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SALGA is deeply saddened by the killing of Gauteng Councillor Mbuyiselo Dokolwane and condemns violent killing of councillors

The South African Local Government Association is deeply saddened by the killing of a Gauteng Councillor Mbuyiselo Dokolwane who was shot and killed in Freedom Park, near Eldorado Park, on Monday evening, 22 February 2015.

On behalf of Local Government, we pledge our solidarity and convey our heartfelt condolences to the Dokolwane family and loved ones. We lower our banner in honour of his passing in the service of the people

Dokolwane is believed to have been killed after returning from a branch meeting. The exact details surrounding the shooting remain unclear, but police say they are investigating. SALGA calls on the law enforcement agencies to move swiftly to get to the bottom of the matter and condemns all forms of violence against councillors.

According to media reports, early this month, armed men burst into the Democratic Alliance's Ngqura Constituency Office in Kwazakhele in Nelson Mandela Bay in the Eastern Cape on Friday afternoon and fired a gun shot at DA activists and councillors before stealing countless cell phones and a bank card, the DA disclosed on Sunday.

Councillor William Mahlangu who died a week ago in hospital after he was shot last year in September, was buried in Hammanskraal on Saturday. Mahlangu, a member of the Tshwane mayoral committee responsible for finance, was shot while returning from a committee meeting.

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South Africa has experienced a proliferation of violent crimes and the high levels of crime poses a serious threat to our emergent democracy. On the other hand, councillors bear the brunt of community anger on functions that sometimes are allocated to provincial and national government.

There are several interventions that have been and continue being implemented by the SALGA to secure the safety of councillors as leaders of various communities in the local government sphere. . The reality is that the interventions are long term in nature and the plight of councillors requires an immediate attention in terms of safety.

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