



## MINISTER ZIKALALA CONDUCTS OPERATION *SIYAHLOLA* IN WELISIZWE BRIDGES SITES

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Public Works Minister Sihle Zikalala and the Eastern Cape Transport MEC Xolile Nqatha, accompanied by Home Affairs Minister Aaron Motsoaledi as a constituency leader in the area, conducted Operation ***\*Siyahlola*** (\*an isiZulu word that means 'We inspect'). The Minister has done inspection on the progress in two Welisizwe bridges sites in the Port St Johns Municipality in the Eastern Cape on 27 October 2023.

The two bridges in Sunrise and Ntlenga are constructed in collaboration with the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) and the Provincial Department of Transport. Tshepo Ndlovu from the SANDF says the bridge is a single vehicular bridge that is designed to carry a maximum weight of 20 tons. This bridge will also be a high rise one so it doesn't get washed away when there are heavy rains in the area.

Each bridge site under construction consists of 7 SANDF members, 5 artisans and 40 Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) participants.



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