

MEDIA STATEMENT

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TO: All media

ATTENTION: News Editors/ Reports For Immediate use:

MINISTER NZIMANDE IS SADDENED BY THE KILLING OF MABUTHO JENAMO- A MAMELODI COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT

The Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Dr Blade Nzimande is saddened by the killing of Mabutho Jenamo, a Community Education College student who was attending his classes at Reneilwe Community Learning Centre in Mamelodi East in Gauteng.

On his way back from school after the orientation day on Tuesday, 17 January, Mabutho, an 18 year old Level 4 General Education and Training Certificate (GETC) student was stabbed to death during a mugging incident by a group of men who took his cell phone and wallet. At the time of the incident, Mabutho was in the company of his fellow students who those belongings were also taken by these rascals.

Minister Nzimande passes his condolences to the Jenamo family, friend and the entire Reneilwe Community Learning Centre.

The Minister said Mabutho's passing is a loss to the entire Post School Education and Training sector.

Minister Nzimande is however satisfied that the four alleged killers were arrested by the law enforcement agencies following a tip-off by the members of the community who witnessed this heinous incidence.

These four perpetrators have already appeared before the Mamelodi West Court yesterday, 18th January 2023 and their next appearance is on the 25 January 2023.

Minister Nzimande thanked the community of Mamelodi who responded swiftly by identifying the perpetrators and helping the police to apprehend them.

Through the Gauteng Community College, and Higher Health, the Department of Higher Education and Training will continue to provide the necessary support to the family.

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