

Kasi dream houses reduced to rubble!



SMASHED TO PIECES! People take bricks after houses were destroyed by the Joburg Property Company. Photos by Phumzile Twabu

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THE evil that men do knows no bounds in a world full of crooked people.

Several families in Soweto are learning this truth the hard way after their dream houses were reduced to rubble.

After spending their life savings on land and building their houses full of love, these families are about to lose everything . . . because they had built on **STOLEN COUNCIL LAND.**

The Joburg Property Company (JPC) has obtained a court order to demolish houses built by people who bought stands from **FAKE** sellers.

The affected areas are Dobsonville, Power Park, Klipspruit Extension 2 and Dlamini.

Brian Mahlangu, the JPC's spokesman, said: "All structures including houses will be demolished as per court order and JPC cannot compensate people when it did not enter into a legal contract

with them."

People paid R3 500 to get stands and started building houses.

Two families in Klipspruit Extension 2 are staying in the houses.

Moses Khuzwayo owns one of the finished houses and he said: "They came on Friday 5 November and demolished the structure in front of my house. The person who built there was not informed. The government should inform us if it intends to demolish our houses. We should also be given time to oppose that."

Eric Pule's house (pictured) was also built on the land in question. He said he paid R3 500 to get the stand and has a



AND THIS HOUSE IS NEXT . . .
The JPC is threatening to demolish this house in Klipspruit Extension 2.

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receipt, but does not know where he put it. Mahlangu said: "If these people have proof of purchase, they should claim compensation and even lay criminal and fraud charges.

"The JPC is the only municipal-owned entity mandated to manage, develop and sell City of Joburg land and property assets. JPC does not use agents or brokers in executing its mandate."

Mahlangu advised Sowetans who want to buy land to go to the council offices in Jabulani. He said council employees always wear name tags with a City of Joburg emblem or people can ask for business cards to make sure they are dealing with the right person.