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Premier Makhura condemns violent service delivery protest in Tembisa

Premier David Makhura has strongly condemned acts of violence and lawlessness demonstrated by residents of Hospital View, Tembisa during on-going service delivery protests where two people have been killed.

The residents, who are protesting over tariff increases and basic services amongst other things have torched several buildings in the area and blockaded roads with burning tyres.

The Ekurhuleni Executive Mayor was meant to address the residents of Tembisa on their service delivery grievances, through a public meeting scheduled for Friday, 29 July 2022 but instead deployed five MMCs to address the meeting on her behalf. This angered the community members who then mobilised for a Tembisa Shutdown over service delivery issues.

The provincial government has called on the Ekurhuleni mayor to meet with community leaders who are leading the protest.

“We acknowledge that residents have the democratic right to express their grievances. However, communities must express their grievances in a responsible and constructive manner. The violent and destructive nature of these protests is unacceptable,” said Premier Makhura.

He further added that the blatant acts of criminality accompanied by these protests undermine the genuine concerns raised by communities on real issues.

“We would like to send our heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of the deceased, our thoughts are with them,” said Makhura.

“We call on law enforcement agencies to protect lives and property, and to bring the perpetrators of this violence and anarchy to book,” said Makhura.

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