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COPE CALLS FOR THE ARREST OF VIOLENT KATLEHONG PASTOR

For Immediate Release

COPE condemns the morally reprehensible conduct of a well-known pastor at a school in Katlehong on Monday, August 5, 2024.

As a party, we maintain that a pastor of his stature should set an example that aligns with the moral expectations of society. Religious leaders are expected to uphold and model acceptable moral standards. Brandishing dangerous weapons in a school or any public space is behaviour typically associated with criminal-minded individuals who terrorize communities. This act constitutes a severe threat of violence, regardless of the context.

We urge his church community to hold him accountable and call on the SAPS to show no leniency towards such behaviour. The authorities should arrest him and his accomplices, and charge them with trespassing, violent behaviour, and brandishing dangerous weapons in public.


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