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TWO SECURITY CONTRACTORS SHOT & INJURED WHILE GUARDING THE RECOVERY WORK ON THE CENTRAL LINE

On Tuesday, 07 June 2022, there was a shooting incident along the Central Line in Cape Town in which two security guards protecting the recovery work between Bonteheuwel and Lavis Town were shot and injured.

Contractors were installing overhead copper cables on the line when two armed men in a black VW Polo fired ten shots at security.

The security guards sustained gunshot wounds and are receiving treatment at a local hospital. The SAPS is investigating the incident, and a case of attempted murder has been filed at the Elsie's River Police Station.

PRASA is on a journey of recovering stolen and/or vandalized rail infrastructure and is aware of the vulnerability of the recovery work to criminal syndicates and opportunistic criminals. We have contracted and deployed additional security on the lines we are recovering, but it is clear that we are under siege, and the criminals will stop at nothing to get what they want.

We commend the bravery and work of the security guards who defended the copper cables, and we would like to wish the injured guards a speedy recovery.

We have confidence that the assailants will be caught and brought to book, and trust in the criminal justice system will help turn the tide against the theft of essential infrastructure.

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