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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

**ATT: ALL NEWS EDITORS**

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### **MEC Mashatile calls for calm in Bekkersdal**

Gauteng MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and Human Settlements, Paul Mashatile has called for calm in Bekkersdal after the eruption of service delivery protest this evening.

Mashatile said that government will continue to engage with the residents of Bekkersdal to find solution to their problems but violence was not the way.

“Violent protests reverse the gains made by the government. The Department started a cleaning campaign in the community, the destruction of property led to place return to its former state,” he said.

The MEC called on all the stakeholders to work together to restore calm in Bekkersdal.

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