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MEC Mashatile calls on Mooiplaas residents to allow development to start

The Gauteng MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and Human Settlements, Paul Mashatile, has called on residents of Mooiplaas in Tshwane to allow for building of houses to start in their community.

Some of the residents were allocated houses in the nearby Olievenhoutbosch but the residents of that area are against the allocation of houses in their community to beneficiaries from outside.

“About 750 people from Mooiplaas had qualified to go to Olievenhoutbosch but now people of Olievenhoutbosch say they do not want people of Mooiplaas because every time we allocate we bring people from this area,” he said.

Mashatile said government will on this week return to Olievenhoutbosch to negotiate for the 750 people but also the development must start in Mooiplaas.

MEC Mashatile said that the government had bought land worth R76 million where the development for the people of Mooiplaas will be.

City of Tshwane Mayor, Solly Msimanga said that government had proposed the win - win situation for both communities but the community of Olievenhoutbosch had threatened a blood bath.

“As a responsible government and as the number one citizen of Tshwane, I cannot allow a situation where violence becomes the order of the day,” he said.

Msimanga said that plans for the area were ready and it was exciting because not only a residential area is planned for the community but also factories as the developer already has people who want to invest in the area.

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