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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S STANGER MORTUARY FLOODED: CORPSES BEING MOVED

Yesterday, Sunday 1 March 2009, the Department of Health's mortuary located at the KwaDukuza Police Station was flooded following heavy rains at night.

The floods caused damage to the mortuary electricity and the back-up generator. There were 34 corpses in the mortuary and the Department is in the process of moving these to nearby hospital mortuaries whilst cleaning operations are underway.

Eleven corpses are being moved to Stanger Hospital mortuary; sixteen to Mphumulo Hospital mortuary and the remaining seven are badly decomposed and will remain at the mortuary. The Department wishes to request relatives of the deceased to immediately contact the Mortuary Manager, Ms Mthembu, at 082 3986 966 especially those who wish to make funeral arrangements.

"We are making sure that cleaning of the mortuary is completed as soon as possible so that it can be restored to full operation by, latest, Tuesday" said Mr. Leon Mbangwa; the Department of Health spokesperson.

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