

URGENT MEDIA INVITE: Duma to visit the families of three people who died as a result of prolonged rainfall in Durban

Media Invite and Public Statement by the MEC for Transport and Human Settlements, Siboniso Duma

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: First and foremost, we wish to express our deepest condolences to the families of the victims of the prolonged rainfall that we experienced in eThekweni and in various parts of the province yesterday.

In particular, three people lost their lives, and one family had the graves of their loved ones washed away.

The three families are located in KwaMakhutha, Mbumbulu and Folweni.

We offer to respond with greater commitment and urgency to ease the pain and suffering during this period.

I wish to inform members of the media and public at large that we are scheduled to visit the families, and the details are as follows:

- Meeting Time: 09h00 – 10h00
- Meeting Point: Engen Garage next to Galleria Mall
- Date: 21 February 2025

It should be remembered that yesterday morning, as we were in Alfred Duma Local Municipality, we issued a statement, informing the people of KwaZulu-Natal that a roving team from the department of human settlements was on standby and ready to speed up intervention for the victims of any form of disaster.

Sadly, we learned after issuing the statement that another three people had lost their lives in the early hours of yesterday morning.

After my interaction with the Ayanda Msweli Foundation, who had been contacted by one family of the victim, we dispatched the roving team to visit affected areas to do an assessment.

As indicated, this morning we will meet the families; afterwards, we will address members of the media and articulate our Programme of Action.

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