

We mourn lives lost too soon

The usually quiet suburb of Ggaba was shaken in a way few could have imagined. What should have been an ordinary day at the Ggaba Early Childhood Development Programme school, a place meant for laughter, learning, and safety turned into a scene of unimaginable horror.

The nation has struggled to process the weight of that reality: children so young, in a space meant to protect them, lost in such a violent and senseless way.

Investigations have since revealed a chilling level of planning. The suspect had reportedly visited the school days earlier under the pretence of enrolling a child. On the day of the attack, he returned, reportedly locked staff inside an office, secured the gates, and moved directly to the

play area where the children were. Four lives were taken almost instantly, while 10 others were rescued. Details like these have only deepened the sorrow, raising painful questions about how something so deliberate could unfold in a place designed for care. The motive remains unclear, but the damage both emotional and psychological is already profound.

In the aftermath, grief quickly spread beyond Ggaba. Residents, overwhelmed by anger and disbelief, attempted to take justice into their own hands before security personnel intervened. Leaders have promised swift justice, support for the affected families, and stronger protections for children. Yet even as these assurances are made, a heavy sense of unease lingers. Parents are left wondering how a stranger

could gain such access, and whether the systems meant to protect their children are truly enough.

Online, the grief has been just as visible. Messages of heartbreak, anger, and disbelief have flooded timelines, many from parents imagining their own children in similar spaces. Calls for justice have been loud, but so have calls for reflection on school safety, on vigilance, and on the value placed on protecting the most vulnerable.

As investigations continue, the country finds itself in mourning, searching for answers that may never fully explain what happened. What remains is a shared sense of loss, and a quiet, painful resolve that such a tragedy should never happen again.

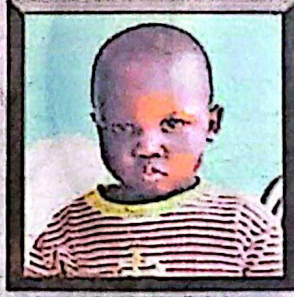
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REST IN PEACE

The Lord is clothed in mercy and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18