



**SPEAKER NOTES FOR MEDIA BRIEFING LIEUTENANT GENERAL  
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Im pleased to report that that in the last 24 hours the country has remained relatively stable, and the security cluster has now entered the full implementation phase of Operation 30 June.

From this moment, our national operational plan is fully activated.

The country is now under maximum operational readiness.

Our National Joint Operational and Intelligence Structures, Provincial Joint Operational and Intelligence Structures, and all operational command centres are functioning on a 24-hour basis.

Our operators are on the ground across all nine provinces.

The first responders tasked with responding to public gatherings and any emerging incidents are fully deployed and on high alert.

Public Order Policing units are in position.

Specialised operational units are ready to respond at a moment's notice.

The Air Wing will provide aerial surveillance and operational support wherever required.



Our intelligence structures continue to monitor developments in real time, and operational commanders are receiving continuous updates to ensure swift and decisive decision-making.

We have entered the first critical hours of this national operation.

- Every law enforcement officer understands their mandate.
- Every commander understands their responsibility.
- Every operational plan is in motion.

Let there be no doubt: Government is ready.

- We will secure every lawful and peaceful demonstration.
- We will protect every community.
- We will safeguard critical infrastructure.
- We will maintain public order.

And where criminality presents itself, we will respond swiftly, proportionately and decisively within the confines of the law.

To those who intend to break the law tomorrow, our message is simple: do not test the resolve of the State.

To those who intend to demonstrate peacefully, we assure you that your constitutional rights will be protected.

To every South African, be confident that your safety remains our highest priority.



- The security cluster is united.
- Our members are deployed.
- Our operations are fully underway.
- We are ready.

This briefing marks the conclusion of weeks of meticulous planning, intelligence gathering, operational coordination and deployment preparations undertaken by the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security Cluster.

The message from the security cluster is clear, and non-negotiable:

The State is ready.

Law enforcement is ready. South Africa is ready.

Contingency plans have been tested.

There will be no security vacuum.

There is a clear distinction between exercising democratic rights and committing criminal offences.

Anyone who crosses that line must expect the full and immediate consequence of the law.

- No individual or group will be allowed to undermine the authority of the State.
- No one will be allowed to intimidate communities.
- No one will be allowed to shut down the economy.



- No one will be allowed to prevent law-abiding citizens from going to work, attending school, accessing healthcare facilities or conducting business.
- No one will be permitted to damage public infrastructure, loot businesses, attack law enforcement officers or incite violence.
- No dangerous weapons including, firearms, knives and traditional weapons will be allowed, in terms of Section 17 of the Constitution.

The State will act decisively against any person who seeks to exploit tomorrow's demonstrations to commit acts of lawlessness.

This is not a negotiation.

This is the enforcement of the law.

## **ARRESTS**

In terms of arrests and over the weekend, a group of March-on-March protestors entered a home in Rosetenville, Johannesburg where a Congolese family are residing harassed the family. We can confirm that four people are arrested and they are in custody on charges of public violence and house – robbery.

On anti-foreigner sentiment cases, we have from the 1st of March to date registered 103 cases with 195 suspects arrested.

### A breakdown of cases per province:

- In KwaZulu Natal, 39 cases have been reported with 11 arrests.
- In the Eastern cape 12 cases were reported with 9 suspects arrested.
- In the Free State, 29 cases were reported with 153 arrests.
- In the Western Cape, 15 cases reported and 14 arrests effected.
- In Gauteng 4 cases were registered with 5 suspects arrested.



- In Mpumalanga, 3 cases were registered with 3 arrests.

The leader of the march linked to the Abahambe protests Simphiwe James Bonile remains in custody following his arrest in May in the Western Cape province. His case is remanded to the 2nd of July 2026.

This is just an illustration that we are dealing decisively with those who step out of line.

Equally, those who are in the country illegally are being arrested. Just this past week, more than 2800 have been arrested and since January 2026 to date, more than 50 000 have been arrested. The total fatalities on anti-foreigner sentiment to date are standing at four, two in KZN and two in the Western Cape.

## **REPARTRIATION**

Regarding the repatriation process, we wish to assure the public that comprehensive security measures are in place. To date, more than 25 000 foreign nationals have been repatriated. This is an ongoing process.

All buses transporting repatriated foreign nationals are travelling under strict law enforcement escort from departure to the designated ports of entry.

Along the routes, a number of verification checkpoints have been established where law enforcement officials confirm passenger numbers, verify identities and nationalities, and ensure that all processes comply with the law.

To ensure the safe, orderly and efficient movement of these convoys, and to prevent unnecessary congestion at our ports of entry, the escorted buses will not make



unscheduled stops. They will proceed directly to their designated border posts under continuous security escort.

These measures are intended to safeguard the integrity of the repatriation process, maintain public order and ensure that all repatriations are conducted in a secure, lawful and dignified manner.

The security cluster has adopted an intelligence-driven, risk-based and highly coordinated operational approach.

Thousands of law enforcement officers from the South African Police Service, metro police departments, provincial traffic services and other law enforcement agencies have been deployed across the country.

Specialised operational capabilities, including Public Order Policing, Tactical Response Teams, National Intervention Unit, Special Task Force, Air Wing, K9 units, mounted units, detectives and intelligence personnel are strategically positioned and remain on standby.

Critical infrastructure, national key points, transport routes, ports of entry, airports, healthcare facilities, shopping centres and other strategic installations are receiving enhanced protection.

Visible policing has been significantly intensified.

Operational commanders have been empowered to respond immediately to any developing threat.



The security cluster has also strengthened cooperation with municipalities, disaster management centres, emergency medical services, the private security industry and other stakeholders to ensure a coordinated response should circumstances require it.

We are aware of various narratives circulating on digital platforms.

Where criminal conduct is identified, investigations are already underway.

Incitement to commit violence is a criminal offence.

Tomorrow's operations will be intelligence-led.

- They will be measured.
- They will be professional.
- But they will also be firm.

Law enforcement officers have both the legal authority and the operational capability to restore order wherever it is threatened.

Our members have one responsibility: to uphold the law without fear, favour or prejudice.

We therefore call upon every organiser and every participant to honour their commitments under the law.

Exercise your constitutional rights peacefully.

Cooperate with marshals and law enforcement officials.

Respect agreed routes and conditions.



Disperse peacefully once your activities have concluded.

Those who do so have nothing to fear from the police.

Those who choose violence, intimidation, destruction of property, looting, road blockades, attacks on public officials or any other criminal conduct should expect immediate law enforcement intervention.

- Arrests will be affected.
- Cases will be investigated.
- Prosecutions will follow
- There will be accountability.

To every South African, we say this:

- Remain calm.
- Go about your lawful daily activities.
- Continue to report crime and suspicious activities.
- Do not be intimidated by threats circulating on social media.
- Do not spread misinformation.
- Trust that your law enforcement agencies are fully prepared.

The Republic of South Africa is governed by the rule of law—not by threats, fear or intimidation.

- Tomorrow, the Constitution will be protected.
- Public safety will be protected.



- Lives will be protected.
- The authority of the State will be upheld
- The security cluster is united.
- Our plans are complete.
- Our members are deployed.
- Our command structures are fully operational.
- Our resolve is unwavering.
- We are ready.

Now, more than ever, is the time for South Africans to stand together.

- We have one country.
- We have one Constitution.
- We have one people whose safety and security we are duty-bound to protect.

Let us reject division, violence, xenophobia and lawlessness.

Let us embrace the values that define us as a nation—Ubuntu, mutual respect and the rule of law.

Tomorrow, let us demonstrate to the world that South Africa's democracy is strong enough to accommodate peaceful protest while firmly rejecting criminality.

The security cluster stands ready.

The law will be upheld.

South Africa will remain safe.

**I THANK YOU.**