



EFF STATEMENT ON THE MEN WHO GANG RAPED 8 WOMEN IN KRUGERSDORP

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The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) is dismayed by the barbaric behaviour of the group of men who gang raped 8 women. The men took turns to rape the women who were shooting a music video in Krugersdorp, Gauteng. As of last night, the police reported to have arrested 67 suspects in relation to this crime. The EFF condemns this crime and welcomes the swift action by the police to apprehend the suspected criminals.

The arrest of these suspects provides little comfort to the victims as they were inflicted with permanent physical and emotional scars. The fact that gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) prevalence continues to decapitate the humanity of women is an indication of the deep-seated misogynist rot flourishing in our country. It further proves that women in general have been abandoned by the law enforcement agencies. Men have appropriated to themselves the right to inflict unimaginable pain on women and they do this with impunity because of the failed justice system. 67 men decided to be part of or complicit in violently gang raping women and none of them had the consciousness nor morality to intervene to stop this brutality.

There is no intelligence capacity to detect crimes before they happen, and there is no capacity or willingness to investigate these crimes after they are committed. The community of Krugersdorp has been under constant terror of crime from the so-called “Zama-Zama’s” yet there has been no coherent intervention from the authorities. We are on our own because of the gross incompetence of the entire justice system.

The victims of this barbaric crime in Krugersdorp have now joined a long list of other women who have been terribly failed by the State. Between January and March this year, there were 13 799 reported cases of sexual assault in the country, and out of this number, 10 818 were cases of rape. The low numbers of GBVF perpetrators who never experience a police cell yet alone a court room remains sickening. The reported cases of rape are also an underestimation of the actual rape cases that take place in the country. Women do not bother reporting their cases to police because justice is not served.

The Head of State is accused of having kidnapped and tortured his own female domestic worker yet law enforcement agencies have not held him accountable. This proves that the justice system is not fair, efficient or effective. When the Head of State, Cyril Ramaphosa is in the business of lawlessness and defeating the ends of justice, any expectation of achieving a law-abiding country remains a pie in the sky.

We call on the police, our political leadership and ground forces in Krugersdorp to ensure that justice is done swiftly and decisively

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