SECURITY RISK ADVISORY

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 4 NOVEMBER OPERATIONAL RISK OUTLOOK

ASSESSMENT PERIOD: 26 OCTOBER – 28 OCTOBER 2026

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1 WEEKLY ELECTION BAROMETER

National picture, October mobilisation and provincial risk

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The week recorded 105 social mobilisation events, down 7.89%. Activity peaked on 21 October, with early mornings the main risk period. Living costs, service failures and immigration concerns drove action. KZN leads provincial risk at 91/100, followed by Gauteng at 68 and Western Cape at 57. Gauteng and KZN remain campaign battlegrounds. SAMWU disrupted Johannesburg on 26–28 October. The killing of DA leader Thulani Mbana, MK leadership changes and ballot reprints add pressure. Campaign activity indicates focus, rather than predicted votes.

NATIONAL RISK & AREAS TO MONITOR

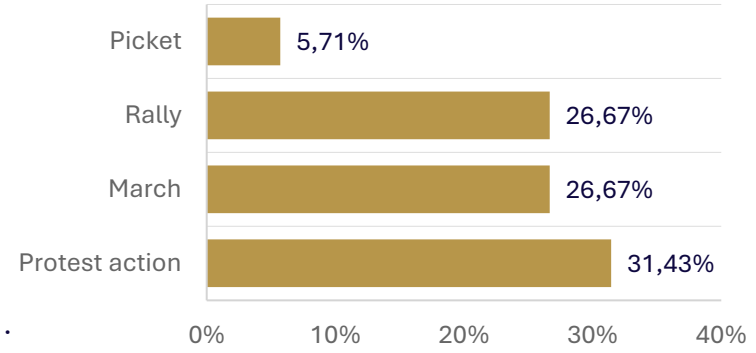
LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	CRITICAL

35/100 LOW TO MEDIUM



OCTOBER MOBILISATION

105 **social mobilisation events**
Down 7.89% peaking on 21 October



IEC RELATED ISSUES

KZN: ballot reprints and crowded ballots.
Gauteng: Ekurhuleni ballot complexity.
Western Cape: crowded metro ballots.
Eastern Cape: reprints and ANC branch litigation.

PROVINCIAL RISK SCORES

Province	Score /100	Impact
KwaZulu-Natal	91	High
Gauteng	68	High
Western Cape	57	High
Eastern Cape	45	Moderate
Free State	26	Moderate
Mpumalanga	9	Moderate
North West	7	Low
Limpopo	6	Low
Northern Cape	2	Low

2 POLITICAL VIOLENCE & INSTABILITY

Political incidents, SAMWU disruption, instability scores and party overlap

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INCIDENTS AND UPDATES

Thulani Mbana killed in Zamdela

DA Metsimaholo leader shot at his Taylor Park home. The motive remains unconfirmed.

MK Party leadership change

MKP removed Sibonelo Nomvalo from Parliament after councillor-selection and deployment disputes.

SAMWU SHUTDOWN • 26–28 OCTOBER

Protest activity due to wage grievances and unmet City commitments under the Politically Facilitated Agreement (PFA) drive the action.

26 OCT: M1 closures near Braamfontein disrupted CBD travel.
27 OCT: shutdown from Sappi Building pressed the City to honour the PFA.
28 OCT: members demanded release of colleagues in court, then rallied at the Mayor's Loveday Street offices, Marshalltown.

Alternative routes: Empire Rd, Jan Smuts Ave, Joe Slovo Dr, M2 and N1 Western Bypass, subject to restrictions. Allow for extra travel time to destinations.

MOST UNSTABLE AREAS

Area	Protest	Social	Political	Score
Cape Town	58	114	42	219
Johannesburg	60	79	59	205
Durban	39	62	37	149
Pretoria	11	36	21	71
Gqeberha	13	15	22	53
Soweto	5	9	17	33
Pietermaritzburg	7	14	7	28
Sasolburg	9	5	9	23
Mbombela	2	7	13	22
Polokwane	1	5	11	17
Emalahleni	4	2	10	16
Kempton Park	3	12	1	16
Bloemfontein	1	4	10	16
Rustenburg	5	4	7	16
Potchefstroom	0	5	8	14

Protest: Demonstrations and civil unrest.

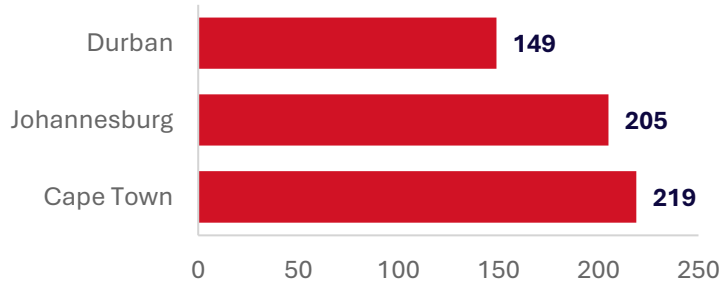
Social: Community and service delivery unrest.

Political: Political tensions and election activity.

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN OVERLAP

Area	Parties
Durban Central, KZN	ANC / IFP / EFF
Ipelegeng, NW	EFF / SACP
KwaThomas Mahlanguville, MP	EFF / ActionSA
Meloding, FS	EFF / SACP
Ngangelizwe, EC	EFF / UDM
North Beach, KZN	DA / IFP
Orlando, GP	EFF / ELF SA
Ratanda, GP	EFF / ELF SA
Zamdela, FS	EFF / ANC

HIGHEST INSTABILITY SCORES



3 ACTION AREAS & PARTY CAMPAIGN FOCUS

KwaZulu-Natal action areas, party locations and election delivery pressures

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ACTION REQUIRED AREAS • KWAZULU-NATAL

Area	Overall Rating	Party conflict	Instability score
Durban	Critical	Red	149 Red
Pietermaritzburg	Critical	Red	28 Red
eThekwini	Critical	Red	16 Red
Newcastle	High	Red	10 Amber
Umdoni	Medium	Red	5 Green
Mtubatuba	Medium	Red	4 Green
Vryheid	Medium	Red	2 Green
Howick	Medium	Red	2 Green
Ray Nkonyeni	Medium	Red	2 Green
Msunduzi	Medium	Red	2 Green
Dundee	Medium	Red	1 Green
iLembe	Medium	Red	1 Green
uMhlathuze	Medium	Red	1 Green
Alfred Duma	Medium	Red	1 Green
uMshwathi	Medium	Red	1 Green

Party-conflict risk remains red, including areas with low incident scores. Priorities: Durban, Pietermaritzburg and eThekwini. Watch Newcastle closely.

PROMINENT AREAS PER POLITICAL PARTY

Party	Prominent areas and campaign focus
EFF	NW: Tlhabane Unit 1, Ipelegeng, Ikageng, Mahikeng, Mogwase, Rustenburg. GP: Orlando, Ratanda, Atteridgeville. LP: Driekop, Homu, Lebowakgomo.
ANC	GP: Katlehong, Benoni / Chief A Luthuli Park, Kwa-Thema, Tsakani, Vosloorus. EC: Mdantsane, Ngqeleni, Quigney. NC: Danielskuil, Keimoes.
SACP	WC: Knysna, Gugulethu, Railton. MP: Edinburgh, Standerton. EC: Luxhomo, Qumrha. Campaign activity spans seven provinces.
ActionSA	MP: KwaMhlola, KwaThomas Mahlanguville, Lillydale, Mafemani-A, Matsulu-A, Zakheni. LP: Mapitlula, Seshego-G.
DA	KZN: Howick, North Beach, Umhlali. MP: Kwa-Guqa, Phumula C. GP: Protea Ridge, Zuurfontein. Cape Town remains a core area.
IFP	KZN: aMahwaqa, Esikhawini H, KwaMashu, KwaMbonambi, Mbazwana, Nhlazatshe, North Beach, Nquthu, Qudeni, Ulundi.
MK Party	KZN: Charltonville, Greyville, Manguzi, Msunduzi, Overport, Rydalvale, Sobantu. Gauteng: Johannesburg campaign activity.

ELECTION DELIVERY & OPERATIONAL WATCH

IEC: 6.6 million additional ballots. The prior court ruling allowed 181 ANC candidates to contest. Monitor ballot reprints, distribution deadlines, litigation and disinformation.

4 PLANNED MOBILISATIONS • 29–31 OCTOBER

Part 1 of 2 • 18 entries on this slide • Programme: 29 Oct (3), 30 Oct (4), 31 Oct (29)

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29–31 OCTOBER • MARCHES & CAMPAIGN RALLIES

29 OCT — **08:00 March and March • Polokwane, LP**
SABC Park, Landdros Mare St

29 OCT — **10:30 DA • Bethelsdorp, EC**
George Botha Community Sport Centre, Booysen Park

29 OCT — **14:30 DA • Humansdorp, EC**
The Point, Jacob St, Kruisfontein

30 OCT — **12:00 EFF • Mahikeng, NW**
Signal Hill Multi-Purpose Centre, Lonely Park

30 OCT — **12:00 EFF • Lehurutshe, NW**
Civic Centre, Pres Lucas Mangope Rd

30 OCT — **12:00 EFF • Mogwase, NW**
Mogwase Sport Centre, Blossom St

30 OCT — **12:00 EFF • Rustenburg, NW**
Ben Marais Hall, 2 Molen St

31 OCT — **07:00 ANC • Polokwane, LP**
Peter Mokaba Stadium, Magazyn St

31 OCT — **09:00 DRC • Barkly West, NC**
Mataleng Stadium

31 OCT — **09:00 EFF • Bela-Bela, LP**
Bela-Bela Stadium, 751 Mokone St †

31 OCT — **09:00 EFF • Homu, LP**
Homu Sports Complex

31 OCT — **09:00 EFF • Lebowakgomo, LP**
Civic Centre, Civic Centre Ave

31 OCT — **09:00 EFF • Mdantsane, EC**
NU 12 Community Hall, Mdantsane Unit 6

31 OCT — **09:00 EFF • Mokomene, LP**
Ramokgopa Stadium, Zone 5

31 OCT — **09:00 EFF • Nwamitwa, LP**
Nwamitwa Tribal Hall

31 OCT — **09:00 EFF • Polokwane, LP**
Oscar Mpetha Stadium, University Rd

31 OCT — **09:00 EFF • Virginia, FS**
Meloding Indoor Sports Centrum

31 OCT — **09:30* DA • Moretele Park, GP**
Sibande St, Mamelodi • date to confirm

5 PLANNED MOBILISATIONS • 31 OCTOBER

Part 2 of 2 • 31 October, 10:00 onwards • 18 listed events

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31 OCTOBER • LATE-MORNING & MIDDAY CAMPAIGN RALLIES

31 OCT — 10:00 IFP • Embalenhle, MP
House of Praise Church Hall, 2038 Masemola St

31 OCT — 11:00 EFF • Ka-Hoyi, MP
Hoyi Chiefs Sport Ground

31 OCT — 11:00 EFF • Middelburg, MP
Steve Tshwete Banquet Hall, Walter Sisulu St

31 OCT — 11:30 DA • Howick, KZN
Indoor Sports Centre, R103 / Main Rd

31 OCT — 12:00 EFF • Blouberg, LP
BOG Sports Ground

31 OCT — 12:00 EFF • Bloemhof, NW
Boitumelong Stadium, Phuduhudu St

31 OCT — 12:00 EFF • Delareyville, NW
Matshelapad Community Hall

31 OCT — 12:00 EFF • Doornkop, LP
Riverside Sports Ground

31 OCT — 12:00 EFF • Driekop, LP
Sehlaku Sports Ground

31 OCT — 12:00 EFF • Kariega, EC
Tamboville Multi-Purpose Centre, 28182 Deco St

31 OCT — 12:00 EFF • Klerksdorp, NW
Klerksdorp Auditorium, Kock St

31 OCT — 12:00 EFF • Madibogo, NW
Madibogo Station

31 OCT — 12:00 EFF • Makwassie, NW
Makwassie Stadium, 34 Cherry St

31 OCT — 12:00 EFF • Maphanga, MP
Ukuphumula Kwe Sizwe Sports Grounds

31 OCT — 12:00 EFF • Mathibestad, NW
Moretele Municipal Hall

31 OCT — 12:00 EFF • Mokasa, NW
Mokasa 2 Community Hall

31 OCT — 12:00 EFF • Schweizer-Reneke, NW
Multipurpose Centre Hall, Keagile St, Ipelegeng

31 OCT — 12:00 EFF • Soweto, GP
Orlando Amstel Arena, Martha Louw St