



Democratic Alliance Johannesburg Media Statement
Shadow Member of Mayoral Committee for Public Safety
Councillor Michael Sun

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The City of Joburg ranks low on the Safe Cities Index

The City of Johannesburg is at the bottom of the log when it comes to safety, the City ranked a low 47 out of 50 world cities on the Safe Cities Index 2015.

This is according to experts at the Economist Intelligence Unit and reported in an extensive survey report that City of Joburg is not a safe City.

The local daily news cover offences entailing child rape, violent house robberies, car hi-jacking, as well as looting and murder.

The corruption and involvement in serious and violent crimes by the police are also tarnishing the image of the SAPS.

It has been documented that a staggering 1 448 SAPS members were convicted of crimes in 2013, and the convictions range from murder, rape to assault. Three out of ten South African adults fear the police whilst 44% does not think reporting crime to the police will have any effect.

DA Shadow Member of Mayoral Committee for Public Safety Councillor Michael Sun believes that economic development which embraces job creation and poverty alleviation paves the way to prosperity. "Johannesburg and its provincial counterpart need to focus on breaking the cycle of crime, we cannot simply accept the statistics and believe that our city is some decimal points safer," he says.

Councillor Sun says that the government must devise smarter plans and lead public-private partnerships in combating crime. Furthermore resources need to be availed to accomplish success in this venture.

The greatest start is enforcing the by-laws to dismantle syndicates of crime. The DA believes that major crimes need to be on the daily morning agenda of SAPS and JMPD.

"The community members need to get involved in driving out the criminal elements within their neighbourhoods as well. We need to stand as platoons of million men and women and fight the criminals, after all we do outnumber the criminals by a hundred fold," he says.

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