Rights Commission is deeply concerned about the violence in the country including political violence. The commission's Gushwell Brooks says the political violence infringes on the right to freedom and security of the person. (Source: Voice of the Cape) [Click here to listen to the interview](#)

SAHRC on Dove advert

The SAHRC says they have not yet received any cases regarding the latest advertisement by Dove which has created a social media outrage. The ad shows a black woman transforming into a white woman after using Dove, the ad has been called out for being racist and discriminatory across social media. The company has since apologised but the public feels an apology is not enough. The SAHRC spokesperson Gail Smith says they are aware of the commercial and its content as well as the apology. Gail is probed on the possible options of action against Dove through the SAHRC. (Source: Lotus FM) [Click here to listen to the interview.](#)

Commissioner Makwetla on the National Conference on the Rights of Children with Disabilities

The South African Human Rights Commission has a constitutional mandate to promote, protect and monitor the observants of human rights in South Africa. In line with its mandate the commission is hosting a national conference on the rights of children with disabilities. Chatting to us about this further is Commissioner Angie Makwetla. (Source: Voice of the Cape) [Click here to listen to the interview](#)

SAHRC commemorates World Food Day

SAHRC is calling on the state to invest in sustainable food systems as today marks world food day. According to the commissions research many families with access to food are consuming unhealthy food and current policies surrounding the right to food are disproportionate. Commissioner Jonas Ben Sibanyoni says everyone has the right to food as per the constitution and should be allowed to access that food. (Source: Rise FM) [Click here to listen to the interview.](#)

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

SAHRC ON TWITTER @SAHRCommission



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SAHRC hosts press briefing on the outcome of the mediation session between the African Diaspora and Mayor Mashaba.



EWN Reporter @ewnreporter · Oct 31
#HermanMashaba says he's happy about the mediation process. He hopes to collaborate with the African Diaspora Forum in the future. KS



Zams @Zam_Mkh · Oct 24
"Access to housing needs to be seen in terms of race, class and systems of inequality" - @wilhelmsolomon @ACMSWits @SAHRCommission #GPIndaba



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Allan Tumbo @allan_tumbo · Oct 30
Commissioner Malatji addressing South African employers for disability on improving employment of Persons with Disabilities



SAHRCommission @SAHRCommission · Oct 24
SAHRC at the Thohoyandou Magistrate Court for the matter between Raedane and the SAHRC v Univen and others



Ayanda Nene @Ayanda_Nene28 · Oct 23
The @SAHRCommission KZN and @DOJCD_ZA commence with their outreach programme in Mzingazi, in the uMhlatuze Municipality



Racial tensions continue escalating within Eldorado Park Community



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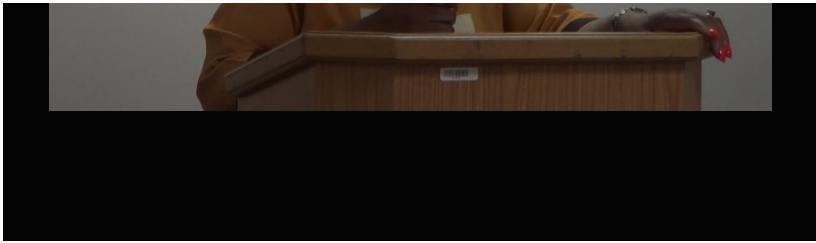


Commissioner Pansy Tlakula on some of the human rights challenges that continue to occur in Africa

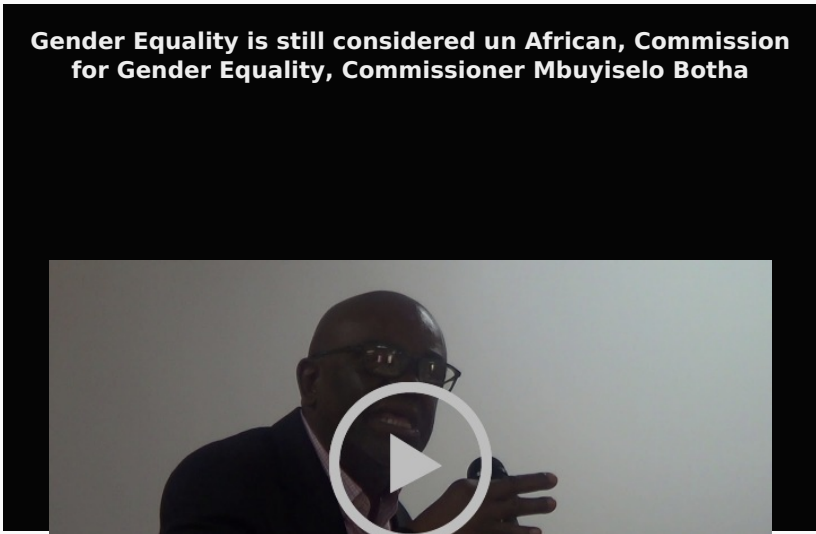


Commissioner Pansy Tlakula on the composition of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights





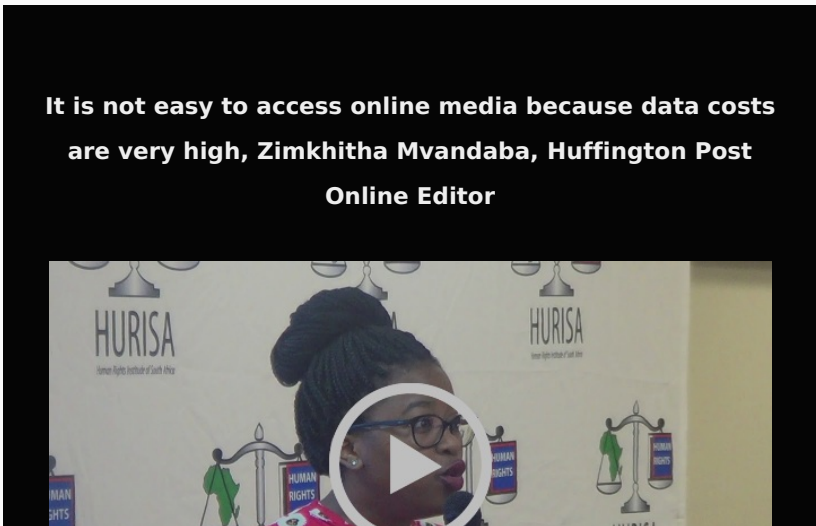
Gender Equality is still considered un African, Commission for Gender Equality, Commissioner Mbuyiselo Botha

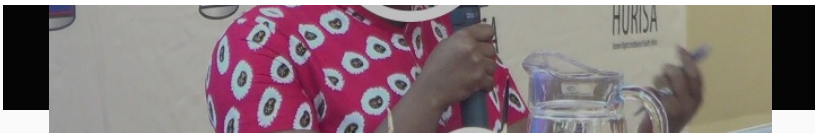


SAHRC Communications Coordinator Gushwell Brooks on Freedom of Association, assembly & expression



It is not easy to access online media because data costs are very high, Zimkhitha Mvandaba, Huffington Post Online Editor





South Africa is required to provide statistical data on the number on NGOs in the country, Human Rights Institute of South Africa



The youth have a right to social and economic rights, Pulane Mafatshe, Black Women Caucus



Commissioner Jonas Sibanyoni on ENCA speaking about Farm Killings



HUMAN RIGHTS DAYS

International Human Rights Day

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights turns 70

This year, Human Rights Day kicks off a year-long campaign to mark the upcoming 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a document that proclaimed the rights which everyone is inherently entitled to as a human being - regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. The Universal Declaration of Human rights is one of the most translated documents in the world, available in more than 500 languages.

BIRTHDAYS

Heritage Day

Nolele Mbala (HO) & Nditsheni Mulaudzi (LMP) - 01st

Eric Mokonyama (MP) & Kwanele Phakati (HO) - 02nd

Commissioner Bokankatla Malatji (HO) - 04th

Buang Jones (GP) - 09th

Pandelis Gregoriou (HO) - 11th

Sbongile Camanso (HO) - 15th

Alfred Ramanyoga (HO) - 19th

Lybon Maluleka (LMP) - 21st

Neither Magazi (WC) - 22nd

Alice Price (HO) - 23rd

Thenjiwe Jonas (GP) - 30th

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