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MEC FOR COGHSTA, BASIKOPO MAKAMU WARNS OF LEVEL 2 WEATHER FORECAST ISSUED BY SAWS

The MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs in Limpopo, Hon Basikopo Makamu, is warning Limpopo citizens and other motorists driving back to different destinations, of a level 2 weather forecast as issued by the South African Weather Service (SAWS) for today 05 January 2026. Heavy downpours with severe thunderstorms that will result in localized flooding of vulnerable roads, informal settlements and low-lying bridges and open areas, excessive lightning, strong damaging winds and large amount of small hail is expected over central parts of Limpopo.

The affected areas includes:

- Ba-Phalaborwa
- Blouberg
- Collins Chabane
- Elias Motsoaledi
- Fetakgomo-Tubatse
- Greater Giyani
- Greater Letaba
- Greater Tzaneen
- Lepelle-Nkumpi
- Lephala
- Makhado
- Maruleng
- Mogalakwena
- Molemole
- Makhuduthamaga
- Musina
- Polokwane

- Moletji
- Thulamela

“This kind of weather can cause localized damage to infrastructure, informal settlements, damage to properties such as buildings and vehicles, livelihood and livestock. People are advised to stay indoors when it starts raining. We will always update citizens about this inclement weather forecast as our main priority is their safety during this rainy season. We really appreciate the rain for our crops and livestock; however, it sometimes causes troubles to our everyday life. Our biggest concern is the localized flooding and wind damage to properties, uprooting of electricity poles and trees that are along the roads as well as the large amounts of hail which are destructive in nature,” says MEC Makamu.

Makamu added that the SAWS Level 2 warning advice people to avoid crossing rivers and swollen streams where water is above ankles. He further says that if one is trapped in a vehicle during a flood, abandon it and climb to a higher ground. In buildings, people are urged to move valuables to a safer place above the expected flood level.

The COGHSTA officials and the Disaster Management Centers will continue to work closely with departments such as Social Development, SAPS and Emergency Management Service agencies as well as municipalities to preserve lives and human dignity of our citizens.

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