

Sedibeng District Municipality presents



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Executive Mayor
Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng

20th ANNIVERSARY BOIPATONG MASSACRE RALLY

17 June - 08h00

Prayer Service
Vuka Cemetery &
Memorial Site

17 June - 12h00

Rally, Boipatong Stadium



**"Towards a Metropolitan River City
for a seamless service delivery in the Vaal Region"**

Sedibeng commemorates the 20th & 36th Anniversaries of the Boipatong Massacre & the June, 16 1976 respectively.

The Sedibeng District Municipality will on the 17th June 2012, be commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Boipatong Massacre. The people of Sedibeng and South Africa remember this day on which many innocent people were left maimed and killed and houses and shacks destroyed.

The day will be observed through various events / activities in partnership with the Khulumani Support Group, Bana ba Modimo and other formations representing the families of the victims and the people of Boipatong in particular.

The 20th Anniversary of the Boipatong Massacre coincides with the year in which the ruling party, the African National Congress celebrates its hundredth year of its existence.

On this day, the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr. MS Mofokeng will deliver a report to the people of Sedibeng and those of Boipatong in particular on the progress made on the service delivery programmes in the area and which includes the Boipatong Monument whose construction is underway.

“It is during a period like this that we take a moment, bow our heads and extend our special messages of support and hope to all the people of Sedibeng and South Africa who suffered gross human rights violations during apartheid oppression. We observe these days in remembrance of these patriots and thousands of others who fell inside the country and beyond its borders, in pursuit of the freedom and human rights for all”, said the Executive Mayor of the Sedibeng District Municipality, Cllr. MS Mofokeng.

The Sedibeng District Municipality invites members of the public to join the Executive Mayor, Councillors and the families of the heroes and heroines, victims and survivors

in the commemoration of this massacre which shook the world and nearly brought the CODESA negotiations to an end.

The commemoration this year will be held on Sunday, 17th June 2012, at 08:00 at the Boipatong Stadium and it will begin with the wreath laying ceremony at the Vuka Cemetery in Sharpeville, taking place under the theme “Towards a Vaal Metropolitan River City for a seamless service delivery in the Vaal Region”

This programme comes a day after the nation commemorated and observed another important day, the 36th Anniversary of June 16th, 1976. In Sedibeng, this day is remembered through various youth programmes intended to afford the Council a platform to interact with all young people in the Region on matters affecting them.

The 20th Anniversary of the Boipatong Massacre this year will be commemorated through various activities throughout June month, such as:

- *Youth Parliament on Friday, 8th June 2012 at the Sedibeng District Council Chambers, Vereeniging;*
- *Boipatong Family Day on the 16th June 2012 at CW4 in Vanderbijlpark. Bring your camp chairs and cooler boxes and have a fun filled day with your families. Dress Code: School Uniform. For further information contact: Mr. Lehlohonolo Moepadira @ 072 867 4255.*
- *Wreath laying at Vuka Cemetery, 17th June 2012 at 08:00;*
- *Tour of the Boipatong Memorial Precinct (Under Construction)*
- *Commemorative Rally at the Boipatong Stadium on the 17th June 2012 @ 12:00.*

People are encouraged to book and make all the transport arrangements to the venue with their Local Ward Councillor and/or Sedibeng District Municipality Office of the Executive Mayor.