

UDM calls for disbandment of KSD council

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THE United Democratic Movement (UDM) has called on the provincial government to invoke Section 139 of the constitution and place the troubled King Sabata Dalindyebo (KSD) municipality under administration.

UDM provincial spokesperson and KSD municipality councillor, Mabandla Gogo, said the municipality has completely failed in its mandate of rendering services to the people and the law is clear on what should

be done to remedy the situation.

“The time has come for the provincial government to urgently invoke Section 139 of the constitution which disbands the municipal council and an administrator be appointed to oversee the municipality as a matter of urgency, as the council has failed to render basic services to the people,” said Gogo.

Gogo was speaking in reaction to the crippling strike which saw various streets within the Mthatha CBD, including the N2, littered with trash as workers affiliated to South African Municipal Workers Union (SAMWU) and Independ-

ent Municipal and Allied Trade Union (Imatu) downed tools demanding permanent employment of workers under the Expanded Public Works Programme, among their major grievances. The strike has since been called off, following the intervention of Eastern Cape Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs MEC, Fikile Xasa.

Gogo has also revealed that the party recently met at Zingisa Comprehensive High School, outside Mthatha, for a provincial council meeting which sat to prepare for the party’s manifesto launch, which is due to be held at the Wolfson

Stadium in Port Elizabeth on Saturday, February 16.

According to Gogo, economic growth, dealing with crime and corruption, as well as strengthening international relations, are some of the prominent features in their elections manifesto.

The meeting was attended by UDM leader Bantu Holomisa, his deputy, Ngabayomzi Kwankwa and other national executive committee officials.

The party is also busy with door-to-door campaigns ahead of the 2019 national and provincial elections.