

His Majesty's Speech: Duma reacts to KwaZulu-Natal name change pronouncement. He welcomes guidance and words of appreciation from the King, Umlomo ongathethi manga - Indlulamithi

Media and Public Statement by the Leader of Government Business, Siboniso Duma

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Inkosi Mhlabanzima Maphumulo House: Today, we witnessed the historic and official opening of the third session of KwaZulu-Natal Legislature by His Majesty, ISILO Misuzulu.

We welcome the King's speech unreservedly and appreciate the guidance he has given to honourable members who are representatives of the aspirations of the people of this province.

We remain inspired by the messages of peace and stability that His Message is always communicating.

In particular, the King displayed his unwavering commitment to promote the uptake of government's programmes of service delivery.

We were touched by his words of encouragement for our programme of action.

We take comfort knowing that the King is able to criticize us firmly and constructively when we don't do well.

Equally, he is always open, as he demonstrated today, in expressing his appreciation when we do well.

For our part, we offer to ensure that His Majesty's pronouncements he made today on various issues, including the name change, are realized for the benefit of this province and his people.

Bayede Hlanga Lezwe!

Umlomo ongathethi manga!!

In addition, we offer to double our efforts to ensure that the legislature and the executive work together and closer to the people as part of driving socio-economic development in all corners of the province.

This is the work of the Office of the Leader of Government Business.

Finally, we undertake to accelerate the construction of King Misizulu Road (In Isandlwana Battlefield - P372).

From more than R353 million investment, 73 local people have been employed and eight local emerging contractors have shared R3. 9 million.

We have joined forces with SANRAL and are collectively transforming the 31 km of gravel road in Nquthu into a surfaced, all-weather road.

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