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Opinion Piece on Human rights and GMOs in South Africa by Commissioner JB @jbsiba1

In Africa, South Africa is the only country to allow genetic modification of its staple foods. Statistics reveal that an estimated 80% of white maize in GM, while 52% of yellow maize 45% of soy and 98% of cotton is GM. In 2017, South Africa introduced a genetically modified organism (GMO) regulatory law through the Genetically Modified Organisms Act, 2017 (Act No. 61 of 2017) which was intended to regulate the production and use of GMOs in a manner that safeguards human health, the environment, animals and humans.



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GM and related products have a much broader impact, including on the rights to health, healthy environment and the broad sustainable development agenda. But some studies suggest that glyphosate, a pesticide used to kill weeds and insects, has been linked to a possible cause of cancer, including, but not limited to, the brain. The fact that the maize that we consume every day contains a substance which has the potential of causing cancer is a cause for concern.

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Opinion piece written by SAHRC Commissioner Angie Makwetla published in today's Page 24 of the Mail and Guardian Opd print Section

Comment & Analysis

Address youth's concerns and they'll vote

They are concerned about unemployment, don't trust political leaders and feel excluded

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Millions of South African youth are protesting against the government's failure to create jobs. (1/10/2017)

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Corporal punishment feeds the violence in society

It is time to end the use of corporal punishment in schools

HUMAN RIGHTS
Angie Makwetla



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SAHRC IN THE MEDIA

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KZN Department of Health MEC, Sibongiseni Dhlomo. Picture: Siyanda Mayeza.

DURBAN - The head of the KwaZulu-Natal health department, MEC Sibongiseni Dhlomo, has been issued with a notice to appear before the South African Human Rights Commission over the "lack of meaningful progress" in dealing with the province's oncology crisis.

Dhlomo and his department were singled out in a damning commission report last year as having "violated the rights of oncology patients at the Addington and Inkosi Albert Luthuli central hospitals to have access to health-care services as a result of their failure to comply with norms and standards set out in legislation and policies".

The report - the result of a complaint laid by the DA in 2016 - also found that the measures the health department told the SAHRC it would put in place to end the crisis were "inadequate and unacceptable". (Source: Sunday Tribune) [Read more](#)

SAHRC condemn violent protest in the North West

SAHRC CONDEMN VIOLENT PROTEST ACTION IN THE NORTH WEST





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The grievances were expressed at a meeting held by Olives & Plates workers and management, the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) and the Medical School Council on Tuesday, April 24, at the Medical School campus, where Wits Vuvuzela was in attendance.

These 27 workers had joined Nehawu between October 2017 and March 2018 and included chefs, food servers, cleaners, cashiers and workers at the coffee bar. (Source: [Read more](#))

Legal expert warns of penalties following actor's online 'racist' rant

Rajesh Gopie sparked outrage on Facebook when he referred to Kaizer Chiefs supporters as 'baboons'.

The post read: 'Yah, and the Baboons like soccer too much so they want to play with human heads.'

news.

He's since posted an apology for his remarks - saying he uses the term when describing any violent football fans including those from Europe.

Gopie said he is not racist and would never intentionally hurt another person's feelings.

Social media law expert, Verlie Oosthuizen has again warned people to be careful when commenting on social media.

She says people must not assume they will get away with racist or defamatory remarks made in the public domain. (Source: East Coast Radio) [Read more](#)

White journalist in hot water: Indians pray to rats and Black people called gorillas



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Gushwell Brooks on the Lead following sentencing of Vicki Momberg for usage of K word

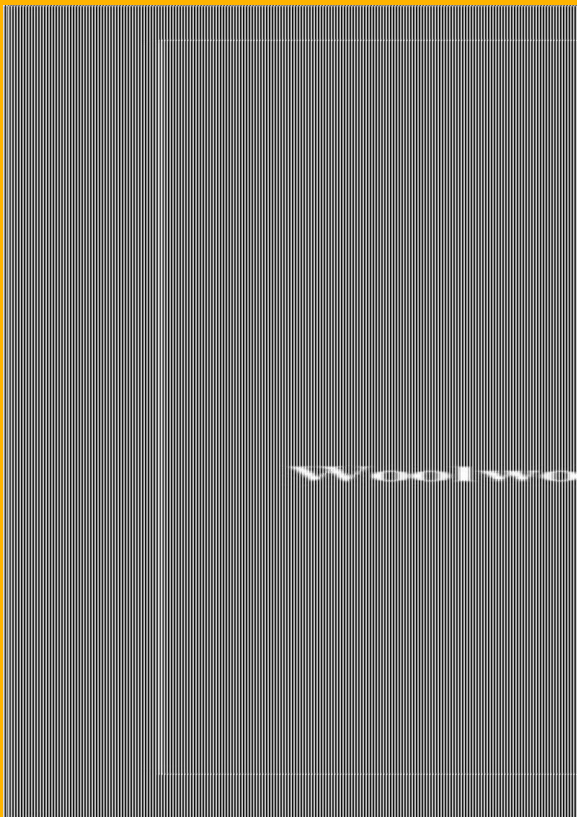


REPORTS ON THE WEBSITE

SAHRC, Woolworths Proprietary Limited & Guide-Dogs Association South Africa promoting the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Office, facilitated a mediation process with Woolworths Proprietary Limited (“Woolworths”) and Guide-Dogs Association South Africa, following an incident, where a visually and hearing impaired patron was denied access to a Woolworths Coffee Shop at the Cascades Shopping Centre in Pietermaritzburg. Whilst this specific incident was dealt with speedily by Woolworths, the SAHRC established that this was not an isolated incident involving Woolworths.

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Congratulations Mankese Thema

Advocacy and Research Officer, Mankese and husband Makhudu Thema celebrated their marriage on 28 April 2018 at Ga-Malahlela in Limpopo. Congratulations are in order.





BIRTHDAYS

Yanga Kwababana (EC) 01st

Patricia Ntuli (EC) & Shirley Mlombo (MP) - 02nd

Andrea Pillay (KZN) - 03rd

Olga Mahori (MP), Abraham Mojapelo (NC) & Judy Hollenbach (HO) - 05th

Anthony Wyngaard (NC) - 06th

Jackson Mzila (GP) - 08th

Yuri Ramkissoo (HO) - 12th

Kebalepile Modise (HO) - 13th

Matthew Du Plessis (GP) - 14th

Shafeeqah Salie (WC) & Wisani Baloyi (HO) - 25th

Tammy Carter (WC) & Kathleen Boyce (KZN) - 26th

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