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MEDIA STATEMENT

MEC METH SADDENED BY UNTIMELY DEATH OF YOUNG MEDICAL STUDENT

Bhisho — Eastern Cape MEC for Health Nomakhosazana Meth has learnt with shock the tragic demise of a young and promising final year Cuban medical student, over the weekend.

The 28-year old female was involved in a motor vehicle accident in Mthatha. She succumbed to her injuries at the Nelson Mandela Academic Central Hospital.

Reports indicate that the student was with other medical students and a medical intern doctor when the incident happened.

The student who is originally from Bojanala Health District in the North West province, had completed five years of medical training in Cuba as part of the Nelson Mandela-Fidel Castro programme.

At the time of her passing, she was doing her final year at Walter Sisulu Medical School.

MEC Meth has sent her heartfelt condolences to the family of the medical student and her colleagues.

“We are reeling in shock as we were still expecting a lot from this young brilliant mind. The health sector is poorer without her.

“We feel the pain that her family is feeling. In her we have lost a promising doctor who would have contributed to our relentless efforts of delivering quality health and care services to our people. May her young soul rest in peace,” she said.

The name of the medical student has been withheld because not all of her relatives have been informed of her demise.

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