

Steenhuisen says South Africans should be terrified of NHI plans – Briefly 29 January

Health Minister Zweli Mkhize says the NHI will be run in a similar way to the nation's road accident fund - This has attracted criticism from DA leader John Steenhuisen, who pointed out that the RAF is cash-strapped and troubled - Steenhuisen was launching the opposition party's 'real state of the nation' address PAY ATTENTION: Click “See First” under the “Following” tab to see Briefly.co.za News on your News Feed! John Steenhuisen has spoken out against the National Health Insurance bill after Minister Zweli Mkhize commented it would be run along the same lines as the Road Accident Fund. During a visit to the abandoned Kempton Park Hospital, the Democratic Alliance leader warned that it is a 'disaster' waiting to happen. The DA has launched its own version of the state of the nation address, ahead of President Cyril Ramaphosa's speech set to take place next month, Briefly.co.za gathered. TimesLIVE reports that Steenhuisen pointed out the failure of the ANC when it came to managing the nation's existing health care system: "It is very clear that this government does not have the capacity to manage health care currently, and it is therefore completely inconceivable how they see the NHI as being able to address the health concerns of this country." READ ALSO: Hanekom comes for Magashule: Ace blasts ANC members for speaking out Steenhuisen insists the new bill will only allow for more looting, commenting that: "We all know the NHI is going to open the door for more looting and corruption in the health-care sector, which we know is already riddled with corruption and maladministration." Mkhize's comments on the NHI system, according to the politician, should terrify citizens: "A comment made a few weeks ago by the health minister that the NHI will be run along the lines of the road accident fund should terrify South Africans. Anybody who has had dealings or is familiar with the bankrupt and corrupt RAF should be terrified by this because South Africans need quality and affordable health care." Steenhuisen was adamant that the neglected hospital amid cramped facilities was evidence enough of the future of SA's healthcare: Read more: <https://briefly.co.za/51495-steenhuisen-south-africans-terrified-nhi-plans.html>