

FREE STATE TO ASSESS TORNADO DAMAGES

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A tornado has wreaked havoc in Free State.(SABC)

Kestell in the eastern Free State is counting the cost of damage inflicted by a suspected tornado. A joint operations centre has been established after at least 30 houses were damaged in Tlholong. A community hall has been made available as an evacuation centre.

Five people have been admitted to hospital. Four people have been hospitalised after a severe storm on a Harrismith farm.

Meanwhile, Free State Human Settlements MEC Mlamleli Cogta has expressed her condolences to those who have been affected by the severe storms. The Thabo Mofutsanyana district in the eastern Free State is one of the worst affected areas.

The MEC has described the severe weather as a "natural disaster beyond control". The extent of the damage is still being assessed.

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