



EFF STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF MANDLA “MAMPINTSHA” MAPHUMULO

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The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) sends its deepest condolences to the family, loved ones and colleagues of famed Gqom and house music artist Mandla “Mampintsha” Maphumulo, who passed away early this morning.

Affectionately known as “Mampintsha”, Maphumulo has been a household name in the South African music industry for over a decade, and gained popularity as part of the groundbreaking music group known as Big Nuz. Maphumulo hails from Umlazi in KwaZulu Natal and has been part of a cultural renaissance of kwaito, and went on to fuse kwaito with house music creating a genre that is popularly known as Gqom.

As part of the group Big Buz, Maphumulo has released hit singles such as *Umlilo*, which was part of their Debut album *Undisputed* which won the South African Music Award (SAMA) for album of the year, the best Kwaito album and with the single itself being voted as the record of the year, all in 2010.

Maphumulo leaves behind a legacy of innovation and reinvention as he has over the years partnered with many artists to establish labels such as West Ink Records which has gone on to launch careers of Gqom artists, and made the genre popular across the length and breadth of the country.

The EFF mourns the passing of Mampintsha and May his soul rest in perfect peace

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