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Three Repatriates to be Laid to Rest this Weekend in Soweto

The City of Johannesburg, in partnership with the Gauteng Department of Sport, Arts, Culture, and Recreation, is set to rebury three more repatriates this weekend as part of the Repatriation and Reburial initiative.

The initiative, established in response to a policy approved by Cabinet in April 2021, aims to honour the cultural significance and dignity of individuals who were laid to rest far from their native lands. After comprehensive consultations with various stakeholders, an implementation plan was crafted and received Cabinet approval in March 2023.

The three repatriates to be laid to rest this weekend are David Oupa Mokgobu, Edna Mgabaza, and Tshepo Modise. The reburial ceremony will take place on Saturday, 15 March 2025, at the Dhlamini Multi-Purpose Centre in Soweto, starting at 08:00.

The City of Johannesburg is providing several forms of assistance to support this important project, including waiving municipal service fees, offering venues for family consultation sessions and reburial ceremonies, and coordinating road closures and providing escort services for reburial ceremonies.

This initiative not only honours those who have passed but also reinforces the bonds within our communities, emphasising the importance of heritage and collective remembrance.

"The City of Johannesburg and the Gauteng Department of Sport, Arts, Culture, and Recreation remain dedicated to preserving our cultural heritage while upholding the dignity and wishes of the families involved throughout the process," said Nthatsi Modingoane, the spokesperson for the City of Johannesburg.

The Repatriation and Reburial initiative is a significant step towards honouring the memories of our loved ones who were laid to rest far from their native lands. We invite the community to join us in this meaningful occasion as we come together in remembrance and honour of our loved ones.

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