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MEDIA STATEMENT

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SUBJECT: ALERT AGAINST THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT- SUBSIDIZED HOUSING

ENQUIRIES: MLUNGISI KHUMALO

GOVERNMENT-SUBSIDIZED HOMES ARE NOT FOR SALE

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Human Settlements warns the public against the sale and purchase of government-subsidized houses through illegal scams. The Department is aware of such advertisements, especially through social media posts. The Department distances itself from such posts, including the most recent illegal use of its images in a TikTok video advertising the “sale of RDP houses”.

The provision of low-cost housing is an intervention by government for people with a household income of less than R3 500.00 per month and it is not meant to be a profitable venture.

The law prohibits the sale of any government-subsidized house before eight (8) years of the handover without the permission of the Department. If the allocated house is no longer needed by the beneficiary when the eight-year period lapses, then the house must be offered back to the Department. The house will then be reallocated to the next qualifying beneficiary who is on an official beneficiary list. Your house can only be sold to another person with written consent from the Department.

Further to the sale of government-subsidized houses being unlawful and illegal, these selfish acts undermine the Department’s efforts to reduce the huge backlog of housing needs in KwaZulu-Natal and provide decent homes to the needy.

People who are offered to purchase government-subsidized houses must report the matter to the Department, Anti-Corruption Hotline or to their nearest police station.



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