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## **Two unnatural deaths reported at Thohoyandou Juvenile Correctional Centre**

The Judicial Inspectorate for Correctional Services (JICS) launched an investigation on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 into the unnatural deaths of two inmates.

JICS can confirm that two remand male inmates, 19 and 20 years of age, were declared dead on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at a hospital after an incident took place earlier that day, at the Thohoyandou Juvenile Correctional Centre.

JICS will continue with the investigation, which will include interviewing all witnesses and will await the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) and SAPS reports. Once the investigation has been completed, a report with findings and recommendations will be furnished to the Ministry of Justice, the relevant Parliamentary committees and DCS.

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