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## **MEDIA STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF MINISTER COLLINS CHABANE**

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THE Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa Mogoeng Mogoeng has learnt with deep sadness of the sudden passing of the Minister of Public Service and Administration, Mr Collins Chabane, MP. The Chief Justice said the untimely passing of Minister Chabane comes as a great shock, and a great loss to the Public Service and the Executive.

"Two nights ago, on Friday evening, I had the pleasure of speaking at the same event as Minister Chabane. I was deeply touched by his words when he spoke of the importance of Christianity in our lives and further highlighted the importance of prayer - even as a politician. It is at times like these that we truly understand the need for prayer, particularly for Mr Chabane and his family who believed in it."

In a tribute to Minister Chabane, the Chief Justice said: "Minister Chabane was a highly respected member of the Executive who was well known for his genuine humility, exemplary work ethic and dedication to the Republic. His contribution to the liberation struggle, and his contribution to his Ministerial portfolios has left an indelible mark in the Public Service."

"The Public Service is all the poorer at his passing and our deepest sympathy and condolences go out to his wife, his children and his entire family."

"I would also like to send my condolences to the families of Sgt. Lesiba Sekele and Sgt. Lawrence Lentsoane, Minister Chabane's protectors."

"We will keep them all firmly in our prayers"

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