

## Premier's Closing Remarks at the Social Crime Summit, The Ranch

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SAPS Provincial Commissioner, Lt- General Thembi Hadebe,  
Director General, Mr Nape Nchabeleng,  
Distinguished guests,  
Ladies and Gentlemen  
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As we draw this significant Social Crime Summit to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the meaningful discussions we've had over the past two days here at The Ranch Hotel. This summit was convened in direct response to my pronouncement at the opening of the 7th Legislature, where I emphasised the urgent need for all government departments to actively engage in addressing the challenges posed by Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF).

Programme Director, the gravity of this issue demands our collective commitment to not only discuss but also to take decisive action. We must unlock the inhibitors that hinder the processing of GBVF cases from the moment they are reported to the point of conviction.

I would like to acknowledge the departments that participated in this important gathering: the South African Police Service (SAPS), the Department of Transport and Community Safety (DTCS), the Department of Social Development (DSD), the Office of the Premier (OtP), the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture (DSAC), the Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure (DPWRI), and the Department of Agriculture (DOA). Your presence here underscores our shared responsibility in this fight against GBVF.

We were fortunate to have representation from the Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) and the Public Protector's office. Additionally, I thank the University of Limpopo for contributing their valuable insights. The participation of institutions of higher learning is crucial as we seek to ground our discussions in research and evidence-based practices.

Programme Director, during the summit, we were privileged to hear two key presentations that set the stage for our commissions. The University of Limpopo shared

its research findings on GBVF, focusing on the DIMAMO Villages—Dikgale, Makotopong, and Mothapo. This research is vital in helping us understand the local context and the unique challenges faced by these communities.

Provincial Commissioner Lieutenant General Hadebe also presented the efforts made by SAPS over the past five years, providing us with essential statistics that highlight both progress and areas in need of improvement.

As we organised our discussions around the six pillars of the National Strategic Plan on GBVF, the commissions were tasked with interrogating the progress made in implementing the directives associated with these pillars. We also took the opportunity to review the resolutions from the 2022 Presidential Summit on GBVF, examining what has been achieved and what still lies ahead.

Importantly, each commission identified blockages and challenges encountered in our fight against GBVF and proposed actionable solutions to overcome these hurdles. I am eager to hear the presentations made in plenaries from all commissions, and I look forward to reviewing the consolidated report that will be presented to me. This report will be more than just a summary; it will serve as a comprehensive plan that we will monitor for implementation through the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security (JCPS) Cluster.

In closing, I want to thank each of you for your unwavering commitment and dedication to this cause. Our discussions have been rich and insightful and it is clear that we share a common goal: to eradicate GBVF from our society and ensure that every individual feels safe and valued.

Let us take the momentum from this summit and translate our discussions into tangible actions. Together, we can make a difference. Together, we can pave the way toward a future free from the shadows of violence and fear.

Thank you, and safe travels home.