

## PUBLIC STATEMENT

### **Operation Dudula (Self Hate) and the weak stands of the Government against mob justice, that's targeting innocent people because of their nationality.**

Operation Dudula a vigilantism group that is spreading a wrong information and acting on its own in and around Gauteng against a vulnerable group that moved to South Africa for safety and other reasons, is becoming worrisome for Refugees and Migrants, as they are the targets of this movement. Such actions are dividing the people and their daily lives.

As we have seen, these barbaric actions are being supported by some groups who wants to see the nation becoming chaotic and for the impediment of the nation's recovery from the tough economy we are seeing. Hence this action if not stopped it will bring more chaos and a bad image for the country itself as it has been seen that way from the first xenophobic attack that has transpired in the country back in 2008.

As Africans we must support each other instead of pulling each other down. This action by Operation Dudula shows clearly that, the action taken by its members is not targeting the actual people that are damaging the country, instead it is targeting people who are innocent and those that are seen weak by the group. The people who ran away from their countries move to South Africa for many reasons who see South Africa as a safe heaven for them and for their families are the ones that are being targeted merely because of their nationality, in this process it created hate which is a sad thing for the leaders who were here before us, who envisioned a strong Africa a supporting Africa a continent that supports each other Africa.

Hence the Government should play a huge role when it comes to taking actions against those that are taking the law into their own hands. The government must stop scapegoating migrants for their lack of services to the people when it comes to their work.

For a minister to go onto the media and lying to the people about migrants, regarding the health care system stating that migrants are the most that are occupying our hospitals is the beginning of all hate, instead of working to better the situation they put the blame on migrants.

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Government should take the role of taking the law instead of individuals who are targeting the wrong people for the sake of fame and opportunities for themselves, which led to the gruesome killing of a Zimbabwe citizens (Elvis Nyathi) who is a father a husband and most of all a human being, that is targeted because of his nationality, this kinds of actions leads to a confrontation or even a genocide that we have seen in Rwanda.

ARMA condemns such actions and urges all stakeholders that are capable of taking actions to take actions so that this would not lead to another genocide action by the so called mob justice.

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