

SECURITY RISK ADVISORY

ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT MOBILISATION, PROTEST ACTIVITY POST MOBILISATION FINAL UPDATE

ASSESSMENT PERIOD: 2 JULY 2026

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EXECUTIVE SITREP – FINAL UPDATE

XENOPHOBIC / ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION MOBILISATION | 30 JUNE 2026



REPORT DATE:
02 JULY 2026
(THURSDAY)



REPORT TIME:
08:00 (SAST)

REPORTING PERIOD:
PAST 24 HOURS
(08:00 01 JUL – 08:00 02 JUL)

CLIENT ADVISORY

OVERALL NATIONAL RISK (BPC ASSESSMENT)

LOW

MODERATE

AMBER

HIGH

CRITICAL

AMBER
UNCHANGED



Our threat level assessment has remained AMBER throughout this event, reflecting the continued presence of isolated, localised risk within communities rather than a nationwide escalation of violence or coordinated attacks.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The anti-illegal immigration mobilisation of 30 June 2026 has concluded without evolving into coordinated nationwide unrest. Most marches were structured and disciplined, with only limited post-dispersal incidents occurring during the evening and early morning. Violence was isolated and specifically directed at foreign nationals and foreign-owned businesses in two incidents, while opportunistic looting and vigilante actions occurred in a small number of locations.

Law enforcement agencies, in partnership with SANDF, BACSA and private security, responded with urgency and effectiveness, preventing escalation. South Africa has therefore returned to its normal protest and unrest rhythm.

Our threat level outlook remains AMBER, which is consistent with our standing assessment approach for South Africa. The environment is characterised by localised community-level risk that requires ongoing vigilance and operational preparedness.

Clients are encouraged to continue monitoring normal protest activity and community risk through the BPC Threat InSight application and to engage with the BPC Security Risk & Solutions Team to review and strengthen their threat monitoring and contingency planning preparedness.

1. RECAP OF THE PAST 24 HOURS



Planned nationwide mobilisation proceeded across multiple provinces.



Most organised marches remained structured and disciplined.



Several post-dispersal incidents occurred during the evening and early hours of this morning.



Between 01:00 – 02:00 several shacks were set alight in Kwagata, Vosman and Coronation areas (GP), in suspected vigilante enforcement actions. Damage limited to property only.



Violence limited to two incidents: Shayamoya (KZN) and Kew (GP), targeting foreign nationals.



Three looting incidents and two continued protests recorded.



SANDF intervention in Hillbrow defused a tense situation without further violence.



Only two additional minor incidents after 21:00 (Alexandra – GP & Pinetown – KZN). Situation remains calm in all areas.

2. KEY OPERATIONAL OBSERVATIONS



LAW ENFORCEMENT PREPAREDNESS

SAPS, SANDF, Metro Police, municipal structures, BACSA and private security were significantly better prepared than during the July 2021 unrest, with improved coordination, visible deployments and rapid response capability.



PROTEST BEHAVIOUR

Marches were mostly structured and disciplined. As anticipated, criminal elements engaged in targeted attacks, vigilante enforcement and opportunistic looting during the post-dispersal phase. Incidents remained localised.



INTELLIGENCE PERFORMANCE

Our intelligence assessments and forecasts aligned closely with actual events, enabling proportionate security measures and effective operational decision-making.

3. NORMAL PROTEST RHYTHM & OUTLOOK



South Africa experiences an average of between 75 – 120 protest actions per month.

The country has returned to its normal protest and community action rhythm.

CONFIRMED PLANNED EVENTS (NEXT 5 DAYS)*

DATE	LOCATION	DETAILS	ASSESSMENT*
02 JUL	Secunda, MP	Community march to Department of Home Affairs	Non-Violent Medium / Medium
03 JUL	Tonga, MP	Community march (motive unknown)	Non-Violent Medium / Medium
03 JUL	Overport, KZN	Picket in solidarity with Palestine	Non-Violent Medium / Medium
05 JUL	Sea Point, Cape Town, WC	Demonstration in solidarity with Palestine	Non-Violent Medium / Medium

*Probability / Impact

Source: BPC Threat InSight – 02 July 2026 05:00 Brief

4. CLIENT ACTIONS – TODAY



Maintain normal business operations and heightened vigilance in identified hotspots.



Continue monitoring communities affected by yesterday's incidents.



Secure movable assets and delivery vehicles in exposed areas.



Maintain liaison with SAPS and local security structures.



Verify all social and multi-media content before acting on information.



Utilise the BPC Threat InSight application for real-time risk and tactical information related to specific flashpoints.



Report all unverified information to the BPC verification station.

5. DEBRIEF – KEY TAKEAWAYS

1

IMPROVED PREPAREDNESS

Law Enforcement in partnership with BACSA and Private Security were much better prepared than for the 2021 riots, resulting in quicker response and containment of incidents.

2

DISCIPLINED MARCHES – TARGETED CRIME

Marches were mostly structured and disciplined with expected criminal elements engaging in targeted attacks and looting during the post-dispersal phase.

3

CLIENT CONTINGENCY CHALLENGES

Clients were mostly relying on Security Providers as primary contingency planners. This highlighted various challenges within our client base in not treating contingency planning as a core executive responsibility.



6. ENGAGE WITH BPC SECURITY RISK & SOLUTIONS TEAM

Preparedness should not begin when mobilisation is announced. Contact the BPC Security Risk & Solutions Team to review your:

- Threat Monitoring & Intelligence Services
- Contingency Planning & Crisis Management Frameworks
- Threat & Risk Vulnerability Assessments (TRVAAs)
- Business Continuity Planning & Resilience Support
- Scenario Planning & Impact Assessments
- Executive Decision-Support Protocols
- Training, Exercises & Simulations

Strengthen your resilience. Protect your people. Safeguard your business.



7. FINAL NOTE

This concludes the dedicated 30 June mobilisation SITREP series. We thank all clients, operational teams and partners for your support and collaboration throughout this period. We will continue monitoring intelligence channels. If the situation deteriorates materially, a special alert will be issued on the BPC Unrest Group.



INCREASE IN FAKE & FALSE NEWS EXPECTED:

A high volume of misinformation and recycled content is anticipated. Verify before you act.



SUBMIT ALL SOCIAL & MULTI-MEDIA TO OUR VERIFICATION STATION

Help us keep information accurate and actionable.



STAY INFORMED. STAY PREPARED. STAY SAFE.

Monitor the BPC Unrest Group for verified updates.