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## MINISTER SIHLE ZIKALALA CONDUCTS OVERSIGHT VISIT IN KING CETSHWAYO DISTRICT AND ASSESS STABILITY OF MUNICIPALITIES

The Minister for Public Works and Infrastructure, Sihle Zikalala, who is appointed by President Cyril Ramaphosa as the political champion of the King Cetshwayo District, under the District Development Model, will be undertaking a crucial visit to the King Cetshwayo District, to evaluate the state of the district

Minister Zikalala will assess the progress of the port, major infrastructure projects, and the stability of municipalities in the aftermath of recent incidents.

During the visit, the Minister will conduct a thorough assessment of the turnaround efforts implemented in the port to enhance their operational efficiency and capacity.

This visit comes at a pivotal time following the President's announcement of the roadmap to turnaround the port and to get the DDM to perform optimally.

Minister Zikalala will be accompanied by a number of KwaZulu Natal MECs and Mayors. They will also undertake outreach programmes to local schools and clinics before engaging with business, Amakhosi and stakeholders.

Additionally, Minister Zikalala will receive progress reports on the status of ongoing major infrastructure projects aimed at bolstering the region's economic development and connectivity.

Furthermore, in light of a recent incident in one of the municipalities within the district, the Minister will engage with local officials and community stakeholders to ascertain the challenges faced and to provide support for effective governance and service delivery.

The government recognizes the importance of addressing any issues promptly and effectively to safeguard the well-being and prosperity of all citizens.

The Minister's visit underscores the government's commitment to ensuring the resilience and sustainability of infrastructure and municipal governance systems.

Details Date: 12 April 2024 Venue: E-Sikhaleni (E-Sikhawini) TVET Collage Time: 08h00

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