

JUBILATION AS RESIDENTS RECEIVE TITLE DEEDS IN IMBALI

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Residents of Imbali were relieved to receive title deeds in an event at Imbali Unit 14 Community Hall recently.

The KwaZulu Natal Premier Sihle Zikalala spoke at the event and it was attended by KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works Neliswa Peggy Nkonyeni, Msunduzi Municipality and uMgungundlovu District Municipality leadership 368 from Ambleton Farm and 268 from Edendale. "As government, we need to speak to landlords through municipality and give them compensation and make sure that the land is devel-

oped. Speeding the process of handing over title deeds to people gives the person an authority to have ownership of the house. All these places with backlogs including France and others will receive title deeds," said Zikalala.

Zikalala urged people to take good care of their homes and fight crime. "We are faced with a huge challenge where woman and children are raped and killed which is a disgrace that we should not shy away from," he said.

Deputy Mayor Manilal Inderjit said they remain visible to their commitment to work within their communities through public participation processes and respond to the concerns. "Congratulations to all the recipients today. They have been granted full right and title to the land and houses," he said. One of the recipients, Ngenzeleni Majola, said her life has changed. "From now on, I know that no one will ever come and claim this house as theirs, since it belongs to me. I am so privileged to have this title deed and I'm so excited about having it after a long period of time. You know that you're secured; no felons can rob you of the house if you have the title deed. If you have this piece of paper no one can take your house from you," said Majola.

