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Minister Majodina and Premier Ramathuba to release critical report on Middle Letaba water challenges

The Minister of Water and Sanitation, Ms Pemmy Majodina together with Deputy Minister David Mahlobo and the Limpopo Premier, Dr. Phophi Ramathuba will officially release the findings of a highly anticipated independent investigation into water challenges affecting communities in the Middle Letaba Sub-catchment area in Limpopo on Wednesday, 13 May 2026.

The report is an outcome of an independent investigation launched by the Minister, to probe persistent concerns raised by communities and stakeholders along the Middle Letaba Dam. An investigative panel was appointed and tasked with examining why the Middle Letaba Dam has not been filling to expected levels, as well as addressing longstanding complaints regarding inadequate and inequitable water access in the sub-catchment.

Since commencing its work in July 2024, the panel conducted extensive technical assessments and stakeholder consultations, culminating in the submission of its final report to the Minister last year. The findings are expected to provide critical insight into the challenges affecting water availability and outline concrete recommendations to strengthen governance, accountability and service delivery.

The report will be released through a stakeholder engagement session, where affected communities will be comprehensively briefed on the findings and proposed interventions. The report will thereafter be made public.

This engagement marks a significant step in addressing one of Limpopo's most pressing water issues, with the Minister and Premier set to outline government's response and the path forward.

Members of the media are invited as follows:

Date: Wednesday, 13 May 2026
Time: 09:00 – 14:00
Venue: Ndengeza Tribal Authority

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