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### Re: Police shoot child at Nyanga bus terminus

#### **ANC comment:**

The ANC Western Cape expresses horror and outrage at the shooting of an eight-year old school child near Nyanga bus terminus this morning. The ANC demands the immediate arrest of the policeman responsible and that he is brought to justice.

Policemen have repeatedly been involved in similar incidents around the Nyanga terminus and it is clear that there is little attempt to bring them under control or discipline.

#### **Background information:**

Members of the community reported that a group of policemen fired into a group of people at the Nyanga bus terminus.

A policeman, identified by his name tag as Prins Nortie, shot a young child of about eight years. The child was wearing a school uniform and was on the way to John Pama Primary School at the time. The child was taken to hospital. The child is not dead but seriously injured.

Mothers and teachers from the school marched to the Gugulethu police station after the shooting to give their angry demands to the station commander. The demands were as follows:

1. The police should stop roaming the streets of KTC at night, kicking open doors claiming to be looking for fire arms.
2. Police should stop shooting of innocent people and show respect for people's lives.
3. Normal school activities should be allowed to continue as the situation is not conducive at the present time.
4. The Nyanga bus terminus be moved to another site.

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