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MEC SADDENED BY BRAZEN ATTACK AND KILLING OF AN ON-DUTY NURSE

BHISHO — The MEC for Health in the Eastern Cape has learnt with shock about the murder of a nurse at Zithulele Hospital today, December 25.

Two men arrived at the hospital at about 7.10am under the guise of visiting a patient. While the sister-in-charge was walking with the two men looking for the “patient”, one of the two men identified the nurse, they grabbed her and dragged her out of the building before shooting her twice.

She was declared dead on the scene. The two men fled.

The matter has been reported to the Kwaiman Police station.

MEC Nomakhosazana Meth condemned the killing.

“We are saddened by this barbaric and cruel act of criminality. We condemn it with the contempt it deserves. It is sad that we lose a nurse in this fashion and on a day we are supposed to be merry and spread love.

“We send our heartfelt condolences to the family of the nurse. We are calling on the police to leave no stone unturned in their search for these killers who have robbed us of a hardworking and dedicated healthcare worker.

“May her soul rest in peace,” she said.

A team of senior departmental officials have visited the family of the slain nurse to convey sympathy and support from the department.

The department will offer counselling services to the traumatised staff on duty.

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