

Tshwane moves squatters to shelter

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Johannesburg - The Tshwane metro municipality was moving hundreds of evicted shack dwellers to a place of safety in compliance with a court order, the SABC reported on Thursday night.

The North Gauteng High Court in Pretoria ordered the municipality to erect temporary shelters in the form of tents for the shack dwellers, on the same site where they have been evicted.

The municipality said it would erect tents at the site on Friday.

The Tshwane metro police earlier demolished 69 shacks along with the residents' personal belongings, less than 24 hours after an eviction order had been served on them. This was at Cemetery Estate, next to the multi-million rand Woodhill Estate, east of Pretoria.

Acting Judge Jody Kollapen granted an urgent interim court order, giving the city until 20:00 on Thursday night to erect tents for the group of about 300 people.

They were left destitute when their shacks were torn down and its contents torched on Wednesday.

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