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The ANCYL is totally against the removal of security gates to combat crime in our townships.

The ANCYL has seen a disturbing trending video of EMPD officials removing boom-gate in a township where the community has been experiencing a lot of Crime activities in the past and they decided to install a boom-gate to control access and reduce crime in the area.

The responsibility of EMPD and SAPS are to protect our communities against law breakers. The by laws cannot be applied where government does not have a plan to combat crime. Community members are gatvol of crime and have come with a best solution to the rising rate of crime with no response from law enforcers on time.

We will not fold our arms when our people's efforts are being undermined by Law enforcers using their power against our people. The growing rate of crime in our communities informed our communities to come together and contribute to secure their areas by putting security gates/boom gates so that thugs can't easily access their area thus protecting themselves. We want to issue a stern warning to whoever who gave the mandate to the metro police that acting in this way against our communities will lead to our EMPD officials being declared enemies of our people instead of them being their protectors.

The government should instead come with a tangible solutions to combat crime in our communities and stop undermining our people. We call for the Chief of Police and MMC of community safety to call order on this act and work together with our communities in finding permanent solutions to combat crime other than creating a crisis where there is none. We strongly condemn this unscientific act with the contempt it deserves. Branches of the ANCYL are advised to report such when it occurs and we will be there to re install those gates with our communities.

In our region, there is a high rise of crime, just two days ago, there was a girl in school uniform who was shot dead by unknown criminals just outside her home, same happened in Siluma in Katsieng same day. These gates play a huge role in ensuring safety for our people.

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We also call for the city to install street lights and fix the broken ones in our townships because our city has turned into a dark city that's now a playground for criminals. We call for government to work with CPF and Ama Panyaza in patrolling 24 hrs in townships especially where there is high crime rate. Let's all work together with our communities to fight against crime and not against each other.

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