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The President of the Republic of South Africa
President Cyril Ramaphosa
Per e-mail: presidentrsa@presidency.gov.za

Dear President Cyril Ramaphosa,

Request for Security Cluster to provide daily updates until law and order is restored

The Democratic Alliance (DA) would like to impress upon you the need for the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security (JCPS) Cluster to provide daily updates on the country's security situation until law and order is restored.

The JCPS is headlined by the Departments of Police, Home Affairs, Justice and Correctional Services, and Defence and Military Veterans, which along with the National Joints Operational and Intelligence Structure (NATJOINTS) is best placed to keep the nation and world abreast of the unfolding social disorder and operations to restore the rule of law.

The past few weeks have been characterised by looting and violence across provinces, with rolling protests, xenophobic attacks and aggressive civil unrest which have thus far resulted in the death of 5 people. Trucks are being set alight nationally, there is continued looting in central business districts and gender-based violence appears to be at an all-time high. More lives cannot be lost.

It is clear that we are not dealing with a normal situation, therefore government and its leaders cannot go on as if it is business as usual. With several African states withdrawing their participation from the South African hosted World Economic Forum (WEF), and the fellow African Heads of State voicing the security concerns of expats, South Africa and the world need daily assurances that indeed we have a President and Government that is in charge and able to restore law and order.

The JCPS Cluster needs to keep citizens and the world informed of all developments relating to this unrest, and ultimately keep all people within the country's borders safe.

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