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**MEC RADZILANI SHOCKED AND DISMAYED AT THE MURDER OF A NURSE OF MAVAMBE SECURE CARE CENTRE**

The MEC responsible for Social Development, Ms Florence Radzilani has expressed profound shock and dismay at the tragic murder of a 44-year-old nurse, Ms Faith Shikhibana, who was allegedly killed by her boyfriend. This devastating incident occurred over the long weekend in NkowaNkowa. The two are the employees of Mavambe Secure Care Centre, an establishment of the Department of Social Development.

According to Police reports, Shikhibana was stabbed with a sharp object and rushed to Letaba Hospital, where she sadly succumbed to her injuries. A case of murder has been opened, and the community is urged to help locate the suspect who is still at large.

Reacting to the incident, MEC Radzilani described the incident as heartbreaking, which serves as a stark reminder that violence, in any form, is never a solution to disputes or conflicts. She condemned the incident which robbed the department and Shikibana family, a dedicated nurse who served the Department with dignity and the highest level of professionalism. "As a department, we stand firmly against any act of violence and reiterate our commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of our staff and the communities we serve," said Radzilani.

She added: “I want to encourage all departmental staff to utilize the wellness resources available to them. We have an array of experienced social workers and mental health professionals within our department who are equipped to provide support and intervention in times of dispute and crisis.”

Tomorrow MEC Radzilani will visit the family of the deceased in NkowaNkowa to convey her condolences and support.

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