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MEDIA STATEMENT
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LIMPOPO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT MOURNS THE PASSING OF ONE OF THE SEPARATED CONJOINED TWINS

The Limpopo Provincial Government is deeply saddened to confirm the passing of one of the conjoined twins who were successfully separated at Mankweng Hospital on 17 March 2026.

Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba and the MEC for Health Ms Dieketseng Mashego has this morning received a comprehensive medical briefing from the team of doctors attending to the twins and has conveyed heartfelt condolences to the mother and the family during this painful and difficult time.

Premier Dr Ramathuba said: “We are deeply saddened by this heart-breaking loss. On behalf of the Limpopo Provincial Government and the people of our province, we extend our sincere and heartfelt condolences to the mother and the family. No parent should ever have to endure the pain of losing a child, and our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this profoundly difficult moment.”

According to the medical team, following the highly complex and delicate surgical separation, both babies developed severe sepsis, a serious infection that can affect multiple organs. The team acted swiftly and provided the necessary treatment, including antibiotics and inotropic support in the intensive care unit.

Despite the tireless and dedicated efforts of the multidisciplinary medical team, the baby sadly passed away in the early hours of this morning due to multiple organ failure resulting from severe sepsis.

The Provincial Government has been informed that the mother has been kept fully updated throughout this process and has shown extraordinary strength in the face of immense pain.

The Premier has appealed to members of the public and the media to respect the privacy, dignity and space of the grieving family, the surviving child and the healthcare workers who continue to provide care and support. Measures have been put in place at the facility to ensure calm and proper support for all involved.

The Provincial Government will continue to monitor the condition of the surviving twin and provide the necessary support to the family.

Further updates will be communicated as and when appropriate.

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