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MEC FOR CoGHSTA BASIKOPO MAKAMU VISITS THE ROYAL FAMILY OF THE LATE KGOSHI MAKATIKELE ANDRIES MALATJI FOLLOWING HIS PASSING

The MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Mr Basikopo Makamu has paid a courtesy visit to the family of the late Kgoshi Makatikele Andries Malatji, also known as Kgoshi Makhushane, of the Ba-Phalaborwa Traditional Authority following his passing on, on the 1st of May 2021.

MEC Makamu, the Executive Mayor of the Mopani District Municipality, Cllr. Pule Shayi, and the representative of the Ba-Phalaborwa Local Municipality, Cllr. Mavis Malesa, visited the Royal family at Makhushane village, in a display of the provincial Government's support to the royal family on behalf of the Premier, Mr Chupu Mathabatha. "We felt we should come and pass our condolences on behalf of the Premier, and to encourage this royal house to carry on developing this community," said MEC Makamu.

The MEC used the opportunity to recommit CoGHSTA's endeavors to provide adequate services to the community. "Water problems that have been reported in this area have reached my office, and I will follow them up," he said. With concerns rising over the two COVID19 variants originally detected in India and the UK already found in the country, the MEC has encouraged people to continue strictly adhering to the COVID19 regulations as stipulated under the current nationwide alert level 1.

Condolences to the bereaved family after the passing on of Kgoshi, be comforted at this difficult time. We will work with you as a family to make sure that Kgoshi Malatji is buried in a way befitting of a leader of his caliber," said the MEC.

A team from CoGHSTA, both district and local municipalities has been assigned to work with the Royal Family in preparations for the funeral that is due to take place on 15 May 2021, with the memorial service scheduled to be held on Tuesday 12 May. More details concerning the funeral proceedings will follow closer to the date.

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