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MEC FOR COGTA, MS MTSHWENI CONDEMNS VANDALISM AT MPAKENI TRADITIONAL COUNCIL

The MEC for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) in Mpumalanga, Ms Refilwe Mtshweni has condemned the attack of the offices of the Mpakeni Traditional Council at Daantjie outside Mbombela. The attack took place on Thursday allegedly by a group of unknown people. Police reported that the attackers stormed the traditional council offices and vandalised the property and further assaulted one of the headmen.

“We condemn in the strongest possible terms the attack of the offices under Chief Nkosi of Mpakeni Traditional Council. We call on the law enforcement agencies to bring the perpetrators to book,” said Ms Mtshweni.

She added that offices belonging to traditional councils are used as service delivery points for rural communities and as such this attack will hamper the provision of services rendered by the office at Mpakeni. “There cannot be justification for this attack. We, as a department regard it as a criminal act. We hope the law will take its course as a measure to prevent similar criminal act,” Ms Mtshweni said.

The offices are still closed.

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