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NORTHERN CAPE

# PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

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# STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS DEBATE

Premier Dr. Zamani Saul's response to the State of the Nation Address (SONA) debate emphasised the Northern Cape's commitment to supporting the current government and its initiatives. He stated, "The GNU will not collapse but will run its term," highlighting the coalition's dedication to fulfilling its mandate.

In his speech, Premier Saul discussed various provincial achievements and initiatives, including:

Economic Growth: The Northern Cape has positioned itself as a hub for renewable and green energy, attracting significant investments in sectors such as mining, renewable energy, and agriculture. This strategic focus aims to stimulate economic activity and create jobs across the province.

**Education:** The province has made notable strides in improving education quality. The proportion of individuals aged 5-24 attending educational institutions increased from 64.2% to 70.3% in 2022, marking the largest increase among all provinces. Additionally, the percentage of individuals aged 20 and older with no schooling declined from 22.7% to 6.7% in the same year.

Infrastructure Development: The Northern Cape has invested in broadband infrastructure and base stations, with operators like Vodacom, Telkom, and MTN contributing nearly R1 billion. This investment aims to enhance connectivity and support economic growth.

**Governance and Financial Management:** The provincial government has achieved clean audit outcomes across all departments, demonstrating a commitment to transparency and effective financial management. Notably, the province has maintained a positive bank balance in its exchequer account for three consecutive years, reflecting sound fiscal policies.

#SONA2025 **#SOPANC2025** 











# Northern Cape Department of Health commits to additional Resources to Strengthen Emergency Medical Services

ngaging in it's broader objective to improve response time,and enhance overall services efficiency within the Emergency Medical Services in the province.

The Northern Cape Department of Health, convened a critical one-day EMS retreat in Kimberly. The session was led by the Health MEC, Mr. Maruping Lekwene, alongside Acting Head of Department for Health Mr. Mxolisi Mlatha.

The Northern Cape Department of Health remains dedicated to enhancing Emergency health Services, ensuring communities receive timely and efficient medical assistance.





# THE MEC FOR TRANSPORT SAFETY AND LIASON MS. LIMAKATSO KOLOI VISITED THE FAMILY OF THE LATE PRIVATE P.J. STRYDOM IN KIMBERLEY ON BEHALF OF THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

The late Private P.J. Strydom is part of the **SANDF** members that died in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

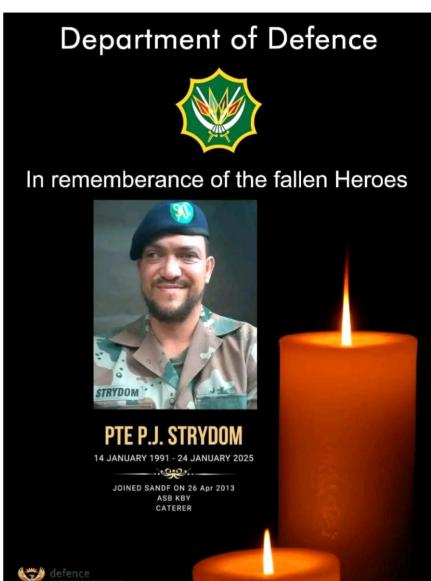
MEC Limakatso Koloi conveyed a Message of Condolences and support on behalf of the Premier, Dr Zamani Saul and the Provincial Government.

The MEC accompanied by Chaplain and other members of the **SANDF.** 

















# MALARIA Awareness Workshop

This week, the National Department of Health hosted a oneday Case Management Workshop on Malaria in Upington located in the Northern Cape Province. The workshop gathered health professionals and support staff from all four districts of the Northern Cape, with a primary focus on enhancing the provinces malaria response.

Malaria remains a significant public health concern, and it's control requires proactive, coordinated effects across multiple levels.

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS:**

### Strengthening Malaria Response:

The workshop serves as an important platform to Healthcare Workers to exchange knowledge and experiences.

### National goal of Elimination:

With the broader goal of malaria elimination in South Africa, the province remains focused on maintaining its low-risk status and continuing efforts to prevent the disease from spreading.

### Collaborative Efforts:

Through collaborative action and sharing expertise, the healthcare workers from various districts committed to upholding the province's commitment to malaria-free communities.

This workshop marks a crucial step in the journey to eliminate malaria, ensuring that the Northern Cape continues to be a leader in public health initiatives and malaria control efforts

# calling all Creatives

The Northern Cape Government is committed to nurturing artistic talent where the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture is partnering with a dynamic arts programme, **Amandla Entsha Arts Programme**, aimed at upskilling local artists. This initiative focuses on music, tufting, and visual arts, providing participants with valuable training, mainly focuses on how to monetise their skills.

By investing in the creative sector, Government not only empowers artists with new skills but also strengthens the cultural and economic landscape of the province. This programme serves as a platform for emerging and established artists to refine their craft, gain exposure, and contribute meaningfully to the arts industry. Together, we are shaping a vibrant artistic future.







Happy Valentine's Day! To those in love, may your hearts be full of joy, your laughter endless, and your bond grow even stronger. Cherish the moments, big and small, and celebrate the love you share.

To those who are single, remember that love comes in many forms - friendship, self-love, and the dreams you passionately pursue. Today is a reminder that you are worthy, whole, and surrounded by love in countless ways.

Treat yourself, embrace the day with joy, and know that the best love stories - whether romantic or personal - are still unfolding.

Love is everywhere. Enjoy today, however you choose!

# 3 R D A N N U A L

# NORTHERN CAPE PREMIER'S





FRIDAY 14 MARCH 2025
KIMBERLEY GOLF CLUB





- ► INDIVIDUAL: R 4000
- ► **FOURBALL:** *R* 16 000

Four-ball Fees including: Greenfees, Half Way Meal, Dinner Golf Apparel, Goodie Bag

# **BANKING DETAILS**

STANDARD BANK
NCPG PMG: OFF OF PREMIER
ACC NO: 063050943
BRANCH CODE: 050002

BRANCH: KIMBERLEY



Scan QR code to register

## **FORMAT**

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# **PROGRAMME**

Registration from: 7:30 / Tee off from: 09:00

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