

SECURITY RISK ADVISORY

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 4 NOVEMBER OPERATIONAL RISK OUTLOOK

ASSESSMENT PERIOD: 16 OCTOBER – 22 OCTOBER 2026

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

National election and social instability risk remains 35/100 (Low to Medium). The past seven days recorded 114 social mobilisation events, down 28.75%, with activity peaking on 16 October. KwaZulu-Natal remains the main hotspot at 85/100, followed by Eastern Cape at 67 and Gauteng at 54. March and March organised seven actions across KZN, Gauteng and Eastern Cape. The CCSA shutdown on 20 October drew three peaceful actions with no significant escalation. Campaign rallies will increase through late October. Political killings, uncertainty around MK Party leadership and ballot reprinting remain concerns, while the briefing indicates limited signs of widespread unrest.

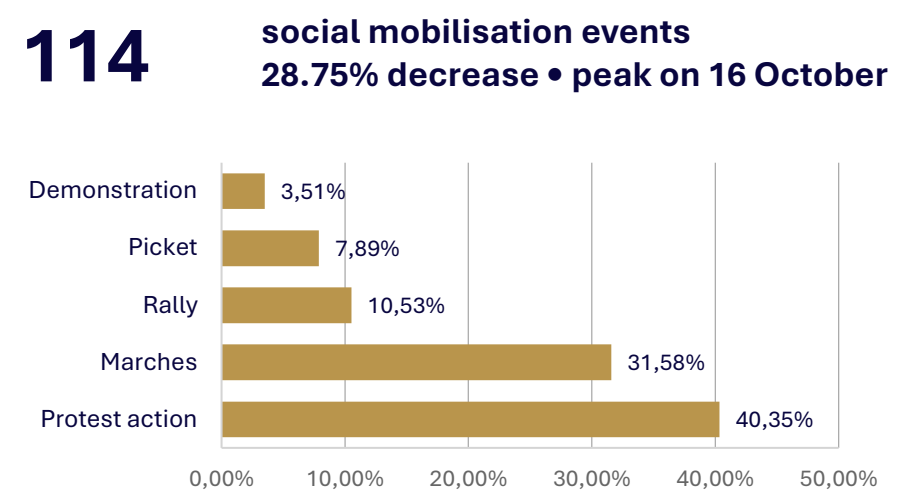
NATIONAL OBSERVED SENTIMENT & AREAS TO MONITOR



35/100 LOW TO MEDIUM



OCTOBER MOBILISATION



Listed categories total 93.86%. The briefing does not specify the remaining 6.14%.

March and March: 7 actions. Six addressed illegal immigration and one alleged patient deaths at Tembisa Hospital.

CCSA shutdown, 20 October: peaceful actions in Pretoria, Greyville and Cape Town.

Early mornings remain the main risk period. Opportunistic protesters staged 46 sporadic actions.

PROVINCIAL SCORES & ELECTION PRESSURES

Province	Score /100	National impact
KwaZulu-Natal	85	High
Eastern Cape	67	High
Gauteng	54	High
Western Cape	47	Moderate
Free State	39	Moderate
Limpopo	8	Moderate
Mpumalanga	7	Limited
North West	6	Limited
Northern Cape	2	Limited

KZN: Durban Central, Berea, Bulwer, Greyville and Pietermaritzburg concentrate activity.

Gauteng: Johannesburg, Pretoria and Soweto remain focal areas. Pretoria Central recorded three actions.

Western Cape: 18 actions, mainly Cape Town. Gqeberha recorded four actions in Eastern Cape.

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POLITICAL VIOLENCE & INSTABILITY

Updated political killings, MK leadership uncertainty and local instability

POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS UPDATE

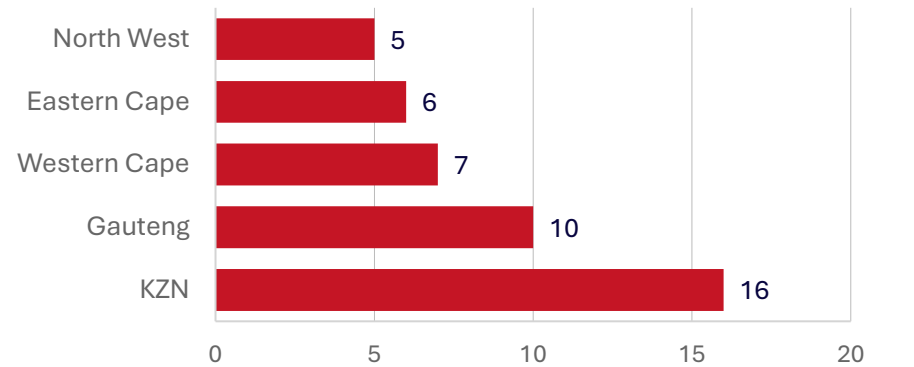
National death toll above 44

Umgababa, KwaZulu-Natal: two ANC members died during a door-to-door campaign. The briefing names ward 98 coordinator Lungani Makhathini and activist Nokuthula Mavundla (28). Three comrades were hospitalised.

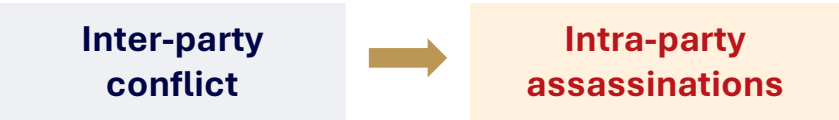
Senior ANC leader Samora Ndlovu survived an assassination attempt on the R56 near Richmond about two weeks earlier.

Katlehong North, Ekurhuleni: the update reports four ANC Youth League members killed after a memorial service.

REPORTED PROVINCIAL DEATHS • PRIOR BASELINE



SHIFT IN POLITICAL VIOLENCE



JACOB ZUMA'S HEALTH

17 OCTOBER

MK Party issued a statement saying Jacob Zuma had left hospital, then deleted it. His discharge and medical status remain unclear.

19 OCTOBER

Duduzane Zuma disputed communications issued after the 7 October statement.

LEADERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS

Duduzane Zuma identified as first deputy president and Tony Yengeni as second deputy president. These appointments do not establish a designated successor.

No publicly confirmed succession arrangement conclusively identifies the next leader. A contested transition could weaken cohesion and contribute to local tension.

Monitor: party announcements, acceptance by senior leaders, factional claims and associated mobilisation.

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MOST UNSTABLE AREAS

Area	Protest	Social	Political	Score
Cape Town	58	123	34	215
Johannesburg	67	84	43	194
Thohoyandou	77	21	68	166
Durban	42	68	19	129
Pretoria	16	39	18	73
Gqeberha	13	14	13	40
Polokwane	10	7	13	30
Soweto	8	9	9	26
Pietermaritzburg	7	15	2	24
Sasolburg	9	5	7	21
Mbombela	4	5	5	14
Rustenburg	6	4	4	14
Germiston	4	8	2	14
Kempton Park	3	10	0	13
Bloemfontein	1	4	7	12

Protest: Demonstrations and civil unrest.

Social: Community and service delivery unrest.

Political: Political tensions and election activity.

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ACTION AREAS & ELECTION OUTLOOK

Area risk, court ruling, ballot delivery and national issues

BALLOT REPRINTING & ELECTION DELIVERY

66% of 79 million ballots

The IEC had printed this share before the ANC judgment. Affected ballots must now be reproduced at extra cost. Monitor reprinting deadlines, distribution pressures and further legal challenges.

Crowded ballots and double-column layouts affect Johannesburg, Tshwane, eThekwin, Ekurhuleni and Cape Town. Ekurhuleni also carries a low-rated ballot-complexity issue.

ANC CANDIDATES • CONSTITUTIONAL COURT RULING

181 ANC candidates allowed to contest the 4 November election. The IEC will reprint affected ballots following the court order. Earlier exclusion labels in the tracker are superseded by the ruling reported in the briefing.

Province	Affected municipality	Updated status
Eastern Cape	Port St Johns; Ingquza Hill	Candidates permitted following ruling
Eastern Cape	Walter Sisulu; Sundays River Valley	Affected ballots to be reprinted
KwaZulu-Natal	uMshwathi	Registration ruling to be implemented
Free State	Mangaung metro	Registration ruling to be implemented

NATIONAL ISSUES TO MONITOR

- High: questionable ANC donations reported at R15 million.
- Medium: DA challenge to opposing parties’ single-candidate PR lists, ANC funding compliance disputes and inaccurate ID numbers on candidate lists.
- Candidate-filing risk: the supplied court ruling resolves exclusion of the 181 candidates. Operational implementation remains the concern.

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ACTION REQUIRED AREAS

Area	Overall rating	Party conflict	Instability score
Durban	Critical	Red	136 Red
Pietermaritzburg	Critical	Red	24 Red
Newcastle	High	Red	7 Amber
eThekwini	Medium	Red	2 Green
Howick	Medium	Red	2 Green
Mtubatuba	Medium	Red	1 Green
Vryheid	Medium	Red	1 Green
Dundee	Medium	Red	1 Green
Ulundi	Medium	Red	1 Green
uMhlathuze	Medium	Red	1 Green

Instability score: potential election-related disruption in an area. Low incident counts can coexist with high party-conflict risk.

MOBILISATION & ELECTION TIMELINE

- 20 OCT

CCSA actions remained peaceful in Pretoria, Greyville and Cape Town.
- 23–25 OCT

Pretoria march, ACDP rally and EFF events across four provinces.
- 30–31 OCT

Campaign concentration in North West and Limpopo. DA closing rally in Howick.
- 04 NOV 2026

Election milestone as stated in the supplied briefing.

4 PLANNED MOBILISATIONS • OCTOBER 2026

Detailed event timeline • 20–25 October

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20–25 OCTOBER • RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS



CAMPAIGN CONTEXT • NORTH WEST & LIMPOPO

The EFF placed second in both provinces in 2024. In North West, its share fell from about 17.1% in 2019 to 16.4% in 2024, while the ANC secured about 58.5%. The ANC also retained a substantial majority in Limpopo. The rallies seek to maintain EFF visibility and local support.

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PLANNED MOBILISATIONS • OCTOBER 2026

Consolidated event timeline • 30–31 October • 25 rallies

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LATE-OCTOBER CAMPAIGN EVENTS • FULL PROGRAMME

30 OCT	Mahikeng, NW • EFF rally 12:00. Signal Hill Multi-Purpose Centre / Lonely Park Hall, Mahikeng Industrial	31 OCT	Virginia, FS • EFF rally 09:00. Meloding Indoor Sports Centrum, Meloding, Virginia	31 OCT	Schweizer-Reneke, NW • EFF rally 12:00. Multipurpose Centre Hall, Keagile Street, Ipelegeng
30 OCT	Mogwase, NW • EFF rally 12:00. Mogwase Sport Centre, Blossom Street, Mogwase Unit 4	31 OCT	Ka-Hoyi, MP • EFF rally 11:00. Hoyi Chiefs Sport Ground	31 OCT	Blouberg, LP • EFF rally 12:00. BOG Sports Ground
30 OCT	Rustenburg, NW • EFF rally 12:00. Ben Marais Hall, 2 Molen Street, Rustenburg North	31 OCT	Howick, KZN • DA rally 11:30. Howick Indoor Sports Centre, R103/Main Road	31 OCT	Doornkop, LP • EFF rally 12:00. Riverside Sports Ground
31 OCT	Mokomene, LP • EFF rally 09:00. Ramokgopa Stadium, Mokomene Zone 5	31 OCT	Mathibestad, NW • EFF rally 12:00. Moretele Municipal Hall	31 OCT	Mokasa, NW • EFF rally 12:00. Mokasa 2 Community Hall
31 OCT	Nwamitwa, LP • EFF rally 09:00. Nwamitwa Tribal Hall	31 OCT	Driekop, LP • EFF rally 12:00. Sehlaku Sports Ground	31 OCT	Madibogo, NW • EFF rally 12:00. Madibogo Station
31 OCT	Lebowakgomo, LP • EFF rally 09:00. Lebowakgomo Civic Centre, Civic Centre Avenue, Lebowakgomo-BA	31 OCT	Klerksdorp, NW • EFF rally 12:00. Klerksdorp Auditorium, Kock Street, Klerksdorp Central	31 OCT	Makwassie, NW • EFF rally 12:00. Makwassie Stadium, 34 Cherry Street
31 OCT	Homu, LP • EFF rally 09:00. Homu Sports Complex	31 OCT	Kariega, EC • EFF rally 12:00. Tamboville Multi-Purpose Centre, 28182 Deco Street, Langa Phase 2	31 OCT	Delareyville, NW • EFF rally 12:00. Matshelapad Community Hall
31 OCT	Bela-Bela, LP • EFF rally 09:00. Bela-Bela Stadium, 751 Mokone Street	31 OCT	Bloemhof, NW • EFF rally 12:00. Boitumelong Stadium, Phuduhudu Street, Boitumelong		
31 OCT	Polokwane, LP • EFF rally 09:00. Oscar Mpetsha Stadium, University Road, Ga-Motholo	31 OCT	Soweto, GP • EFF rally 12:00. Orlando Amstel Arena, Martha Louw Street, Orlando		

PRIMARY ACTION SUBURBS • CONSOLIDATED VIEW

Area / risk	Risk and likely impact	Escalating triggers	De-escalating measures	Dudula / March and March
Durban Central CRITICAL	MK–IFP competition, service grievances and informal economic activity could disrupt the CBD, local governance and business confidence.	Provocative rallies, worsening services, territorial clashes and coalition shifts.	Multiparty peace committees, impartial policing, nonpartisan infrastructure delivery and dialogue with traditional leaders.	Moderate potential for anti-immigration mobilisation to exploit local grievances.
Greyville HIGH	Party rivalry and service delivery grievances risk demonstrations, intimidation and disruption to services or businesses.	Rival rallies, declining essential services and branch disputes entering business or neighbourhood forums.	Multiparty service oversight, visible police de-escalation and structured community safety engagement.	Plausible Dudula recruitment and likely March and March overlap. No current xenophobia-linked incidents recorded.
Reservoir Hills HIGH	IFP–MK rivalry in a historically ANC area combines with social grievances. Recurring blockades could damage safety, economic activity and governance.	Shifts in voter allegiance, stalled services and polarised leadership rhetoric influencing ward disputes.	Transparent service delivery, peace building between party branches and neutral community safety structures.	No meaningful overlap indicated. Current risk centres on social grievances and party competition.
Stamford Hill HIGH	Competing ANC, DA, IFP and MK bases may co-opt social protests, causing intimidation, community division and governance disruption.	Disruptive rallies, parties mobilising around social grievances and inflammatory candidate rhetoric.	Neutral campaign monitors, community mediation and impartial policing to deter intimidation.	Plausible overlap if anti-immigration actors channel service delivery frustrations into mobilisation.
Umgeni Business Park ELEVATED	Low incidents coexist with red party-conflict risk. IFP–MK rivalry could cause workplace protests, intimidation, work stoppages and weaker investment.	Recruitment in IFP strongholds, politicised labour disputes and inflammatory campaign rhetoric.	Civic or business peace accords, district stability committees and neutral labour dispute resolution.	No meaningful overlap indicated. Political or labour drivers are more likely.
KwaKhangela ELEVATED	IFP–MK competition overlays a traditional ANC stronghold. Rivalry over resources and influence could fracture governance and obstruct services.	Rival supporters meeting at rallies, disputes over ward resources or jobs, and perceived service delivery bias.	Ward-level multiparty mediation, equitable resource allocation and proactive, neutral policing of campaigns.	No meaningful overlap indicated. Local party competition remains the primary driver.
Newlands East HIGH	Red party-conflict risk reflects IFP–MK competition and unresolved social grievances. Electoral violence or intimidation could destabilise governance.	Provocative rhetoric, ward leadership contests and perceived party-linked exclusion from municipal benefits.	Neutral campaign monitoring, nonpartisan community policing and inclusive municipal resource allocation.	No significant overlap evidenced. Current risk chiefly reflects internal party competition.
Morningside ELEVATED	Low incidents mask IFP–MK realignment. Local intimidation, service disruption and political polarisation could weaken community cohesion.	Senior defections, aggressive candidate mobilisation and intimidation near voting stations.	Civic or religious peace accords, neutral SAPS and metro police visibility, and joint election monitoring.	No meaningful overlap indicated. Party rivalry is the main source of instability.