

MEC Dhlomo visits ailing former Premier Dr Frank Mdlalose

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KZN Health MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo has visited the Province's first democratically-elected Premier, 86 year-old Dr Frank Mdlalose. Dr Mdlalose, who suffers from certain ailments, was discharged from hospital last Friday, after a brief admission.

A former mayor of Madadeni, Dr Mdlalose was premier of KwaZulu-Natal from May 1994 until March 1997. He also serves as South Africa's ambassador to Egypt, and retired from active politics in 2005.

During a visit to Dr Mdlalose's home at Madadeni earlier today, MEC Dhlomo said it had always been his wish to visit the former Premier.

During a cordial exchange and display of mutual respect, the MEC thanked Dr Mdlalose for:

- The mentorship that the MEC received from Dr Mdlalose's now-late son, Thabo, during their days at Dlangezwa High School in 1977, where Thabo was the head boy
- Being of great influence to the MEC's cousin, the late Dr Oscar Dhlomo
- Establishing a private medical practice which MEC took over and ran alongside Dr Musa Ngubane, who is now the mayor of Newcastle.
- His astute leadership of the first multi-party provincial cabinet, which he led with humility and wisdom. Like Dr Mdlalose, MEC Dhlomo subsequently became the mayor of Newcastle.

Wishing Dr Mdlalose a speedy recovery, MEC Dhlomo said *"We really thank him for remaining a beacon of hope and a focal point of direction for our country."*

Dr Mdlalose expressed his gratitude for the visit and described MEC Dhlomo as a distinguished leader.



MEC Dhlomo with former premier Dr Frank Mdlalose and his wife Eunice, uMaSikhosana



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