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**MEDIA STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE CRL RIGHTS COMMISSION IN
RESPONSE TO THE REPORT IT RECEIVED ABOUT A CHURCH IN THE VAAL
THAT IS KEEPING CHILDREN AWAY FROM SCHOOL ON THE BASIS OF
RELIGIOUS REASONS**

The CRL Rights Commission received a report alleging that St. Bazalwane Abangcwele church in Orange Farm, Vereeniging has been keeping children away from School on the basis that Christian religion does not allow them to go to a public school. It is further alleged that this church has been preaching to its members that the Bible is in fact against education and that it is the product of the devil.

The Commission is currently undertaking an urgent investigation with respect to this Church and its alleged activities. As part of this intervention, the Commission is already engaging various Organs of State in order to source their participation in this matter and thereby ensuring that no child is deprived of his/her right to education.

Members of the public are requested to work with the various organs of state during the process of this investigation.

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