

**MEDIA ALERT**

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**PREMIER RAMATHUBA TO VISIT LEARNERS INJURED IN SEKHUKHUNE SCHOLAR TRANSPORT ACCIDENT**

Limpopo Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba will today, 15 May 2026, visit learners admitted to Jane Furse Hospital following a tragic scholar transport accident in Sekhukhune District where two Grade R learners lost their lives and five others sustained injuries. She will be joined by MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Ms Violet Mathye.

According to reports, a Toyota Quantum transporting learners from Mannyetha Primary School lost control after hitting a rock on the D4246 road between Ga-Nkoana and Apel Cross on Wednesday, 13 May 2026. The vehicle caught fire immediately and sadly two Grade R learners died at the scene, and five others sustained burn injuries.

The injured learners were first taken to Ga-Nkoana Clinic before being transferred to Jane Furse Hospital for further treatment. Premier Ramathuba has requested a full report on the circumstances of the accident.

The Premier has extended her heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families, school community and learners: "On behalf of the provincial government, we send our deepest condolences to the families of the two learners who lost their lives in this tragic incident. No parent should have to endure such a loss after sending their child to school. We equally wish a speedy recovery to those who sustained injuries."

Details of the visit are as follows:

Date: Friday, 15 May 2026

Time: 12h00

Venue: Jane Furse Hospital, Sekhukhune District

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