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## Media Statement

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### **SAEPU CONDEMNS ALL THE VIOLENT ATTACKS ON EMS PERSONNELS**

The South African Emergency Personnel's Union (Saepu) condemns all the attacks on Ems personnels following the incident that took place over the weekend where the crew was robbed on the scene in Khayelitsha informal settlement in the Free State province.

We are very concerned about the safety of personnels because this incident is not the first to take place at the same province this year. Last month (April) another crew was robbed in Bloemfontein.

We are calling on Minister of Health Dr Aaron Motsoaledi to come up with measures to make sure that our personnels are safe when attending calls. On the same breath we are very disappointed with Minister's attitude as they don't respond to our raised issues that need their attention whilst EMS personnels continue to suffer on the ground because of their silence.

The department must also note that these incidents cause trauma to affected personnel, where they have to be booked sick for so many months while we are running short of staff.

Police must work tirelessly until all the culprits are brought to book.

End.

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