

Dora Nginzā critical condition

Brave band of medical staff battle on amid meltdowns, spies, nurses asleep in patients' beds

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HOSPITAL filled with spite, unhappy, burn-out patients, technicians and doctors, and nurses who would ship infected patients back so they could get away.

This is Dora Nganiza, Hospital CEO. Ntombi Qwabe just behind her was forced to go on leave this week following a major stroke. What threatened to shut down what's a crucial medical facility.

An explosive report, seen by Weekend Post, details how desperate maternity unit doctors begged Minister of Health Dr Aaron Motsoaledi to intervene in a bid to protect staff. Motsoaledi had fled, crippled by staff shortages that had been addressed in writing where the

safety of pregnant mothers was of deep concern. Also of concern was a major personality clash between Qangile and the head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Dr Mthando Mbengeni.

which Qangai managed the hospital," he said, adding that he had also requested the investigation team to find out who the initiators of the conflict – and eventual melt-down – were.

Medium-ranking investigators had been given 10 working days to complete their probe and the department would then decide what action to take.

"While the report makes for depressing reading, it also detailed the heroic efforts of a handful of doctors – roughly eight per shift – to ensure the safe delivery of babies and the survival of their mothers," among the doctors they had to cover a 60-bed antenatal ward, a 70-bed postnatal ward, a 13-bed gynaecological ward, an 18-bed high care unit, a nine-bed labour ward, a four-bed observation ward and a busy out-patient clinic, 24 hours a day.

Health Department spokesman Siyanda Manana said there would be no further comment on the issue until the investigation team had been apprised of the allegations.

committee for health and despatched three staff. This year, it has been sixty units - where born each month - of whom were sponsored or regular clients. Nine factors prompted Mosadina when he asked Eastern Ontario to intercede. Deputy director general of management services handled the crisis.

This week, Madina, Hospitals and Health in Nebraska, Hospitals in Omaha, are calling for an emergency meeting to consider whether the department should be disbanded because they believe that the department's handling of the crisis has been inadequate. Madina said a committee to investigate

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- Doctors being treated like children was like when we were hungry we didn't expect to say we are hungry. We didn't even say what food we wanted. Senior managers who ended.
- An entire ward of nurses slept in the staff room.
- Problems of training grants.
- The stalled appointment of specialists.
- The stalled appointment of doctors in the aesthetics and gynaecology unit which, if senior doctors had been involved, would have turned out as they had to instead of the caesarean sections because junior consultants could not operate independently.
- Doctors' complaining, 'bitterness'.
- Prosthetic management had let the prosthetic staff shortages at the beginning of the year.
- A symphony ecology unit still for years.
- Plans for better equipment, at several, and training being abandoned.

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This is the Dorn Nginza Hospital CEO Ntombi Qangule left behind when she was forced to go on leave this week following a major labour unrest that threatened to shut down what is a crucial medical facility in the city.

An explosive report, seen by Weekend Post, details how desperate maternity unit doctors begged Minister of Health Dr Aaron Motsoaledi to intervene in a hospital crippled by staff shortages that had not been addressed in years, where the safety of pregnant mothers was of deep concern.

Also of concern was a major personality clash between Qangule and the head of the department of obstetrics and gynaecology, Dr Mfundo Mahenge.

Doctors, in a crisis meeting, said of the personality clash, "We have realised that we are being used in a fight that is not our

However, in the report and during recent hearings by the provincial portfolio committee on health, accusations that both Qangule and Mahenge were bureaucrats were made.

During the same crisis meeting, doctors expressed heartbreak at watching patients die due to staff shortages.

Following a meeting in late January there was an agreement that the two would start working together as both were considered of vital importance to the functioning of the hospital.

But the report outlines how - despite these assurances - doctors reported that they soon became aware that "spies" for both Mahenge and Qangule were roaming the hospital premises - relaying any gossip to their bosses.

Other allegations and issues highlighted in the report include:

In New Brighton, [redacted] [redacted]

doctors told senior managers who intervened.

● An entire ward of nurses sleeping on the job.

● Problems with training grants putting paid to doctors' aspirations to train as specialists.

● The stalled appointment of senior doctors in the obstetrics and gynaecology unit which led to senior doctors being overburdened as they had to perform all the caesarian sections because junior staff could not operate independently.

● Doctors complaining bitterly that hospital management had let the issue of gross staff shortages at the obstetrics and gynaecology unit stand for years.

● Plans for better equipment, at a clinic level, and training being abandoned due to budget constraints.

However, officials in Bhisho say they he-

on long in many wards - had just 17 doctors of whom were specialists and 11 in officers or registrars.

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When Motsoaledi was called on to handle the crisis he asked Eastern Cape Health MEC I

Dyantyi to intervene and she in turn asked deputy director-general for clinical

agent services Dr Patrick Madala to handle the crisis.

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