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## Multiple murder accused gets four life terms

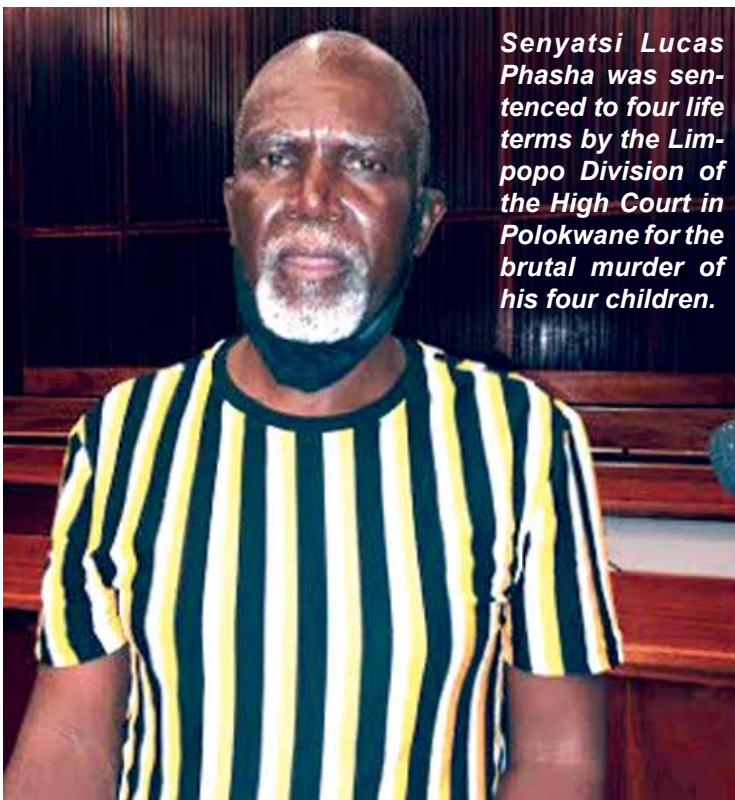
Multiple murder accused, Senyatsi Lucas Phasha, was sentenced to four life terms by the Limpopo Division of the High Court in Polokwane in connection with murder of his four children.

The sentence was handed down on Friday 4 June. The deceased, Katlego (9), Joyce (7), Tshepo (5) and Adel (2) were found dead in two separate locations at Ga-Phasha Selatole outside Jane Furse on 17 February 2020. Following the incident, the 52-year-old lawyer was arrested and charged with four counts of murder, hence the conviction and sentencing. National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) Spokesperson, Mashudu Malabi-Dzhang, said the court heard how the three children were found hacked to death with an axe, and the youngest, had her head bludgeoned with a huge stone. "Before the incident, Phasha posted on his Facebook page that his wife was cheating on him and she would never see her children again.

The police arrested Phasha the same day after he confessed to his neighbour that he killed his children," said Malabi-Dzhang. State prosecutor, Advocate Mashudu Mudau, proved all the elements of the murder before the sentence was handed down against the accused. The court also heard that Phasha was previously convicted for murder, three counts of attempted murder and reckless driving. Just before handing down the sentence, Judge Gerrit Cornelius Muller said: "This is a horrific crime and the accused

is not a candidate for rehabilitation as he has previous convictions of murder and attempted murder". The court sentenced Phasha to life imprisonment for each count of murder. The NPA welcomed the sentence, as they believe it would send a strong message to the public that this was a gruesome murder, and the criminal justice system made sure that justice was served. MEC for Social Development in Limpopo, Nkakareng Rakgoale, who was in court, welcomed the sentence and said people like a Phasha character should be permanently removed from the society. The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo Province welcomed the sentence saying it was effective to see the accused in jail. "It is worrying that convicts with a history of violent crime are either granted bail or parole and then often reoffend. We urge the justice system to take an accused's criminal history and behaviour in prison into serious consideration before decisions on bail

or parole are made," said Katlego Suzan Phala, DA Provincial Spokesperson on Community Safety. Phala indicated that the party is concerned that during the 2019/2020 period, 2 807 crimes against children were reported in our province. "It is clear that the current culture of abuse towards women and children and the deeply entrenched toxic masculinity in our society are traumatising our communities and ruining lives. The DA calls on Provincial Police Commissioner, Lt General Thembi Hadebe, to prioritise cases involving child victims and to increase visible policing in areas where children frequent," she said. Phala hinted that the rights and safety of children are entrenched in the Constitution and the DA hopes that the sentence handed down on Phasha, will send a clear message to those who intends to harm children.



**Senyatsi Lucas Phasha was sentenced to four life terms by the Limpopo Division of the High Court in Polokwane for the brutal murder of his four children.**

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## Children Week celebrated in Elandskraal

In celebration of the Child Protection Week, which is an annual campaign to educate and mobilise communities to put children first, Elandskraal SAPS outside Marble Hall has recently joined hands with different stakeholders, reaching out to ninety children from around the policing area. The event was designed to raise awareness about children's rights, their safety and security for which government and various organizations around the country gear-up to support the programme. In the latest survey, it was found that one in three children, under the age of 18, is a victim of sexual violence and physical abuse. The Elandskraal campaign was supported by the Provincial Corporate Communication section, Captain Nemavhola Radzilani. During the celebration, Acting Station Commander Warrant Officer Moalushi and Social Crime Prevention Coordinator Sergeant Bapela successfully coordinated the event, which was well attended by the Victim Empowerment Programme (VEP), Department of Education, Department of Social Development, Community Policing Forum (CPF) and ward Councillor Matsekeng. Activities of the day included the SAPS Jazz band that mesmerized the young ones who excitedly danced to the tunes.

The listed speakers of the day encouraged members of the community to stand against child abuse which is a growing concern nationwide. It was indicated that an ongoing effort should be raised, with the hope of ensuring that more people are empowered to do something about it. Pastor Nkosi, who was among the speakers, stressed that child abuse is one of the crimes that might be difficult to identify by the police, as it mostly happens behind closed doors and its often swept under the carpet. "Low self-esteem and depression are just some of the challenges experienced by our children and that bullying is an enemy which is giving everyone sleepless nights," he said. The children were showered with



gifts from the Provincial Corporate Communication and the station engagement. All kinds of child maltreatment such as emotional abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse and economical abuse were outlined in the event.

## SALGA Limpopo applauds municipalities

The South African Local Government Association (SALGA) in Limpopo, welcomes the solid performance put up by municipalities during the recent municipal auditing cycle, said SALGA Provincial Chairperson, Cllr Pule Shayi. However, out of all the municipalities in the province, only Capricorn District Municipality maintained a clean audit opinion. Fifteen municipalities received unqualified audit opinions and ten obtained qualified opinions. In Sekhukhune, Makhudutamaga Local Municipality maintained an unqualified audit opinion, Ephraim Mogale saw an improvement to an unqualified audit opinion, an improvement from qualified opinion 2019/2020 financial year. Sekhukhune District, Elias Motsoaledi and Fetakgomo Tubatse obtained qualified audit opinion. "We are really proud of the drive and resilience that our municipalities demonstrated in their quest for seamless service delivery for all in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. The strong leadership demonstrated by our councils was expected and the respect for full public accountability is evident throughout the whole audit process," Shayi said. He indicated that the previous outcomes highlighted a need for intensified action on enforcing accountability and consequence management. They believe they are beginning to turn the corner on this matter. "Local government is slowly professionalizing and the recent audit report bears testimony to this fact. The collective image of our municipalities is improving for the better and so shall follow the rewards on increased inward investment attraction and favorable credit ratings," he said. Shayi indicated that the association is working on an action plan, to resolve remaining challenges facing the municipalities. "Over the years, SALGA together with its stakeholders recognize municipalities that steadfastly implemented efforts to improve financial governance in line



**SALGA Limpopo Provincial Chairperson, Cllr Pule Shayi, says the association will convene awards to inspire good performance in the municipalities.**

with a clean audit programme. As part of recognizing municipalities SALGA would convene a hybrid Municipal Audit Awards session," Shayi emphasized. The provincial chairperson outlined the objectives of the awards as to inspire municipal excellence in good governance and sound financial management and to continually recommit all municipalities to a programme of action that will bring them in line with the imperatives of the clean audit programme. "The initiative will improve and strengthen financial reporting, strengthen governance structures, strengthen compliance to legislation and prescripts and also strengthens enforcement of consequences for poor performances," he said. Shayi said the municipalities will have to commit to a collective programme of action to improve the state of municipal finances and the image of the province.

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## Three ATMS blasted at Moteti

Petrol attendants and security guards ran for cover when armed criminals bombed three ATMS at Moteti Top Spot Shopping Centre on Wednesday 2 June.

According to witnesses, about ten heavily armed men stormed in the shopping centre in the early hours and started shooting randomly. "A few moments after the shooting, the criminals put explosives on the Nedbank, ABSA and Standard Bank ATM's. A few minutes later, one of the machines blew up and the man proceeded to the other two ATM machines and blasted them as well," said a witness. He said the process took about five minutes and extensively damaged the ATMS. "I suspect no money was taken during the incident as the criminals ran empty handed after hearing the police sirens, but I cannot guarantee that," he said. He added that blasting of ATMS and armed robberies create fear and confusion to shoppers, staff members and security personnel at the shopping centre. "This place is targeted, I think poor security attract criminals to come and rob shops and blast ATMS. They should beef up security to avoid similar occurrences," he said. A customer, Jackson Mosotho, said they are struggling to withdraw money after the ATMS were blown up. "The situation is very bad now after the incident. We are urged to go to Kwaggafontein Mall, Moutsiya Mall, Moutse Mall and as far as Groblersdal Town to withdraw money. I don't think the ATMs will be fixed anytime soon. We just have to

get used to the situation," he said. Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, Brigadier Motlalela Mojapelo, could not respond to the publication's messages and calls when request for police report.



**Moteti Top Spot Shopping Centre was totally closed for operations after criminals blasted four ATMS.**

## Vaccination sites increased to curb spiking Covid-19 infections

The Limpopo Health Department says it will activate all its 37 approved vaccination sites and 92 community outreach teams, as the demand increases in the province. The department stated that this is done in order to improve access to the vaccination in an equitable manner to all the Limpopo citizens. "Since the commencement of Phase 2 Covid-19 Vaccination rollout on the 17 May 2021, the department has so far expanded from the initial 6 Pfizer site to 20 vaccination sites over a three week period excluding our outreach sites. The demand from our senior citizens aged 60 and above to receive the vaccine has been overwhelming. Despite having limited vaccines, we were able to deal with the high volumes of our senior citizens visiting our sites," said Health Department Spokesperson Neil Shikwambana. He indicated that the province has from the beginning, accepting the walk-in as a result of appreciating the material conditions on the ground and never returned any patient without SMS. With the 37 approved vaccination sites and 92 community outreach sites, clients are now encouraged to wait for SMS before coming to the site and walk-in clients will continue to be slotted on available time-slots whenever possible however priority will be given to those with SMS," explained Shikwambana. He said this will allow each site to take limited number of people per day, as the limited vaccine dosages we receive per week will be equally distributed to all 37 sites, with priority being given to sites that will be opening for the first time. Limpopo Health Department MEC, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, said they have noted that there are some villages which are in areas far away from eligible vaccination sites, which makes it difficult for senior citizens to access the vaccine. "As such, the department has been able to reach out to those areas through our outreach teams and will continue to do so. We call upon our people to remain patient as we will reach out to every single senior citizen, they remain our priorities," she said. Ramathuba indicated that they are encouraged and humbled by an increase in the number of people who are registered, continue to register and present themselves in numbers for vaccination. The province has so far saw more than 120 000 people receiving their vaccines while more than 405 000 have already registered. "Equally, we are proud of registration teams assisting senior citizens and our vaccination teams that continue to make sure no senior citizens who present themselves at our sites for vaccination is turned away, unless the vaccine is finished. Our vaccination outreach teams go to an extent of delivering vaccines to our golden boys and girls who are 90 years and above at their own home," informed Ramathuba. However, the MEC said the department is worried and concerned about the spike in the number of new Covid-19 infections, especially in the Waterberg Region. From the 176 new cases recorded, 102 are in the same region and the other 50 were recorded at Thabazimbi Municipality only. "We call upon the people of Limpopo to remain vigilant. While we are trying hard to fast track the vaccination program, we also urge our people to be strict with wearing of masks, social distancing and hand sanitizing if not hand washing with water and soap. It's critical to avoid gatherings, whether funerals, weddings or churches. It is important to only go to the mall and shops if indeed it's a must," she said.



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## Residents cry foul over incomplete RDP houses

Residents of New Stand Village in Dennilton, Moutse, are fuming after contractors left 23 RDP houses incomplete. The beneficiaries have lived without roofs over their heads after a contractor allegedly vanished without completing their RDP houses three years ago. The Mahlangu and Mashaba families, lead by elderly people who rely on social grants, told the Dispatch Publication that they are waiting

since 2018 for their houses to be completed. According to Betty Mahlangu (70), who lives with her five grandchildren in a dilapidating three room house, said she cannot afford to buy cement and complete the abandoned foundation trench that was left by the contractor. "I do not have any idea when my house will be completed. I don't know what to do or who to talk to at the municipality. I wish I had money, I could have long completed my house," she said. Betty and her family survives on social grants. The disgruntled Mahlangu added that the family is living in fear as the house they are living in is in a very bad condition and can collapse while they are sleeping. "I was happy when they dug foundation trenches in my yard. Hoping that finally I will have a proper shelter but that did not happen. I am not the only one affected, there are many incomplete, unoccupied partially-vandalized RDP houses here," she said. The wheelchair-bound Hilda Mashaba (66), is a pensioner whose house was left without a roof. The beneficiary lives in a dilapidated old muddled house with a leaking roof, which its back part collapsed in 2017. Mashaba shares the old collapsing structure with her four grandchildren. "I have started saving money from my social grant to complete the house. I can see nothing is happening here. My family will have to starve because there is nothing that can be done. I'm tired of waiting," she said furiously. Mpumalanga Party political organization, has committed to seek for donations and assist the families to complete the houses. "This is a serious violation of human rights. We are going to look for donations from local businesses to complete the houses. We are concerned that people still have to be neglected this way in the democratic government, especially the elderly, children and people living

with disabilities," said party Spokesperson Fana Masinga. Masinga said they are worried that other projects that started around 2019 and 2020 have been completed. "We will demand answers to know why the project was abandoned," he said. The Limpopo Department of Cooperative Governance Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs (Coghsta), acknowledged to have knowledge of RDP houses left incomplete in Moutse. However, Coghsta could not state their intervention to see the abandoned project completed.



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**RDP house beneficiary, Betty Mahlangu (Right) standing in front of the abandoned foundation trench that was left by the contractor in 2018. With her is Mpumalanga Party executive member Banda Motsepe.**



**The wheelchair bound Hilda Mashaba says she has started saving a portion of her social grant money to try and complete her roofless RDP house.**

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PHASE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND WATER USE LICENSE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BOREHOLE AND WATER TREATMENT WORKS WITH A WASTE POND AT UITSPANNING WITHIN ELLIAS MOTSOLEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OF SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT IN LIMPOPO PROVINCE**

Tikologo Holdings (Pty) Ltd (TK) has been appointed by Monde Consulting on behalf of Sekhukhune District Municipality to obtain Water User Licenses (WUL) for the proposed development of borehole and water treatment works with a waste pond at Uitspanning within Ellias Motsoaledi local Municipality of Sekhukhune District in Limpopo Province. The works will be done in accordance with Water Use Licenses so that the Uitspanning village will have access to domestic water.

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

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## SDA appoints new board members

Sekhukhune Development Agency (SDA) has, on Thursday 3 June, appointed six new reconstituted non-executive Board of Directors for the agency. The SDA is an entity established in terms of the Companies Act, as well as the Municipal Systems Act, and is wholly owned by the Sekhukhune District Municipality. Its core mandate is to attract investments and grow the economy in the district. The board reports to Municipal Council through the executive mayor, by submitting quarterly reports. The new board comprises four men and two women namely; Mr Landiwe Mahlangu, Mr Madulo, Mampuru, Ms Mercia Mackenzie, Mr Stephen Masemola, Ms Mantwa Makunyane and Mr Kwanele Mkhwanazi. The members include youth from diverse academic and professional backgrounds including economics, agriculture, policy and property development, as well as entrepreneurship. Welcoming the new board members, Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality Cllr Keamotseng Stanley Ramaila, was forthright in reminding them about the enormity of socio-economic challenges, in the district and their responsibility to creating hope and meaningful economic benefits for the people of the district. "Gauteng is what it is today because of gold that was mined there. We've platinum group metals here and we believe we must turn the corner. You must harness and drive economic initiatives that will have social impact," he said. Ramaila applauded the previous board for laying the foundation, at the same time expressing his faith in the new one. "We have faith that you will inject innovative ideas and start implementing projects that are on the pipelines and the new ones," he said. The SDA has embarked on a number of catalytic projects that include, among others, the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement with Eisowave Limited. This is to initiate an investment to establish a green automotive manufacturing hub under a province-wide programme named Limpopo 6000. Also, the SDA is championing the Agang Cotton project in collaboration with the Marlou Group and Affluence 12 private partners, to plant cotton on a 2000 hectare of land, in Marble Hall, targeting small-holding, emerging businesses and previously disadvantaged farmers. These projects will stimulate the district economy and revive growth and employment in the district. The Executive Mayor emphasised that, the SDA requires the support of both the district municipality and local municipalities in order to fulfil its objectives as a special purpose vehicle to drive regional and local economic development.



**The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality Cllr Keamotseng Stanley Ramaila (Seated second from left), with the newly appointed members of SDA at the municipality offices in Groblersdal.**



## Residents stand in solidarity against hate crime murders

A group of community activists formed by Ward 6 based Youth Forum, representatives from Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBTI) together with Access Chapter 2, gathered at the Moutse Magistrate's Court on Monday 7 June, to oppose bail of a suspect who was arrested in connection with the murder of Lucky Mashiloane, a gay activist who was brutally killed in April 2021. The victim's body, who is believed to have been cruelly murdered in hate crime, was found naked in the bushes by residents. One suspect aged (17), who cannot be named as he is still a minor, was arrested in Dennilton after the incident and charged with murder. Ward 6 Based Youth Forum Coordinator, Provider Ndlovu, told the Dispatch Newspaper that they were in court to show their concern and are saddened by the cruelty displayed in the killing of the victim. "This is hate crime and people should learn to accept people of different sex orientation in the society. We want to spread the awareness to the communities to stop Gender Based Violence (GBV) and to refrain from the attack on LGBTI people," he said. Ndlovu said they are worried about the increase of premeditated murders directed at members of LGBTI and concerned about the increase of GBV in their communities. "Hate crime is becoming a pandemic and we appeal to government to promote awareness and implement laws that will combat hate crime and hate speech. Everyone in the society must take a pledge and act against GBV and attacks on LGBTI," he said. According to Ndlovu, awareness should be broadened to the communities in help of the government to curb the scourge of hate crimes and GBV. "LGBTI members are now living in fear because they are targeted on their sexual orientation. We call for striker legislations to ensure that LGBTI communities feel safe and enjoy the same opportunities just



**Ward 6 Based Youth Forum, LGBTI and Access Chapter 2, from left to right: Zeeda Munyai, Penelope Mab-elane, Ntokozo Mcira, Zanele Mtshali, Kagiso Matseke, Vumane Madonsela and Phumlile Mahlangu at the Moutse Magistrate's Court to oppose bail of suspect involved in the murder of Lucky Mashiloane.**

like the straight community," he said. The minor remained in custody and the case was postponed to 12 July for formal bail application and further police investigations. Ndlovu said they will be attending the next court date to ensure that justice prevails.

## 1000 + suspects nabbed during intelligence driven operations

The police in Limpopo Province nabbed 1160 suspects, aged between 18 and 44.

The suspects were arrested during provincial intelligence driven joint operations conducted from Monday 31 May to Sunday 6 June 2021. They are facing various charges including rape, murder, drug dealing, possession of suspected stolen properties and possession of unlicensed firearms and ammunition. Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said during these operations, 16 unlicensed firearms were recovered and 55 dangerous weapons including knives were also seized. "612 382ml liquor, 18 241 sticks of illicit cigarettes, 01 gram of nyaope drugs, 603 grams of dagga were confiscated," he said. He said the workforce involved in these operations included members derived from the Detectives, Crime Intelligence, Public Order Policing, K9, Crime Prevention, the Limpopo Highway Patrol and other law enforcement officers. "The operations were executed through roadblocks, tracing of wanted suspects and stop and searches. Some of these arrested suspects have started to appear before various magistrate's courts across the province," he said. The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has commended all members involved in the arrests and confiscations, saying these continuous operations will ensure that Limpopo Province becomes a safe place for all its citizens and visitors.



**Stop and searches and tracing of wanted suspects were executed by the police in the province during the operations.**

## Local musician goes international

Tafelkop based musician, producer, and composer, Tshepo Vusi Mohlala, shot his first music video for his album titled, "Nangu", at Maboneng Lodge in Tafelkop. Supported by local traditional leader, Kgoshi Boleu Rammupudu III, the artist has already buoyed the spirits of local and international music fanatics. Affectionately known as Myzo Lyza, Tshepo graduated from Sekhukhune TVET College Motetema Campus in 2016, where he completed his IT Diploma before focusing on his music career. In 2018, he was embraced by international recording companies and released a single under Union Records, from Italy. The production hit number 5 on Traxsource's Top 10 charts. MyoLyza went on to release another a single in 2020, under Pasqua Records from United Kingdom (UK), which serves as an inspiration to up-coming artists around Tafelkop and neighboring villages. "My love for music started when I was at primary school. I used to play with my brother's piano when he was out and that is how I developed the love of composing music. Later on, I asked my brother, Canny Matlakala, to buy me a music software programme that will enable me to create my own beats. He could not resist and contributed to helping me master my beats," explained Myzo Lyza. He indicated that he believes music can be a great platform for young people to express their daily challenges and educate the generation that comes after them. "I would like to thank everyone who stood by me, especially my family, fans and all the community radio stations around Limpopo," he said. Kgoshi Boleu Rammupudu III, of the BakagabaKopa Royal House, said they are honoured that a son of the soil garnered international recognition in the music industry. "It is an honor to see our own son flying the name of our province and country all over the world through his music. We wish him all the best on his journey and hope it will inspire our youth to follow in his footsteps," Rammupudu said.



**Myzo Lyza (Right), shaking hands with Kgoshi Boleu Rammupudu III just before shooting his video at Maboneng in Tafelkop.**

## Bicycle winner at SUPERSPAR Groblersdal Mall



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## Controversy over PSL promotion



**Sekhukhune United FC will have to wait for the court ruling to know whether they will be promoted to the PSL top flight or not.**

## SDA unlocks Sekhukhune crafts industry

Sekhukhune Development Agency (SDA), has once again flexed its economic activation muscles by rallying arts, beadworks and craft makers from all parts of Sekhukhune District, into an organised economic force, during the Royal Necklace Exhibition held at Thaba Moshate on Friday 28 May. The event was devised as a platform to enable crafters of heritage inspired artefacts in Sekhukhune District to profitably trade using e-commerce marketplace platforms. Acting SDA CEO, Kgopelo Phasha, said the platform is easily affording access to markets that has always been costly and challenging for most traders. "We are looking at the digital marketplace as an equaliser that helps our people to ride the digital wave. We have assembled them today through this exhibition as a proof that artefacts from our district are ready to be consumed by the world-wide market through e-commerce" said Phasha. Board Director for Economic Development in SDA, Madulo Mampuru, said the exhibition is a rare opportunity to celebrate manufacturers of authentic African crafts from Sekhukhune. He added that the exhibition is one of many ways of magnifying 'manufacturing' as a key sector to drive industrialisation, employment creation and beneficiation of mineral, cultural heritage and creative output of the district. "Beadwork or manufacturing of different artefacts using beads is one of the most accessible, affordable and beneficial ways through which hundreds of women of Sekhukhune are earning a decent livelihood," said Mampuru. Mampuru indicated that beadwork is not a new phenomenon in the cultural expressions of Sekhukhune District. The exhibition was held under the key word "Econography", which according Mampuru, is an effort to determine the consumers' agenda and focuses on animating communities towards a 'buy-local' attitude. "This exhibition is where Econography should gain momentum. Let's buy something from the exhibitors so that Econography results in building the economy of Sekhukhune," said Mampuru. Queen Mother of the Bapedi Nation, Maria Mmanyaku Thulare 'Hlapogadi a' Phaahla, highlighted the significance of royal necklaces in the economic and cultural esteem of the Bapedi nation. "In the core of Bapedi policy, livelihood and royal systems, beads and other jewellery mediums are not a mere adornment. From the types of the beads to the styling, setting and sizes, everything has significance and social impact," she said. She added that the Bapedi royal necklaces are an insignia of the person's stature, power relations, a family heirloom or a nation's treasure. "I am happy that SDA chose to exhibit this important artefact of our heritage" said Queen Mother Hlapogadi. The event was wrapped by handing over heritage inspired gifts to all exhibitors and guests officiated by Mohumagadi Setlago 'Hunadi' Riba, Mohumagadi 'Modirwadi' Seopela and the representative of the Mayor of Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality Cllr Reneilwe Pholwana.



**The National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), formed part of the Royal Necklace Exhibition held at Thaba Moshate on Friday 28 May.**

Two Glad Africa Championship outfits, Sekhukhune United FC and Royal AM FC, have to undergo a court battle over the promotion to the Premier Soccer League (PSL) top flight in the coming season, following a dispute over who are the winners of the second tier league. KwaZulu-Natal-based team, Royal AM, finished at the summit of the table, ahead of Sekhukhune United with only one point difference. However, Babina Noko are still fighting to be awarded the points after lodging an appeal against the PSL disciplinary committee's decision to dock 3 points from Polokwane City, after they illegibly fielded four under 23 players instead of five in their match earlier this year. The PSL has since released a statement, citing that it has been slapped with court papers for challenging a decision made by an arbitrator to hand Sekhukhune three points. Despite that the last matches of the league were played, there is no solution to the conundrum yet, with both teams celebrating being crowned 2020/2021 champions. Prior to the final matches, the PSL released a statement reads: "On 19 May 2021, a ruling was handed down in the arbitration between Sekhukhune United Football Club and Polokwane City Football Club. The arbitration ruling has created uncertainty in relation to the discretion afforded to the PSL Disciplinary Committee to determine an appropriate sanction for acts of misconduct in each case. It has always been the position that the PSL Disciplinary Committee is required to consider the range of sanctions available for acts of misconduct and then exercise a discretion as to what the appropriate sanction should be in each case. An urgent special meeting of the Executive Committee of the PSL was convened to consider the matter. It is the view of the League that it is not correct, as the arbitration ruling holds, that the PSL Disciplinary

Code is silent and that the Disciplinary Committee had to impose a mandatory sanction under the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

The FIFA Disciplinary Code may only be reverted to when the PSL Handbook is silent on an issue. In this particular case, the PSL Handbook is not silent and provides the Disciplinary Committee with the discretion to consider a range of sanctions.

The PSL is aware of the confusion that has been created as a result of the arbitration award. The PSL is in the process of considering several options and has been in communication with all Member Clubs in this regard." According to the PSL, a delayed resolution to the matter could also affect when the 2021/2022 season kicks off. The delay can affect any of the teams, either Sekhukhune or Royal AM could find themselves taking part in the promotion/relegation playoffs against Richards Bay United, who piped TS Sporting to third on goal difference, and the team that ultimately finishes 15th in the DStv Premiership.

With the uncertainty, the league cannot set the fixtures for the games yet. The draw for the playoffs was also postponed amid the uncertainty.

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## Sekhukhune Caddywise launched



**Members of the Sekhukhune Caddywise Golf Development Club, from left to right: John (Kwaja) Monama, Checks Sekoka, Kwatetsi Segafa, Lucky Malesoene, Mosepedi Molokomme and Rimbo Mashiloane just before the start of their golf match facing Pretoria Golf Club at Groblersdal Golf Course.**

The Sekhukhune Caddywise Golf Development Club, was recently launched at Groblersdal Golf Course, with 32 players coming from both Sekhukhune and Pretoria partaking. The sporting code was introduced earlier this year in Sekhukhune to break grounds and pull attention of the district's talented players. During the launching matches, locally based Lucky Malesoene, from Moganyaka Village, obtained the first position with a 73 cross and a 68 nett. Second prize went to Rimbo Mashiloane with 79 cross and 73 nett and Eddie Thamaga scooped the third position with 88 cross and 75 nett. Sekhukhune Caddywise Golf Development Club Coordinator and reigning district champion, Lucky Malesoene, said the club is working toward developing golf sporting code in Sekhukhune. "We are delighted to grow relationship with Pretoria Golf Club, which is a partnership that contributes significantly to players from both golf clubs," he said. Malesoene said the club is currently offering free training to young people to enhance them with golfing skills to be professional players in the near future. "The training is offered to young people from the age of nine to twenty-one. We also provide them with membership cards after showing commitment with the sporting code. Their contribution will play an important role in growing the club from leaps to bounds," he said. Malesoene stated that the golf club is eyeing to participate in the Sunshine and PGA Tours, with an aim of enabling their players to get recognition in the national and international level. "Plans to participate in the competitions are currently underway. We are busy with tournaments that will prepare our players to partake in those competitions," he said. According to Malesoene, their performance is sometimes deterred by lack of sponsorship, which restrict some players from coming to tournaments. "The sporting code requires proper equipment, which some of our players cannot afford to buy. We appeal to local business to come forward and assist in that regard," he said. Sekhukhune Caddywise Golf Development Club will be hosting Pretoria Golf Club on Sunday 20 June at Marble Hall Golf Course for the Sekhukhune Golf Tour Championship. Malesoene calls on interested community members to come in numbers to support the competition and learn a lot about the golf sporting code.

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