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MEDIA ALERT

KWAZULU-NATAL PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE MEC MARTIN MEYER TO INSPECT R84 MILLION PROBLEMATIC NKONJENI HOSPITAL PROJECT

On Friday, 16 October, MEC for KZN Public Works and Infrastructure, MEC Martin Meyer, will personally conduct inspections at Nkonjeni Hospital, following several challenges and complaints around the progress of the project at the health facility.

Work at the facility commenced in July 2020 which, once completed, would see it boasting an upgraded maternity complex, mothers' lodge and support services. The 207-bed hospital was to also benefit from additional power supply to ensure elimination of any disruptions.

The district hospital services a vast northern KZN rural community as well 16 local clinics with residents and mothers benefitting the most from much-needed services offered.

Since its commencement in July 2020, the project has been plagued by several disruptions, including:

- Community unrest
- Late payments
- Substandard workmanship
- Continuously missed deadlines

Prior to the project commencement the facility was found to have suffered roof and partial structural compromise affecting the mothers' lodge.

MEC Meyer's visit comes amidst KZN Public Works and Infrastructure's commitment to no longer tolerate substandard delivery by contractors which has led to the blacklisting of repeat offenders.

This is one of the projects that the department will be placing under investigation.

It also comes following a commitment, by the department, to clear long-standing stalled and disrupted projects which are the focus of structures like the Rapid Response Team whose purpose is to identify and investigate stalled projects so that communities can benefit sooner from services. So far, more than R260 million worth of stalled projects have been identified and resumed.

Media are invited to attend and there will be an opportunity for interviews and photographs.

Transport leaving Durban will be provided upon request.

Details of the inspection visit as follows:

Date: 17 October 2025

Time: 11am

Venue: Nkonjeni district hospital (Ulundi)

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