



MEDIA STATEMENT

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MEC Moiloa calls for calm in Eldorado Park and neighbouring communities

Gauteng MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and Human Settlements, Dikgang Uhuru Moiloa has called for calm and restraint in the community of Eldorado Park and surrounding areas, following the eruption of service delivery protests in the area.

The MEC has urged community leaders to work with government to resolve their issues. The MEC said a steering committee with all affected parties will meet as a matter of urgency, to bring calm to the affected communities and address the multiplicity of issues raised by communities including housing related concerns.

The MEC is currently meeting the MMC for housing from the City of Joburg and other role players to outline a coordinated approach to address concerns raised. A public meeting will also be held as a matter of urgency with communities.

The MEC noted that he was surprised to see communities protesting this morning, as there was agreement already with the communities that we will work together to develop the affected areas.

“I urge the residents of these communities to work with me and the Department to address their issues. Let us sit down and discuss the issues around development and the current constraints and not allow land occupation, violence and destruction of community and government property.

These communities should not reverse the gains we have made to provide services. We appeal to communities not to protest, as government has plans in place to address housing issues in the province through Mega Cities Developments.”

Mega Cities are projects that seek to address apartheid spatial planning and bring people closer to their places of work.

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