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SAUBC CONDEMNS THE VIOLENT PROTESTS AND LOOTING IN THE COUNTRY

The South African United Business Confederation notes and highly condemns the mass destruction and looting of various businesses hiding behind the name of protesting in the country.

SAUBC President Mr. George Sebelela said, “many businesses have already been pushed to the edge of solvency by months of lockdown related to the coronavirus. Looting and property destruction are not just criminal activity, they are inflicting long-term economic harm on the communities where they take place”.

Mr. George Sebelela further added, “businesses and neighbourhoods where looting have turned violent will have to contend not just with the aftermath of the violent protests and looting of businesses, but with multiple aggravating factors that will make recovery even more difficult”.

President Cyril Ramaphosa said, “It is this rule of law that guards against the abuse of power, that protects the poor and the vulnerable, that enables our society to function and our economy to develop. The victims of the violence that is unfolding now the workers, the truck drivers, the business owners, the parents and families of those who have lost their lives have done nothing wrong”.

The SAUBC urges law enforcement agencies to act firmly and expeditiously, within the law, against any form of lawlessness, public violence, damage to property and disruption of economic activity, and service delivery. Moreover, we wish to commend the police for doing their best to deal with an extremely difficult and volatile situation within the country. We support the President to deploy the South African Defence Force, which yesterday he authorised the deployment of Defence Force personnel in support of the operations of the South African Police Service (SAPS).

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What is SAUBC

South Africa United Business Confederation (SAUBC) is a non-profit & non-racial, business & economic federation that represents cross-cutting business interests in South Africa. SAUBC consists of members representing Export Councils, Industry Associations and Joint Groups (Business Chambers)

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