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en Tradisionele Sake

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**Media Advisory**  
**Friday, 06 March 2026**

**To: All Media Houses**

**Attention: News Editors/Producers/Journalists**

### **KING SILAMBA ANNUAL COMMEMORATION**

The Ndebele Kingdom will host the 46<sup>th</sup> King Silamba Commemoration. King Silamba was the leader of the Ndebele Nation when they were forcefully moved to KoMjekejeke by the Boers in the late 1860s. King Silamba is revered for the role he played in maintaining the cultural identity of Ndebele Nation during the colonial oppression. This event is aimed at celebrating the Ndebele kingdom's heritage, fostering unity and encouraging the youth to reconnect with their roots.

The commemoration will include traditional music, food, and cultural performances. Amongst the delegations attending the event will be national and international royal houses. Support offered to traditional leaders to deliver service delivery remains key as the Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) and other government departments will fully support this event.

Preserving the history and the heritage of the Ndebele Nation as a whole, promoting cultural and heritage tourism, together creating inclusive and sustainable economic growth, aligning with the country's 7<sup>th</sup> administration, overarching theme (***A Nation that works for All***) are the key messages of the day. Ingwenyama Makhosoke II will deliver the keynote address that will give historical context.

**DATE : 07<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**TIME : 09:00 AM**

**VENUE : KoMjekejeke Heritage Site, Walmansthal (Pretoria)**

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