

## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONFIRMS ISOLATED INCIDENTS OF FACILITY OBSTRUCTION MOSTLY IN SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT

The Limpopo Department of Health wishes to inform the public of incidents of obstruction and disruption that occurred at several healthcare facilities within the Sekhukhune District, with isolated pockets also reported in parts of Capricorn and Vhembe districts.

In Sekhukhune, groups gathered at certain facilities, resulting in temporary disruptions to operations. In a few instances, confrontational situations required the intervention of the South African Police Service to restore order and ensure the safety of patients, staff, and infrastructure.

We wish to assure the public that:

- No major injuries have been reported.
- Law enforcement acted to stabilise the affected facilities.
- Healthcare services are continuing across the province.
- District management teams are actively monitoring the situation.

The Department respects the constitutional right to peaceful protest. However, healthcare institutions are essential service facilities, and any actions that obstruct access to care place vulnerable patients at risk. We therefore appeal to all concerned parties to engage through lawful and constructive channels that do not compromise patient safety.

Our priority remains the uninterrupted delivery of healthcare services to the people of Limpopo. We further call on community leaders and stakeholders to support calm and constructive engagement to ensure stability across all facilities.

The Department will continue to monitor developments closely and provide updates where necessary.

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