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**LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CONDEMNS SCHOOL BREAK-INS
AND BURGLARIES IN MALAMULELE.**

The Limpopo Department of Education strongly condemns the recent break-ins and acts of criminality that occurred at Mahonisi Primary School and Humula High School in the Malamulele area under Vhembe East Education District.

Preliminary reports indicate that suspects broke into the schools in the early hours of Saturday, 25 October 2025, stealing laptops, airtime vouchers, and cash after assaulting and restraining a security guard on duty. In a separate incident, a safe was found cut open and several offices ransacked.

The Department is deeply disturbed by the acts of vandalism and theft, which not only violate public property but also disrupt the effective delivery of education. Schools are centres of learning meant to empower and uplift communities. Attacks of this nature undermine that purpose and disadvantage learners.

MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya expressed her appreciation to the Law Enforcement for their swift response and the ongoing investigations into these incidents. "These repeated break-ins are not just crimes against property, they are crimes against the future of our children. We call on communities to unite in protecting schools, as they are the heart of development," said MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya.

The Department will continue to monitor the situation closely and ensure that affected schools receive the necessary support to recover and resume normal operations as soon as possible.

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