

# Condolences pour in for late Thobela FM journalist Matome Maupi

Messages of condolences have poured in for SABC presenter and journalist Matome Maupi who died on Thursday at age 52.



Matome Maupi has died. Source: SABC.

Maupi who was a veteran broadcaster died after spending two months in [hospital](#).



**Alex Mohubetšwane Mogale Mashilo**  
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I don't know what to say. I had a call with one of his colleagues this evening. This call was difficult to handle for both of us. I was shocked and my heart rate slowed even further down than earlier tests suggested. [Matome Maupi](#) was more than a journalist to me. He was a colleague and more. This is a deeply saddening loss to me, not to mention his family and colleagues at Thobela FM, the SABC and the media industry at large. I can't continue. This sore loss is deeply hurting...

My condolences to the family, Thobela FM, Hlokwla La Tsela, the SABC, and the media fraternity.

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"With Maupi and his colleagues on the popular SABC Thobela FM current affairs show *Hlokwa la Tsela*, as well as on other Thobela FM current affairs shows, we simplified complex political, economic and scientific concepts and categories, and delivered them in the language of the people", said SACP spokesperson Dr Alex Mohubetswane Mashilo.

Maupi started his career at Mohodi FM before joining the SABC in the early 2000s. He was well known for his ability to precisely communicate with government officials about service delivery issues affecting communities in Limpopo, Mpumalanga, North West and Gauteng.

"We are bereft of words of comfort as Matome Maupi was one of a kind- an intersection of assertiveness and humility packed in a human being," said SABC regional manager Oupa Mamabolo.

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