

## Media Statement

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**Attention** : **News Editor/Reporter**  
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### **Murder of Richmond Deputy Mayor**

The uMgungundlovu District Municipality Council is deeply saddened to learn about the brutal murder of Richmond Deputy Mayor, Thandazile Phoswa who was murdered on Sunday night.

Phoswa was slain less than a month after the late Municipal Manager of the same Council, Sibusiso Sithole's murder. Phoswa contributed exceptionally towards good governance at the Richmond Municipality as the Deputy Mayor, resulting in the Municipality receiving clean audits.

"uMgungundlovu District Municipality Council denounces such savage activity that has deprived the people of the District with a devoted civil servant", said Maphumulo. She reiterated that 'it is a double tragedy as she is one of the few women with such immense authority'.

The Council sends its profound condolences to the Family, Colleagues and Richmond Community. May the affected be comforted and strengthened during this difficult time.

We trust our authorities will speedily get to the bottom of this unfortunate saga by apprehending the perpetrators of this shameful act.

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