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LIMPOPO PREMIER MOURNS THE PASSING OF DR TSHENUWANI FARISANI

Limpopo Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba has received with great sadness the news of the passing of Dr Tshenuwani Farisani, a revered stalwart of the liberation struggle, a man of Christian faith and a servant leader who dedicated his life to justice, democracy, and service to the people of Limpopo and South Africa.

Dr Farisani, a former Member of the Executive Council (MEC) in various portfolios, including Transport and Community Safety as well as Agriculture, also served with distinction as Speaker of the Limpopo Provincial Legislature. His leadership, rooted in his unwavering moral compass, left a profound imprint on the province's governance, ethical leadership and community empowerment.

Beyond politics, Dr Farisani was a deeply spiritual leader who served as Dean in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Africa. His fearless stance against apartheid injustices, even under severe persecution and detention, continues to inspire generations of leaders and faith communities.

"We are deeply pained by the loss of a towering figure Dr Tshenuwani Farisani. He was more than just a political leader, he was a moral compass, a man of faith whose courage helped shape the democratic landscape of our country, a father to many of us."

"He raised us to be the leaders we are today, always on the side of the poor, marginalised and the downtrodden. We know him as the man who continue to advocate for justice to be served for the victims of VBS saga until his last days. Limpopo is mourning a son who gave his all for our people. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Farisani family, the church and all those who had the privilege to walk this journey with him," said Premier Dr Ramathuba.

The Limpopo Provincial Government will work closely with the family and relevant stakeholders to honour his legacy in a befitting manner.

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