

Vhembe takes control

MONTSHO MATLALA

IN THE ongoing attempts to bring stability to the new Lim 345 municipality, which is embraced by Malamulele residents while being rejected by some in Vuwani area, the provincial executive council has transferred most of the functions of the municipality to the Vhembe district municipality and provincial government departments.

This after repeated prolonged protests, at times with acts of violence by some residents of Vuwani, saying the new municipality was imposed on them and that their area should be reincorporated into Makhado municipality in Louis Trichardt.

The pro-Makhado task team ordered the provincial government to remove all services and shut down offices associated with the Lim 345 municipality in Vuwani.

In response, the provincial executive recently mandated cooperative governance human settlements and

traditional affairs MEC Makoma Makhurupetje to invoke either Section 154 of the Constitution or Section 87 of the Municipal Structure Acts to provide services in some wards (including Vuwani) within Lim 345 municipality.

“This means Vhembe district municipality would ensure effective water and sanitation provision.

“Public works, roads and infrastructure departments will allocate graders to focus on roads and cemeteries.

“The transport department will tender vehicle licensing services,” provincial government spokesperson Phuti Seloba said.

Waste management services would be dealt with by the economic development, environment and tourism department while cooperative governance, human settlements and traditional affairs department would be responsible for fast-tracking the implementation of grant-funded capital projects, the provincial cabinet said.

montshom@thenewage.co.za