



MEDIA STATEMENT

Premier Makhura saddened by passing on of black business icon

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Premier David Makhura, on behalf of the Gauteng Provincial Government mourns the passing on of black business icon, Dr. Richard Maponya, who passed away in the early hours of Monday morning, 6 January 2020.

Premier Makhura expressed his sadness on the departure of the “Grandfather of Black Business in South Africa,” as he was fondly known.

“We are saddened by the news of the passing on of struggle veteran and black business icon, Dr. Richard Maponya. He was indeed a walking monument of the Township Economy and father of black retail business.

“He was the epitome of black business excellence and resilience, as well as a great inspiration to a generation of young black entrepreneurs. May his legacy live forever,” Premier Makhura said.

The Premier sends his heartfelt condolences to the Maponya family, Black business in South African and South Africans at large.

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