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SAQA condemns the murder of University of Zululand professor

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SAQA condemns the murder of Professor Gregory Kamwendo for allegedly uncovering a syndicate offering fake degrees at the University of Zululand. The [murder](#) of Professor Kamwendo was first reported in the [media](#) in May 2018. At the time of his death, Professor Kamwendo was the Dean of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Zululand.

Following the arrest of [suspects](#) and their subsequent [appearance](#) in court, details of the motive behind the murder are slowly emerging. According to media reports, Professor Kamwendo's life was cut short because he was protecting the integrity of the University of Zululand's qualifications.

"It is unthinkable that after more than 20 years of building a world-class National Qualifications Framework (NQF) that promotes genuine qualifications, an educator would be murdered for protecting the integrity of South African qualifications," said the SAQA CEO, Mr Joe Samuels.

SAQA, as the custodian of the South African NQF, salutes advocates of genuine qualifications such as Professor Kamwendo, and thanks them for their brave efforts to protect the public from misrepresented qualifications. SAQA will continue to follow the case with keen interest and calls for justice to be served.

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