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## PRIORITY 3: BUILD A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

### President Ramaphosa leads Human Rights Day in Kimberley

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President Cyril Ramaphosa led the national commemoration of Human Rights Day on 21 March 2026, at AR Abbas Stadium in Kimberley. The event coincided with the commemoration of 30 years since South Africa's Constitution was adopted into law. The Constitution was signed in Sharpeville, a historic site marked by brutal apartheid-era atrocities; symbolising the birth of a new era founded on equality, freedom and human dignity.

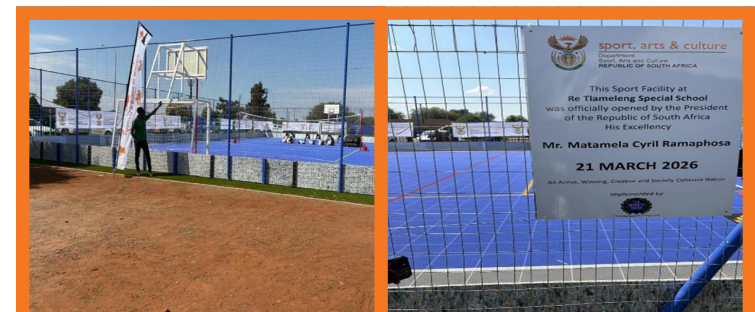
In his keynote address, President Ramaphosa reflected on the progress achieved over the past 32 years of democracy. He acknowledged the persistent challenges facing the country; especially poverty, inequality and limited access to opportunities. The President reaffirmed government's commitment to driving inclusive economic growth, creating jobs and building a just and equitable society for all.

The President further indicated that the Constitution served as the nation's moral compass guiding South Africans towards dignity, equality and social justice. He called on all citizens to uphold its values and to actively work together to realise its promises.

Ahead of the main event, President Ramaphosa accompanied by the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture, Mr Gayton Mackenzie, unveiled a commemorative plaque and officially handed over two multipurpose sports facilities at Roodepan High School and Retlameleng Special School. These facilities are designed to accommodate a range of sporting activities, contributing to social cohesion and youth development.



President Cyril Ramaphosa addressing members of the community during the Human Rights Day commemoration.



One of the newly handed-over multipurpose sports facilities.



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**PRIORITY 3: BUILD A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.**

**GCIS-led Freedom Month activation brings services closer to Kareedouw community**

*By Noluvuyo Mangweni; GCIS, Eastern Cape*

On 10 April 2026, a Freedom Month activation led by the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS), was successfully held at the Kareedouw taxi rank in the Eastern Cape. The initiative brought essential government services directly to the local community and formed part of ongoing efforts to deepen democracy and promote equitable access to public services.

The activation attracted a range of key stakeholders who collaborated to empower residents through direct engagement and service delivery. Among the participating institutions was the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), which assisted community members with voter registration in preparation for the upcoming Local Government Elections (LGEs). Residents welcomed the opportunity to register within their locality, making it easier for more citizens to exercise their democratic right to vote.

The National Prosecuting Authority also played a vital role by providing information on the services it offers. Through face-to-face engagement, officials raised awareness about legal processes and the support available to victims of crime, thereby contributing to improved access to justice.

Community Development Workers further strengthened the activation by assisting with the dissemination of information. Their presence ensured that messaging reached a broader audience, particularly those who may not typically have access to such resources.

The activation was further enhanced by a visit from the Mayor of Koukamma Local Municipality, Cllr Mpumelelo Samuel Vuso. He commended the collaborative efforts of all stakeholders and praised officials for taking government services directly to communities, especially those that are often underserved and face challenges in accessing government institutions.

He noted that the activation clearly demonstrated the importance of intergovernmental cooperation in bringing services closer to the people, underscoring government's commitment to inclusivity and equal access for all citizens.



Stakeholders engaging with community members during the Freedom Month activation in Kareedouw.



Residents visiting the IEC stall to register as voters ahead of the 2026 Local Government Elections.

## PRIORITY I: DRIVE INCLUSIVE GROWTH AND JOB CREATION.

### **President Ramaphosa visits Kusile Power Station to assess South Africa’s energy security**

*By Patricia Matsila and Todani Livhuwani; GCIS, Mpumalanga*

President Cyril Ramaphosa undertook a high-level working visit to Kusile Power Station in Mpumalanga on 10 April 2026, as part of the government’s continued efforts to monitor South Africa’s energy security and improve the reliability of electricity supply.

The visit included a comprehensive technical briefing and engagements with Eskom leadership, board members and operational teams. Eskom presented progress reports on generation performance, recovery initiatives and system stability improvements. Kusile Power Station, one of the largest power stations in the country, is now fully operational, with all six generating units consistently supplying electricity to the national grid.

This milestone marks significant progress in the entity's recovery journey and represents a major step towards reducing the risk of load-shedding, stabilising electricity supply and supporting sustained economic growth.

During the engagement, Eskom Board Chairperson, Mr Mteto Nyati, together with Executive Management and technical teams, provided the President with a first-hand overview of improvements in operational performance and the restoration of generation capacity. The visit

coincided with one of the most sustained periods of electricity supply stability experienced in South Africa in more than five years.

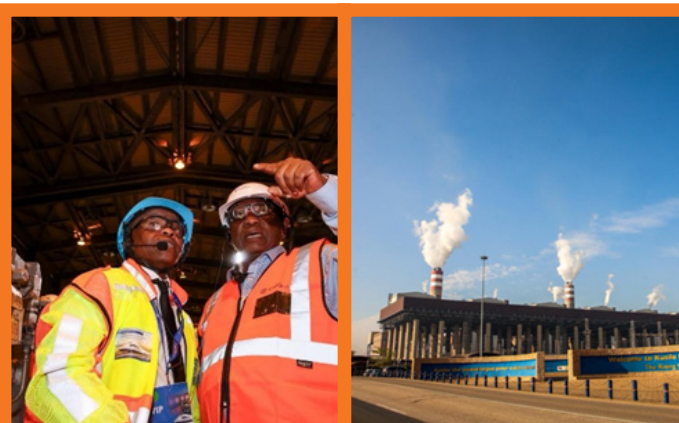
“As we stand at Kusile, as we stand at this dawn, we are reminded of our shared responsibility to ensure that these first rays of light prove to be the beginning of a brighter day for all our people, for our country and our continent. South Africa’s improved energy supply is a welcome relief for millions of households and businesses across the country,” said Mr Nyati.

President Ramaphosa commended Eskom employees for their commitment and resilience, acknowledging their critical role in stabilising the power system. Their continued efforts have contributed significantly to improved generation performance and have brought the country closer to achieving sustained and uninterrupted electricity supply.

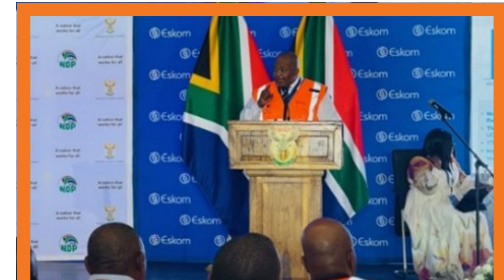
The visit reaffirmed government’s commitment to safeguarding recent gains in electricity stability, while continuing to invest in infrastructure development, operational efficiency and long-term energy resilience.



**President Cyril Ramaphosa engages with Eskom employees at Kusile Power Station.**



**The President conducts a walkabout at Kusile Power Station.**



**Mr Dan Marokane, Eskom Group Chief Executive:**

“This achievement reflects sustained operational improvements, sound financial discipline and a collective commitment to restoring Eskom’s performance.”

## PRIORITY 3: BUILD A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

### Minister of Water and Sanitation visits Matjhabeng Municipality

By Ntombi Mhlambi; GCIS, Free State

On 22 March 2026, the Executive Mayor of Matjhabeng Local Municipality, Mr Thanduxolo Khalipha, officially welcomed the Minister of Water and Sanitation, Ms Pemmy Majodina, during her visit to the municipality. The Minister was accompanied by Deputy Ministers, Mr David Mahlobo and Mr Sello Seithloho. Also in attendance were the Deputy Minister in The Presidency for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, Mr Seiso Mohai; the Free State Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA) and Human Settlements, Mr Saki Mokoena; and the Chief Executive Officer of Vaal Central Water, Mr Luvuyo Ntoyi.

The visit marked the official handover of 22 completed sewer infrastructure projects delivered through the Ministerial Intervention Programme. These projects include upgraded pump stations, rehabilitated sewer lines and a refurbished wastewater treatment plant. The handover represents significant progress in restoring basic services and addressing long-standing sanitation challenges across Matjhabeng.

The event coincided with World Water Day, highlighting the importance of responsible water and sanitation management. It also served as a reminder that access to adequate sanitation was essential not only for infrastructure development but for public health, environmental protection and human dignity. The completed pump stations in Welkom and Odendaalsrus are expected to provide much-needed relief to residents by improving wastewater flow, reducing sewer spillages and strengthening overall service delivery. For many communities, this development signals a positive step towards restoring dignity after years of service delivery challenges.

In her address, Minister Majodina reaffirmed government's commitment to supporting Matjhabeng

in rebuilding and safeguarding its infrastructure. She explained that the projects formed part of a broader intervention aimed at addressing vandalism, infrastructure failures and service delivery backlogs. The Minister also urged residents to take ownership of public infrastructure and to work collaboratively with government to protect it.

Executive Mayor Khalipha expressed appreciation for the support received from both national and provincial government. He described the handover as a meaningful step towards eliminating sewer pollution and rebuilding a municipality capable of responding effectively to the needs of its residents. He further emphasised that the developments demonstrated tangible progress in efforts to stabilise and strengthen local government.

The intervention follows a Council resolution declaring Matjhabeng a disaster area due to ongoing infrastructure failures. This led to engagements with national government, which committed more than R4 billion over a five-year period towards rehabilitating critical infrastructure and improving of service delivery.

The programme concluded with a community engagement session at the Thabong Multi-purpose Centre Hall, where residents were afforded an opportunity to raise concerns, ask questions and receive updates on ongoing projects. As part of commemorating World Water Day, this occasion symbolised renewed commitment to delivering reliable sanitation services, restoring dignity to communities and building a municipality that works for its people.



Minister Majodina handing over the refurbished plant, accompanied by the Free State MEC of CoGTA.



Community members of Matjhabeng attending the engagement at Thabong Multi-purpose Centre.