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MEDIA ALERT

DATE : 06 DECEMBER 2013
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KZN TO CONDUCT REBURIAL OF UMKHONTO WESIZWE SOLDIERS

KwaZulu-Natal Premier Mr Senzo Mchunu will this weekend hand over the remains of two Umkhonto WeSizwe combatants who were killed during the apartheid era and buried as paupers. The two soldiers, Sthembiso Herbert Gambu and Msongeleni Philimon Mthethwa were both from Durban and joined the ANC's military wing in the 1980's.

Gambu was last seen on February 5, 1985 when he was seen bundled into the back of a police vehicle near his home. His family was informed by police months later that he had died in a car accident and buried as a pauper. His remains were exhumed at Redhill cemetery early this year. Mthethwa was killed in action on the 21st of April 1984, when he and three other MK members were caught in a police trap on the Piet Retief's Potgietersrus Road shortly after crossing into South Africa from Swaziland near the Houdkop border post. Mthethwa was shot dead on the spot at the roadblock and was buried as an unidentified pauper in Thandokukhanya cemetery in Piet Retief.

The handover of the remains will take place at the Durban City Hall, followed by a service. The reburial will take place at Redhill cemetery after the service.

You are invited to attend.

DATE : 08 December 2013
VENUE : Durban City Hall
TIME : 08.00am

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