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QUESTION 2076

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2076. Mrs M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:

What intervention measures have been taken to combat the rising number of missing (a) children and (b) women who are found dead with mutilated bodies, which is often linked to the practice of ritual killings?

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REPLY:

- (a) Community Awareness programmes are conducted at primary, secondary and tertiary schools, as well as churches to alert children, parents and teachers in order to prevent any child going missing. The awareness sessions are also presented among rural communities and focus on the assistance of Traditional Leadership, Traditional Healers and the general Traditional Committees. Social media platforms are also utilised to reach out to the broader communities to find the missing persons as soon as the matter is reported to the South African Police Service (SAPS).
- (b) Community Awareness campaigns are conducted at clinics, hospitals, taxi ranks, community gatherings (Imbizos, etc) to sensitise women on safety and to avoid high crime areas. Informative articles are published in local newspapers and on social media platforms.

The SAPS has specialised investigation capabilities, which are activated when a murder is deemed to be of a ritualistic nature.

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MINISTER OF POLICE
GENERAL MASEKELA, MP

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