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POLOKWANE MUNICIPALITY RESPONDS TO BUILDING COLLAPSE INCIDENT AT TURFLOOP PLAZA

Polokwane Municipality can confirm that a portion of a building at the Turfloop Plaza has collapsed earlier today. Tragically, one person lost her life after being struck by the fallen wall.

Executive Mayor Cllr Makoro John Mpe has conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family, friends and all those affected by this unfortunate incident. "We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of the deceased. This is a painful reminder of why we continue to place strong emphasis on building safety and compliance across our municipality," said the Executive Mayor.

Following the incident, the municipality immediately activated its Building Inspectorate team to assess the site and verify compliance against approved building plans.

The Executive Mayor will visit the affected property to receive a detailed briefing from the municipal technical team and other relevant authorities as follows:

■ Date: Thursday, 23 October 2025

■ Time: 09h00

Venue: Turfloop Plaza, Zone 1, Mankweng

His visit will also form part of the municipality's broader compliance enforcement drive, which seeks to ensure that all buildings within Polokwane municipal area meet the required safety standards.

It is important to note that several properties have already been issued with compliance letters to address identified safety and structural shortcomings. This forms part of the municipality's proactive measures to protect the lives of residents, workers and visitors in all public and private facilities.

The municipality persists in safeguarding strict building control measures and will not hesitate to act where non-compliance poses a risk to human life.

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