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King Zwelithini signs pledge to fight GBV

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King Goodwill Zwelithini says public-private partnerships are necessary to fight the scourge of Gender-Based Violence.

Amazulu King Goodwill Zwelithini has signed a pledge to fight the scourge of Gender-Based Violence, child abuse and human trafficking as the country observes 16 Days of Activism. The King was speaking at the launch of a non-profit organisation, The Mercy and Peace Foundation, by the international charity, The Muslim World League.

Gender-Based Violence numbers amid 16 Days of activism:



Zwelithini says public-private partnerships are necessary to fight the scourge of Gender-Based Violence.

"The women of South Africa must rest assured that I am on their side. I'm prepared to protect them till the last drop of my blood. Those who kill women are killing South Africa and the African continent at large. I own this war and all those who regard themselves as good citizens should own it. So, I'm looking forward to all of us collaborating to eliminating the scourge of Gender-Based Violence."

Women march against GBV and for economic inclusion

On Friday, scores of women under the movement known as Women of South Africa, delivered a memorandum at the offices of the Limpopo Economic Development Agency (LEDA) in Polokwane. The women chanted outside the agency, demanding inclusion in the mainstream economy and business opportunities.

The women in the march, organised by Women of South Africa (WOSA), demanded to be empowered economically.

Women demand inclusion into mainstream economy:



ANC National Executive Committee member, Makoma Makhurupetje said cases of GBV are prevalent due to a lack of economic opportunities for women.

"As women, we feel that Gender-Based Violence is perpetuated by the fact that women are not included on issues of economy and we demand that women must be given an opportunity on issues of the economy. The Limpopo Development Agency is in charge of mines in Limpopo. It is in charge of other areas where they are supposed to be including women, where they are supposed to be supporting women who want to start businesses."

Sex Workers Education and Advocacy Task Force (Sweat) called for the decriminalisation of sex work.

"I can say criminalisation of sex work in South Africa is killing us sex workers and regardless of the fact that sex work is criminalised but us, we say sex work is work because sex work pays our bills. Because of high unemployment, we chose to be sex workers," said Sweat spokesperson, Josephine Matema.

The women gave LEDA a week to respond to the demands contained in the memorandum.

— **Additional reporting by Katlego Niyoni.**

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King Amantso's Work-meeting Tswarini signed a pledge to combat gender-based violence, child abuse and the tragedy of trafficking while the country was observing its 16-day activity. The King spoke at the launch of The Mercy and Peace Foundation, a non-profit organization by the Islamic World League, an international charity.

Number of gender-based violence in 16 days of activity:

1 in 3 GBV - 16 Days of activism

Waziri states that a public-private partnership is needed to combat the tragedy of gender-based violence.

"Women in South Africa must be reassured that I am on their side. I am ready to protect them to the last drop. Those who kill women cover South Africa and the entire African continent. I'm killing them this way, and everyone who considers there is a good citizen must own it, so we all have to end the tragedy of gender-based violence. I look forward to working with you."

Women oppose GBV and march for financial inclusion

On Friday, dozens of women delivered a memorandum of understanding at the office of the Limpopo Economic Development Board (LEDA) in Polokwane under a movement known as South African women. The women chanted outside the agency, demanding participation in mainstream economies and business opportunities.

The marching women, organized by the Women of South Africa (WOSA), demanded financial empowerment.

Women demand inclusion in the mainstream economy.

Makoma Makhuruphe, a member of the ANC National Executive Committee, said the case of GBV is widespread due to the lack of financial opportunities for women.

"As women, we feel that gender-based violence is perpetuated by the fact that women are not included in economic issues and demand that women be given the opportunity to address economic issues. The Kinship Development Agency is responsible for the financial issues. It is also responsible for other areas, including women, that are supposed to help women who want to start a business."

See worker education and the Advocacy Task Force (jwaet) called for decriminalization of sex work.

"It can be said that the criminalization of sex work in South Africa is killing us sex workers. Despite the fact that sex work is a crime, we are paying for it. I say sex work is a job. I chose to be a sex worker because of the high unemployment rate," said Josephine Mamea, a sweatshirt spokeswoman.

The women gave LEDA a week to meet the demands contained in the memorandum.

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THE Zulu King, Goodwill Zwelithini and Sheikh Walid El Saad light candles at Durban's beachfront eLangeni Hotel yesterday. | The king was hosted by the Muslim World League in conjunction with the Mercy and Peace Foundation for Women and Children, an organisation promoting the well being of the vulnerable. The event, coincides with the 16 days activism campaign against no violence against women and children. Among other dignitaries who attended were eThekweni Municipality speaker Weziwe Thusi and councillor Fawzia Peer. ZANELE ZULU ANA

'I will fight GBV with last drop of blood'

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THE Zulu monarch has pledged to protect women and children against gender-based violence (GBV) with his last drop of blood. The king was addressing women at the Mercy and Peace Foundation for Women and Child abuse held at eLangeni hotel yesterday.

The country is presently marking 16 days of activism against gender-based violence.

He said people of different races fought apartheid but under democracy women and girls feared visiting neighbours and relatives. He pleaded with men to stop the scourge and start protecting their families. He said there was always an outcry because heinous crime was on the rise with men neglecting their family duties. His majesty said after listening to the testimonies from the victims his heart sank. He asked what kind of a man kills his wife, cut children into pieces – before taking his own life? He said culprits who commit suicide after killing women and children will never see God and their ancestors. He said Zulus used to have a lot of respect for women.

"Women must be ensured that I will protect them until the last drop of my blood. We need everyone from all race groups to join hands. I feel bad because police are hard at work but criminals are released back to the public to continue with such crimes. GBV did not start today, it comes from a long way. It is the worse form of human abuse. We need to put aside our differences to fight GBV. We also need to move away from tolerating each other to accepting each other

as brothers and sisters," said the king.

His majesty complained that his hands were tied due to the laws governing the country. He said his Zulu warriors could stop this nonsense if given a chance. The king said previously an ill disciplined man was punished severely to stop misbehaving. He also blamed the killing of farmers in the kingdom.

"GBV has caused me greater shame, in my twilight years of ruling the kingdom. We are living with monsters among us. They are monsters because a real man won't commit heinous deeds but would love and protect women and children," he said.

GBV victim Ntombi Ndelela said she endured 12 years of domestic violence until her husband was arrested for killing their two children. She said her husband was an angry person because he was raped by a relative (woman) when he was young. Ndelela said she did everything to help her husband but still her marriage collapsed. She said their families did not believe that their son was abusive towards her and their children until one day she found her daughter, 3, and boy, 7, hanging from the roof inside the house. "I am still trying to heal from the scars. When the police took him away I asked him why he killed his own children – he only apologised for causing me the pain," she said.

Sheikh Walid El Saadi of the Muslim World League, which hosted the king, said he was grateful for his presence and support. The king was accompanied by Queen Thandi of Linduzulu Palace (Thandekile Jane Ndlovu) and KZN House of Traditional Leaders chairperson Inkosi Phathisizwe Chiliza.

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DURBAN - Stop protecting women and children abusers. That's the strong call from AmaZulu King Goodwill Zwelithini KaBhekuzulu.

He's been speaking at a dialogue discussing gender-based violence in Durban.

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It's hosted by the Mercy and Peace Foundation, which has brought together various stakeholders to address the scourge.

The AmaZulu King says the time for talk is over and it's time to root out the scourge.

"If you count the killings that are taking place within the Kingdom of KwaZulu-Natal, the numbers are increasing every day."

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The King says the criminal justice system has, in most cases, failed victims of gender-based violence.

He's urged all stakeholders to join together in the fight to root out gender-based violence and femicide.

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'I will fight GBV with last drop of blood'

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Durban - The Zulu monarch has pledged to protect women and children against gender-based violence (GBV) with his last drop of blood. The king was addressing women at the Mercy and Peace Foundation for Women and Child abuse held at Durban last weekend.

The country is presently marking 16 days of activism against gender-based violence.

He said people of different races fought apartheid but under democracy women and girls have ending negligence and attitudes. He stressed with men to stop the courage and start protecting their families. He said there was always an equity because men come over on the earth men respecting their family duties. He equity said after listening to the testimonies from the victims he heart sunk. He asked what kind of a man who he wife, but children in prison - before being to over 100 he said equity who commit suicide after killing women and children will never see God and their ancestors. He said Zulu would have a lot of respect for women.

"Women must be ensured that I will protect them until the last drop of my blood. We need everyone from all our groups to join hands. I had been before police was here at work but criminals are returned back to the police to continue with such crimes. GBV did not start today, it comes from a long time. It is the worst form of human abuse. We need to put aside our differences to fight GBV. We are needed to work together, understanding each other to carrying each other as brothers and sisters." said the king.

His equity completed that his hands need not due to the men governing the country. He said his Zulu warriors could stop the non-violence of women and children. He said, personally if it happened near was personal enemies to his wife and children he also blamed the killing of women in the kingdom.

"GBV has caused me greater shame, as my highlight case of saving the kingdom. We are facing with non-violence among us. They are murders because a man can't work common human death but would have been women and children," he said.

GBV victims Nomsa Ndlovu said she endured 10 years of domestic violence until her husband was arrested for killing their two children. She said her husband was an angry person because he was called to a police station after his son was killed. Ndlovu said she did everything to help her husband but still her marriage collapsed. She said their families did not know that their son was abused because her and their children would one day she thought daughter, I said boy, I thought from the man inside the house "an all signs to her from the sky. When the police took her away I asked her why she killed her own children - he only apologise for carrying the gun," he said.

She said that 15 days of the #SafeWomen campaign, which started the king, said he was grateful for his presence and support. The king was accompanied by Queen Thandolizile Ndlovu, Queen Thandolizile Ndlovu and 425 members of Traditional Leadership Council of the Kingdom of Eswatini.

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The country is currently celebrating 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence.

He said people of different races were fighting apartheid, but under democracy, women and girls were afraid to visit their neighbors and relatives. He begged the men to stop the plague and start protecting their families. He said there was always an outcry because heinous crimes were on the increase, with men neglecting their family duties. Her Majesty said that after listening to the testimonies of the victims, her heart sank. He asked what kind of man kills his wife, cuts children to pieces – before committing suicide? He said the citizens who commit suicide after killing women and children will never see God and their ancestors. He said that Zulus once had a lot of respect for women.

"Women must be assured that I will protect them to the last drop of my blood. We need everyone from all racial groups to join hands. I feel bad because the police are working hard, but the criminals are released to continue committing such crimes. GBV did not start today, it has come a long way. It is the worst form of human abuse. We need to put our differences aside to fight GBV. We also need to stop tolerating each other to accept each other as brothers and sisters," the king said.

Her Majesty complained that her hands were tied due to the laws governing the land. He said his Zulu warriors could stop this nonsense if they had the chance. The king has previously said that an ill-disciplined man has been severely punished to stop misbehaving. He also blamed the killing of farmers in the kingdom.

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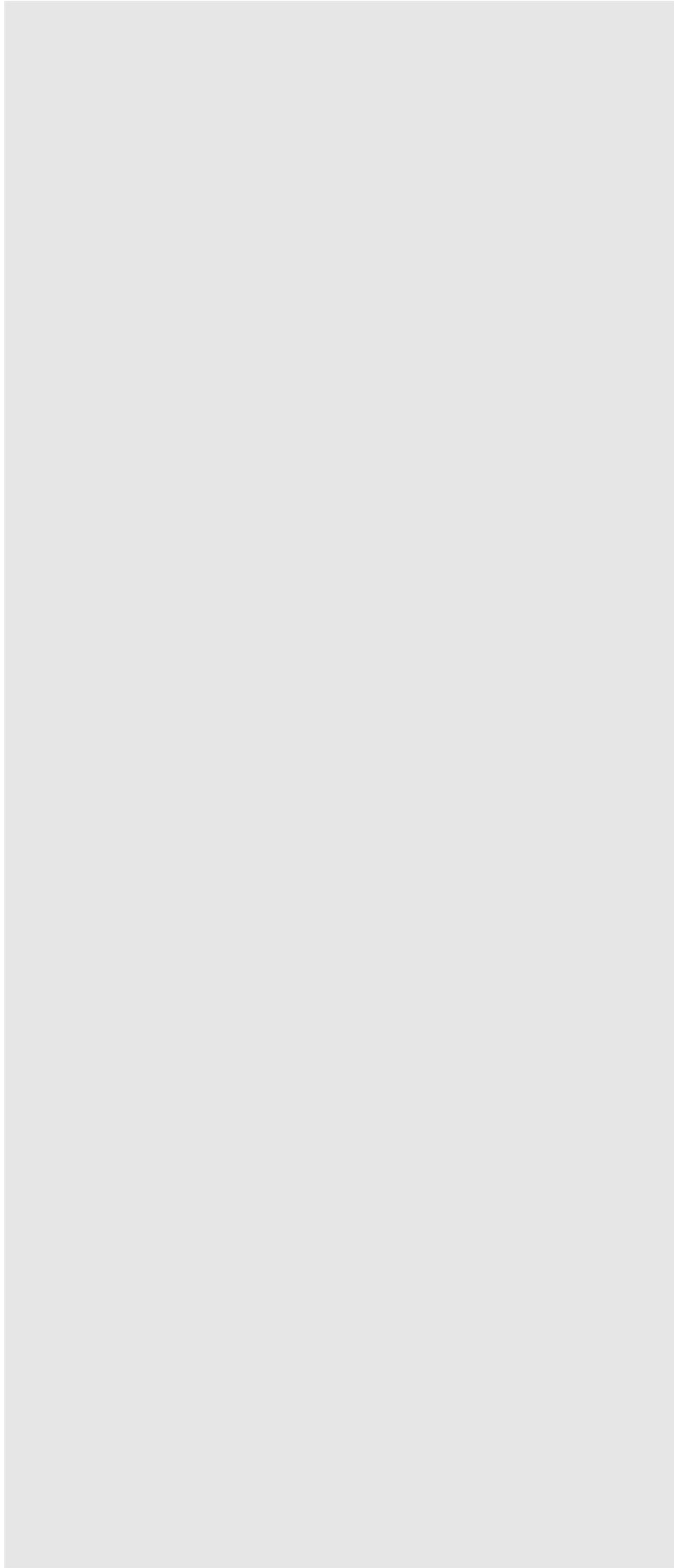
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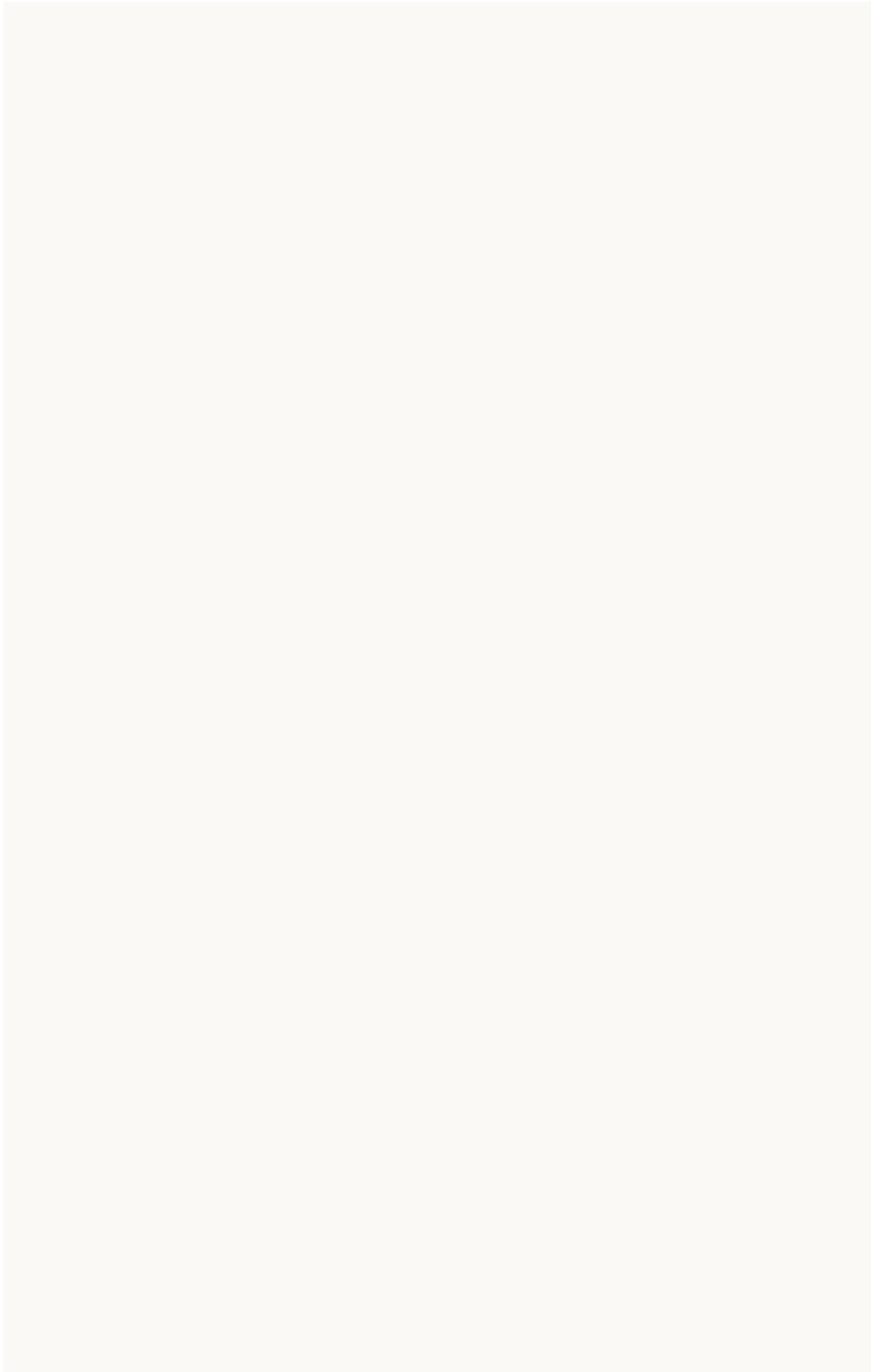
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High-profile delegates commit to tackling GBV alongside the Mercy and Peace Foundation

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King Goodwill Zwelithini, Sultan Dlamini, Deputy Minister of Justice, Dr. Fawzia Pezer, Deputy Commissioner General Ganya and religious leaders signed the Mercy and Peace Foundation pledge to fight against women and child abuse and human trafficking, on Saturday, 5 December at Durban's Southern Sun Gangezi Hotel.

The non-profit organisation Muslim World League hosted an introductory seminar to ignite engagement around gender-based violence (GBV) solutions, attended by religious leaders, members of GBV support groups, government representatives, GBV victims and other contributors. The opening ceremony was led by His Majesty, King Goodwill Zwelithini, Sultan Dlamini, King of the Zulu nation, who in four cardinals, followed by a moment of silence for those who lost their lives to GBV and femicide.

The Mercy and Peace NPO, was founded by His excellency, Dr. Mohamed bin Abdulkarim Al-Saa, former Justice Minister of Saudi Arabia and Secretary General of Muslim World League (MWL). The aim of the foundation is to provide safety and support for victims of GBV, inequality and discrimination and human trafficking, as its central focus.

"It is highly commendable that the MWL, is restoring hope and providing light through the Mercy and Peace foundation. We must fight this cause together, to stop those who are hurting women and children. No one must be silent," said King Goodwill Zwelithini Sultan Dlamini.

During a recent visit to South Africa, Dr Al Saa was alerted by the executive adviser for the African continent Sheikh Waleed El Saadi to the significant number of women and child abuse cases, as South Africa reporting some of the globe's highest statistics in terms of women and child abuse, that for HE Dr Al Saa decided to establish the NPO Mercy and Peace Foundation in South Africa.

"The aim of the Mercy & Peace Foundation is to save abused women and children by helping them emotionally, mentally and physically first," explained the organisation's founder, Dr Mohamed bin Abdulkarim Al Saa, the Secretary General of MWL. "Once done, we will provide them with the necessary education, skills training and support to that they are self-sufficient and afforded better opportunities," His Excellency Dr Al-Saa.

The foundation aims to address human rights' violations as well as the ongoing scourge of human trafficking globally. Mercy and Peace Foundation will assist all victims, regardless their race or religion.

"This ongoing global crisis has left a horrific social need for change," said Sheikh Waleed El Saadi. "Through this foundation, meaningful discussions with government representatives, community leaders and other organisations have already begun," he said.

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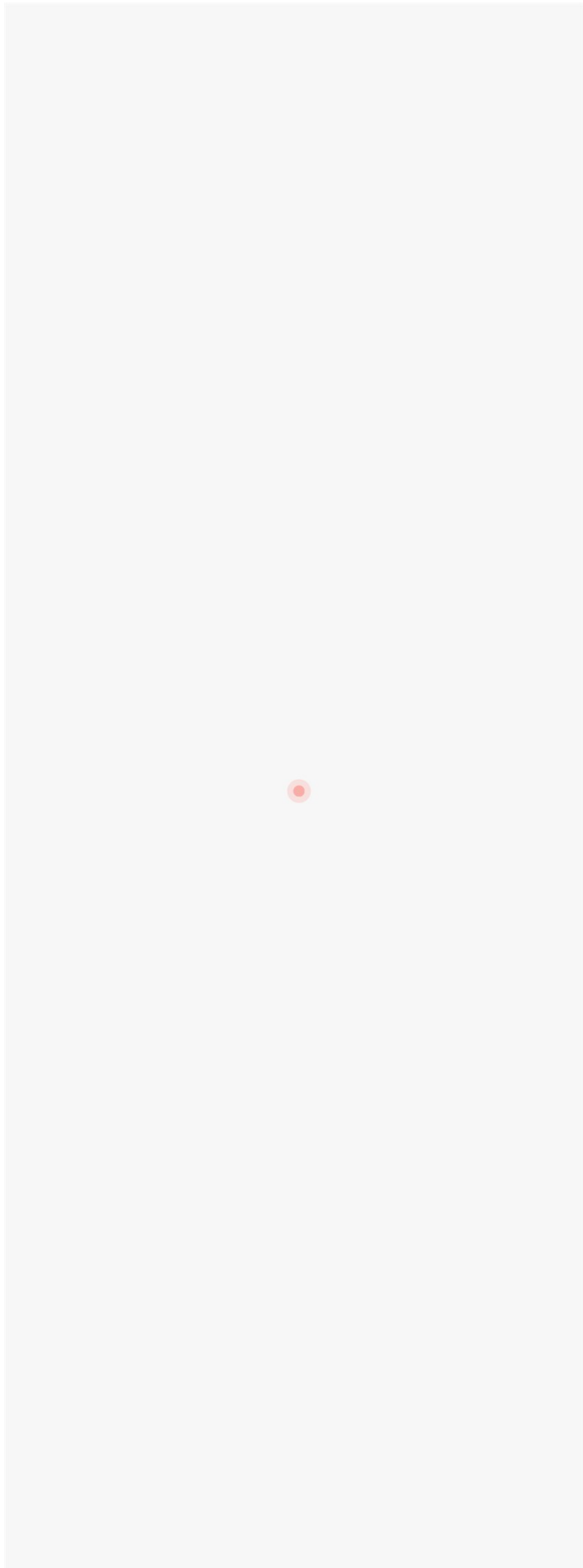
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The Mercy and Peace NPO, was founded by his excellency, Dr. Mohamed bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa, former Justice Minister of Saudi Arabia and Secretary General of Muslim World League (MWL). The aim of the foundation is to provide safety and support for victims of GBV, inequality and discrimination and human trafficking, as its central focus. "It is highly commendable that the MWL is restoring hope and providing light through the Mercy and Peace foundation. We must fight this cause together, to stop those who are hurting women and children. No one must keep quiet," said King Goodwill Zwelithini kaBhekuzulu.

During a recent visit to South Africa, Dr Al Issa was alerted by the executive adviser for the African continent Sheikh Walid El Saadi to the significant number of women and child abuse cases, as South Africa is reporting some of the globe's highest statistics in terms of women and child abuse, that for HE Dr Al Issa decided to establish the NPO Mercy And Peace Foundation in South Africa. "The aim of the Mercy & Peace Foundation is to save abused women and children by



King Goodwill Zwelithini kaBhekuzulu, Queen Thandi and Sheikh Walid El Saadi, Regional Director of Muslim World League (MWL)

helping them emotionally, mentally and physically first," explained the organisation's founder, Dr Mohamed bin Abdulkarim Al Issa, the Secretary General of MWL. "Once done, we will provide them with the necessary education, skills' training and support so that they are self-sufficient and afforded better opportunities," said Dr Al-Issa. The foundation aims to address human rights' violations as well as the ongoing scourge of human trafficking globally. Mercy and Peace Foundation will assist all victims, regardless of their race or religion.

"This ongoing global crisis has left a horrific social need for change," said Sheikh Walid El Saadi, "Through this

foundation, meaningful discussions with government representatives, community leaders and other organisations have already begun," he said. King Goodwill Zwelithini kaBhekuzulu, and members of the royal family offered their ongoing support and commitment to Mercy and Peace Foundation, sending a strong message, particularly in light of the 2019/2020 crime statistics that identify KwaZulu-Natal as reporting the highest number of rape, murder and sexual offences crimes in the country.

For more information, visit <http://www.mercyandpeace.co.za>, 031 303 1655 or emailinfo@mercyandpeace.co.za

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