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THE embattled ANC-led Msunduzi Local Municipality in Pietermaritzburg is likely to have new political supervisors by the end of week following the exclusion of both regional chairperson Mzimkhulu Thebolla and regional secretary Samora Ndlovu from the leaked regional task team list.

According to the unconfirmed list, Thebolla who is also Msunduzi's mayor did not make it to the top five positions allocated to the task team, which will oversee the work of the ANC deployees in the six municipalities under the party's Moses Mabhida region.

His secretary, Ndlovu is also exempt from the list. The region encompasses Msunduzi, Umshwathi (New Hanover), Umkhambathi (Camperdown), Mooi Mpofana (Mooi River), Umngeni (Howick) and Richmond municipalities.

At the top of the list appears Nathi Mdladla's name, who is said to be in the leadership of Umkhonto weSizwe Military Veterans Associations and former Msunduzi mayor Chris Ndlela.

Attempts to receive Thebolla and Ndlovu's responses were unsuccessful.

The municipality under these two leaders have been besieged by administrative and poor service delivery problems, which led to Premier Thami Ntuli's intervention with the appointment of a team led by former Human Public Works MEC Ravi Pillay.

The municipality and the region are regarded as one of the strategic centres of the ANC, it has the second biggest budget after eThekweni and the also the second largest in the province.

There is talk that the municipality will be merged with the other five smaller municipalities to form a metro.

The ANC held a service delivery

summit in Durban on Sunday and the provincial task team's coordinator Mike Mabuyakhulu said the process to appoint a new regional task team had been completed, but the party will publicly announce the names next week after the branches were formally informed.

"In line with the ANC's protocols, we are not going to announce the names of the people that will lead our regions as task teams did before first, informing our branches. Next week we will begin that process and announce the names," said Mabuyakhulu.

Despite the ANC's insistence that regional task teams were an opportunity for renewal, others view the move as a strategic decision by Luthuli House to have direct control over branches in the province ahead of the party's elective conference in 2027.

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