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## THE POLOKWANE MAGISTRATE'S COURT RECEIVES A WELL DESERVED FACELIFT

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Public Works and Infrastructure Minister Sihle Zikalala officially handed over the Polokwane Magistrate's Court to the Justice and Correctional Services Minister Ronald Lamola on 10 May 2024. The two ministers thereafter officially opened the court. After being welcomed and briefed, both ministers were taken on a tour of the entire building.

The initial building that housed the Polokwane Magistrate's Court was gutted by a fire that destroyed most of the structure. The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure took to rebuilding and restoring these facilities. The reconstructed structure comes with high class architecture and state-of-the-art technology that has given the court a prestigious upgrade.

The newly rebuilt building now has 10 courtrooms, 5 of which are regional court rooms, 4 District Court rooms including the Sexual Offences Court and 1 Equality Court room. Moreover, a backup generator with the fuel capacity of 1500 litres, high tech security and a fire detection system have been installed.

When briefing the media, Minister Zikalala said the monetary investment that has been injected to the rebuilding of this court is more than 200 million rand, and he added that what is important is to appreciate the delivery of this sustainable and longer lasting investment.









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