

MINISTER NZIMANDE CONDEMNS THE KILLING OF A STUDENT IN THE JOHANNESBURG CBD

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The Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Prof Blade Nzimande strongly condemns the killing of a UJ student in the Johannesburg CBD, yesterday, (29 February, 2024), who was caught in the crossfire, during a shooting incident in Braamfontein.

The Minister is also deeply concerned about the well being of another student, who was also shot during the same incident and is in a critical condition in hospital.

The Minister sends his heartfelt condolences to the family of the deceased student and wishes the injured student a speedy recovery.

As part of the initial response, the Minister will contact the head of the affected academic institution, with the view to ensure that the affected students and their families are given the necessary support.

Further to this, the Minister will also contact the Minister of Police to assess this disturbing incident and jointly implement the necessary measures to avoid a repeat of this dastardly act.

The Minister condemns this cruel act of lawlessness and believes that as a country, we must not tolerate what seems to be a growing culture of impunity on the part of criminal elements and a blatant disregard for human life.

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