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MEC FOR COGHSTA, BASIKOPO MAKAMAU, CALLS FOR A HEIGHTENED VIGILANCE AS LEVEL 2 WARNING IS ISSUED BY SAWS

The MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs in Limpopo, Hon Basikopo Makamu, calls for a heightened vigilance as level 2 warning has been issued by the South African Weather Service (SAWS) for today 31 December 2025. Heavy downpours with thunderstorms that will result in localized flooding of susceptible roads, informal settlements and low-lying bridges and areas, excessive lightning, strong damaging winds and large amount of small hail is expected over central parts of Limpopo and other adjacent provinces such as Gauteng and Mpumalanga.

Areas that can be affected in Limpopo includes:

- Elias Motsoaledi
- Fetakgomo-Tubatse
- Maruleng
- Greater Tzaneen
- Lepelle-Nkumpi
- Makhuduthamaga
- Polokwane and Moletji

“People are always updated about this inclement weather forecast as our main priority is their safety during this festive season. The biggest concern is the localized flooding and wind damage to properties such as vehicles, electricity and roads as well as the large amounts of hail which are destructive in nature,” says MEC Makamu.

Makamu added the SAWS Level 2 warning advice people to stay indoors, if possible, avoid crossing rivers and swollen streams where water is above one's 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.

MEC Makamu wishes people safe celebrations as they welcome and embrace the new year 2026. He urges everyone to act responsibly to save lives and drive safely under these weather conditions.

COGHSTA continues 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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