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Attention : News Editors & Journalists  
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***For the attention of all media houses***

**Sedibeng remembers the Nangalembe Night Vigil Massacre**

The people of Sedibeng, its local municipalities and the country at large, once again bow their heads in honour and commemoration of the fallen heroes on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Nangalembe Night Vigil Massacre also known as the Sebokeng Zone 7 Night Vigil Massacre of the 12 January 1991.

The nation remembers the shock waves which went throughout Sebokeng after news of Nangalembe's death when the community responded on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 1991, with a night vigil held in a tent in Sebokeng, where weeping mourners gathered to pay their final respects to their comrade and community leader, Chris Nangalembe, the angels of death paid them unexpected visit.

The people of Sedibeng will not forget the hand grenade which was thrown in the crowd and followed by random shootings into the crowd, resulting in **thirty nine (39)** losing their lives and over forty left injured. The Nangalembe Night Vigil Massacre will go a long way into the books of our history as it heralded an undefined and unresolved period of brutal attacks against the community of Sebokeng and the province as a whole.

It is in this regard and for this reason that the Executive Mayor of Sedibeng, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng, in memory of the late Nangalembe Night Vigil Massacre heroes and heroines, invites all people of Sedibeng, surrounding areas, in particular, the people of Sebokeng to the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Nangalembe Massacre.

***This Anniversary will be commemorated through the slaughtering of five cows on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 16:00 at the Zone 7 Stadium to be followed by the prayer session at the Evaton Cemetery on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 07:00 which will be concluded by a political programme at 09:00, at the Zone 7 Stadium (Masenkeng).***

The morning programme will be led through a prayer by Reverend Gift Moerane and the later programme by Reverend Motlalepula Chabaku, a cleric and a former struggle activist.

**This year's Commemoration is guided by the political theme, "Together With Our Communities ~ Final Push Towards Reclaiming Our Heritage".**

The primary thrust of the commemoration is the handover of the tombstones to the families and this Commemoration will be preceded by the slaughtering of five (5) cows on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> January



2011 at 16h00 by the families of the victims of the Nangalembe Night Vigil Massacre and the members of the community of Sebokeng.

At this event, the Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng will also be presenting to the people of Sebokeng the seven (07) roads which were constructed by the Sedibeng District Municipality in their area. The construction of these roads created about 300 job opportunities for both SMMEs and ordinary people of Sebokeng.

Expected to attend this historic event are the Minister for Arts & Culture; Gauteng Premier; Gauteng MEC for Sports, Arts, Recreation & Culture; Provincial Department of Social Development; South African Social Security Agency; Community Services Departments in Sedibeng; South African Police Service; Khulumani Support Group; Churches; Political parties in the Region and their Leagues; Ward/PR Councillors/Ward Committees/PCOs/CDWs; Relevant NGOs & CBOs; Bana Ba Morena; Ex-combatans; Ex-political prisoners.

Transport will be available and people are encouraged to book and make all the transport arrangements to the venue with their Local Ward Councillors and/or Sedibeng District Municipality Office of the Executive Mayor.

**Ends!**

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