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Gauteng observes Human Rights Month

Gauteng government together with Sedibeng and Emfuleni Municipalities, have lined up a series of activities as the province observes March as Human Rights Month.

These include the provincial Human Rights Day event to be held in Sedibeng on 21 March.

Observed under the theme "*21 Years of Freedom and Democracy, The Right to Equality*", the activities are part of commemorating the 55th anniversary of the journey of the struggle against the abuse of human rights of blacks under apartheid.

Says MEC Molebatsi Bopape "as we are reminded of the brutality of the apartheid system in denying people their basic human rights, we are also celebrating 21 years of our achievement as a constitutional democracy which is anchored in the respect of human rights for all".

"In line with moving the Gauteng City Region forward, the province is more committed to ensuring that all basic human rights of all (in the province) are realized and protected. These include access to quality basic education, healthcare, safety and shelter".

Details for the activities:

- Exhibition of Archives and Portraits -Sharpeville Exhibition Centre 09-31 March
- School debates -at various schools across the Province-20 March
- Imbawula Story telling- Sharpeville Exhibition Centre -19 March
- Cleaning of the graves- Pelindaba Cemetery -18 March 2015
- Candle Light Memorial –Sharpeville Exhibition Centre -20 March
- Puisano Jazz Festival –Dlomo Dam, Sharpeville -29 March

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