

Justice for MEC Latchminarain demanded

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MBOMBELA – Mpumalanga Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport MEC Mohita Latchminarain's gender-based violence case is set to be heard next on July 20.

A year ago Latchminarain laid a complaint that she had allegedly been assaulted by her former husband.

The newly appointed member of the provincial cabinet is supported by the ANC Youth League within the Ehlanzeni Region.

Themba Mpila, an ANCYL member who has been vocal about his support for Latchminarain, said the youth league will continue to support her until the finalisation of the case.

“We are not supporting her just because she is an MEC or a high-profile person, but simply because

she is just a victim of gender-based violence, and as young people of the ANC we are totally against GBV or any kind of abuse,” said Mpila.

“As members of the youth league and of society in general we are tired of burying our sisters and mothers who die at the hands of abusive men. The scourge of GBV has reached boiling point. So many women have suffered. Many have been brutally assaulted and killed. What is more painful is that many are killed by men whom they know and trust. It is our responsibility as young men to say, 'not now and not in our name'. We must fight to defend our women. We must make it our responsibility as young men to support any women, every woman who has been subjected to this kind of abuse,” he continued.

The National Prosecuting Agency (NPA) has confirmed that the matter will be heard in a court at the Mbombela Magistrate's Court.



Public Works, Roads and Transport MEC, Mohita Latchminarain.