



LIMPOPO

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The Limpopo Provincial government will celebrate June 16 at Greater Tubatse Municipality, Sekhukhune District. Premier of Limpopo Chupu Stanley Mathabatha will lead the celebrations and give a keynote address to the youth.

Yearly, June 16 is celebrated as Youth Day in South Africa. On 16 June 1976, more than 15 000 students gathered at Orlando West Secondary School to peacefully protest against the use of Afrikaans as the medium of instruction at schools.

Unfortunately, the then apartheid police and armed forces responded to the protesters violently and killed hundreds of young people on that day. This year marks the 40 anniversary of the Soweto uprisings and the celebrations will be held under theme “Youth Taking South Africa Forward”.

The event follows a successful Youth Month launch with various youth structures on the 01 June 2016 at Eldorado Sports Complex, Blouberg Municipality. The Premier, SABC 2 soapie Muvhango actors and well-known Premier Soccer League players will join young people for a Youth Walk from Mohlarutsi Secondary School to the Riba Cross village where the commemorations will kick start. The five (5) kilometres freedom walk is aimed at evoking and re-living the memories of the 1976 era.

Details of the Walk are as follow:

Venue: Mohlarutsi Secondary School (Along R37 Road Next to Riba Cross Graveyard), Riba Cross village, Greater Tubatse Municipality

Date: 16 June 2016

Time: 07h00 am

Details of the Youth Day Commemorations

Venue: Lehlaba Sport Ground, Riba Cross village, Greater Tubatse Municipality

Time: 09h00 am

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