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Press Release: Lesotho Council of NGOs to convene a dialogue on human rights violation trends (20/04/16)

Lesotho Council of NGOs has organised a dialogue on the human rights violation trends during the operations of the Lesotho Defence Force (LDF) in Lebakeng and surrounding areas on the 21st April 2016 at Victoria Hotel in Maseru at 09:00 hrs.

The dialogue has been provoked by the recent death of a female of Rothifa in the area under circumstances that have been said to implicate participation of members of the LDF. This is an open platform of engagement where all stakeholders will be called together with the representatives of the family of the deceased, community members and development partners.

The objectives of the dialogue are to provide a neutral and objective platform for engagement for all parties and stakeholders to thoroughly interrogate what transpired in the events surrounding and leading to the death of the said female citizen. To also create a pathway for a thorough human rights diagnosis on the operations of the military in the area and inform relevant departments. Lastly, to highlight issues that are prime for interrogation in this and related cases.

This activity is part of a project called Civil Society Engagement Towards Fostering Rule of Law and Accountability in Lesotho supported by the European Union under the “European Instrument for democracy and Human Rights”(EIDHR). Under this support, LCN seeks to strengthen the capacity of local civil society organisations and other stakeholders to pursue the promotion of human rights principles, related accountability of public institutions and the democratisation process. This project, implemented by LCN also supports the drafting of shadow reports on progress made in implementing the UN Human Rights Conventions.

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