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## Laundry Damage

MEC Dhlomo says it is shameful that the protesters can in a matter of hours cause R 1,16 million worth of damage to Government facilities

This comes after the Department has concluded preliminary evaluation of the damages following violent protest alongside the Sea Cow Lake Laundry at the beginning of the week.

Members of the community in the of Sea Cow Lake area in Durban North started their protest in front of the Laundry on the 6th of June 2016. They then proceeded to make a forced entry into the main gate of the Regional Laundry.

In the process they smashed and broke the windows of the Laundry Building; the cars and pushed an 8 Ton Truck as well as a Renault Kangaroo Panel Van outside and set them on fire.

The truck is part of the lot that was announced by MEC Dhlomo in his Budget Speech that they were purchased and compartmentalised for soiled and clean linen in order to comply with Infection Prevention and Control requirements. It is now destroyed.

In total there are 90 Windows that were damaged by protesters; a Main Gate broken; a 7 meter copper pipe stolen as well as completely gutted vehicles.

We again appeal to our people that in whatever they are unhappy about; let them spare the government property meant to assist them in their hour of need; pleads the MEC.



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