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According to the provincial chief inspector for the North West Province, Chris Sithole, the blitz inspections are unannounced visits.

“We (were) in the Bojanala District on an unannounced visit, and... on day one we managed to issue so many notices and orders to non-complying employers ... we are not here to intimidate anyone; we are here to ensure that labour laws are upheld as it is our mandate to ensure that the country’s workforce is protected,” Sithole said.

The department said the undocumented foreign nationals who are working without the relevant work permits will be handled by the Department of Home Affairs and the SAPS.

“The employer will also be charged accordingly for contravening the Employment Services Act of the Department of Employment and Labour, which demands an employer to make sure that a person employed in South Africa from a foreign country should have the relevant work permit and a certain skill that is not found in the country,” the department said.

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