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GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE:

A NATIONAL CRISIS THAT DEMANDS ACTION

NAPTOSA is deeply alarmed by the discovery of a ninth unidentified body of a woman in Dawn Park, Eukhuluani, on 17 September 2026 bringing the total number of women's bodies found in the area to nine in just two months. This is not an isolated tragedy. It is the latest, horrifying symptom of a crisis that continues to grip our country.

In November 2025, Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) was officially classified as a national disaster following mounting public pressure and nationwide outrage. Yet, almost a year later, women continue to be murdered in shocking numbers, and communities like Eukhuluini are left living in fear.

NAPTOSA shares the concerns of every South African family, especially our members many of whom are women, mothers, daughters, and educators serving communities daily who now have to ask: are we safe?

While government has put policies, strategies and structures in place on paper, including the National Strategic Plan on GBVF and the National Council on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide, the true measure of success cannot be legislation alone. It must be seen in safer streets, faster investigations, properly resourceed policing, successful prosecutions and real accountability when systems fail victims.

> “ how many more women must die before we see real results?”

NAPTOSA calls on all members and communities to remain vigilant and to assist authorities

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