



Vyjie Mentor's full statement

Former ANC MP Vyjie Mentor has detailed, among other things, her encounter with then president Jacob Zuma at the Gupta compound in Bazonwold in 2010.

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Government and FAWU condemn attacks on foreign informal traders in Soweto

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The Food and Allied Workers Union has condemned attacks on foreign nationals operating small businesses. This follows Wednesday's violent attacks and looting targeting spaza shops in White City, Soweto.

Three people were killed and at least 27 suspects were arrested for various crimes including murder, attempted murder, possession of unlicensed firearms and public violence.

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The union says that while it supports peaceful demonstrations against illicit trade, it cannot condone violence.

"What we cannot do is to support the attacks on foreign nationals, their killings, damage to or looting of property, and the injury to them and to others caught in the situation. If anything, we call on local citizens to cease with and desist from further attacking foreign nationals," general secretary Katishi Masemola wrote in a statement released on Wednesday.

Community members in White City, Soweto, took matters into their own hands following allegations that foreign nationals were selling expired goods.

"We believe that every evidence of fake and expired goods, counterfeit and smuggled products, and illegally manufactured foodstuff and other products must be reported to law enforcement agencies, the consumer commission and other authorities," Masemola said.

Communities urged not to take law into their hands

Government says it has noted with concern the escalating incidences of unlawful raids in spaza shops conducted by communities in some parts of the country.

It has appealed to the community to give state agencies and relevant authorities the time and opportunity to deal with their concerns.

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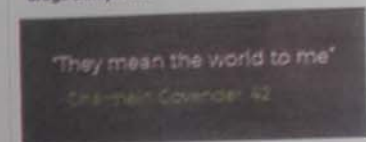
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