



Magaia shines during Banyana's FIFA Women's World Cup run

Despite the fact that South African female Australia and New Zealand. Magaia scored football team has been knocked-out of the FIFA Women's World Cup tournament, Dennilton born Banyana Banyana player, Hilda Magaia, said she is happy that she contributed immensely to take the team to the knock-out stages of the competition, hosted jointly in

Banyana Banyana advance to the last 16 of tournament with a 2-0 defeat after bowing a crucial winning goal that saw South Africa the prestigious tournament for the first time.

down to the Netherlands on Saturday 5 August.







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Continues from page 1... Despite the emotional exit of the South African team in the tournament, Magaia, who is popularly known as "The breadwinner", has increased Banyana Banyana earnings to R1,4 Million for helping the team reaching knockout stages. "They call me the Breadwinner; without the bread winner there is no bread, I had to provide bread for the nation," she said. Following her stellar display in the match, Magaia walked away with player of the match prize. "All I can say is to thank the glory of God for everything he has done for me. I also thank the coaches for the opportunity they have given me and the trust they have in me," she said. Magaia revealed that she will be using her world cup earnings to spoil her mother who used to be her source of inspiration throughout the years. "I will be able to help my family, I will be able to do everything for my mother, because I am the one who is taking care of her, I am the bread winner, so I will be doing everything for my mom," she said. The 28-year-old striker is always coming to the party to the to see Banyana Banyana victorious in major football tournaments, making contributions to lead South Africa in winning the WAFCON competition played last year in Morocco. "Personally, I would say since it was my first world cup, it was an emotional one," she said. During the FIFA World Cup, Magaia scored two goals and contributed one assist in four matches. Magaia was born at Mpheleng Village in Dennilton on 16 December 1994. She began her professional football career with Pretoria University side, TUKS in 2017, before moving to Swedish based club, Moron BK FC, and later joined Sejong Sportstoto in the 2022/2023 football season.



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Sekhukhune Liquor Traders dispute new Limpopo Liquor **Act in High Court**

Scores of members of the Sekhukhune Liquor Traders Association have on Tuesday 8 August converged at the High Court of South Africa in Polokwane, sort to interdict the new Limpopo Liquor Act, which prohibits the sale of alcohol after midnight in the province. The association, supported by the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) in the province, handed an urgent application to repeal the new Limpopo Liquor Act, which came into full implementation since Tuesday 1 August 2023. Following the announcement of the new act, earlier last month, MEC for Economic Development, Environment and Tourism in Limpopo (LEDET), Rodgers Monama, spent seven days listening to outcries and confusions associated with the official implementation of the new Limpopo Liquor Act, with some of the consultations held in Sekhukhune. During the consultations, aggrieved and concerned stakeholders such as the National Liquor Traders, Drinks Federation of SA, Sekhukhune Liquor Traders, artists and their representatives, disputed the implementation of the act, citing that it hit hard on their businesses and exacerbate the high rate of unemployment in the province. However, the hearing was postponed to Friday 18 August 2023. National Convener of South African Liquor Traders Association, Lucky Ntimane, said they were interdicting the new Act because the Limpopo Government did not properly consult with relevant stakeholders before the implementation of the law. Ntimane said they advised the liquor outlets to continue trade until 2am until the court finalise the ruling. EFF Chairperson in Limpopo, Tshilidzi Maraga, said the party profusely rejects the new Limpopo Liquor Act. "Accordingly, the EFF challenged the implementation of the Act in the High Court in Polokwane in solidarity with the Sekhukhune Liquor Traders Association. It must be highlighted that as it stands, the Act does not represent the interest of the poor and the working class," she said. According to Maraga, the Act, which prohibits the sale of alcohol after midnight, will not only destroy the livelihoods for those who work at liquor establishments, but it will contribute significantly to the rising levels of unemployment and poverty. "The Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism threw the element of public participation out of the window in the law making process, which is paramount in a constitutional democracy thus rendering the Act invalid and unconstitutional," explained Maraga. She indicated that the party is also challenging the decisions by the LEDET MEC to enact the regulations without complying with his constitutional obligations to facilitate public participation. "Worse is that, the EFF is part of the Portfolio Committee on LEDET but the regulations, however, were enacted without the Portfolio Committee being afforded the opportunity to deliberate on the regulations. This was a further irregularity in the process," she said. Maraga said the party will call for the Act to be repealed because it does not meet the test of public participation and its intended purpose fails to uplift the fundamental needs of the people whose wages are generated through working after midnight. "The ANC government once again proved to be insensitive and careless to the working class by disregarding their interests. The EFF shall continue the fight unjust laws which seek to deepen the living conditions of the poor," concluded Maraga. LEDET MEC, Rodgers Monama, insisted that proper consultation were held with liquor traders in the province before the implementation of the new Act.

Mayor Moimana vows to improve EMLM financial audit outcomes

The Mayor of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality (EPMLM), Cllr Given Moimana, said the local municipality will ensure that all departments are involved and cooperate with the Auditor General (AG) to improve the financial audit of the institution. Moimana said during fourth EPM-

LM EXCO strategic planning performance meeting, held at the municipality chamber in Marble Hall on Monday 31 July 2023, was to assess the 2022/23 fourth quarter performance report of the institution. The strategic planning deliberated and resolved on the issues including minimising the use of consultants and making sure that they capacitate the internal workforce, the renovation of municipal buildings, decentralization of licensing services to all satellite offices and consequence management to be implemented to contractors who do shoddy work. The meeting also agreed on a plan to develop the earmarked land for regional mall at the intersection of R573 and N11, disposing of municipal houses and rezoning of vacant land into residential at extension 5 to enhance revenue base, a need to improve project management of the institution and addressing all outstanding 13 issues raised by the AG before the next audit. "The audit period is around the corner and we should make sure that all the departments are involved and cooperate with the Auditor General of South Africa in order to improve on our audit opinion for the financial year under review," concluded Moimana.



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EMLM Mayor, Given Moimana, said the local municipality will be working cooperatively with all departments within to improve audit report outcomes.













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Limpopo Women's Month launched to advance women emancipation and empowerment

As part of lined-up series of Women's Month Celebration events, the Limpopo Provincial Government has launched the Women's Month Programme at Ga-Nkwana Village outside Jane Furse on Tuesday 1 August. According to the provincial government, the launch of the Women's Month Programme in Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), unveiled the 2023 agenda, which focuses on accelerating socio-economic opportunities for women's empowerment. The programme includes various activities designed to address the challenges faced by women in Limpopo. These activities include a business venture session, a women's prayer day, sessions on gender equality and an inclusive society, the establishment of cooperatives, capacity building and support for Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs), workshops on gender-based violence and addressing issues of depression and fraudulent marriages. The event was attended by esteemed guests and community members, aimed to reflect on the achievements of the Limpopo Provincial Government in women's emancipation and empowerment. Delivering the keynote address, MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture in the province, Nakedi Kekana, highlighted the significant strides made by the Limpopo Provincial Government in advancing women's emancipation and empowerment. Kekana emphasised the importance of capacitating women in critical sectors of the economy, such as technology, construction, mining, transport, and logistics, the government has provided women with the necessary tools, training, and support to excel in these sectors. She also outlined the government's commitment to addressing persisting challenges such as gender-based violence, gender inequality, poverty, and unemployment. "Through partnerships with civil society and the private sector, comprehensive interventions have been developed to combat gender-based violence, promote gender equality, and create economic opportunities for women," she said. MEC Kekana expressed gratitude to the women of Limpopo for their strength, courage and resilience, acknowledging their invaluable contributions to society, the economy and culture. She also extended appreciation to the Limpopo Provincial government, partners, and stakeholders for their unwavering support and commitment to women's emancipation and empowerment. The launch event also featured esteemed speakers, including Mankese Thema from the Human Rights Commission (HRC), who encouraged women to emancipate themselves and fight against genderbased violence. Representing the Commission of Gender Equity (CGE), Nkhensani Hlekani, emphasised the impor-



tance of information reaching women and the use of technological gadgets to ensure accessibility. Peter Malepe, from the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), highlighted the need for fair representation of women in politics and the strengthening of democracy through free and fair elections. The Limpopo Provincial Government said the Women's Month Programme will be championed across all districts of Limpopo, ensuring inclusivity and equal opportunities for all women, in a commitment to empowering women and ensuring that no woman is left behind. The main celebration of Women's Day in the province was held on Wednesday 9 August at Rebone Stadium in Mogalakwena Local Municipality, Waterberg District Municipality.

MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture in Limpopo, Nakedi Kekana, said women play an important role in uplifting the economy in various sectors in the province.

Mayor Tladi showers elderly with gifts to conclude Mandela Month

To wrap-up Mandela Month Celebrations activities, The Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM), Cllr David Magetle Tladi, donated blankets, soccer kits and groceries to Ramogwerane Old Age Club in the local municipality's ward 29 on Friday 28 July 2023. The generous gesture was handed-over at Ramogwerane Apostolic Church outside Groblersdal. Super Spar Groblersdal, Boxer Store, Pick n Pay and Nedbank Groblersdal sponsored the donation. During the donation event, Mayor Tladi uttered words of encouragement to the elderly, urging them to keep on exercising as part of promoting good health and as a fight against chronic diseases and other illness. Forty blankets were handed out to senior citizens to ease the non-ending freezing winter season. An 89-year-old Mamoteme Mabona from Ramogwerane, who was one of the blankets recipients, was all smiles as he waltzed his way through the doors of the hall after he received the goodies. Another beneficiary, Betty Malatji, an 85-year-old granny, said she was happy with her new blanket. "The way I am so happy with this donation, I can see that the lord is with us," she said. During the donation, Mayor Tladi was accompanied by Ward Councillor Reginah Makua, Coun-

cillor Hebert Radingwana, Ward Committee Members, Moshate wa Manthole, Captain Matsepe from SAPS in Sekhukhune District Office, Mme Mamedupi who is a Social Worker and representatives from various stakeholders.



EMLM Ward 29 Councillor, Reginah Makua, **EMLM PR Coun**cillor, Herbert Radingana and EMLM Mayor, David Tladi, handing-over a blanket to one of the elderly citizens at the Ramogwerane Apostolic Church during Mandela Month Celebrations.

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The copies of the service delivery and budget implementation plan for 2023/2024 financial year documents are available at the Municipal Office in Marble Hall, Municipal Satellite Offices (Zamenkomst, Elandskraal and Leeufontein), Offices of Traditional Authorities within the Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality, Marble Hall Library, Matlelerekeng Thusong Service Centre and the Municipal Website.

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Clip of Dennilton mother beating own child goes viral

A Dennilton woman who is seen beating her own son in a video that has gone viral on social media platforms was allegedly arrested on Tuesday 8 August 2023. In a footage, which was shared on various social media platforms from Monday 7 August 2023, the mother is seen kicking the toddler several times and stomp him on his neck. The child is seen struggling to breath and crying helplessly while the mother continue pressing her foot on his neck against the floor. It is alleged that the assault was triggered after the woman's boyfriend, who is the child's father broke up with her. Apparently, the woman became furious with the separation and decided to take the video footage assaulting the boy and sent it to his father. The father later circulated the video on social media platforms. According to the neighbours, the woman was arrested after an outcry was raised by thousands of social media users across the country. However, Police Spokesperson in Limpopo Province, Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, could not confirm the arrest as he could not respond to queries sent by the Dispatch publication. According to the Department of Social Development (DSD), child abuse is now prevalent in the country, with perpetrators being parents and close friends and relatives to the victim. The department said if any form of abuse is witnessed in the communities, any member of the public has a right to contact law enforcement agencies, social worker from DSD or child protection organizations such as Child Welfare Society. The department said the social worker and the police in some cases, will interview the child as soon as possible. A decision concerning the child's safety will be made by the social worker who will be attending the case and if response is slow and particularly if the child remains at risk, the referring person should follow up the matter until the child is safe. The department also states that the father has a right to have custody of a child if the mother is abusive. This can be done when the father apply to have the rights and responsibility of the mother revoked through the High Court, a Divorce Court in a divorce matter or through a Children's Court. This application could be due to physical or emotional abuse, drug addiction or an unsafe environment for the children. The DSD is encouraging anyone who want to report child abuse to contact their toll free hotline on 0800 428 428, send a "please call me" with their cellphones to *120*7867# and forward an SMS to 31531.



MLM council adopts service delivery imperatives

The council of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM) has agreed to resolve on some of the municipality's imperatives to speed up service delivery to its people. The resolution was taken during and ordinary council sitting held recently in terms of section 29(1) of Local Government's Municipal Systems Act No 117 of 1998. Lemson Moropjane, MLM Spokesperson, said the council agreed on the approved fourth quarter performance report and the annual performance report, which indicated 98.5% achievement of target set for the quarter with only two targets slightly missed. "The council is largely happy with the work done by the departments collective. All the departments in the exception of Budget and Treasury Office (BTO) and Corporate Services achieved 100% of their targets for the year. BTO achieved 93% while corporate services achieved 95% of the set targets. Accordingly, this can only mean that the residents' lives are being empowered and are changing for the better," he said. During 2022/2023, the municipality was allocated just over R94 Million to implement the conditional Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG). Moropjane said by the end of June 2023, which concludes the 2022/2023 financial year, the municipality was able to process and implement 8 Infrastructural projects to improve the quality of life of its residents. Moropjane went on to say the council has also received and hailed an EPWP fourth quarter report, whose sole intention is to provide economic relief and working

opportunities to the needy in the municipality. "During the municipal strategic planning meeting earlier this year, prominent of the engagements were how does the municipal respond to plans to generate more revenue to continue to service its residents and become economically viable. It is not by fluke that the Municipal Manager, Ronald Moganedi, developed plans to bolster the traffic law enforcement to not only improve and enforce rules on the road by ensuring both motorists and pedestrians adhere to safety, but to also come up with plans to penalise the transgressors," explained Moropjane. Moropjane added that through this initiative, the municipality collected over R500 000-00 in the financial year that ended in June 2023. Following the lapsing of the Audit Committee term of office, the council has moved swiftly to appoint a five member panel which will be chaired by VK Choene. The other community members are MP Ramotsheli, RA Mabula, KLE Majuta and TR Komane. The meeting has also noted the lapsing of contracts of employment of some senior managers that took centre stage during the strategic planning, with five year fixed term employment contract of senior manager in economic development and planning, coming to an end soon. "The council agreed to subsequently declare a vacancy and advertise the position within 14 working days. Furthermore, Mr Collen Mathabathe will continue to act in the position of Chief Financial Officer (CFO). "concluded Moropjane.



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Unknown suspects sought after ATMs blasted in Moletlane

The Limpopo Provincial Organised Crime Unit have activated a massive manhunt for a group of heavily armed suspects who allegedly blasted two ATMs at Moletlane Plaza outside Marble Hall in the early hours of Wednesday 2 August 2023. Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said according to information, a 49-year-old security guard was on duty at the plaza on the night of the incident at around 02:00 when he allegedly noticed a group of armed suspects, who apparently also noticed him and started to chase after him. "The security seemingly managed to evade the robbers and went to safety. While in hiding, the security officer heard a sound of blast and moments later the suspects fled the scene in an unknown vehicle at a high speed. Two ATMs were bombed and the suspects managed to flee the scene with an undisclosed amount of money," explained Ledwaba. He said the police were immediately notified and opened two counts of malicious damage to property and two counts of business robbery, hence a manhunt for the suspects involved has been launched. "The police are appealing to anyone with information that can lead to the arrest of the suspects to urgently contact Detective Captain Lesetja Mogotlane on 082 451 7232, the crime Stop number 08600

of MySAPSApp. The police investigations are still ongoing," he said. Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, the Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, has called upon the investigation team to track down the suspects with a view to arrest them.

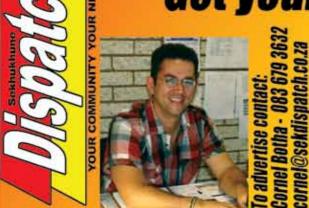


Police manhunt underway after Phokoane man killed in hijacking incident

The police in Nebo have launched a manhunt operation for a group of unknown suspects responsible for the murder of a 32-year-old man who was gunned down outside his house in an alleged hijacking. The incident took place at Phokoane Village in the early hours of Monday 7 August 2023, at about 01:00. "According to the information at this stage, the victim, now deceased, his girlfriend and uncle, were from a local liquor outlet when the deceased requested his girlfriend to drive his vehicle, a Toyota double cab. Upon arrival at home, the uncle entered the house leaving the couple in the vehicle. Apparently, unknown suspects, armed with firearms, emerged from the darkness and ordered the couple to move to the back seat. The victims allegedly attempted to escape when the man was shot multiple times, killing him instantly," said Provincial Spokesperson of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant Colonel Mamphaswa Seabi. He added that the suspects later sped off in the victim's vehicle and the police were alerted and upon arrival, they started with initial investigations. "The manhunt operation for the suspects was immediately activated. The victim's vehicle was recovered in the same village after the suspects abandoned it. The police have opened a case of murder and hijacking. The deceased was identified as Sipho Aphane," said Seabi. He said the police appeal to anyone with information that may lead to the arrest of the suspects to contact the investigating officer, Sergeant Kabelo Shokane on 079 384 1803, crime stop number 08600 10111, the nearest police station or make use MySAPSapp. Seabi said police investigation to locate the whereabouts of the suspect continues. Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has also appealed to the community to work with the police by providing valuable information that can lead to the apprehension of the suspects responsible for this horrendous attack.







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Volunteering Department of Health specialists busy performing operations at Philadelphia Hospital during the Rural Health Matters Outreach Programme.

Suspect arrested after taxi owner gunned down in Ga-Masemola

Members the Sekhukhune Police Tracking Team have arrested a 23-year-old suspect in connection with the murder of a taxi owner in Ga-Masemola Village outside Jane Furse. The suspect was arrested on Thursday 3 August 2023 after he was positively linked with the murder that occurred in June 2023. Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the victim was found by community members with gunshot wounds on Monday 12 June 2023 at around 20:00, along R579 next to Phokoane Village. "The police were alerted and murder case was opened for investigations. Following intensive investigations, it was discovered that the deceased was a local taxi owner. His vehicle, a Toyota Quantum minibus was hijacked and he was also shot dead during the incident. The minibus was later recovered at Nebo Policing area and some parts of vehicle were missing," explained Ledwaba. He said investigations unfolded until when other parts were recovered, where a 23-year-old suspect was then arrested for possession of suspected stolen vehicle and was positively linked with a murder case. "The suspect will appear before the Nebo Magistrate's Court soon. Police investigations are still ongoing," he said. The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, praised the investigating team for efforts displayed, which she said has paid-off well as the involved culprit was



The Limpopo Department of Health has concluded its week long Rural Health Matters Outreach Campaign Programme that commenced in Sekhukhune District Municipality from 24 to 30 July 2023. The programme, which seeks to clear surgical backlogs, was conducted by a group of specialists in various hospitals across Sekhukhune including Philadelphia Hospital, Groblersdal Hospital, Jane Furse Hospital, Dilokong Hospital, Matlala Hospital, St Rita's Hospital and Mecklenburg Hospital. According to the department, the Rural Health Matters Outreach Programme stands to benefit people from disadvantaged communities. It is through the programme that rural hospitals increase local access and allow patients to focus on getting better rather than getting to appointments to secondary and tertiary hospitals in the province. The specialist team included but not limited to Paediatrics Surgeons, Ophthalmologists, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, Radiologists, Gynecologist, Orthopaedics Surgeons, Urologists, ENT Surgeons, Obstetricians, Maxillo Facial Surgeons, Anaesthesiologists, Physicians, Hand and Micro Surgery Specialists and General Surgeons, who will spend the whole week clearing surgical and medical backlogs, transferring skills and expose specialists to the entire district. Health Department Spokesperson, Neil Shikwambana, said over 100 operations were performed and conducted until the 1st of August 2023. Outlining the highlights of the outreach campaign, Shikwambana said eleven orthopaedic cases were cleared at Philadelphia Hospital in Dennilton, four hernia repairs, two hemorroidectomy, 1 lipoma, one keloid and 2 hydrocelectomy cleared at Matlala Hospital in Tsimanyane. He said at Dilokong Hospital in Burgersfort, two major operations were performed, with OBS operations, relating to abdominal hysterectomies. MEC for Health Department in the province, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, praised the specialist doctors for volunteering their time to clear the surgical backlog and impart surgical skills. "We are grateful that the dignity, confidence and quality of life of our people is restored. Indeed Rural Health Matters. We choose to celebrate and appreciate those who are behind the statistics we continue to report to you. Our statistics are not just numbers. It is someone's parent, child, grandparent, husband, wife, or even sibling or a cousin," she said. Ramathuba commended a trio of doctors who managed to perform operations at Philadelphia Hospital towards the end of the campaign. "The Chabalalas from Mokopane, Dr Edion and Edmond Chabalala, together with Dr Nkwe Mpe were making it possible for Professor Steve Matshidze to perform three hip replacement and 2 knee replacement at Philadelphia Hospital. These patients who were operated successfully so will have their quality of life restored. For our surgeons to perform these complicated procedures in rural hospitals they need competent doctors. Our trio are there to continue in making sure people understand that rural health matters. They left the comfort of their bedroom this winter to make sure lives of rural people of Sekhukhune matters too," she said. Ramathuba the volunteering doctors and dedicated nurses continue to support the programme in the province, saying it plays an important part to clear backlogs at rural hospitals. "It is important for our people know their selfless good doctors who always heed the call to go and assist without any questions. If South Africans can have their attitude, we would be far as a nation. On behalf of the people of our province, our patients and their families, we say thank you," concluded Ramathuba.



Sekhukhune United reveal new 2023/2024 team

sponsorship

Sekhukhune United FC have unveiled Macron Sportswear as their new sponsor ahead of the 2023/2024 Dstv Premier Soccer League (PSL) season. The Italian technical sportswear was announced on Wednesday 2 August 2023 and will be replacing Kappa. The club said Macron have signed a three-year partnership with Babina Noko to become the team's official technical sponsor starting with the 2023/2024 season. "The home and away kit gives a strong nod to a Club which is always respectful of its tradition, reimagining the porcupine at the back and front of the jersey. 'Noko', the porcupine, represents the cultural identity that resonates with the roots of this Club," the club said in a statement. Speaking about the new deal, United Chairman, Simon Malatji, said: "We are delighted to formally announce our new technical Kit partner and supplier Macron," he said. Macron, a company with Italian heritage, which partners with international brands such as Crystal Palace, Armenia Beilefeld and Real Sociedad amongst others, has marked its entry into professional football in South Africa by partnering with 'Babina Noko'. "It is an ambitious sports brand known for its innovation in materials as well as its style, and we are pleased to be collaborating with them. We look forward to presenting the new kit to our supporters, and are sure they will love it," said Malatji. Rassie Pieterse, Macron Sports Hub CEO, said partnering with Babina Noko will produce many distinctive kits design. "Macron has been one of the leaders in Europe for a number of years. Being one of the official sponsors of EUFA and many top clubs in the



Sekhukhune United players showing off the new home and away kits after agreeing on a new partnership with Italian sportswear, Macron.

EPL, La Liga, Serie A league and many more, Macron has been eager to find a club in SA that has the same drive and values as us, and we have found it in Sekhukhune FC. We are very excited about this partnership. The team

has shown over the last few seasons that they mean business. We are excited to see the fans reaction with the new jersey. We want the fans to get behind the team. We wish Sekhukhune United FC all the best for the season,"Pieterse

said. The club said an on-sale date of the new kit will be confirmed in due course. Babina Noko will debut their new kit against Mamelodi Sundowns on Friday 4 August at the New Peter Mokaba Stadium in Polokwane.

Trio nabbed as drugs, unlicensed firearm and suspected stolen goats seized

The Sekhukhune Flying Squad Police members in conjunction with the FCS members, Nebo and Hlogotlou Police, have arrested three suspects, aged between 26 and 37, in connection with crimes ranging from possession of suspected stolen goods, drugs (Nyaope) and unlicensed firearm. The trio was arrested at Maserumule Park Village outside Monsterlus on Thursday 3 August 2023. Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the arrest emanated when a member of the Sekhukhune Flying Squad was on his way to Tubatse to attend an interview when he noticed a suspicious tinted motor vehicle, a Toyota Fortuner, silver in colour with four unknown male occupants."The member pulled off the vehicle and when it stopped, one of the occupants opened the door and ran on foot. He proceeded to searching the driver and his crew. While searching them, he found Nyaope drugs and an air-gun in their possession. The vehicle was also carrying 13 livestock (goats), which they could not account for. While he was busy at the scene, a member of Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit (FCS), who was passing-by noticed him and stopped to help. The local police were also notified and the suspects were arrested," explained Ledwaba. He said the suspects

were charged with possession of suspected stolen goods, possession of drugs and unlawful possession of an unlicensed firearm. "The suspects will appear before Nebo Magistrate's Court soon. Police investigations are still continuing," he said. Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, Limpopo Provincial Police Commissioner, hailed the commitment and resilience displayed by the team involved in the arrest and recovery of the stock.

The suspected stolen goats that were recovered inside the suspects' vehicle during the arrests.



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