

Kids shot dead on Christmas Eve in Valhalla Park

It was a black festive season for the community of Valhalla Park after two children were gunned down on Christmas Eve in a drive-by attack. Five others were wounded in the shooting in Simon Street just after 9pm.

It has been confirmed that six-year-old Lesley-Ann and Jade, four, were shot dead. The surnames of the children are not known, and terrified residents are not speaking to the media as they fear for their lives. The kiddies were outside the local tuckshop when men opened fire in the street. The five wounded, three of whom are women, were rushed to the nearest hospital for medical treatment.

Valhalla Park and surrounding residents are up in arms about the senseless killings and community activist Henrietta Abrahams says if the government does not assist, residents will take the law into their own hands.

“When will this onslaught on our poor Cape Flats communities end? When will politicians stop playing election games with our lives?”

“When will all these thugs, their guns and drugs be taken off our streets?” she asks.

“Do you want us as a community to first take the law into our own hands? Our freaking lives matter too! We need immediate intervention.”

Residents of Valhalla Park are too afraid to speak to the media, as they already fear for their lives daily.

“We cannot speak. What if they come for us? We have to be in our homes early otherwise we will get shot.

“We cannot have a proper meal but have it on the floor like animals in case of a stray bullet,” a frustrated resident says.

Police spokeswoman, Sergeant Noloyiso Rwexana, says a case of double murder is under investigation.

“Police detectives are following up on possible leads in an effort to bring [to justice] the perpetrators of a double murder and five attempted murders that occurred in the Bishop Lavis area.

“According to information, a shooting incident occurred in Simon Street in Valhalla Park about 9.35pm [during which] two minors, aged four and six years old, were shot and fatally wounded while outside a spaza shop,” she says.

“Five other victims were shot and wounded. They were transported to a medical facility for treatment.”

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