

North West Legislature Celebrates Centenary Life of Mama Albertina Sisulu with the Elderly in Brits

Today, 26 October 2018, the North West Provincial Legislature led by the Speaker, Hon. Sussana Dantjie together with Members of the Provincial Legislature and Staff are currently celebrating the Centenary life of Mama Albertina Sisulu in Brits Sports Complex. As part of celebrating the life of the struggle icon, the Legislature deemed it necessary to bring services of government closer to the people where amongst others, a Memorial Lecture will be held at the venue, and as part of promoting wellness there will also be health screening stations where participants can test their High blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes.

About 2500 senior citizens from Bojanala District and 360 from other districts are participating in various sporting activities which includes a fun walk/run; soccer; netball and indigenous games.

Mama Albertina Sisulu was a political activist, a nurse and one of the most influential leaders of the anti-apartheid resistance in South Africa and was often referred to as the “Mother of the Nation”. She spent her life alongside her late husband and struggle icon, Walter Sisulu fighting for human rights in the country and the world. She was one of the organizers of the historic anti-pass Women’s March in 1956 and opposed to the Bantu education phenomenon.

Delivering the Memorial Lecture, Hon. Dantjie said Mama Sisulu was the one who elected Tata Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela as the first black President of the Republic of South Africa.

“She played a significant role in the liberation struggle during the apartheid era. She loved taking care of others especially the disadvantaged, this was evident in how she performed her duties as a professional nurse. She always believed in the fruits of quality free education for all young people,” said Hon Dantjie.

The Speaker encouraged municipalities to work hand in hand with pensioners to ensure that they prioritise them when delivering services to communities, including proper housing and health.

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