

# ANC mourns former mayor who leaves huge gap



TRAGIC: Ramotshere Moiloa, Simo Senne sadly passed away. PICTURE: MPHOBOHANE

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THE ANC in the North West is mourning the death of former Ramotshere-Moiloa mayor, Simon Senna, who died at Military 1 Hospital in Pretoria last week. Senna had been ill for some time.

ANC provincial secretary, Dakota Legoete said that Senna's death has left a huge gap that needs to be filled.

"We have learnt with great sadness of the passing of a veteran of our movement, Simon 'De Bar' Senna. He was a member of the glorious Luthuli Detachment of Umkhonto weSizwe military wing of the ANC. This loss will be felt not only within the ANC in Bokone Bophirima, but throughout the broader structures of the party and its alliances.

"The mass democratic movement including the Zeerust-based community is shocked by Senna's passing. He served the ANC with loyalty and distinction throughout his adult life.

We are devastated to lose a person of his calibre who still had a lot to share with the movement. The ANC dips its

revolutionary flag in honour of this servant of the people," Legoete said.

The 73-year-old politician is survived by his wife, Gaanaope Sally Senna, a daughter and grandchildren. Senna was born in Gopane Village near Lehurutshe in 1944.

"He participated in the 1957 uprising when women were marching against the pass laws and it's where he cut his teeth in the liberation struggle.

"Senna left the country in 1964 after a successful stint of courier work and assisted people to cross the South African border into Botswana to go into exile.

"He received military training in Egypt, focusing on survival skills. Senna proceeded to the Soviet Union in 1965 for advanced military training.

"He was part of the founding comrades who opened the Wankie/Siphililo campaign against the then Rhodesian government," he said.

Legoete said Senna also trained new cadres in 1976 and he went on to serve the ANC in diplomatic capacities in the then East Germany and Zambia.

"In 1993 when the ban on political organisations was lifted, Senna returned to the country and took up the demobilisation option. He was then employed at Public Works department as a functionary in the Extended Public Works Programme projects.

"Senna also served as the first ANC Veterans League provincial secretary in Bokone Bophirima. He was later deployed as Ramotshere Moiloa local municipal mayor until he retired after the 2016 local government elections," Legoete said.

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## The memorial service is scheduled as follows:

Date: May 17

Time: 10am

Venue: Gopane Village, Zeerust

## The funeral service is scheduled as follows:

Date: May 20

Venue: Gopane Village, Zeerust