

#NenzaniLaEzweni - Tomorrow there is an appearance at the Durban Magistrates Court of a kingpin involved in a massive fraud linked to the Human Settlements Flood Disaster Relief Fund: Duma says there is massive progress in dismantling syndicate involved in the sale and renting RDP houses to undocumented foreign nationals

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: As announced last week, the #NenzaniLaEzweni operation has evolved and is making sweeping changes within the Human Settlements Department.

A no-nonsense elite unit with Human Settlements is efficiently and rapidly flushing out rogue elements involved in the sale of RDP houses to undocumented foreign nationals.

The elite unit is also successfully dismantling a syndicate involved in massive fraud linked to the Floods Disaster Relief Fund.

A kingpin who was arrested for clandestinely accessing the Emergency Housing Response Fund will appear in the Durban Magistrates Court tomorrow, 25 May at 09h00.

Critically, Game Over for the perpetrators of fraud and corruption in the allocation of funds earmarked for the building of houses for the needy communities.

In particular, there are mayors, councillors, and officials who have bypassed the Department and clandestinely rushed to hand over houses and title deeds to unqualified individuals.

Consequently, such RDP houses have been handed over to undocumented foreign nationals, friends, and relatives.

Irrespective of status, we will arrest, name, and shame all rogue elements operating in various municipalities such as Alfred Duma, Jozini, KwaDukuza, Nquthu, Inkosi Mtubatuba, and many others.

In both Inkosi Umtubatuba and eThekweni, our no-nonsense elite unit working with SAPS uncovered a house allocated to a Mozambican national and has ensured the arrest of three other undocumented Mozambican nationals.

A prisoner and a traditional leader have also been identified, with an investigation underway and executed by the elite unit in partnership with the Department of Correctional Services and SAPS.

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