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### MEDIA STATEMENT

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#### **PREMIER MAAPE CONDEMNS THE FATAL SHOOTING OF NINE PEOPLE IN RUSTENBURG.**

**Mahikeng:** North West Premier Kaobitsa Bushy Maape has condemned the fatal shooting of nine people at Popo Molefe Informal Settlement near Rustenburg in North West.

According to police a group of individuals were sitting at a house of one of the injured people when a group of assailants opened fire on them.

In the ensuing shooting eight people died instantly while the ninth victim was certified dead upon arrival at the hospital. The attack left eight more people injured.

“We are extremely shocked and outraged at the mass killing of nine people at Popo Molefe informal settlement. We condemn the shooting of these people and we send our condolences to the families, relatives and friends of victims of these hideous crime. I would also like to take this opportunity and wish those who were injured a speedy recovery.” maintains Premier Maape.

Premier Maape has also applauded the police for moving with speed in assembling a team of experienced and skilled officers to investigate the matter.

“I have all the confidence that the SAPS under the stewardship of General Sello Kwena

will do everything in their power to follow all leads in investigating this matter. The perpetrators of this repugnant acts must be brought to book” concluded Premier Maape.

## **ENDS**

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