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ENDING the intricate web of construction site disruptions which threatens lives and thwarts government's mission of turning the country into a giant construction site that creates jobs and grows the economy, requires a concerted effort from all.

Public Works and Infrastructure minister Sihle Zikalala is acutely aware of this problem and the importance of the construction sector to the South African economy.

He has condemned these disruptions and subsequent extortions linked with it.

"It is important that we all speak with one voice in condemning site disruptions and extortion affecting this sector. It is even more important that we act together to root out these illegal practices which are bringing disrepute and dragging away investment in the South African construction and property sector," Zikalala said.

This as government and role-players have expressed concern over site disruptions which over time, have gained media coverage.

Zikalala has described the construction sector as the "backbone of the economy and social development" and a pillar for economic growth and recovery as per the instruction of President Cyril Ramaphosa when he presented the Economic Recovery and Reconstruction Plan (ERRP).