



# MYDISTRICTTODAY

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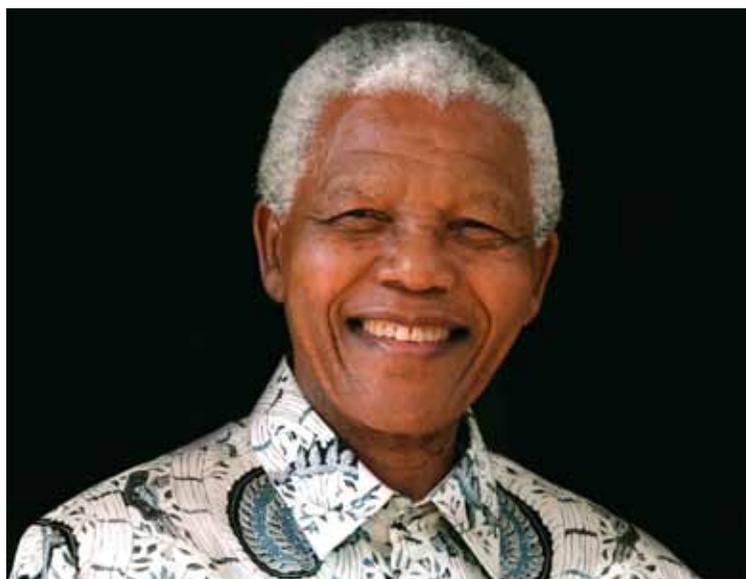
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*Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela*

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*18 July 1918 – 5 December 2013*



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“ I was made, by the law, a criminal, not because of what i had done, but because of what I stood for, because of what I thought, because of my conscience. ”



**MODIMOLLE BIDS FAREWELL TO MADIBA**

The community of Modimolle gathered at the OR Tambo community hall to view the funeral of former President Nelson Mandela on a big screen. The event was also attended by the Waterberg District Executive Mayor, Cllr Rosina Mogotlane and Modimolle Mayor, Cllr Meisie Lekalakala.



Zimbabwean national Fungayi Collins Gunda, who now resides in Modimolle: "I feel empty today as our hero and father is being laid to rest. I also thank him for a job well-done in untying Africa and the whole world".



Mkaleleme Manganyi from Mogalakwena: "Namuntha I siku leri ndzi twaka ku vava ngopfu. Siku leri ku lahliwa nhenha ya tinnenha. Ndzi titwa wonge mihloti ya mina yi nga tata damu lerikulu".



Freddy Marutha from Modimolle: "I feel very sad today. I pray that his legacy be continued to deal with issues like inequality and poverty in South Africa".



Sophy Lelaka from Modimolle: "I am heartbroken today. He has done a lot for us. We have beautiful schools, clinics and hospitals, houses and social grants because of him. May your soul rest in peace".



Since 1994 government has delivered over 2,9 million hectares of white-owned agricultural land to land-reform beneficiaries.



“ I stand before you not as a prophet but as a humble servant of you, the people. your tireless and heroic sacrifices have made it possible for me to be here today.

I therefore place the remaining years of my life in your hands. ”

## MADIBA'S LIFE CELEBRATED EVERYWHERE

*Tembisa Thusong Service Centre*

The passing of Madiba touched the hearts of every South African and the world as a whole. Instead of mourning, people from all walks of life, including churches and private companies, paid tribute to the true statesman and international icon.



Kgorong Burial Society paying tribute to Madiba.



Mourners gathering at the Catholic Church in Tembisa.



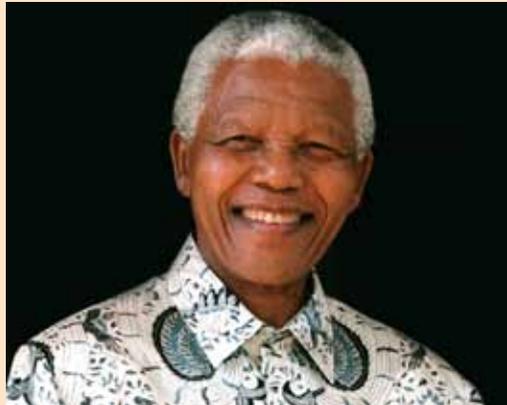
Prayers for Madiba.



Community members signing the Condolence Book.



Economic growth averaged about 3% during the First Decade of Freedom versus an averaged 1% per year growth in the decade before 1994.



“Too many have suffered for the love of freedom. i too cannot sell my birthright, nor am i prepared to sell the birthright of my people to be free. your freedom and mine cannot be separated.”



## MPUMALANGA PROVINCIAL MEMORIAL SERVICE – 10 DECEMBER 2013, MBOMBELA STADIUM *By Eunice Nkuna: GCIS, Limpopo*

Mpumalanga held a memorial service for former President Nelson Mandela on 10 December 2013 at the Mbombela Stadium. Different religious groups such as Christianity, Baha'i, Islam, Hindu, African and Rastafarian held prayers of praise and worship. Various gospel singers also gave praise through music. Premier David Mabuza delivered the keynote address in celebration of Madiba's life. Participants also viewed the live broadcast of the National Memorial Service taking place at the FNB Stadium near Johannesburg on a big screen.



Premier Mabuza (right) and Ehlazeni Executive Mayor Letta Shongwe attending the memorial service at the Mbombela Stadium.



From left to right: Mbombela Mayor Cathy Dlamini and Ehlazeni Mayor Letta Shongwe writing in the Condolence Book.



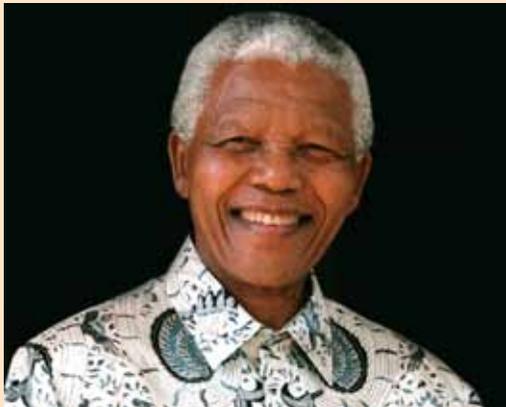
Community members from all three districts of Mpumalanga attended the memorial service to celebrate the life of Madiba.



Pumas rugby team and Bikers Club also came to celebrate the life of Mandela.



Prior to 1994 there were between eight and nine million employed South Africans. Today there are more than 13,6 million employed people.



“ Only through hardship, sacrifice and militant action can freedom be won. the struggle is my life. i will continue fighting for freedom until the end of my days. ”



## ROSENDAL, MAUTSE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS HONOUR MADIBA

### Pulane Lehlakeng

	<b>How do you feel about government's initiative in giving people the opportunity to view Madiba's funeral?</b>	<i>Ke thabile haholo hore mmuso o kgonne hore nahanela rona batho ba sa kgonang ho finyella Qunu ho pata moetapele wa rona.</i>
	<b>Any message you would like to share with Madiba's family?</b>	<i>Robala ka khotso Madiba, o lwanne ntwana ena jwale ka lesole la nnete.</i>
	<b>General remarks.</b>	<i>Papa Madiba a ithoballe ka kagiso.</i>

### Mme Mamotseki

	<b>How do you feel about government's initiative in giving people the opportunity to view Madiba's funeral?</b>	<i>Ke thabile! Ekare mmuso o no tseba hore hakena TV ya ho shebela lefu la Ntate Mandela, haholo jwang nna le yena re tswalwa ka tsatsi le leng.</i>
	<b>Any message you would like to share with Madiba's family?</b>	<i>Ntate Modimo o na re kadimile mohale. Jwale ho salane le rona ho etsa bonnete ba hore re tswellisa thuto ya re siileng ka yona.</i>
	<b>General remarks.</b>	<i>Mmuso ha kampa o re lukisetsa taba ya hore re thole mottakase le metsi mo re dulang.</i>

### Ms Leawa

	<b>How do you feel about government's initiative in giving people the opportunity to view Madiba's funeral?</b>	<i>I'm staying at an informal settlement where there is no proper infrastructure. I had no choice but to come and watch it on the big screen at the community hall.</i>
	<b>Any message you would like to share with Madiba's family?</b>	<i>Robala ka khotso Tata. Re ya ho rata.</i>
	<b>General remarks.</b>	<i>Rest in peace.</i>

### Lefa Tshabalala

	<b>How do you feel about government's initiative in giving people the opportunity to view Madiba's funeral?</b>	<i>I preferred to watch the funeral of Tata at my home, but it was good that government updated us with everything that was taking place.</i>
	<b>Any message you would like to share with Madiba's family?</b>	<i>Thank you Nelson Mandela.</i>
	<b>General remarks.</b>	<i>Rest in peace.</i>



As of March 2009 the number of households with access to electricity has increased from 4,5 million (50,9%) in 1994 to 9,1 million (73%) in 2008.



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## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF TATA NELSON MANDELA

By Lihle and Vasanthi: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal



People's Park: Moses Mabhida Stadium: Some of the mourners who camped overnight in order to witness the day's proceedings.



Diverse cultures unite to bid final farewell to Tata Madiba.



Some people at TV Park in KwaMashu watch from their cars while others attend in small groups of friends or families to comfort one another.



People gathered at the Durban City Hall to watch the live broadcast of the funeral proceedings.



## BE SAFE THIS FESTIVE SEASON

If you will be travelling during this festive season, please heed the following road-safety tips and prevent road accidents:



- Ensure that your vehicle is roadworthy.
- Do not drink and drive.
- Obey all rules of the road.
- Buckle up and ensure all passengers do so too.
- Keep a safe following distance.
- Stop regularly to rest and where possible, change drivers.
- Maintain the legal speed limit. Reduce your speed when driving in rainy or misty conditions.

### Avoid hijacking situations:

Ensure that your vehicle is always in running condition with good tyres (including the spare wheel) and has enough fuel for your planned trip.

Know your destination and the directions to it, and be alert if you get lost.

Always park your car in well-attended parking lots, especially at night.

Never, ever pick up hitchhikers.

Don't have bags, cellphones, briefcases or other valuables in the open in your car or near a window – place them in the boot of your car.

**Responsible and courteous driving can help prevent accidents on our roads this season.**