

Effects of Xenophobic Attacks on the Economic Development of South Africa

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ABSTRACT There exist doubts whether the policy of South Africa pertinently supports the rights of the sufferers of crime. If the right of the sufferers of offense, for instance, business owners are not protected or supported, this would have adverse effects on the economic development of the country. This prompts the need to assess the possible gaps associated with the effects of xenophobic attacks. The objective of this article, therefore, was to assess the effects of xenophobic attacks on the economic development of South Africa. The paper used a literature review methodology and presented the following vivacious and vibrant findings pertaining to the effects and avoidance of xenophobic attacks and provided measures or government actions that should be taken to protect the rights of sufferers of offense. The South African bill of human rights clearly enumerates the needs of sufferers of offense such as the access to justice and fair treatment, knowledge of the judicial process, compensation and access to mandatory security services and assistance. It was noted that South Africans live under fear of being potential candidates of victimization and discrimination. The paper made the following recommendations, that is, South African citizens should be educated on the effects of xenophobic attacks on the economics development of the country. The societies require education on how to take precautions to avoid being accused of any kinds of offenses. The government should collaborate with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and other private groups to mobilize, sensitize and educate the communities on the effects of xenophobic attacks and need to avoid being accused of misdeed, and the offenders or perpetrators' penalty should be proportionate or commensurate with the gravity/seriousness of the offense committed. For instance, anybody who kills in the country, since nobody is above the law, should be put to death.