



DEPARTMENT OF  
**CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE,  
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS & TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS**

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**Attention: All Media Houses**

**22 November 2017**

**MEC Ndou to attend the Funeral Service of the late Kgoshi Lepai Patrick Raphahlelo**

The MEC for the Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA), Mr Jerry Ndou will lay the late Kgoshi Lepai Patrick Raphahlelo, Senior Traditional Leader of ga-Raphahlelo Traditional Council, Greater Letaba Municipality to rest.

Kgoshi Raphahlelo (63) was appointed as a Senior Traditional Leader in 1983.

MEC Ndou sends his heartfelt condolences to the Royal Family, the Raphahlelo Traditional Council, Relatives, Friends and the Residents of ga-Raphahlelo, Greater Letaba Municipality, Mopani District Municipality and Limpopo as a whole. "I'm at a loss for words to express the amount of grief that the people of our province carry on their shoulders during this moment in time", said Ndou.

Government maintains that Traditional Leaders remain an integral part of existence as people of South Africa. It was through their contribution to the liberation struggle that the apartheid regime was brought to its knees. South Africans look back to those days not with bitterness or anger, but with fondness and pride because they epitomize the triumph of human spirit over evil and dark forces.

**The funeral service will be held as follows:**

Date: Saturday, 25 November 2017

Time: 07:00

Venue: Tsekere Sports Ground, ga Raphahlelo

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