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Limpopo Government rewards VBS scandal mayors with MEC positions

The Premier of Limpopo Province Stanley Mathabatha, has on Thursday 6 October made a reconfiguration of his Members of Executive Council (MECs) in various portfolios. Premier Spokesperson, Willy Mosoma, said the reconfiguration was made following further assessment of the performance of the executive council, with the view to improve service delivery and enhance corporate governance. Mathabatha appointed Mavhungu Leruli-Ramakhanya as MEC for the Education Department, Florence Radzilani as MEC for Department of Transport and Community Safety and Nkakareng Rakgoale to handle the Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure portfolio. Nandi Ndalane was appointed as MEC for the Department of Social Development, Dr Phophi Ramathuba retained as MEC for the Health Department,

Seaparo Sekwati as MEC for the Department of Provincial Treasury, Thabo Mokone as MEC for the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and Rodgers Monama was appointed to take reigns for the Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism. Basikopo Makamu was appointed MEC for the Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs and Nakedi Sibanda-Kekana was appointed new MEC for the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture. The appointed MEC's were sworn-in on Friday 7 October in a ceremony held at the office of the premier. Three then MECs, Polly Boshieho who was handling the Department of Transport and Community Safety, Namane Dickson Masemola who was responsible for the Social Development portfolio and Thandi Moraka who was MEC for the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, were sacked. Opposition parties in the province criticised the appointments, citing that some of the newly appointed MEC's were held accountable for corrupt activities leading to their dismissal from their roles about two years ago. Radzilani and Sibanda-Kekana were former mayors of Vhembe and Lepelle Nkumpi and were dismissed from their positions after following their irregular investment with the VBS Mutual Bank about three years ago. "We are seriously concerned about the appointment of Radzilani and Sibanda Kekana because of their previous involvement in the VBS scandal and subsequently they were awarded with seats in the Provincial Legislature," said Katlego Suzan Phala, DA Caucus Whip in the Limpopo Legislature. Phala said the latest reshuffle is not in the interest of a province in real distress, but rather for Premier Mathabatha and his faction to gird for the upcoming ANC national conference. "We are gravely concerned that Dr Poppy Ramathuba, who has done very little to improve health care and who is now infamous for the Veritas Digital cash spend, survived as MEC for Health. Rogers Manama's stint as SCOPA chairperson, is indicative that it is

doubtful that he will add value as MEC for the Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism. Moreover, the R108 million fruitless and wasteful expenditure of the Tubatse land deal transpired right under Manama's nose as the then Chief Director of Local Government," she said. Phala insisted that Mathabatha lost a real opportunity to make more extensive changes to provide credible leaders for a government of an ailing province. "Instead, the premier opted for stomach politics which casts doubt over his frequent and well-rehearsed commitments to fight corruption," she said. Phala said the party will closely monitor the performance of Premier Mathabatha's newly appointed MECs and will hold them to account.



Former Mayor of Vhembe District Municipality, Florence Radzilani, was appointed MEC for Department of Transport and Community Safety, despite held accountable of unlawfully investing multi-million of rands with the VBS Mutual Bank.

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Monsterlus man stabs lover to death

The Police in Hlogotlou have arrested a 45-year-old man for killing his alleged 21-year-old girlfriend in Monsterlus, the police said. According to the police report, the victim, Zinhle Mokoena, was murdered soon after she was released by the Nebo Magistrate's Court on Friday 7 October, following her arrest after stabbing the same alleged boyfriend who murdered her. Lieutenant Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson said, before the murder incident, the deceased was arrested on Tuesday 4 October after assaulting and seriously injuring the suspect. "The deceased was arrested on charges of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm (GBH), after the couple allegedly had an altercation at the man's house, where the woman ended up stabbing the boyfriend with a sharp object. She was arrested and appeared before the Nebo Magistrate's Court on Friday 7 October 2022, where she was released on free bail," Ledwaba said. He added that the victim thereafter went to the local tavern and her boyfriend, whom she had assaulted, arrived at the tarven at about 19:45 and dragged her to her house which is next to the tavern. "Upon arrival, the alleged boyfriend stabbed the victim several times, killing her instantly. The suspect was arrested on the scene after police were notified. Police have opened a case of murder," he said. Ledwaba said the suspect will appear in the Nebo Magistrate's Court soon for a formal bail application, facing a charge of murder and police investigations continue. Provincial Commissioner of Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has slammed the incident and called for harsh consequences against the suspect, saying he should have never taken the law into his hands.

Philadelphia Hospital ran out of Betadine

Following the challenge of lack of back-up power at Philadelphia Hospital that has not yet been resolved, the health institution is now hit by lack of Betadine solution, which makes it difficult for medical staff members to perform operations on admitted patients. According to staff members, for the past six weeks, the hospital, struggles to help patients who were admitted for emergency operations because there is no Betadine in the health facility. The solution is vital for cleaning wounds before and after operations. The medical staff members claim they are urged to use 70% alcohol, which is not the desired alternative according to health safety standards. The staff members blame the Department of Health for failing to supply the hospital with the solution for the past six weeks. DA Spokesperson for Health in Limpopo, Risham Maharaj, said after noticing the problem, the party has written to Limpopo Health MEC, Phophi Ramathuba, to urgently address the lack of the solution, as well as other pressing issues raised by hospital staff. "Other challenges raised by staff include the failure to maintain and repair important medical equipment such as the anesthetic machine and the blood gas machine that are currently dysfunctional. The alleged prolonged stints of absenteeism of the CEO from the hospital were also raised," said Maharaj. According to Maharaj, just two weeks ago, the DA carried out an oversight inspection at Philadelphia Hospital after receiving complaints from hospital staff that the generator had not been working for a week. "It was completely dark in the hospital during load-shedding and it had badly affected the operating theatre, ICU, casualty, neonatal unit and mortuary fridges," he said. Maharaj lamented that it is unacceptable and embarrassing that the hospital runs out of basic medicine like Betadine solution for such a long period. "It is also clear there are many unresolved challenges that Ramathuba and her department must intervene and address at the hospital. The DA cares about and is committed to ensuring that Limpopo residents receive the quality healthcare services they deserve," he said. At the time of going to press, the Limpopo Department of Health could not respond to the allegations.



Philadelphia Hospital in Dennilton cannot perform operations as a result of non-supply of Betadine solution for the past two weeks and broken machines.

SAPS new graduates to bolster fight against crime

In concerted efforts to intensify the fight against crime, the South African Police Service (SAPS) has welcomed 495 newly trained constables within its ranks. The new constables are the first batch of 10 000 police officers that will be deployed to various stations, units and service points to bolster capacity and enhance police visibility. According to the police, some of the graduates are set to be stationed at the areas with shortage of police members including Dennilton in Sekhukhune District. According to Colonel Athlenda Mathe, the members have successfully undergone the 24 week Introductory Police Learning Development Programme (IPLDP), which is a combination of theory and practice. "The passing out parades took place simultaneously at the SAPS academies in Mthatha, All Saints and Thabazimbi," she said. "Of the 495, 194 of these newly trained police officers are Law, Policing and Criminology graduates, while the majority of these fully fledged constables also previously served as reservists," Mathe said. She said the majority of these members will now be deployed to serve within specialised units such as the Public Order Police (POP), the Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Investigations (FCS) to bolster our capacity to fight the scourge of Gender Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF), as well as frontline service-delivery points at identified crime-heavy police stations. "The remaining cohort will complete their training in December in time to ensure more boots on the ground in time for the busy Safer Festive Season Operations," said Mathe.



The newly trained constables will be deployed in various police station to fight against crime across the country.

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120 Million spent on water, but where is the water?

Outcry of water shortages experienced in Moutse Villages seems to be mounting, despite R143 Million injected by then Minister of Water and Sanitation Lindiwe Sisulu in February 2020.

The funds were commissioned towards the implementation of the Moutse Drought Relief Projects as a temporary relief measure, aiming to execute the building of 1880 water storage tanks and stands, refurbishment of existing boreholes and to drill new ones. Lepelle Northern Water was appointed to administer the funds as implementing agent for the projects, which were aimed to be completed in six months. It is over two years and the projects have not yet been completed. According to Yolande Nel, Lepelle Northern Water Spokesperson, the projects are currently 93% completed and only R10 Million of the budget is still available. However, residents dispute Lepelle Northern Water claims, citing that the projects status is not even at 30% after over R120 Million in expenditure. The community claims contractors have lately abandoned the project and some of the few water storage tanks were stolen because they are always empty. Ali Maloba, a community leader in Moutse, said some of the prices were inflated with about R200 000-00 spent towards the refurbishment of boreholes, which is far more expensive than to drill a new borehole. In June 2020, R43 Million was spent to procure 20 new water tanker trucks, which were administered by Sekhukhune District Municipality, to deliver water to the storage tanks in Moutse Villages. About 107 boreholes were earmarked for refurbishment. "There is no sign of potable water in the villages even after R18 Million was spent towards the refurbishment of 107 boreholes, which are not working. According to Maloba, since 2022, the project was stagnated and nothing was done since January, however, cash flow within Lepelle Northern Water has never stopped. "Some of the community leaders who were questioning the delay of the project were awarded contracts for maintenance of boreholes to keep them quiet. They were actually paid for doing nothing because they have never rendered any service," he said. Herbert Xaba, a resident from Dindela Section in Dennilton, said for the past twenty years, his community has been fighting an endless battle for drinkable water. "We get water from the river because we do not have any other sources. We have been pleading with the government to fix a borehole which was the only drinking source in the village without any success," he said. Villagers in other parts of Moutse West in Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality, such as Driefontein, Matlala Ramoshebo and Matlerekeeng, residents survive by buying water from those who own water tanker trucks and from people who have boreholes in their yards.

Those who don't have money to buy water are forced to rely on the nearby rivers and wells.



Residents in Moutse still rely on nearest rivers and wells to draw drinking water despite of over R120 Million spent on incomplete water projects.

Zaaiplaas Police members arrested for corruption

Three police officers stationed in Zaaiplaas outside Monsterlus, were arrested on charges of corruption committed in the village three months ago.

According to Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the three officers Vusi Sepoto (35), Mulase Jakonea Lamola (37) and Malose Oscar Makhafola (38), were arrested after they failed to open a case and register illicit cigarettes that they confiscated at a local filling station on Tuesday 12 July 2022. "The police officers instead put the owner in the back of the police van, drove off with him and later dropped him in the bushes. They then left with the 04 boxes of illicit cigarettes," he said. Mojapelo said the trio were arrested following an intensive investigation by the Provincial Anti-Corruption Investigation Unit in Polokwane. "The investigations indicated that the police members never registered the case and the cigarettes," he said. He said the suspects appeared before the Groblersdal Magistrate's Court on Friday 7 October and were remanded in custody. "They appeared again at Middleburg on Monday 10 October and were released on bail. They will appear again on 17 September facing corruption charges," he said. Mojapelo said meanwhile, a 27-year-old man impersonating a police officer, was also arrested for corruption after he allegedly demanded bribe to help drop charges against a man suspected of rape. "The suspect demanded an amount of R7 600-00 to negotiate with the prosecutor. The suspect contacted the complainant again and demanded an additional amount of R2 400-00. The matter was reported to the police and that resulted in the arrest of the suspect," he said.

The Provincial Commissioner of Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has welcomed the arrests and said "no mercy will be shown to SAPS members who act in a manner that is dishonest and tarnish the image of the organisation, and the same goes for members of the public".

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REVIEW | Same but different - Suzuki's new Vitara Brezza S-Edition offers buyers more choice

Wallace Du Plessis

You probably know the Suzuki Brezza and Toyota Urban Cruiser are the same car. You may not know that Toyota offers their version in three trim levels, but Suzuki only has two, that is, until now. Voila! We get the Edition S, a GL with some sexy style elements added. So now Suzuki also has three trim levels. Well, sort of.

The Brezza/ Urban Cruiser has had a very good year, establishing it as a leader in the segment. It makes sense for Suzuki to offer this in-between model.

Designed to fit between the GL and GLX models, the S-Edition is an addition to the range with a choice of manual or automatic transmission. It has the same creature comforts as the GL model but with additional styling accessories as standard. Daily Mail Wallace De Plessis The additional styling elements are: On the outside, the S has a new, less flashy grille, silver skid plates, wind deflectors on all doors, and 16" alloy wheels with 15 spokes in a bold silver-and-black finish. On the inside, you will now find soft silver highlights, stainless steel door sill guards engraved with the Vitara Brezza logo, auto climate control, a 7" touchscreen with Bluetooth and a reverse camera. Otherwise, the S-edition is the same as the GL, and this is not a bad thing.

The 1.5-litre normally aspirated engine, together with the manual or auto transmission, delivers the required performance and fuel economy. Mechanically the Brezza is competent and handles well in its context.

You never feel that the car does not have enough power or is unwieldy. In other words, it is a great little crossover. I enjoyed driving it around town as your field of view is excellent, and throttle response, brakes, and steering are all set up correctly, it feels to me. There is a bit of wind and road noise at highway speeds, but it is not a deal breaker. District Mail Wallace Du Plessis The seat is at just the right height to slide in and out effortlessly and is comfortable. The cabin is well thought out and pleasant to be in.

Buyers can personalise their Brezza with extras such as a rear roof spoiler extension, wheel arch cladding, carbon fibre-look side mirror caps, side cladding in black and red in a carbon fibre style finish and even a selection of hard-wearing black rubber mats for the cabin and a grooved matt for the luggage compartment. Suzuki takes podium finish with Swift Sport at 2022 Simola Hillclimb. The Suzuki Swift Sport has slain the mythical Simola Hill with unexpectedly fast times and a place on the class podium.

The manual model is R266 700, while the automatic is R286 900. I recommend stretching to the GLX AT at R313 900 if your budget allows it. The GLX is well equipped and nicely finished – good value for money in our market now. The warranty is a pretty good five years or 200 000km, and a four-year or 60 000km service plan is included.

You should also look at its close cousin, the Toyota Urban Cruiser (actually the same car), Ford EcoSport, the small Koreans, Haval Jolion, VW T-Cross (watch the extras), Peugeot 2008 (a stunning car), Renault Duster (rough and tough), and Mazda CX-3. Bear in mind some of these cars are 25% or more expensive.

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It's been proven: Women really are better drivers than men - Netstar tech data

You see a poorly parked vehicle, and a man would say, "it must be a woman". If someone is driving too slow in the right-hand lane, "it must be a woman."

Men have been mud-slinging women as terrible drivers for as long as anyone can remember. Now, the male species need to eat their words as new telematics data from Netstar has revealed that women are indeed better drivers than men. The insight stems from customer-incident data released by stolen vehicle recovery and fleet intelligence company Netstar, a subsidiary of Altron. Arrive Alive's Johan Jonck says: "It is generally accepted that men are more dangerous on the roads than women drivers. This is why car insurance companies and clever people with numbers (actuaries) calculate reduced car insurance premiums for female drivers. Jonck also says: "Testosterone-driven male species might pose a greater accident risk as a result of the following contributing factors:

- Over-confidence
- Showing-off
- Excessive speeding
- More instances of drunk driving and late-night driving
- Greater vulnerability to road rage

"Thus, I am also convinced that the lower risk posed by female drivers could be as a result of:

- Driving shorter distances
- Driving at lower speeds
- Greater responsibility in transporting children in urban areas
- Less driving late at night and while intoxicated
- The ability of many working-from-home women or stay-at-home moms [not many nowadays] to structure their driving away from rush hour and dangerous areas."

So how is this data collected? Netstar says the new data calculates registered incidences of vehicle impacts, harsh braking, harsh acceleration, and harsh cornering as a percentage of total male and female customers. And according to the intelligence company, women performed better than men on every metric. Registered vehicle impacts (e.g. hitting potholes, kerbs, or other vehicles) by women customers represented 1.3% of the total number of Netstar's female customer base during the period measured, compared to 1.4% for men. Regarding harsh braking, registered incidents represent 16.9% of female drivers and 22.8% of males. The numbers for harsh acceleration are 4.5% for women and 10% for men. For harsh cornering, the proportions are 13.2% (women) vs 18.8% (men). Netstar Chief Technology Officer Clifford de Wit says: "The findings indicate that our female customers drove better than our male during the four months that we measured data. "It was gathered using Netstar telematics – a combination of vehicle sensors, GPS, and

telecommunications technology, and supports emerging offerings like usage-based vehicle insurance and underwriting." Harmony Wanjiku - Kenya's motorcycle queen Harmony Wanjiku had to break through many barriers on her way to becoming Kenya's motorcycle hero. She has now been an award-winning superbiker for three years - and a role model for many other freedom-loving women. The data provide direct, real-time information to help insurers understand client driving behaviour, which allows them to set relevant premiums and

incentivise safe and more sustainable driving. However, this new data is not just based on local metrics. The Netstar data support the findings of a recent survey of road fatality data in the UK. The study by Injury Prevention, a publication of the Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR), found a significant gender imbalance in driving performance and the risk posed by male drivers. The data found there were more fatalities per billion kilometres travelled among men than there were among women. This was true for all vehicle types – cars, vans, trucks, motorcycles, buses, and bicycles. "Despite the outcome of such studies, we encourage drivers of all gender identities to drive safely and to use their telematics data to improve their performance and protect lives", de Wit concludes.

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Suspected stock thieves stoned to death

The Provincial Commissioner of Police in Limpopo Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe has warned of harsh consequences to anyone who takes the law into their own hands, following an incident in which three people suspected of stealing goats were stoned and their vehicle torched on Thursday 29 September 2022 in Mafefe Village outside Jane Furse. The police said they were called after some community members were seen chasing a motor vehicle suspecting three men of being stock thieves. "Preliminary investigations indicated that while the suspects were trying to escape, they knocked down a pedestrian and he died on the scene. The suspect were alleged to be all the way from Mecklenburg outside Burgersfort," said Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson. Ledwaba said the three men were caught and stoned by the angry mob and later their vehicle was set alight. "One of the men, Collen Keago (31), was stoned to death. The deceased who was hit by the vehicle was identified as Sekepe Kobeene, aged 30, from Bothabotho Lesotho," Ledwaba said. Ledwaba said anyone with information that can assist in arresting the suspect(s), should contact Detective Sergeant Jim Mophoso on 082 445 7724, the crime stop number on 08600 10111 or the nearest police station. Provincial Commissioner Hadebe has called on residents to desist from taking law into their own hands and rather, to work with the police to ensure criminals are uprooted and face the full might of the law.



The vehicle that was used by the suspected stock thieves up in flames after being torched by angry community members in Mafefe.

Little Warriors take a Walk on the Wild Side



The Little Warriors Centre surprised their grade RR classes with a very special field trip to Mbidi Resort & Animal Sanctuary. The Warriors had already been learning all about animals in their schoolwork and so, they were absolutely thrilled to be able to see the wildlife for themselves. The excitement on the bus was palpable as their trip to the animal sanctuary commenced. Almost like a scene from *The Lion King*, they got to meet a very lazy warthog, they were able to see tigers and a bear and even got to hang out with monkeys, meerkats, and even a sociable macaw parrot! The best part of the whole trip was to see the lions; the children were completely awestruck by how big they were in person. Between the sheer magnificence of the lions and the strong jaws of the crocodiles, the trip made for an unforgettable experience for everyone.



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Ben Viljoen Matric farewell 2022

Matric farewell, one of the biggest days in your life, the near-end of being a schoolchild and the beginning of a new journey as an adult. This year on the 29th of September 2022, the matriculates on flight HBV22 walked the catwalk during the fashion show that was presented on the rugby field, and with outfits almost straight out of Vogue magazine that really had the audience buzzing. Ben Viljoen personnel says thank you to everyone who was involved in hosting this incredible show for the matrics of 2022.



Leona Kokera



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Schools' rationalization commenced in Limpopo

The Limpopo Department of Education said it has started with rationalization of schools across the province. The department said the programme has kick-started with consultations for the rationalisation or merging of schools lead by Education MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya. Department Spokesperson, Mike Maringa, said the rationalisation of schools is aimed at ensuring that schools, which are not delivering on their core mandate, are rationalized in terms of section 12A and 33 of the South African Schools Act No. 84 of 1996 as amended. "The rationalisation of small and non viable schools in the province was initiated in 2008 and 407 schools have been merged to date. The process that MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya has been undertaken from Tuesday 11 October 2022 and will lead to the merger of 344 schools and the closure of 45 others," he said. Maringa said the programme has already been conducted in Waterberg District, Capricorn District, Mopani District and will be visiting Sekhukhune on 14 October 2022 at the Jane Furse Comprehensive School. "The process will benefit thousands of learners and teachers from small schools, who battle to cover the curriculum due to lack of resources. The merger will also reduce the educators' workload, promote school governance and improve learner performance to name a few," he said.



MEC for Education in Limpopo, Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya, has started the school's rationalisation programme to merge and close underperforming schools.

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Ben Viljoen athletes at SA Cross Country

On the 17th of September 2022, six of Ben Viljoen's High School cross country athletes participated in the South African Cross Country Championships which took place at Bergsig Academy in Rustenburg. Ben Viljoen High-school is very proud of these learners with their incredible results!

0/17 Girls: Vanessa da Silva, 2km: 4th, 4km: 10th

0/15 Boys: Omphile Tshikane, 4km: 58th

Junior Women: Annecia Engelbrecht, 4km: 55th

Junior Men: Thomas Malope, 4km: 73rd

0/17 Boys: Dion Sebela, 6km: 39th

0/17 Girls: Audrey Mateme, 4km: 62nd



Top: Dion Sebela
Middle: Omphile Tshikane en Annecia Engelbrecht
Bottom: Thomas Malope

Ephraim Mogale confident about IMSSA Games

The Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality has raised hopes about a multi-sporting team that was sent to represent the local municipality in the annual Inter-Municipal Sports of South Africa (IMSSA) Games in Polokwane, Capricorn District Municipality. The municipality said on Friday 9 October, during a miniature sent off ceremony of some staff members who participate in the games that started on Sunday 9 October until Friday 14 October. The games resumed two years after they were halted due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic. The games will see over 200 participants representing more than 25 municipalities taking part in various sporting codes in the week-long municipal employees wellness games. Various sporting codes played in the games include action cricket, aerobics, cycling, darts, fishing, gold long tennis, marathon, netball, pistol shooting, pool table, football, table tennis, volleyball and tug of war. Ephraim Mogale Municipal Manager, Thabitha Matladi, sent her good luck wishes to the team, saying they are confident that they will conquer the IMSSA games. "Go and represent us well and again, fly the flag of Ephraim Mogale high. We are confident that we are sending a bunch of winners to the tournament. Go there, add value to the games, network, exchange programmes and bring the trophies home. We wish you all the best of luck and come back home safe," she said. The Limpopo Sports Confederation (LSC), a sporting governing body in the province, says they are thrilled and overwhelmed to host the annual IMSSA Games. LSC General-Secretary, Puleng Mmotla, said the games will not only benefit well-being of municipal employees,

but will also contribute immensely on Limpopo economy. "There is no doubt that the games will benefit tourism and several subsectors in the tourism industry chain for their duration. Subsectors to benefit from these games will include hospitality and services sector like the restaurants and local filling stations respectively," he said. LSC President, Ally Pole, said they are happy that some of these games will take place in the townships and villages where they will also help expose township-village tourism in those respective areas to promote. "We are calling on the peace-loving people of Limpopo, to open their arms to give our visitors a warm welcoming and good hospitable stay for the duration of their stay in the province," he said.



The Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality team that is currently participating in the IMSSA Games in Polokwane.

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