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## DSACR PAYS TRIBUTE TO LATE SAFA MATCH COMMISSIONER MATANKISO TITI-MIYA

The Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation (DSACR) joins the South African football fraternity in mourning the untimely death of the late SAFA match commissioner, Me Matankiso Titi-Miya who unfortunately passed on due to a motor vehicle accident. It is reported that Me Titi-Miya was on her way to officiate a DStv Diski Challenge match between Mamelodi Sundowns and Sekhukhune United when this tragic incident happened.

DSACR remains proud of the legacy that Me Titi-Miya leaves behind hence she was a dedicated and passionate referee who advocated for the inclusion of women in football, particularly in refereeing. She herself was the first woman in the Free State Province to receive a FIFA badge which allowed her to officiate in international matches. She also served on the National Referees Committee where her passion for referee development was enhanced. Between 2004 and 2010, Me Titi-Miya was an active assistant referee and also a referees' instructor. She officiated in DStv Premiership, National First Division and ABC Motsepe Leagues.

The Member of the Executive Council responsible for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation in the Free State Province Me Limakatso Mahasa stated that, "The Province and the nation have lost one of their treasured jewels in football. The loss of Me Titi-Miya is indeed a tragedy and we wish to convey our heartfelt and deepest condolences to her family, colleagues and friends. Undoubtedly, she leaves behind a solid legacy and we bear the responsibility to pick up her spear and continue with our quest to empower women through sport. May her soul rest in eternal peace."

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