## MEC Dhlomo condemns cold-blooded murder of Palestinian Nurse in Gaza

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KZN Health MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo has condemned in the strongest possible terms the murder of a 21 year-old Palestinian nurse who was helping casualties of war on the Gaza strip recently. Razan al-Najjar the 21-year-old was shot dead by an Israeli sniper during protests on Friday.

MEC Dhlomo says that even in a war zone, it is despicable to target a healthcare professional.

"As a healthcare professional you are expected to assist all victims... all nationalities irrespective of their nationality. That is what's there in the Nurses Pledge and Hippocratic Oath for doctors. It was therefore with serious disdain and disgust to notice that there is a Palestinian nurse who was shot at Gaza, while trying to help victims who were caught up in a war situation. To kill the person who is supposed to bring life and give support to people who are in a dire situation is unheard of. We would want to condemn it in the strongest possible terms. A healthcare professional is the last line of defence for those who are facing life-threatening situation."



