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National Commissioner General Riyah Phiyega



The late Thomas Moetlo

## Police Major laid to rest

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ALEXANDRA POLICE STATION major Mabote Thomas Moetlo was laid to rest on Saturday at West Park Cemetery. The service of the funeral was held at Altrec sports complex.

Major Moetlo was shot dead at the age of (59) at Alexandra Police Station with other three people by Constable Ronnie Masie, who was later killed by the Tactical Response Team after exchanging fire. Moetlo served the South African police service for 37 years.

His son, Ashley Moetlo described his father as a hero.

"When a giant falls he makes a lot of noise. My dad fulfilled his destiny. My father was strict and believed in education. Thanks for sharing my dad with us; we were planning to have his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party next year."

The South African Police Service national commissioner, General Riyah Phiyega said major Moetlo committed himself to his job.

"To be a police officer is not just an ordinary job. It is about serving the community and the nation at large. We are fortunate as police because we are afforded an opportunity to serve the nation. We share the loss with the family, we are disappointed as SAPS. When you kill a police officer you have killed the nation."

MEC for Community Safety Sizakele Nkosi-Malobane described Moetlo as a man who empowered his family and the community.

"I received a call from Alexandra Police Station and when I arrived, I found four innocent people dead because of the behavior of the coward who used to beat up his woman. We apologize to the family, the Alexandra residents, Gauteng and SAPS as a whole. Moetlo was one of the men we wanted to see in our community. This was the man all of us want our children to be like. Police officers must be like Major Thomas Moetlo."

Mabote Thomas Moetlo left his wife Maria Mabusela, five children, a grandson and two brothers and three sisters.



Pic: Justice Mabasa

The final destination...SAPS members carry the coffin of Major Thomas Moetlo to his place of rest.