



# **AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS**

**FRANCES BAARD REGION**

**Date : Saturday, 20 December 2025**

## **STATEMENT BY THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS IN FRANCES BAARD REGION ON THE OUTCOMES OF ITS SPECIAL REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (REC) MEETING HELD AT THE VAAL-INN GUEST HOUSE, IN BARKLY WEST, DIKGATLONG SUB-REGION.**

On Friday, 19 December 2025, the Regional Executive Committee (REC) of the African National Congress convened its special REC closing meeting at the Vaal-Inn Guest House in Barkly West, Dikgatlong Sub-region. This session marked the last REC sitting for the 2025 calendar year.

### **On Governance:**

The Back to Basics Strategy sets a clear target for all municipalities to deliver basic services. It calls on every municipality to make sure that traffic lights work, potholes are filled, water is delivered, refuse is collected, electricity is supplied, refuse and waste management takes place.

When the current elected REC assumed office in April this year, its immediate task was to build on the successes of the previous leadership in accelerating service delivery in municipalities. This encompassed dealing with immediate pressing issues such as improving the lives of our people in tangible ways, and ensure municipalities implement immediate and long term planning coupled with effective monitoring and evaluation on service delivery programme.

The REC notes and acknowledge that there has been substantial progress in the Dikgatlong, Sol-Plaatje, Phokwane and Magareng municipalities; to deal with the more pressing and immediate issues, especially in the realm of local government. This view is supported by the recently improved Audit Outcome qualifications obtained by all municipalities.

### **On Gender Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF):**

The issue of women and child abuse is one of society's greatest challenges, and there are still many mountains to navigate and bridges to build. Whilst we are pleased with the achievements of the past 31 years since the dawn of democracy in terms of the efforts and successes in building a human rights and gender-based society, we are the first to agree that much more needs to be done. The REC is pleased to note that this contagion has been declared a national disaster and stern efforts to permanently root-it out in society.

The REC reaffirms that women, as the perpetual victims of our legacy, are at the receiving end of the continuous cycle of violence in both the family and society. It is for this reason that women have to stand up and be supported for their economic and social emancipation. It is for this reason that improving the social, economic conditions and dignity of our people will impact positively on the social values of our society.

The REC implores on our Justice system to respond with the same force of injustice against those who perpetrate violence against women and children. The African National Congress has principally positioned itself as a children and women friendly, and created responsive conditions in courts to ensure greater number of prosecutions against culprits. We must renew The vow we made and keep the promise to do whatever is necessary within the ambit of the law to stop violence against women and children, particularly at this time of the year, the festive season.

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## **On Fighting Crime and Corruption:**

The REC reiterated its stance on fighting crime and corruption, remaining determined to curb levels of both. Contact crimes, crimes against women and children, and organised crime remain a key focus, as does combating corruption. A key focus for success would be strengthening accountability systems and enhancing citizen involvement and community mobilisation in the fight against crime.

The ANC acknowledges SAPS efforts in Frances Baard region for registering notable progress in fighting violent crime as contained in the crime statistics.

Furthermore, the REC calls on its public representatives to play a more active and practical role in leading the fight against crime and corruption within their respective municipalities. The ANC Frances Baard Regional leadership reiterates its call to its 57 branches to actively engage in crime prevention by collaborating with law enforcement agencies and creating platforms for communities to voice their concerns, fears, and ideas on curbing crime during this festive season.

In the same spirit, the African National Congress in Frances Baard region wishes everyone a pleasant festive season, free of crime and accidents. We thank our ANC branches heartily for their contribution; it's been a year of hard work, but also the beginning of our journey on many fronts as the ANC. We look forward to their contribution in the coming year.

May this time bring joy, hope and togetherness to every household. As we welcome the new year, the ANC in Frances Baard region reaffirms its dedication to serving with integrity, advancing development, and strengthening the bonds that unite us. Happy Festive Season and a Prosperous New Year ahead!

Lastly, the ANC REC once more reiterates its strong support and well wishes to Cde Venus Blennies-Magage, following her election as 2nd Deputy Secretary General of the ANC Youth League. The ANC REC is truly proud and have absolute confidence in her leadership abilities.

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