



# MEMORANDUM OF DEMANDS

**TO:** The Station Commander  
South African Police Service – Esikhawini – Esikhaleni Branch

**FROM:** Hon. Sakhile Mngadi MPL, Democratic Alliance – Spokesperson on Education

**DATE:** 19 May 2025

**RE:** **Urgent Demands for Justice and Child Protection Following the Alleged Rape of a Six-Year-Old Learner at Mizikayifani Primary School**

## INTRODUCTION

The Democratic Alliance in KwaZulu-Natal, represented by Hon. Sakhile Mngadi MPL, expresses deep concern and outrage over the reported rape of a six-year-old girl at Mizikayifani Primary School in Esikhawini.

This despicable act is a grave violation of a child's basic rights, and a direct indictment of the systems meant to protect her – at school and in society. As the DA's provincial Spokesperson on Education, I raise this matter on behalf of the public, the victim, and her family. We are committed to ensuring that justice is swift, thorough, and survivor centered.

## OUR DEMANDS

### 1. IMMEDIATE ACTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- A full and public update on the investigation's current status.
- The immediate arrest of the alleged perpetrator(s).
- An investigation into any possible delay or failure by SAPS Esikhawini to act swiftly upon the initial report.

### 2. DEPLOYMENT OF SPECIALISED UNITS

- Urgent involvement of the Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS) Unit in managing the case.
- Appointment of a dedicated SAPS liaison officer to ensure continuous and respectful communication with the victim's family.

### 4. SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SAFETY MEASURES

- SAPS to immediately increase patrols and visible policing near primary schools in Esikhawini and surrounding areas.
- A collaborative school safety audit in partnership with the Department of Education to assess security measures at Mizikayifani Primary and nearby schools.
- Introduction of age-appropriate learner safety awareness programs through school visits and CPF partnerships.

### 5. INTERNAL REVIEW AND PUBLIC ASSURANCE

- An internal SAPS review into how the case was handled by local officers.
- A public statement from the Station Commander outlining what steps will be taken to prioritise child protection cases moving forward.

## CONCLUSION

The rape of a six-year-old child at a place of learning is an unthinkable atrocity. It demands nothing less than our full attention, absolute accountability, and urgent intervention. We cannot allow impunity, negligence, or silence to define our response to such a horrific crime.

We respectfully request a formal written response within seven (7) working days, failing which we will escalate the matter to the provincial Police Commissioner, the MEC for Community Safety and Liaison, the MEC for Education, and relevant national authorities.

We stand with the victim and the community of Esikhawini in demanding justice.

Yours Sincerely,

**Hon. Sakhile Mngadi, MPL**  
DA KZN Spokesperson on Education