

Horrific fire kills seven family members

REPORTER

THE provincial government of KwaZulu-Natal has committed to come to the aid of the Mthembu family of the Nhlalwane village near Ixopo following the tragic death of seven members of the family over the weekend.

Several generations of the family perished when a mysterious fire engulfed their home during a traditional ceremony on Saturday, June 25. The KwaZulu-Natal premier Sihle Zikalala, accompanied by MEC for Social Development Nonhlanhla Khoza, Ugu District mayor Phumlile Mthiyane and traditional leaders, visited the family to pay their respects and also to offer comfort and support. Police are investigating the cause of the deaths, and have promised to leave no stone unturned to establish what led to the horrific fire. The deceased have been identified as Bongekile Mthembu (37), Thobeka (31) Noluthando (9), Anathi (9), Ayabonga (7), Zanokuhle (two weeks) and Onge (2). As the premier’s delegation visited the family, it was apparent that the fire had worsened what was already a dire economic situation for the Mthembu

homestead.

“Their house has been burned down, and it is clear that the family requires the support of the government in rebuilding their homes, and for them to stand on their own. Government will assist the family as they recover from this tragedy. We will facilitate the obtaining of identity documents, SASSA cards, school certificates and any related help that the family may need,” said Premier Zikalala. He further said that the government will also assist the survivors with the psycho-social support, trauma debriefing and containment. Government is currently in touch with the family in order to help with arrangements for the burial of those who lost their lives.

“On behalf of the government and people of KwaZulu-Natal, we wish to express our sincerest condolences to the Mthembu family on this sad and tragic loss. Our thoughts are with us as they seek to come to terms with this tragedy,” he said, adding that the government will do everything to support survivors and make sure they are able to recover and heal.



Premier Sihle Zikalala visits the grieving family. /Supplied



The KZN premier promised to assist the Mthembu family. /Supplied

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Enquiries: Ms. T. Eksteen (039) 7976600.

Closing date: 15 July 2022

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- Communication shall be limited to shortlisted candidates

MR. S R ZWANE
MUNICIPAL MANAGER
NOTICE NO.: 138-2021/2022

Court denies bail for rape-accused school principal

REPORTER

A SCHOOL principal (59) in Ntabankulu facing rape charges will remain behind bars after his bail application was opposed by the Ntabankulu Magistrate's Court yesterday, June 30.

He allegedly raped a matric pupil (21). He is also accused of slapping the victim with an open hand and threatening her life if she reported the matter.

The victim reported the rapes to her peers and only reported them to the police after a teacher overheard her outburst to other learners in the class.

The accused submitted an affidavit in support of his bail application and chose

not to give oral evidence. The state led the evidence of the investigating officer Lieutenant Colonel Queenie Maphipha who vehemently and vigorously opposed bail.

Prosecutor Luthando Nomandindi further argued that the applicant failed to show exceptional circumstances for his release on bail and as a result the magistrate Nozuko Mviko agreed with the prosecution that the interests of the complainant in this case far outweighed those advanced by the accused for his release on bail and that it was not in the interest of justice for him to be released on bail.

The case has been postponed to July 28 for the accused to appear in the KwaBhaca regional court.

The MEC for the Department of Education Fundile Gade welcomed the decision taken by the court. “This decision is teaching us all to understand deeply the responsibility bestowed to us and the societal expectation as we discharge our duties as public servants,” he said.



DR NKOSAZANA DLAMINI-ZUMA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

FINAL SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE 2022/2023 FINANCIAL YEAR

Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma Municipality hereby gives notice in terms of Section 53(3) of the Municipal Finance Management Act No. 56 of 2003 that the 2022/2023 Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) has been approved by the Mayor of Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma Municipality and is now made public. Notice is also given in terms of Section 53(3)b that the Performance Agreements for the Senior Managers for the 2022/23 Financial Year have been signed and are now made public.

The above documents are now available at the following sites for viewing:

- Creighton Municipal Offices
- Municipal Libraries
- The Municipal website: www.ndz.gov.za
- Himeville Municipal Offices and,
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