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MEDIA STATEMENT

Zikalala sends a message of condolences at Mahlaba's passing

Public Works and Infrastructure Deputy Minister Sihle Zikalala has sent his condolences to the family, friends, comrades and colleagues of the late Dr Ntuthuko Mahlaba who passed away after being hit by a vehicle while jogging yesterday.

Mahlaba, a former Newcastle Local Municipality Mayor and former KZN Sports, Arts and Culture MEC, was serving as the KwaZulu-Natal ANC Provincial Task Team at the time of his passing.

Speaking at the South African Union of Students' (SAUS) Student Accommodation Indaba held at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Zikalala said Mahlaba will be remembered for his dedication to inclusive, quality education.

"Like the current leadership of SAUS, he fought for the expansion of student accommodation and courageously led campaigns against student exclusions. Words cannot fully express the grief and sense of loss we feel at this difficult time", said Zikalala.

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