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CONDOLENCES TO THE MOTIMELE FAMILY

Limpopo MEC for Sport, Arts & Culture, Onicca Moloi Conveys her condolences to the Motimele family as they mourn the passing of one of the country's literary giants Matshediso Aletta Motimele.

Motimele passed away yesterday (Saturday) afternoon in a Polokwane hospital, after a short illness. She was 77 years old. A teacher by profession and an artist, Motimele was an ardent champion of the Sepedi language. She has written 32 radio dramas such as KGENGEREPE, LEBONE LA LEHU & KANYAKANYA MOEPONG for the SABC's Thobela FM.

She has also authored 23 books, including MEPIPI KA MOKA E A NA, PODILANE MANKGA & TSELAKGOPO. Some of her books were prescribed for school curriculum. Throughout her career, Motimele was given several awards for her contribution to Sepedi literature and culture.

In December 2016, MEC Moloi recognised Motimele's writings and contribution by conferring her with the "LIFETIME ACHIEVER'S AWARD". Last year Motimele was granted a LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT LITERARY AWARD for her tireless work towards promoting Sepedi by the South African Literary Awards.

MEC Moloi describes Motimele's passing as a loss not only to her family, but to the province, the country and the literary sector. "Mme Aletta Motimele was undoubtedly an icon when it comes to Sepedi drama, poetry and prose. She passes away just a few days before the world and UNESCO celebrate International Mother Language Day (IMLD) on February 21, 2017 under the theme 'Towards Sustainable Futures through Multilingual Education', "says MEC Moloi.

"At this time of grief, our thoughts are with the Motimele family and all the people she has touched throughout her journey of life," MEC Moloi added. The funeral will be held on Saturday 17th February 2018, at Mountain View Village, Ga Molepo, east of Polokwane.

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