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Violence and private security in South Africa – Vice News

Before you watch

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

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1. If a group of people is _____ its members stop working together.
2. Someone who is _____ does not have much ability or skill.
3. Your _____ is a person who has the same job or purpose as you but in another organization.
4. _____ are faults or problems which make someone or something less effective.
5. If goods or services are _____, they are not of the usual or expected standard.
6. _____ is the process in which someone's character or reputation is checked to find out if they are suitable for a particular job.

While you watch

Write your answers to the questions below. (Link to video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pKGzw8GROf0>)

1. When did apartheid end?
2. On average, how many murders take place in South Africa per day?
3. How does this figure compare with the international average?
4. What are the three main causes of the growth of the private security industry in places such as Cape Town?

5. In which area do the majority of Cape Town's murders take place?
6. According to Philip, why do Cape Town residents need private security firms in addition to the police?

7. What proportion of the population of Cape Town is unemployed?
8. In which area does Secupro operate?
9. How does the Secupro agent recognize the presence of gangs?

10. What is the Minister of Community Safety in Western Cape's attitude to private security companies?

11. How does the size of South Africa's private security industry compare to that of its police force and army?

12. What were the negative consequences of the South African government's decision to disband its white army (the South African Defence Force)?

13. How much have reports of police brutality increased in the last decade?
14. What are "Armed Response Officers"?

15. Are they paid for their services?
16. What is a "panic button"?

17. If people in some communities can't afford to pay for private security agents, who can they turn to?

18. What are the shortcomings of the private security industry?

19. What evidence is there to support the reporter's statement: *"Where Philip works, private security companies profit from the perceived fear of crime. Where he lives, crime is real and the profits go to the criminals."*

After you watch

Do you think private security firms are an effective means with which to deal with South Africa's high crime rate? Why (not)?

If you lived in a Cape Town neighbourhood in which private security firms didn't operate, would you be prepared to participate in "Neighbourhood Watch" patrols? Explain your answer.