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ACTING PREMIER KAMADLOPHA-MTHETHWA ATTENDS UMKHOSI WELEMBE IN KWADUKUZA

The historic celebration of Umkhosi WeLembe took place at the Stanger High School sports ground in KwaDukuza on 24 September 2024, marking 196 years since the passing of King Shaka KaSenzangakhona, the visionary leader who united the Zulu nation. The event, held on Heritage Day, was a vibrant display of culture, unity and remembrance, drawing together people from across the province to honour the life and legacy of one of Africa's most revered monarchs.

Excitement filled the air as His Majesty, King Misuzulu KaZwelithini, arrived at the grounds to preside over the commemoration. The event was attended by the KwaZulu-Natal Acting Premier, Honourable Thembeni KaMadlopha-Mthethwa. She joined the Zulu Royal House and various stakeholders, including the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government and local municipalities, in paying tribute to the enduring legacy of King Shaka. Known as Isilo saKwaDukuza, King Shaka was assassinated at the age of 41 on 24 September 1828 at his KwaDukuza Palace, leaving behind a powerful legacy of leadership, innovation and resilience.

In her message of support, Acting Premier KaMadlopha-Mthethwa underscored the importance of this commemorative event, stating "We have deep respect for our culture and languages as a province. That is why we will continue to celebrate this auspicious day of iLembe. This year's celebrations serve as a tribute not only to King Shaka's legacy, but also to the enduring pride in the cultural heritage of KwaZulu-Natal."







