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MEC Molapisi condemns violent protest at the Department of Public Works and Roads Head Office...

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Mahikeng –MEC for Public Works and Roads, Gaoage Oageng Molapisi condemns with the strongest possible terms the ongoing violent protest at the Department's Head Office in Mahikeng.

It is believed that a protest action organized by certain individuals follows an announcement to kick-start the Routine Roads Maintenance Project. Protesters are causing havoc by burning tyres in front of the main entrance and alternative gates; prohibiting officials' access to the premises, and affecting day-to-day work and service delivery.

According to MEC Molapisi, "Ongoing protests is as a result of misinformation spread by individuals, hellbent on discrediting the Department and its leadership".

The department recently issued a statement announcing the resumption of Routine Road Maintenance project after delays caused by administrative-related issues. It must be indicated that the department held a meeting with the same group of protesters to clarify issues around the project. It is mysterious that protesters have decided to embark on a protest action before the date of a follow-up meeting is set.

"Our communities should be rest assured that we will stop at nothing to deliver our mandate. No amount of threats, or illegal and disruptive action will stop us from creating employment for our communities. Security measures to ensure the safety of employees and premises have been put in place. The law enforcement authorities have been deployed at Departments' offices to maintain calm and stability" concluded MEC Molapisi

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