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VISIT TO SIMPIWE 'V12' VETYEKA

The AZAPO Eastern Cape PEC will pay a visit to Simpiwe “V12” Vetyeka who is lying at the East London Frere Hospital after both his legs broke following a hit and run accident in mid-April this year. He will be undergoing an operation on both his legs.

AZAPO leaders, led by Anglican Rev Zingisile Zake, Chris Swepu and Lungelo Ketye will lead a delegation to visit Vetyeka at the Frere Hospital on 9 May at 15h00 to offer him support under these trying times.

Vetyeka is a South African professional boxer who is the former WBA and IBO featherweight champion, as well as IBO bantamweight champion.

AZAPO's observation is that the South African black sportspersons generally vanish from the radar of wellbeing after they have retire and return to the life of poverty and neglect until they meet their death whereupon they become famous again with all the public and government attention they receive.

AZAPO will initiate separate meetings with the MEC for Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture as well the Boxing South Africa board and raise, among others, the issues below:

- BSA and the Department of Sports must initiate a medical aid and funeral scheme for Professional boxers.
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- The BSA and department of sports must mobilize sponsors for South African Boxers especially world champions. We call on corporate South Africa to support boxers in the same way they support white athletes and rugby franchises.
- Boxing legends should be supported in forming Cooperatives and be supported through targeted work and business opportunities, in a similar fashion to military veterans. Most former world champions in EL are working as messenger drivers and cleaners.
- Embassies must support our boxers when they go and fight outside the country

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