

## Limpopo Safety MEC visits Mahwelereng family after petrol bomb murders

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On Sunday morning, Makoma Makhurupetje, Limpopo MEC for Transport and Community Safety visited the Mahwelereng family where three members including two children were killed following a petrol bomb that was thrown into the house allegedly by a boyfriend of one of the family members.

It is alleged that the entire family was asleep when the suspect threw what is believed to be a petrol bomb at the house which immediately caught fire. The family of eight, aged between three months and seventy years old were trapped inside. While the rest of the family members were rescued and are now receiving medical treatment, sadly two girls and one adult have since died.

“I’m appalled by what has just happen to this family. They did not deserve to be attacked in this manner. This is an apparent case of domestic violence as the perpetrator is known to the family. Whoever did this must be caught and arrested as he does not deserve to live in our society.” said MEC Makhurupetje.

“In case people have got domestic issues to solve with their family members, it is better that they seek counsel from pastors or social workers and not resort to violence of this nature. The police also must not take lightly reported cases of abuse as victims become vulnerable to attacks as it happened in this case. To avoid this kind of incidence happening, the police must start taking cases of domestic violence seriously” MEC commented further.

“I have instructed the Provincial Commissioner to take immediate drastic action against police officers who allegedly failed the victims in this particular case. Justice will done and we want the community to remain calm as we promise to work with them together with the Municipality and the CPF until this matter is finally laid to rest”, concluded MEC Makhurupetje

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