

Media Statement
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A MATRIC LEARNER STABBED TO DEATH AT TSHAMAHANSI IN MOKOPANE .

Limpopo Education MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya has conveyed her deepest condolences to the families of the two Grade 12 learners who passed away this week.

The MEC was responding to the reported case of a learner from Tshamahansi outside Mokopane in the Mogalakwena District who was allegedly killed after escaping from the study camp at Ben Hlongwane Secondary School. It is reported that the learner was found with stabbed wounds outside the school premises this morning.

The circumstances of how the learner got out of the school is a subject of investigation by the Department.

“It is disturbing that in just one week we lose two grade 12 learners under similar circumstances. The idea of affording learners extra lessons at the school premises was meant to keep them focused on their school work in an endeavour to improve the matric result. It is a great loss to the family and to us as the department, we have invested so much on these learners and we hope this will be the last incident” MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya

The incident happened three days after another learner drowned in Sekhukhune East, after he allegedly got out of the school premises to a nearby river. His body was retrieved on Saturday afternoon, five kilometres from where he was last seen.

The Department urges parents, learners and society as a whole to work together to protect the youth and children.

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