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Limpopo Provincial Government to Launch 16 Days of Activism and Bring Back the Night Campaigns.

The Limpopo Provincial Government in partnership with the Networking HIV & AIDS Community of Southern Africa (NACOSA) will launch the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children, host the Bring Back the Night Walk on 23 November 2023 as well as the Leadership and Networking Summit on the 24 November 2023 in Polokwane.

The government of South Africa launched the '16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children Campaign twenty-five years ago (25 November 1988) with the sole purpose of focussing on heightening awareness and creating platforms geared towards eradicating the scourge of Gender-Based Violence (GBV). This year's edition is hosted under the theme: ***'Accelerating Actions to End Gender-Based Violence and Femicide: Leaving No One Behind,'***

"It can never be business as usual when women and children in this province are abused or even senselessly killed. The provincial government is totally against Gender-Based Violence and Femicide, thus supports any initiative to deal with same. I implore on everyone in the province to join us as we fight these barbaric acts," said Premier of Limpopo, Mr Chupu Stanley Mathabatha.

The campaign is rolled out hot on the heels of the Deputy President, Paul Mashatile's launch of 'Takuwani Riime Men's Programme' in the province. In his address, the Deputy President said, " We cannot continue to be silent when 70 lives will be violently ended by the end of today – three children are killed daily, a woman is abused every 63 seconds and eight women are murdered every day in our country."

The 16 Days of Activism campaign Leadership and Networking Summit will be attended by representatives of the Limpopo House of Traditional Leaders and Khoi-San Leaders, Royal Leaders of South Africa, Members of Limpopo Legislature, Women Forums, LGBTQIA, Save the Children, SANAC and People with Disabilities, Youth, Moral Regeneration and SA Council of Churches, Civil Society Organisations, Private Sector, SAPS, Institutions of Higher Learning etc.

Bring Back the Night Walk is a peaceful walk which aims to remember victims of GBVF. Participants will walk dressed in black and holding candles to deliver a memorandum at Jack Botes Hall. Members of the media are invited to attend the campaigns scheduled as follows:

❖ **Bring Back the Night Walk**

Date: 23 November 2023

Time: 19h00 till Late

Venue (starting point): SABC Park (cnr Landros Mare' & Hospital Streets)

Delivery Point/Venue: Jack Botes Hall, Polokwane Municipality,
Capricorn District

❖ **Launch of 16 Day of Activism of No Violence against Women & Children**

Date: 24 November 2023

Time: 09h00

Venue: The Ranch Protea Hotel, Polokwane Municipality, Capricorn District

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