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MPUMALANGA INITIATION SEASON STARTS

This week, thousands of initiates are attending the Ndebele cultural initiation (Ingoma). The Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) and the Mpumalanga Provincial House of Traditional Leaders (MPHTL) remain committed to strengthening the cultural Ingoma practice, while ensuring the safety of initiates in the province.

To this effect, COGTA and the MPHTL would ensure the compliance with the Ingoma Act of 2011, which regulates the following:

- Permission to attend
- Duration of the Ingoma
- Prohibition of forced attendance
- Payment of fees
- Inspection at the Ingoma

Chairperson of MPHTL Kgoshi Lemeck Mokoena says “The province will ensure that the process is done in line with Ingoma Act of 2011 and perpetrators will face the full might of the law”. He also encouraged parents to ensure that strict health precautions are adhered to before allowing their boys to attend Ingoma.

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