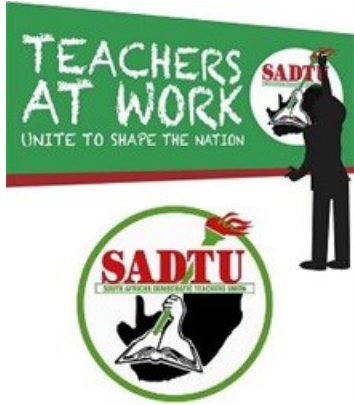


# SADTU launches principal seminars to address school-based violence

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Gathering over 200 Gauteng school principals and district officers at the Parktonian Hotel in Braamfontein, the South African Democratic Teachers Union (SADTU) launched the first of six principal seminars across the country to resolve the issue of violence in schools...



The union says an immediate intervention is needed.

Speaking against the recent surge of xenophobic attacks, SADTU's provincial chairperson for Gauteng, Eddie Kekana says the seminar could not have come at a better time.

Kekana says attacks are a disservice to the country's image and integrity.

"We need to really educate our people, especially the young people, who are being used in these particular acts of attacks on foreign nationals. Our miseries and frustrations are not brought about by foreign nationals but by the capitalist system we are entrapped in."

Although most schools have devised their own interventions, the union says it hopes to come up with a national toolkit that will assist principals to monitor violence in all its forms.

General Secretary, Mugwena Maluleke says one of the main areas of focus will be to deal with the psycho social aspect.

"One of the areas that we need to have interventions on is psycho-social because it's very important because we need to counsel children."

Several other seminars are expected to be held across the country.

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