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Premier Mathabatha Sends Message of Condolences to the Duarte Family

The Premier of Limpopo, Mr. Chupu Stanley Mathabatha, has sent out a message of condolences to the Duarte family after the passing of struggle stalwart and Deputy Secretary General of the African National Congress (ANC), Ms. Yasmin “Jessie” Duarte.

"We would like to send our condolences to the Duarte family on the loss of matriarch Cde Jessie Duarte. Our heartfelt condolences also go to the ANC for which she has served tirelessly until her death.

"As a provincial government we drew strength and lessons from her leadership, her visionary character, steadfastness, unrelenting pursuit for freedom, justice and equality. Her fight against poverty and the need for women emancipation is a pursuit that, in her honour, we shall continue to uphold," said Premier Mathabatha.

Ms. Duarte, who passed on in the early hours of Sunday morning, was laid to rest in Johannesburg this afternoon.

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