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# GOVERNMENT NOTICE

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## DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE

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## SOUTH AFRICAN HERITAGE RESOURCES AGENCY

### GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NOTICE FOR THE DECLARATION

#### OF

**GRAVES OF S. M. MAKGATHO, J. T. GUMEDE, P. SEME, R. M. SOBUKWE, S. B. BIKO AND C. B. NAUDE AS NATIONAL HERITAGE SITES.**

By virtue of the powers vested in the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) in terms of section 27 (5) of the National Heritage Resources Act no 25 of 1999 (the act), SAHRA hereby intent to intent to declare the graves of the following icons of the national liberation struggle as **National Heritage Site(s)**

The graves of the following icons are declared as National Heritage Sites:

- I. Rev. Sefako Mapogo Makgatho, situated at Mamelodi West Cemetery, Pretoria District, Tshwane Metropolitan Council
- II. Mr. Josiah Tshangana Gumede, situated at Mountain Rise Cemetery, Pietermaritzburg District, Umsunduzi District Municipality,
- III. Dr. Pixley ka Isaka Seme, situated at Newclare Cemetery, Johannesburg District, Johannesburg,
- IV. Dr. Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe, situated at the Methodist Church Section, Santaville Township Cemetery, Graaff-Reinet District

- V. Mr. Stephen Bantu Biko, Ginsburg Cemetery, King William's Town District, Amathole District Municipality.
- VI. Dr. Christiaan Beyers Naude grave in Westpark Cemetery, Montgomery Park Johannesburg.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The graves of the iconic leaders of the liberation struggle movements are a tangible representation of the intangible heritage aspects of organised resistance and defiance campaigns, against successive racially repressive regimes. They transcend different responses to eighty (80) years of intensification of repressive laws from deputations, passive resistance, defiance campaigns to armed struggle and mass struggles. They represent a conviction to a just political cause and attainment of political freedom leading to denial of personal liberties and an ultimate price of banning orders, house arrest, political assassinations, banishment, exile, political imprisonment and in-detention death.

*In terms of the criteria set out in Section 3(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act No. 25 of 1999), and specified for Grade I national heritage resources in the SAHRA Regulations on Grading System and Heritage Resources Assessment Criteria, the identified graves each qualifies for national heritage status because of its:*

### **Section 3 (3) Criteria**

***(a): Importance in the pattern of South Africa's history.***

The graves of the liberation struggle icons are tangible representations of the selfless sacrifices and contribution made by different generations of South Africans. It draws from a broad cultural, religious, political philosophical beliefs, educational and socio-economic backgrounds, drawn together into a formidable political force that brought the plight of the oppressed South African masses into the attention of the world.

***(h) its strong or special association with the life or work of a person, group or organisation of importance in the history of South Africa.***



Rev. Sefako Mapogo Makgatho Mamelodi-West Cemetery (Obtained from Google Earth 30/07/2013).

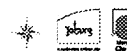


Josiah Tshangana Gumede's grave in Block T Mountain Rise Cemetery, Pietermaritzburg



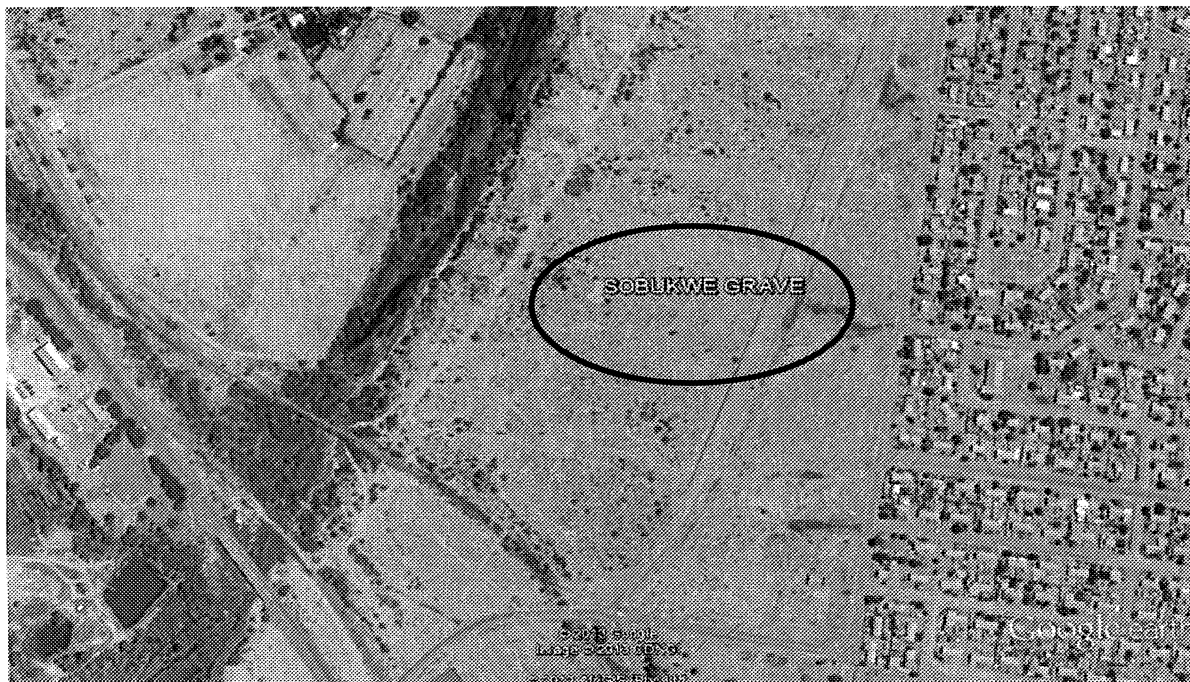
Newclare Cemetery

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MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE  
NATIONAL ANCESTRAL HERITAGE AUTHORITY



The grave of Dr. Pixley ka Isaka Seme in Newclare Cemetery, Johannesburg





Dr. Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe's grave in Santaville Township Cemetery, Graaff-Reinet.



The grave of Stephen Bantu Biko in the Ginsburg Cemetery, King William's Town.



Dr. Christiaan Beyers Naude's grave in Westpark Cemetery, Montgomery Park Johannesburg.

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