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## MINISTER ZIKALALA SAYS GOVERNMENT MUST ENSURE THAT COLLINS CHABANE'S STRUGGLE WAS NOT IN VAIN

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The Collins Chabane Local Municipality was buzzing with activity on 8 March 2024 as Minister Sihle Zikalala visited Vuwani in Limpopo as part of his Operation *Siyahlola* Programme. His visit entailed the site inspection of Vuwani Police Station and Vuwani Magistrate's Court.

He was accompanied by Limpopo MEC of Transport and Community Safety, Florence Radzilani and Mayor of Collins Chabane Local Municipality, Shadrack Maluleke.

Minister's visit to Vuwani was eventful as he kicked off his day with a stakeholder engagement with community leaders to discuss service delivery issues in the municipality.

He then moved to Vuwani's Police Station and Magistrate's Court respectively before engaging with the community of Vuwani.

He acknowledged that the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) made a mistake of appointing contractors that offered the lowest quote for the construction of the police station without examining whether they have the capacity to fulfil the job. He did, however, assure the community that an 18 months plan to complete the remaining work at Vuwani Police Station at a cost of R26 million will be implemented. "We believe that by the 25th of September 2025, this police station should be completed and handed over to the community," said Minister Sihle Zikalala.



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"WE MUST HASTEN TO APPLAUD THE LEADERSHIP OF THE KLIPTOWN YOUTH PROGRAMME AND THE CHARLOTTE MANNYA-MAXEKE FOUNDATION FOR LAUNCHING THE 'BRING HER UP' INITIATIVE." These were the words that the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure Deputy Minister Ms Bernice Swarts used to introduce her speech on the 8th of March 2024 at the Kliptown Youth Programme in Soweto, Gauteng.

Delegates from other departments including the Gauteng Department of Economic Development MEC Ms Tasneem Motara and Soweto residents were gathered to witness the launch of the Charlotte Maxeke Bring Her Up: Start Up Hub, a 12-months training aimed at training women about starting and scaling up small businesses. The launch coincided with the International Women's Day commemorated under the theme, 'Invest in Women'.

During her keynote address, DM Swarts stated that it is truly inspiring today to see young people organising themselves and doing something to change their lives and inspire others. "We need to scan the environment and note what is in demand, whether we are able to provide it, at what scale and over how long," she said.

