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ABSTRACT

This research project focuses on human rights violation in South African correctional centres. The method of research comprises interviews conducted with correctional officials and inmates. It is a case study of one correctional centre in urban and rural area of the Eastern Cape Province. The researcher hopes that this study will be a basis for further research into the violation of human rights in South African prisons. The findings of the research indicated that the main causes of human rights violation in South African prisons are overcrowding; gangsterism; and non adherence to Departmental policies by correctional officials. Recommendations have been made that:

(i) Provision of adequate prison accommodation;
(ii) Upgrading training and staff development.
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