MEDIA STATEMENT - NO TO XENOPHOBIA

Lesedi Local Municipality joins the rest of the country in condemning the recent acts of xenophobia characterised by violence, looting and intimidation of foreign nationals. These heinous acts are undermining the freedom attained so hard through selflessness, dedication and with the support of other countries within the African continent. The supreme law in the land, our Constitution, stipulate that South Africa belong to all who live in it. Therefore the rights of the foreigners also must be observed and respected at all times.

While our people are faced with socio-economic challenges which are being dealt with by government, there can never justification for any form of violence and hatred of foreign nationals. Our municipality calls all our communities, leaders of various organizations and individuals to join hands and stand against xenophobia.

We also call upon all peace-loving South Africans to take a stand and stop these barbaric acts, which are tarnishing the image of our country, and which has become a beacon of hope to many African nations. South Africa is a multicultural society that welcomes and promotes interaction among people of different walks of life.

Our nation’s transition to democracy was one of the world’s most iconic testimonies of tolerance and peaceful co-existence. Under the stewardship of our late father of the nation and an international icon Tata Nelson Mandela, the country had an unwavering dedication to democracy, selflessness, reconciliation, service to humanity and a better life for all.

The recent attacks on foreign nationals are a threat to our historical achievements as a nation. Moreover, the attacks go against the democratic values of Ubuntu. Let us all spread the message that South Africa belongs to all who live in it including foreign nationals. Lesedi Local Municipality says NO TO XENOPHOBIA.

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