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Harry Gwala District Mayor reassures district residents that it is business as usual on the planned national shutdown.

Harry Gwala District Mayor Cllr. Zamo Nxumalo has once again reassured all critical stakeholders that all the requisite public safety contingency plans are in motion to ensure that it is business as usual on Monday 20 March 2022.

"We will do what it takes to make sure our economy can keep running, businesses are safe, and the people of this district do not have to suffer the aftermath destruction of a shutdown that is being planned for this coming Monday of the 20th. We believe that the mooted shutdown will hurt our economy, businesses, pupils, workers, and our future. We are still trying to recover from the July 2021 unrest, April 2022 floods and the current load shedding," said Mayor Nxumalo.

In the District alone some shops in Bulwer, Donnybrook, Highflats and other areas which were looted during the 2021 July unrest have never recovered.

That is why we strongly say any form of shutdown should be condemned.

As Government we are building for the future, we are working towards what our Freedom Charter promises which is an equal prosperous life for all.

Our Constitution protects our rights, that no one should infringe on our rights.

The Bill of Rights is the cornerstone of our democracy in South Africa. It enshrines the rights of all people in our country and affirms the democratic values of human dignity, equality, and freedom.

The District with family municipalities which includes UMzimkhulu, Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, UBuhlebezwe and Greater Kokstad have put in place the necessary measures in ensuring that security systems are in place.

Anyone undermining the authority of law enforcement agencies shall face the full might of the law.

Nxumalo added that all municipal services will be available as employees are expected to report for duty on Monday as a normal day. The Harry Gwala District core function is to provide water and sanitation, and that service will be available to the community.

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