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Parliament of the Republic of South Africa
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Dear Honourable Chairperson

REQUEST FOR THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES (NCOP) TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF THE RASEALE FAMILY ON A MATTER OF THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE SON OF MS MARY RASEALE SINCE SEPTEMBER 2021 AND PRESUMED DEAD ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE (SAPS)

I, the undersigned, Ms Mary Mabore Raseale, am a citizen of the Republic of South Africa and resident of Mathibestad Village, in Ward 24 in Moretele Sub-District of Bojanala District Municipality in the North West Province.

On behalf of myself and my family, I wish to draw to the attention of the National Council of Provinces a matter for which we request the intervention of the National Council of Provinces on the disappearance of my biological son, Mr Kenneth Gontse Raseale.

I am seeking assistance and intervention from the NCOP after my long and hard efforts to get help from the South African Police Service, which has failed me and my family dismally. I am therefore approaching the NCOP and I am doing so in accordance with the following guiding prescripts:

1. The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (Act No. 108 of 1996) [Section 17 - Petition];
2. The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (Act No. 108 of 1996 [Section 10 – Human Dignity]
3. Guidelines on Petitioning Parliament

The following is a brief summary of the Petition and the reasons for it:

1. In May 2022 we were visited by Members of the South African Police Service (SAPS), to inform us that they had discovered the mortal remains of what they suspected could be those of my son Gontse. They made this discovery in September 2021. They informed us that they traced the family by the deceased's finger prints;
2. The Police, in following what they informed us as the standard procedure, took samples of our body fluids for testing, to ascertain if indeed the mortal remains match me or my family. The problems started right here because after taking our samples, the Police disappeared for a considerable amount of time (months) without giving us any update;
3. We kept on following up on numerous occasions, until they eventually informed us that they could not find the samples they sourced initially, and that we had to do another round. We duly complied and again they disappeared for yet another considerable amount of time (months), again without giving us any updates;

4. Our continued efforts to get answers from the Police yielded no positive results, until we sought action from the media, with the hope that this will urge the Police to work on the case more seriously, but this did not yield any positive results either. We took this action because we learnt of a similar case of another person who was found dead in December 2021 (three months after our son's case) but that case was solved and we are of the view that it was solved speedily because it received a huge media coverage and therefore exerted some pressure on the Police to resolve it. Unfortunately ours has not been that fortunate.

In this regard, we wish to include the following material as part of this petition, and duly request the NCOP to use them as reference sources for this case:

- (i) Article by the "The Daily Sun" titled: *DEAD man keeps vanishing*;
 - (ii) Article by "TimesLIVE" titled: *North West health dept to exhume bodies in search for missing corpse*; and
 - (iii) A video clip by the SABC TV News, through the link - https://youtu.be/Vve_7pTwEX4
5. I therefore believe that submitting this matter to Parliament as a petition, is a means of ensuring that the NCOP in Parliament is able to offer relief to me and my family, as we have exhausted all other lawful or appropriate avenues of relief;
 6. As the records would show, this is a matter of September 2021 and to date my son or his remains are yet to be found or presented to us;
 7. We will make a full presentation to the NCOP upon us being given the opportunity to do so, preferably in person and not virtually.

I fully believe that this request meets the requirements as set out in the Parliament's Guidelines on Petition, and I also have full confidence that the NCOP will duly give us the relief we are seeking. It would therefore really be appreciated if Parliament can kindly intervene on this matter, for me and my family to find all the responses to our questions, and thereby find closure on this painful ordeal.

May God help us find solace and comfort in whatever response we will receive on this request.

Yours Faithfully

Annexure 1 "Daily Sun"

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DEAD man keeps vanishing

Aaron Dube

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DEADLY MYSTERY: Mother Marry Raseale, brother Thabo Raseale and sister Patricia Rakgekola want answers after the alleged disappearance of the body of their loved one, Gontse Raseale, at government mortuaries in Mogwase and Brits, North West. Photo by Raymond Morare

GONTSE RASEALE had been missing for a long time and when

his body was found, it was already badly decomposed.

The family was still grateful that they could bury him and get closure – but that won't happen soon.

THEY CAN'T BURY GONTSE BECAUSE HIS BODY KEEPS DISAPPEARING!

Gontse Raseale (36) was found dead in the bushes in Mogwase, North West.

His brother, Thabo Raseale (34) from Mathibestad, told *Daily Sun* that his body was found last September.

Gontse had apparently died by suicide.

Last November, the family went to the Mogwase mortuary, where the body was indentified. They then proceeded with funeral arrangements. The grave number was secured, funeral insurance company alerted, and preparations were made.

But family members are fuming after the body disappeared from the mortuary.

Thabo said the police came to their home again in May. Apparently, the mortuary in Rustenburg was not working and the body was moved to Brits.

"They told us to prepare for the funeral and come to Brits to once again identify the body," said Thabo, adding that they took two DNA tests from family members.

"I saw my brother's body in Brits in May. I identified him with his silver ring on his left hand, dreadlocks, scratch on the nose and gap in his lower teeth. The body was in a bad state, but I could still identify him," he said.

The family has not received the body because once again, it went missing!

Sister Patricia Rakgekola (50) said for two weeks, they were preparing the funeral.

She said she took the DNA tests with her mum, yet had still not received the body.

Patricia said the family had spent almost R20 000 for the funeral that didn't happen.

Mum Marry (67) said: "I want my son's body so I can bury him."

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She said that she had gone to pastors and traditional healers hoping to get help, but with no luck.

Forum 4 Service Delivery PR Councillor, Mokgadi Moetji, said the incompetent North West government had denied the family closure. "What hurts the most is that no one is willing to investigate what could have led to the disappearance of the body. We will be taking steps against relevant authorities as part of assisting the Raseale family."

Thabo said the family was battling to find closure because every time they thought about Gontse, their heartbreak started again.

"My brother was a good person. I will remember him for his unconditional love."

North West health spokesman Tebogo Lekgethwane said: "The department is aware of this case, and the district management is handling it. The province will make a follow-up to track progress."

Lieutenant-Colonel Amanda Funani said an inquest docket was

opened at Mogwase Police Station after a body was found in the bushes.

Annexure 2

"Times Live"

NEWS

North West health dept to exhume bodies in search for missing corpse

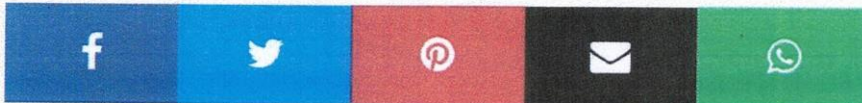
Gontse Raseale was found dead in Rustenburg in September 2021, but after the family identified the body his corpse vanished

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Rorisang Kgosana

Reporter



The North West health department on Thursday said it planned to exhume bodies as it tries to locate the remains of a man who was seemingly mistakenly given a pauper's burial. ...

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