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MEDIA ALERT

KWAZULU-NATAL PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO COMMEMORATE HUMAN RIGHTS DAY BY UNVEILING STATE-OF-THE-ART MENZI HIGH SCHOOL

On Friday, **20th March**, the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Public Works and Infrastructure will commemorate Human Rights Day by celebrating the newly completed state-of-the-art multimillion Rand Menzi High School in uMlazi.

The nearly R100 million school project is iconic for the department as it was one of the projects that was severely disrupted by the construction mafia where at the peak, the project experienced incidents such as the site being stormed, bullets delivered as means of threat and officials held against their will on site. In September 2024 MEC Martin Meyer personally visited the project and took stock of all matters threatening its success. He also met with law officials, forums, professionals, project managers and contractors to path a joint counter approach to ensure the success of the project.

The earlier visit also coincided with launch of the Interim Rapid Response Team which was tasked with conducting investigations, audits and providing intervention measures to all disrupted projects. The team was tasked with reporting weekly directly to the Head of Department, Dr Vish Govender.

The result is that today it has been 13 months without a single KZN Public Works and Infrastructure project experiencing disruptions while projects to the value of over R600 million have successfully resumed thanks to the Interim Rapid Response Team, Menzi High being among those.

For MEC Martin Meyer the completion of Menzi High is an iconic symbol of success where overcoming extortionists means eliminating the threat to a successful tomorrow of our future leaders.

MEC Meyer has also emphasized that by delivering this project KZN Public Works and Infrastructure plays its part by ensuring that the constitutionally guaranteed right to basic education is successfully realized through the delivering quality facilities of learning.

Details of the event as follows:

Date: 20 March, 2026

Time: 1pm

Venue: Menzi High School (253 Maponya St, Umlazi N, Umlazi, 4066)

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