

CONTRACTOR MUST TAKE THE BLAME!



on Friday, Gauteng Health MEC Gwen Ramokgopa visited Charlotte Maxeke Hospital, where five people were injured after a roof fell down the previous day.

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A CONTRACTOR has been blamed for the roof collapse at Charlotte Maxeke Hospital in Joburg.

Minister of Health Aaron Motsoaledi and Gauteng infrastructure development MEC Jacob Mamabolo said the incident could have been avoided.

Mamabolo said the contractor moved concrete distributed throughout the roof and piled it in on one area, which overloaded the roof. The contractor was hired to waterproof the roof.

Two construction workers, two members of the public and one hospital employee were injured when a roof at the

hospital's entrance collapsed on Thursday.

Motsoaledi and Mamabolo visited the hospital on Thursday and said they will investigate the cause of the collapse.

On Friday, Gauteng Health MEC Gwen Ramokgopa visited the hospital and said the rest of the hospital was open and that families would be able to visit patients.

Ramokgopa said: "All the services are functional and no patient was unnecessarily affected. We have not yet calculated the cost of the damage, but we have set aside R60 million for renovations and maintenance."



Ramokgopa (right) said R60 million has been set aside to renovate the hospital.