



MEDIA STATEMENT

23 May 2013

MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO THE DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS AS THEY TAKE A SCHEDULED BREAK

The Commission would like to once again offer its message of support to all family members as proceedings continue.

Yesterday, Wednesday, 22 May 2013, three family members collapsed and were attended to by the Commission's support staff during Major General Charl Annandale's message of condolence to members of the deceased's families.

Ms Songstress Nkonyeni regained consciousness while Ms Betty Gadlela and Ms Xolelwa Mpumza were rushed to Job Shimankane Tabane Hospital here in Rustenburg. Ms Betty Gadlela received medical attention and was discharged thereafter. Ms Xolelwa Mpumza required further medical attention. She is nevertheless making steady progress.

The Commission would like to put it on record that it remains committed towards fulfilling its additional responsibility of bringing hope and comfort to all the bereaved and other affected families during the entire period of the Commission. The Commission remains indebted to the Department of Social Development's continued support by providing trauma counselling to all deceased family members as the Commission progresses.

Later today, all representatives of the bereaved families attending the Commission will be heading back to their respective homes to enable them to reconnect with their families and to also report back on the workings of the Commission.

The Commission wishes them a safe trip home.

The Commission will adjourn today at 15:30 and will resume on Monday 27 May 2013 at 10:00.

Ends...

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