

UFS STUDENTS TAKE ACTION

Students from the University of the Free State marched peacefully to hand over a memorandum of their concerns against human trafficking and abuse against women and children.

They also marched in solidarity to join the international community in their call for the Nigerian militant Boko Haram to release more than 200 school girls abducted in April, this year.

They were joined by Tshepong Women Support Group, SABC employees and socdev officials. The march started at UFS and proceeded to Nelson Mandela road through Zastron Street then entered into Markgraaf to the SABC offices. When handing over the memorandum, to Social Development HOD, UFS Student Representative Council Chairperson said they call upon the South African Government to make all efforts to ensure the general safety of women and safe return of the Girls. "We want South Africa to be a safe place to live in and schools and universities be a safe place to learn" , she said.



HOD for Social Development Ms Gasela addressing the crowd after receiving the memorandum

After receiving the memorandum, HOD of Social Development Me. Matilda Gasela gave a moving speech on the cruelty that Women and children are subjected to on a daily basis. She urged all to rise above those who do these terrible acts to curb the scourge.

Me. Mpho Nape from Women Support group said she survived Domestic abuse and urged Women to break the silence and act against it. Me Nape told the marchers that Tshepong Centre for Abused Women is there to assist all abused people including men, children and women. She said help is available and people must use this service