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## DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM

### MEDIA ALERT

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### MEC Rodgers Monama Strongly Condemns the Seshego GNT Bus Attack

MEC Rodgers Monama condemns the burning of one of its passenger buses in Seshego this morning. The bus was enroute to the Seshego depot to collect passengers as it is its usual pick-up point. The driver was threatened and ordered to get off the bus.

Great North Transport (GNT) suspects that the bus was petrol bombed, hence it burnt to ashes. Police were alerted and on arrival, the bus was already in flames. No casualties were reported, and no passengers were in the bus, at the time of the incident

Monama is very disappointed by this intimidation attack on our public transport services in the Seshego area. "We utterly condemn this behaviour and will be working closely with the police service to investigate this incident, the incident is unfortunate and uncalled for as this was one of GNT's new buses that were bought to service the community in 2020".

A furious Rodgers Monama further indicated that although we understand the people's right to protest, such protests should not cause irreparable or any form of damage to public infrastructure. Monama insists that whenever buses are burnt, open fires are lit, and workers are restricted from reporting to duty, this cannot under any circumstances be called a peaceful protest. "it is simply a thuggish display disguised as a service delivery protest"

Seshego is arguably the biggest and most developed township in the Province. The residents of Seshego should not allow deterioration and destruction of infrastructure during any form of protest. Such behaviour hampers Government's efforts on economic reconstruction efforts, job creation, crime reduction and further alienates tourism attraction efforts into the area.

GNT services in Seshego will temporarily be halted until the situation improves.

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