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THE DEPARTMENT CONDEMNS THE ASSAULT OF AN OFFICIAL

The Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal has learned of a distasteful act by a group of hooligans who unlawfully occupied Mzwamandla High School on Tuesday, 21 November 2023 and brutally assaulted an official of the Department who was on duty, monitoring the 2023 NSC Examinations.

The armed trespassers gained access to the school using an unauthorised entry and hid behind a block of classes, they then sneaked up on Mr Shakeel Isseri who was on his way out of the school. They assaulted him at gun point subsequently causing him severe injuries and trauma.

Mr Shakeel Isseri was discovered by officials of Mzwamandla High School and was taken to a nearby health care facility, where he is receiving medical attention. Law Enforcement Agencies were also called in to investigate and apprehend the perpetrators and the Department is confident that they will get to the bottom of this matter.

"I am saddened by this incident and I wish Mr Isseri a speedy recovery. The Department strives to safeguard its schools against unlawfulness and crime, yet criminals persist to deter our efforts, the law must take its course and perpetrators must be called to book" said MEC Frazer.

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