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MEDIA STATEMENT

MEC METH DISMISSES CIRCULATING MESSAGE AS FAKE NEWS

BHISHO — Eastern Cape MEC for Health, Nomakhosazana Meth, has described a message circulating on social media claiming she and Premier Oscar Mabuyane will be at Empilisweni Hospital, as fake news.

The circulating message claims that the Premier and MEC will have a community meeting at the Sterkspruit facility, today 24 October 2023.

However, the MEC is attending the Taking the Legislature to the People sitting in Graff-Reinet, which starts today and runs until the end of the week.

The MEC is aware of challenges at Empilisweni Hospital and Joe Gqabi District. A team of senior officials have visited Empilisweni Hospital in recent weeks as part of the MEC's intervention to ensure that challenges are addressed.

"We are calling on people to stop spreading fake news as the Premier nor myself have a meeting at Empilisweni. We condemn the circulating of the fake message as we believe it was created by malicious people who want to incite people by claiming we didn't show up.

"The challenges at Empilisweni and Joe Gqabi are being attended to. We are appealing for patience as we work around the clock to ensure that we turn things around," she said.

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