



Press Statement

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Murder of whistleblower Pamela Mabini condemned

Defend Our Democracy condemns the brutal killing of yet another whistleblower and community activist, Pamela Mabini.

She was shot dead on 7 March 2025 by unknown assailants in the driveway of her home in Gqeberha in the Eastern Cape.

Mabini was a prominent community figure in campaigns and protests against rape-accused televangelist Timothy Omotoso.

While the motive for her killing is not yet known, reports state that Mabini received death threats already in 2018.

The South African Human Rights Commission said on Monday, “Mabini’s role in community activism and whistleblowing is well documented, and her protection as a whistleblower was warranted. The commission is especially alarmed that whistleblowers, who may not necessarily be witnesses, are often left unprotected and without adequate support systems, making them highly vulnerable to victimisation, intimidation, and other forms of retaliation.”

Founder of the Maro Foundation, Mabini helped the homeless and provided clothes, food, and sanitary products to the needy.

Killing of Dr Mokae condemned

In the same vein, Defend Our Democracy also condemns the senseless killing of Dr Gomolemo Mokae, a community activist and author who was found shot dead in his house in Ga-Rankuwa.

Mokae, a medical doctor, was also the former national spokesperson of the Azanian People’s Organisation and a founder member of the Socialist Party of Azania.

We call upon the relevant authorities to leave no stone unturned in investigating the murders of both Mabini and Mokae, and bringing the perpetrators to book.

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