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Attention: All Media Houses

**COGHSTA MEC BASIKOPO MAKAMU SADDENED FOLLOWING THE
DEATH OF IKOSI PONI JAPHTA MAHLANGU**

MEC for Co-operative governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Mr Basikopo Makamu hereby conveys his deepest condolences to the Mahlangu royal family of the late Ikosi Poni Japhta Mahlangu, his relatives and the Ndebele Traditional Council following Ikosi's passing. Ikosi Mahlangu passed on 22 July 2025.

"We are deeply moved with grief by the death of a Senior Traditional Leader in our province. Death has robbed us of a dedicated traditional leader and a community builder," says MEC Makamu.

The MEC sends his sympathies to the Royal Family of Ikosi Mahlangu and the residents he reigned over in the Ndebele Traditional Community, that is in the Elias Motsoaledi Municipality under the Sekhukhune District.

His Memorial Service will be held at the Royal Kraal on 07 August 2025 whilst his funeral will be on the 09 August 2025 at Nkosini Sports Ground.

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