

JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT

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City of Johannesburg and the Gauteng Department of Human Settlements Evict Land Invaders.

In a collaborative effort to prevent illegal land occupation, the City of Johannesburg and the Gauteng Department of Human Settlements are demolishing structures illegally erected on pockets of land owned by both spheres of government in Allendale.

In 2017, the city obtained a court interdict, prohibiting unauthorised persons from settling on this land without permission.

Despite numerous engagements, the invaders ignored the interdict and continued to erect structures over the vast expanse straddling both the city and the department owned land.

Several eviction attempts were stopped mid-stride because different groups approached courts at different times in their failed attempts to delay and rescind this action.

Both spheres of government stand ready to immediately approach the relevant court in the event of any challenge to this action.

Members of the public are warned to resist temptations to illegally invade land and any government property as this will only result in them losing their hard-earned money and investments during evictions.

Government will not hesitate to evict those who invade land and property. Communities are encouraged to report the illegal occupation of land and houses to local law enforcement authorities.

These unlawful acts delay much needed development and the provision of services meant for communities.

Government will continue to work with the courts, developers, and police to execute eviction orders against these illegal acts of land and house invasions.

Members of the public may also report land invasion, the illegal sale of land or suspicious housing forms, posters, and corruption to 0800701701 or email: EthicsDHS@gauteng.gov.za

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