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MEDIA ALERT

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FORMER PRESIDENT ZUMA TO DELIVER INKOSI MHLABUNZIMA MAPHUMULO MEMORIAL LECTURE AS DOT NAMES ITS HEAD OFFICE IN HIS HONOUR

Former President of the Republic of South Africa, Mr Jacob Zuma will on Monday (02 July 2018) deliver a memorial lecture in honour of Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo, who was the first president of the Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa (CONTRALESA).

The memorial lecture in honour of Inkosi Maphumulo follows a decision by the KZN Executive Council to name the Department of Transport offices after the late Inkosi.

The KZN Department of Transport offices will now be known as the Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House. The lecture will coincide with the official naming of the DoT head office.

The naming of the Department of Transport's office is part of the naming and renaming programmed aimed at naming all roads, bridges and other transport infrastrucre as part of building social cohesion and honouring struggle heroes and outstanding individuals.

At a young age of 24, Inkosi Maphumulo became Inkosi of Maphumulo tribe in Maqongqo, outside Pietermaritzburg.

Maphumulo made outstanding contributions to the struggle for democracy in South Africa and peace in KwaZulu-Natal and was the first President of Contralesa. He earned a reputation as a

“peace chief” for quell state-sponsored violence during the last years of apartheid.

He was shot and killed by an apartheid hit squad at his home on 25 February 1991 at the age of 41.

The activities aimed at honouring Inkosi Maphumulo will be attended by member of his family, Contralesa leadership, provincial government and community members around Pietermaritzburg.

Details of the programme:

- 13h30pm – A visit the gravesite of Inkosi Maphumulo at his homestead in Maqongqo.
- 14h00pm – The unveiling of the plaque at the Department of Transport's offices in Burger Street Pietermaritzburg, which will mark the official Naming of the building to Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House.
- 16h00pm – Memorial lecture in honour of Inkosi Maphumulo at the Pietermaritzburg City Hall.

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