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MEDIA ALERT

STAGE IS SET FOR UNVEILING AND DEDICATION OF ICONIC SCHOOL PLAGUED BY CONSTRUCTION MAFIA OVER A DECADE ON HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

All systems are in place for event that will see KZN Public Works and Infrastructure unveil Menzi High School, in uMlazi, on Human Rights Day as an iconic structure dedicated the fight against construction extortionists.

For 10 delayed years the school, a multimillion Rand state-of-the-art facility, was continuously subjected to construction mafia threats which include department officials held hostage on site, two shooting incidents and bullets delivered as a means to deliver continued threat. As a result, when he came into office, MEC Martin Meyer, declared the school project a priority which he personally visited to account for its challenges before declaring that the project be a symbol of overcoming adversary despite the odds against it.

Collaborative efforts included the intervention by the Interim Rapid Response Team, which is tasked with auditing and investigating projects as well as joint operations with SAPS, contractors, project managers, among others, ensured that the project is completed.

For the past 13 months KZN Public Works and Infrastructure has not had a single project disrupted by threats 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.

Attendees of the programme include high profile dignitaries who will pledge support against construction threats and extortionists. Among others these include:

- World Cup winning Springbok, Makazole Mapimpi
- AmaZulu soccer star, Njabulo Manqana
- Actor extraordinaire, Popularly from Uzalo, Nkanyiso Makhanya
- National Parliament Chair of Portfolio Committee on Police, Ian Cameron
- KZN Public Works and Infrastructure HOD, Dr Vish Govender

Details of the dedication event as follows:

Date: 20 March, 2026

Time: 1pm

Venue: Menzi High School (253 Maponya Street, uMlazi N, uMlazi, 4066)

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