

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY**QUESTION 482**

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482. Mr M Manyi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether, he will provide a detailed explanation regarding the absence of the police at the recent rally of a certain political party (name furnished) on 10 February 2024, given the explicit threats of disruption and violence, and the reported presence of individuals who had threatened violence against the party as guests (details furnished); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the further relevant details in this regard, as it raises questions about the impartiality of the police's response to potential acts of violence?

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REPLY:

The Economic Freedom Fighters' (EFF) Manifesto Launch, on 10 February 2024, at the Moses Mabhida Stadium, was managed in line with the Safety at Sport and Recreational Events Act (SASREA) 2010, (Act No. 2 of 2010).

The EFF had applied to the South African Police Service's (SAPS) Provincial Operational Coordination, in KwaZulu-Natal, for the conducting of the event, as required by section 6(3) of SASREA. A threat and risk assessment was conducted, subsequently conducted, using the risk rating model, as guided by section 6 (7) of SASREA. Due to the determined threat-level, the event was categorised as a medium-risk event (Ref: 104/12/2023), which required that the SAPS assume control of the safety and security of the event. An experienced authorised member was duly appointed to oversee the safety and security of the event, in terms of section 15 (1) of SASREA.

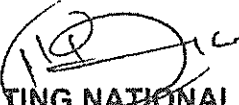
The Event Safety and Security Planning Committee (ESSPC) was established, as per section 15 (2) of SASREA. All relevant role players took part in the ESSPC and participated in the drafting of a Safety and Security Operational Plan, which addressed all of the required security concepts.

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The deployment of Public Order Policing (POP) personnel was increased, due to the fact that the monitoring of the build-up to the event indicated an increase in the threat level. The deployment of all security role players, including members of the SAPS, was, however, adequate, as directed by the Safety and Security Operational Plan. The aforementioned plan was successfully executed, on 10 February 2024, by the established Venue Operational Commander.


All threats that were detected, including the threats that are referred to in the question, were mitigated by the deployed law enforcement capability, and no negative incidents were reported after the event.

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MINISTER OF POLICE
GENERAL BH CZELE, MP

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