

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, September 17 (Infosplusgabon) - Africa Oil & Power (AOP), the continental platform for investment and energy policies, on Monday expressed in a statement issued on its behalf and its partners, condemnation of the violent attacks against foreign nationals living in South Africa.

"Africa Oil & Power and its partners strongly condemn the violent attacks against foreign nationals living in South Africa, which resulted in the looting of companies and at least 12 victims", the statement said.

"The AOP strongly opposes violence against foreign nationals that has erupted in South Africa in recent weeks, and we are pleased that the government has taken positive steps against the xenophobic attacks that have already yielded positive results," added AOP Chief Executive Officer Guillaume Doane.

He emphasised that it was time for South Africa to reconsider its 1994 democratic breakthrough, in which support from other African countries was essential to realising its freedom.

"The country is where it is today, thanks in large part to the generosity and kindness of neighbouring countries," he said.

The director of South African Oil & Gas Alliance (SAOGA), Adrian Strydom, has encouraged all South Africans to rise up against this horrific situation, not only because the rest of the world is watching them, but because it is bad and goes against the ideals of the country and the 'Ubuntu' spirit.

In response to the various cries of indignation around the world, security measures have been adopted to put an end to this violence.

On September 9, the South African police made 639 arrests related to xenophobic attacks.

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