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PREMIER DR PHOPHI RAMATHUBA SENDS CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE SEPUTLA SEBOGODI

The Premier of Limpopo Province, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, has expressed deep sorrow at the passing of well-known actor and cultural icon, Mr Seputla Sebogodi, who died on 15 July 2026.

Premier Dr Ramathuba extended heartfelt condolences to the Sebogodi family, friends and the broader arts community, describing Sebogodi as a true household name whose immense contribution to the arts brought pride to Limpopo and the country at large.

“Sebogodi was a household name that brought pride to this province because of his vast talent in the arts, especially television and radio dramas. We take pride that he was among the pioneers who took pride in the use of Northern Sotho, one of the dominant languages in Limpopo. We are saddened by his passing at this prime age and would like to send condolences to his family. Limpopo has been robbed of one of its finer sons, whom we had hoped would be a pillar of our upcoming provincial theatre,” said Premier Dr Ramathuba.

The Premier further noted that just a few weeks ago, the Limpopo Executive Council approved the sustainability plan for the Limpopo Provincial Theatre which is nearing completion, with hopes of drawing on talent such as Sebogodi’s to help mentor young artists and strengthen the province’s creative sector.

Sebogodi was widely celebrated for his memorable roles, including Nkwisheng in the early 1980s drama Bophelo ke Semphekgo and Kenneth Mashaba in the 2000s telenovela Generations. His contribution to South African television and radio drama has left an enduring legacy.

Although born in Atteridgeville Pretoria, Mr Sebogodi’s ancestral roots are in Limpopo, Ga-Thoka, where he spent his early years with his grandmother and attended school there during his formative years.

Premier Ramathuba said Limpopo mourns one of its finest sons and joins the nation in celebrating a life devoted to storytelling, performance, and cultural pride.

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