

Ramaphosa sends task team to NW

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PRESIDENT Cyril Ramaphosa has appointed an interministerial task team to deal with problems in North West.

According to the president's office, the decision was made after Ramaphosa visited the province a week ago in response to violent protests demanding the removal of Premier Supra Mahumapelo.

In a statement released on Thursday night, Ramaphosa said: "Cabinet deliberated on the unstable situation that has unfolded in North West which has affected a number of services, particularly health services.

"Among other resolutions, Cabinet approved the invoking of Section 100(1)(b) of the Constitution to address the crisis, particularly in the health sector."

Ramaphosa's office said the task team would conduct an urgent assessment of the state of governance in the province and advise cabinet on potential risks facing the province.

"The report should advise on steps to be taken in respect of the task team's findings and remain with the North West matter until all critical issues are resolved," said the office.

The task team will be led by Minister in the Presidency Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma. She will be joined by ministers of health, finance, co-operative governance, public works, agriculture, police, state security and justice.