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**NDALANE INCENSED BY THE SEXUAL ASSAULT OF MINORS IN THE MIDST OF CHILD PROTECTION MONTH**

The MEC responsible for Social Development, Ms Nandi Ndalane is enraged by the sexual assault minors including a five year old in the midst of the commemoration of Child Protection Month. The Minister of Social Development, Ms Lindiwe Zulu yesterday launched Child Protection Month in the Northern Cape.

The objective of Child Protection Month is to raise awareness on the need to protect children against abuse, exploitation, neglect and all forms of violence by ensuring that the most vulnerable in our society do not suffer abuse.

Ndalane's reaction follows a rape of a Five year-old girl at Eenzam village in the Hlogotlou Policing area. According to Police reports the victim's mother became suspicious when she returned from school crying. She checked on her and immediately took her to the local clinic where rape was confirmed. The matter was immediately reported to the Police.

In another incident a 17-year-old girl was raped at Xihoko village. According to the Police, the victim was asleep when at about 23:00 she felt a stranger touching her. When she woke-up she saw an unknown man pointing her with a firearm and ordered her not to scream. The suspect who had his face covered demanded money which the victim did not have. The suspect then proceeded raping her before fleeing the scene through the window.

Ndalane said: "We are deeply saddened and outraged by these heinous acts of violence against these minors during the commemoration of Child Protection month. Such crimes have no place in our society and should be condemned in the strongest terms possible."

She added that. “During the child protection month, it is essential that we unite to protect and defend our children from such heinous crimes.”

The MEC further expressed that rape not only inflicts physical harm but also causes severe emotional and psychological trauma that can scar a child for life. The Department of Social Development will be engaged in a number of awareness campaigns during the commemoration of Child Protection month for the benefit and safety of the children.

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