

UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

10 September 2019

Dear students and staff

Yesterday, Monday 9 September 2019 at approximately 17H00, a student was violently attacked in a lecture venue situated in the Library Complex on the Steve Biko campus in Durban.

The student has been identified as Mr Sandile Ndlovu. Matters surrounding the attack are now subject to a police investigation.

Mr Ndlovu was transported to hospital for medical attention and he remains in a serious and critical condition today. We urge the entire University community to please keep Sandile in your prayers.

Members of Mr Ndlovu's family have since arrived in Durban, from their home in Mpumalanga, to be by his side.

The University is shocked and angered by the violent attack on Mr Ndlovu and will be working closely with the South African Police Services, who have already commenced with their investigation. We urge the law enforcement authorities to act swiftly and to arrest the suspect or suspects, who violently attacked Mr Ndlovu last night.

We continue to strongly condemn these acts of violence and criminality and implore all students and staff to be alert and to report any suspicious activity to campus security in Durban on 0313732181 or 0313732182 or 0313732223; and in Pietermaritzburg on 0338458979 (Indumiso campus) and 0338458803 (Riverside campus).

The University wishes to remind all students and staff that weapons of any kind, are not allowed to be carried or stored on campus or in any of the residences.

We hope and pray that Mr Ndlovu makes a full recovery.

Sincerely

DUT Communications Team
