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SAPS team up for Mandela Day clean-up

In the spirit of service and rebuilding, the Provincial Commissioner of KwaZulu-Natal, Lieutenant General Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi, joined hands with the Director-General of the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI), Sifiso Mdakane, to commemorate International Nelson Mandela Day at the SAPS Vehicle Pound. The vehicle pound, which was heavily damaged during the devastating 2022 floods, became the centre of attention on Friday as officials from SAPS and DPWI rolled up their sleeves to participate in Mandela Day activities. These included painting the facility's walls and cleaning up the surrounding yard, symbolic acts of restoring order and dignity to a key police site. Before the hands-on work began, Director-General Mdakane led a briefing session, updating attendees on the progress of the facility's ongoing renovations. He highlighted that the revamp project is moving steadily forward, with critical operations expected to be back in place by the end of October 2025. "The full restoration and improved functionality of the Isipingo Vehicle Pound is

set for completion by December 2025," Mdakane assured. "Once complete, this site will be able to house thousands of vehicles and operate with increased efficiency and capacity." Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi and DG Mdakane, accompanied by their teams, conducted a walk-about of the facility to assess the progress before joining in the clean-up initiative. The day reflected the core values of Mandela Day, service, unity, and commitment to positive change. The collaborative effort between SAPS and DPWI demonstrated how government departments can work together to revive critical infrastructure while honouring the legacy of Nelson Mandela through practical action. The revitalised Isipingo Vehicle Pound is expected to play a significant role in supporting law enforcement operations and public service delivery once fully operational.

