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The management of the North West South African Police Service in accordance with the protocol

Representatives of the Trade Unions in the sector namely SAPU and POPCRU

Members of the Media present

Ladies and Gentlemen

Good Morning

1. Let me firstly express my sincere appreciation to our technical team for their exceptional efforts in compiling accurate and reliable crime statistics as reported in our police stations across the province. We appreciate the technical competence and the level of professionalism in producing this reliable indication of what is happening in the province in as far as policing and crime is concerned.
2. We convene here today to release the official crime statistics of the First quarter of 2026/27 financial year, which covers a period from the 1st of April to the 30th of June 2026. Behind every figure is a victim, a wounded family and a community that lives in fear, it takes a while to heal and recover from crimes committed.
3. Let me take this opportunity to convey my deepest condolences to all families who are mourning the loss of their loved ones. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to all families

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involved. Members of the South African Police Services are currently prioritising the investigative work in these high profile cases, the likes of Thato Molosankwe, Letsie, and etc.

4. These tragic incidents serve as a stark reminder of the risks faced by those who stand up against crime and injustice. We must strengthen the protection of whistle-blowers, anti-crime activists, and human rights defenders, who often find themselves vulnerable because of their courage and commitment to serving the public interest. Their safety remains a priority in building safer and more just communities.
5. We welcome the fact that crime has shown a slight decrease during the period under review. We also note that the Province is among the provinces that recorded a reduction in the 17 community-reported crimes.
6. However, these figures must not make us complacent. Even where there is a decrease, one crime remains one crime too many. The statistics show that more work must be done, especially in relation to murder, assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, sexual offences, domestic violence-related crimes, stock theft, illegal mining and crimes affecting our rural communities.
7. The Department will therefore intensify its oversight and monitoring role over policing in the Province. This will include closer monitoring of high-crime stations, regular assessment of police visibility, response times, case management, detective services and the implementation of station-level crime prevention plans.
8. We will also strengthen our monitoring of SAPS compliance with its responsibilities in respect of domestic violence, victim support and service delivery to communities. Domestic violence continues to contribute to serious crimes in the Province, and it requires a coordinated response involving SAPS, the Department, municipalities, social partners and communities.
9. The Department will further prioritise the functionality of Community Police Forums and Community Safety Forums. These structures are critical in building trust between communities and the police, improving the flow of information, and ensuring that crime prevention is informed by the realities on the ground.

10. We will work with SAPS and municipalities to ensure that CPFS and CSFs are properly supported, functional and active in all priority areas. Where these structures are weak or non-functional, the Department will intervene through monitoring, support and reporting to ensure that they are strengthened.
11. Community engagement will also be intensified across the Province. We will engage communities in crime hotspots, rural areas, informal settlements, townships and areas affected by stock theft, illegal mining, domestic violence and unrest-related incidents.
12. These engagements will not be ceremonial. They must help us understand the actual safety concerns of communities, identify service delivery gaps in policing, and ensure that communities participate meaningfully in crime prevention.
13. In response to the issues raised by the crime statistics, I have directed that the Department convene a three-day strategic session with the South African Police Service in the North West Province.
14. The purpose of the session is to deal directly with provincial crime challenges and to agree on clear, practical and measurable interventions. The session must focus on district-specific and station-specific plans, particularly in areas that continue to carry a high crime burden.
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17. Our approach is clear: crime statistics must not be treated as numbers only. They must guide action. They must inform where resources are deployed, where oversight must be strengthened, and where communities require urgent support.

18. The Department will continue to exercise its constitutional oversight mandate in a manner that is firm, lawful and constructive. Our objective is to ensure that policing in the North West Province is responsive, visible, accountable and community-centred.

19. We call on communities to continue working with law enforcement agencies, CPFs, CSFs and other safety structures. Government alone cannot defeat crime. However, government has a duty to lead, coordinate, monitor and account.

20. We remain committed to building safer communities across the North West Province.

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