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**RADZILANI EXPRESSES SADNESS AND ANGER AT THE BRUTAL MURDER OF AN 87-YEAR-OLD MOTHER**

The MEC responsible for Social Development in Limpopo, Ms Florence Radzilani has expressed profound anger and deep sadness following the horrific and tragic murder of an 87-year-old mother allegedly at the hands of her 40-year-old son. This horrific incident occurred at Sebora village in Ga-Mashashane outside Polokwane yesterday.

The Police in Limpopo report that they responded to the missing person complaint by a worried neighbour on Saturday. They immediately went to the home of the deceased where they discovered a gruesome murder with the victim's body parts dismembered and placed inside plastic buckets. They further report that several items allegedly used in the commission of the murder were found at the scene. The suspect who is the son of the victim apparently could not provide satisfactory explanation and was placed under arrest.

Reacting to this gruesome murder, MEC Radzilani described the incident as an unforgivable act which shatters the community's sense of safety while calling for urgent need for stronger family support and intervention. She condemned the incident. "We condemn this brutal act in the strongest possible terms. Violence of this nature is entirely unacceptable and must be met with justice.

Our thoughts are with the family members affected by this tragedy, and we extend our heartfelt condolences during this difficult time.”

She called for family members who are in distress or any form of dispute to seek intervention. “We call on families to seek help and intervention when disputes or challenges arise. No family is immune to difficulties, but family members must not feel alone in addressing them. Our department’s social workers are always available, free of charge, to assist families in navigating conflict, preventing tragedies and fostering healthy relationships,” said Radzilani.

The department will dispatch social workers to the family to provide trauma counselling and psychological support to those impacted by this devastating incident. “We want the community to know that help is available and that no one should face such pain alone,” she added.

Radzilani called for justice as this brutal act cannot go unpunished. “I strongly urge the judicial system to ensure that this case receives thorough prosecution, and that the perpetrator is held accountable with an appropriate sentence. Justice must be served to reaffirm our society’s commitment to protecting the vulnerable and upholding human dignity,” said Radzilani

We remain committed to working tirelessly to prevent such tragedies and to support families in need.

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