

# Pretoria gallows restored as a museum

The gallows in Pretoria's Central Prison - where hundreds of people, many of the political activists were put to death - is now being restored and turned into a museum and tourist attraction, reports *IOL*.



The South African Constitutional Court voted unanimously in June 1996 that the death penalty should be abolished in this country and at the time it was thought that the building would be locked and forgotten.

However, the Minister of Correctional Services, Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqukula has ordered that the gallows be restored and opened to the public as a museum to preserve South Africa's history and give bereaved families a chance to make peace with their past.

The museum is to open in the first week of December.

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