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Happening now: President Cyril Ramaphosa has taken to the podium to deliver the #SONA2021 before a hybrid sitting.



#SONA2021 | Ramaphosa briefly commemorates the release of the late former president Nelson Mandela from the Victor Verster Prison in Cape Town in 1990.

'It was clear that freedom was tangible.'

#SONA2021 | Ramaphosa likens the country's resilience to that of the fynboos.

"We have risen time and time again from the depths of darkness to herald a new day."

#SONA2021 | Ramaphosa hails the efforts of front liners and essential workers amid the raging coronavirus pandemic. We have made mistakes but we have also stood together.

"It is a story of solidarity and compassion."

#SONA2021 | Ramaphosa: This year is about change, progress and rebirth.

#SONA2021 | Ramaphosa says the year's plan will centre on four pillars:

-Defeat the Covid-19 pandemic
-Accelerate economic recovery
-Job creation and ensure inclusive growth
-Strengthen fight against corruption

#SONA2021 | Ramaphosa speaks on the vaccine developments, lamenting the setback suffered recently.
It should not delay the rollout but it will impact the choice and manner of rollout.

#SONA2021 | Ramaphosa: Alternatively, we have secured 9 million Johnson and Johnson doses - 80 000 of which will arrive next week.

#SONA2021 | Ramaphosa: We will overcome and we will rise. But we must also also overcome poverty and inequality.

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#SONA2021 | Ramaphosa says he will give feedback on progress made on the economic recovery and reconstruction plan.

On infrastructure:
-headway has been in energy and telecomms infrastructure
-we have launched 2 major human settlement projects

#SONA2021 | Ramaphosa: "This evening we stand here not to make promises but to report on the process of the recovery plan."


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