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## **Media Statement**

20 October 2017

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Different stakeholders met today and they all pleaded with the forum not to proceed with the planned action. Government will put in place all necessary protection measures to ensure that the rights of the people of Matatiele are protected as this is viewed as an illegal strike.

We request the community to remain calm as the leadership is working on to find a

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lasting solution to this challenge

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