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D1948 Road left to rot

"We have to fill our tyres every week. The potholes are filled with sand by locals, then filled with rain water and they are now more hazardous"**— Moteti taxi driver**



The D1948 Road between Moteti and Dennilton has deteriorated into a near-impassable death trap.

MOTETI/DENNILTON

The D1948 Road linking Moteti and Philadelphia Hospital in Dennilton has deteriorated into a near-impassable death trap, with motorists and residents accusing the Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure of abandoning a critical health access route.

The road is the sole lifeline for more than 20 villages under Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM), seeking emergency healthcare at Philadelphia Hospital.

For years, residents have described the road as an eyesore and a serious danger to road users. Instead of full rehabilitation, the Department has resorted to temporary pothole patching that washes away with the first rains.

Community leaders say the pattern is familiar. Since 2018, commitments have been made to permanently rehabilitate the road, yet no permanent rehabilitation has taken place. Temporary pothole patching continues to waste public funds while the road remains dangerous.

Taxi operators and private motorists using the D1948 daily say they are now budgeting for punctures, not just fuel.

"We have to fill our tyres every week. The potholes are filled with sand by locals, then filled with rain water and they are now more hazardous," one Moteti taxi driver said, echoing complaints previously raised on the D1948 corridor where potholes filled with sand and persistent rain water become more hazardous.

Several motorists reported that poor workmanship and the use of poor quality materials has contributed to the poor state of the road, leaving a surface covered in loose sand and exposed base layers.

Emergency services are also affected. Residents warn that if even government machinery cannot pass on collapsed Limpopo roads, ambulances cannot either, a concern raised recently on other collapsed D-roads in the province where ambulances and police vehicles are unable to reach villages.

Community memorandums submitted to Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure describe the road as causing accidents, vehicle damage, and exposing motorists to crime when vehicles are forced to stop at large potholes.

The Dennilton area has long been flagged as having roads in a sore state, with political parties and civic groups warning motorists to be extra careful. Residents now say night driving on the D1948 is a gamble, with deep trenches that can swallow a tyre. The D1948 is not an isolated case. It reflects a systemic road infrastructure crisis in Limpopo.

The Department itself has admitted that road maintenance remains a challenge as many roads are already in a dire state and that maintenance was not done to satisfactory levels over the years.A performance report tabled before the legislature revealed that road infrastructure spending stood at a shocking 15%, considerably lower than the 25% target, highlighting poor planning and increasing the risk of litigation as roads become less safe.Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL), the entity responsible for upgrading provincial roads, has seen its budget slashed from R2.8 billion to R958 million in the 2025/2026 financial year, while compensation costs increased, leaving even less money for service delivery.

Residents of Moutse have issued a final ultimatum to the Limpopo Government, declaring the road to Philadelphia Hospital is in a state of collapse and a direct threat to lives of people seeking emergency healthcare. The Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure was contacted for comment. At the time of going to press, no response had been received on when permanent construction will begin on the D1948.

ANC Sekhukhune Regional Chairperson brings hope to Caprive and Mamone



Bahula expressed sincere appreciation and special gratitude to the men of Mamone for their continued and unwavering support for the ANC.



Kgothatso Mefolo of Caprive Village after receiving a wheelchair donated by ANC Sekhukhune Region.



ANC Sekhukhune Regional Chairperson, Minah Bahula, noted that the party listens, responds, and we act according to the people's needs.

CAPRIVE / MAMONE

In a heartwarming gesture of love and support, ANC Sekhukhune Regional Chairperson, Minah Bahula, donated a wheelchair to Kgothatso Mefolo from Caprive village outside Jane Furse.

The compassionate donation follows a report by ANC volunteers who discovered Kgothatso's daily mobility challenges during the door-to-door programme in the area.

Addressing community members during the handover, the Regional Chairperson said the donation was not just about providing a wheelchair, but about showing love and responsiveness to the needs of our people.

"This is what a caring organization does. We listen, we respond, and we act," she said.

Bahula commended the dedication of ANC volunteers whose work on the ground brought Kgothatso's plight to the attention of the regional leadership. She was joined by the ANCYL Provincial Chairperson, Cde Faith Sebopela, whose presence was warmly appreciated.

The family of Kgothatso expressed deep gratitude for the timely intervention.

In a separate programme on the same day, Bahula, also joined by Sebopela, shared a special moment with Banna ba ka Mamone at Marotobale Primary School.

The meet-and-greet session brought together men from all sections of Mamone Village in a demonstration of unity and organizational renewal.

During the programme, Bahula expressed sincere appreciation and special gratitude to the men of Mamone for their continued and unwavering support for the ANC.

The gathering was also supported by REC Member Judy Mphelane and volunteers from neighbouring branches, who came out in numbers to reinforce the spirit of comradeship.



Representatives from various stakeholders converged at Karibu Lodge in Burgersfort for DSD Strategic Planning Session.

Limpopo DSD under spotlight

BURGERSFORT

Limpopo MEC for Department of Social Development (DSD), Florence Radzilani, has called on her department's executive leadership to align strategic plans with high-impact outcomes and restore accountable service delivery, describing the recent regression in audit outcomes as a painful chapter that must become a turning point.

Radzilani was speaking at Karibu Lodge in Burgersfort, where she officially opened the Department's Strategic Planning Session on Monday 21 September 2026. The opening followed a special Heritage Month Gala Dinner organized by the department at the same venue.

During the Gala Dinner, government officials took the opportunity to celebrate the MEC, singing and extending warm birthday wishes to make up for missing her actual birthday on Monday 14 September.

In her remarks at the dinner, Radzilani appreciated the warm camaraderie but challenged management to double their dedication and commitment to ensure the department fulfills its mandate and delivers services seamlessly to the communities of Limpopo."Reflecting firmly on the recent regression in audit outcomes, this is a painful chapter, but it must serve as a turning point to rebuild capacity, restore integrity, and ensure accountable service delivery for the people of Limpopo," she said.

She revealed that following audit regressions linked to poor management of funded Non-Profit Organisations (NPOs), the Executive Council led by the Premier has ordered a forensic investigation. She warned that the outcomes of the investigation will be implemented strictly, with dire consequences for failure.

The MEC reminded management that when she joined the department, there was a spark of hope with an improvement from a qualified to an unqualified audit opinion. She also cited the achievement of 55 percent representation of women in senior positions as tangible proof that gender equality was within grasp and that the department was beginning to fulfill its promise of transforming lives in the province.

On social ills, Radzilani urged officials to intensify the fight against Gender-Based Violence and Femicide.

"Women are being killed, lives are being shattered, and this crisis demands doubled efforts. As we approach 16 Days of Activism,



MEC for DSD, Florence Radzilani, addressing the Department's Strategic Planning Session on Monday 21 September 2026.

I call on each of you to intensify your efforts, reach out, advocate, and embody the change we want to see," she said.

The Strategic Planning Session is expected to map out corrective measures to address audit findings and strengthen oversight of NPOs, while repositioning the department to deliver on its core mandate.

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Security company owner arrested for illegal firearms





The unlicensed firearm that were recovered by the police in possession of a 50-year-old security company owner in Matlerekeng.

MATLEREKENG

A 50-year-old security company owner is expected to appear in court after the police uncovered illegally possessed firearms during an intelligence-driven operation in the Sekhukhune District.The operation, conducted by the Sekhukhune District Tracing and Investigation Team, ran from Friday 18 September 2026 until Saturday morning 19 September 2026, following intelligence that a security company was operating without the necessary firearm licence at two clinics in the Matlerekeng policing area.According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the police followed up on the information and raided the company's premises, where one shotgun was recovered. A male employee was taken in for questioning.

"Further investigation led police to the residence of the security company owner, where a search uncovered an additional shotgun and a firearm with ammunition," informed Ledwaba.

He added that preliminary police investigations revealed that the security company did not possess the required certificate to possess firearms.

"The police also established that the firearms allegedly belonged to another security company based in Pretoria, from which the owner reportedly rented them for a substantial monthly cash payment. The owner was subsequently arrested and charged with possession of firearms without a licence. The employee was later released after he could not be linked to the offence," explained Ledwaba.

He said the suspect is scheduled to appear before the Groblersdal Magistrate's Court and investigations are continuing.

Limpopo Provincial Police Commissioner, Lieutenant General Jan Scheepers, welcomed the swift response by police, emphasising that firearms must only be possessed and used in accordance with the law.

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESSES GA-MACHACHA SOLAR PV CLUSTER AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR GA-NKOANA AND JANE FURSE, TUBATSE FETAKGOMO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

Applicant: Ga-Machacha Solar PV (Pty) Ltd

Activity: Development a cluster of four solar PV facilities with a total generation capacity of up to 900MW, with associated infrastructure including:

- Solar PV arrays, modules and mounting structures
- Inverters and transformers
- Cabling between the project components
- Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- On-site facility Substation
- Access and internal roads of up to 6m wide
- Temporary and permanent O&M and laydown area

Project Location: Portion 0 of the Farm Scheepersrust 771 KS located ~11km south west of Ga-Nkoana, and 20km north west of Jane Furse, Tubatse Fetakgomo Local Municipality and Sekhukhune District Municipality, Limpopo.

Project Name	Capacity and Affected Properties
Ga-Machacha Solar PV 1	Capacity of 240MW with a development area up to 301ha • Portion 0 of the Farm Scheepersrust 771 KS
Ga-Machacha Solar PV 2	Capacity of 240MW with a development area up to 325ha • Portion 0 of the Farm Scheepersrust 771 KS
Ga-Machacha Solar PV 3	Capacity of 240MW with a development area up to 320ha • Portion 0 of the Farm Scheepersrust 771 KS
Ga-Machacha Solar PV 4	Capacity of 180MW with a development area up to 223ha • Portion 0 of the Farm Scheepersrust 771 KS

Environmental Impact Assessment Process: Separate applications for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) and the Environmental Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, are submitted, with each application supported by a separate Environmental Impact Assessment report. The Applicant has resubmitted the application to continue at the initiation of the Environmental Impact Assessment Phase, in accordance with Regulation 21(2)(a) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, since the findings of the scoping report remain valid and the environmental context has not changed.

EIA Reports Available for Review: EIA Reports for the Ga-Machacha Solar PV1, PV2, PV3 and PV4 facilities are available for download from the Savannah Environmental website: www.savannahsa.com/PublicDocuments for a 30-day review period from **25 September 2026** to **26 October 2026.** The final date to submit written comments is **26 October 2026**

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SDM charts path forward with Groblersdal Ratepayers Association



The SDM senior management, including Municipal Manager Meshack Kgwale, engaged with Groblersdal Ratepayers Association to discuss pressing issues affecting residents.



SDM Executive Mayor, Cllr Minah Bahula, committed to the thorough cleaning of the Groblersdal Water Reservoir within the next two weeks.

GROBLERSDAL

The Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) has committed to urgent interventions to address service delivery concerns in Groblersdal following a constructive engagement with the Groblersdal Ratepayers Association on Monday 21 September 2026.SDM Executive Mayor, Cllr Minah Bahula, met with the association led by its Chairperson, Lesiba Mashaba, to discuss pressing issues affecting residents, including water infrastructure challenges, billing inconsistencies and outstanding municipal debts for services rendered.

Bahula was accompanied by Municipal Manager Meshack Kgwale and Chief Financial Officer Hendrick Nkadimeng.

As an immediate intervention, the Executive Mayor committed to the thorough cleaning of the Groblersdal Water Reservoir within the next two weeks.

The municipality said residents will be notified in advance of the planned work, which is expected to take approximately four to five days, including the restoration of water services.The Ratepayers Association also raised concerns regarding debts reflected on billing records and requested consideration of a possible write-off.

In response, Bahula committed to investigating the matter, consulting Council structures and relevant collective structures before reporting back to residents.

The municipality also provided an update on the rollout of smart meter-reading technology, which has been piloted in areas including Burgersfort and, more recently, in selected households in Groblersdal as part of the testing process. The technology is aimed at improving billing accuracy.To ensure continued engagement and accountability, the meeting resolved to establish a joint task team comprising representatives of the Ratepayers Association, municipal officials and MMCs responsible for the Infrastructure and Water Services portfolio, Corpas Ngobeni. The task team will provide a progress report within two weeks.

During the engagement, Executive Mayor Bahula reaffirmed the district municipality's commitment to continued working relations with residents and other stakeholders to address service delivery concerns through constructive dialogue, practical interventions and ongoing engagement.

Five arrested in Groblersdal crime sweep

GROBLERSDAL

Five male suspects were arrested during a focused crime prevention operation in Groblersdal on Saturday morning 19 September 2026, the police have confirmed.The operation, led by the Sekhukhune District police, was conducted at around 09:00 on Saturday, 19 September 2026. According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the operation targeted illicit trade, contravention of the Immigration Act, and drug-related offences in the town and surrounding areas.

"During the operation, police apprehended two foreign nationals, aged 24 and 32, for possession of illicit cigarettes with an estimated street value of R50 000," he said.Ledwaba said a third suspect, aged 26, was arrested after he failed to produce valid documentation to be in the country and was charged with contravention of the Immigration Act.

Ledwaba said in a separate incident during the same operation, two men aged 30 and 36 were nabbed for smoking dagga in public. They were later released on warning.

"All five suspects are expected to appear before the Groblersdal Magistrate's Court soon, to face their respective charges. Investigations are continuing," he said.

Limpopo Provincial Police Commissioner, Lieutenant General Jan Scheepers, welcomed the arrests and commended the Sekhukhune District team for their vigilance and commitment to tackling criminality.



The illicit cigarettes that were found in possession of the suspects during their arrests.

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FETAKGOMO TUBATSE
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCUR LONG-TERM DEBT IN TERMS OF SECTION 46(3) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT: MUNICIPAL FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT, 2003 (ACT NO. 56 OF 2003)

1. Notice is hereby given, in terms of section 46(3)(a)(i) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003) ("the MFMA"), read with section 21A of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No. 32 of 2000), that the Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality ("the Municipality") intends to incur long-term debt in the form of a long-term loan facility in the amount of R300 000 000 (three hundred million Rand), the approval of which will be considered by the Municipal Council, on a date not less than twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of this notice.

2. **Council authority:** by Resolution No. **SC62/2026,** adopted at the 19th Special Council Meeting held on 29 May 2026 in approving the 2026/27 MTREF Budget, the Municipal Council authorised the Accounting Officer to borrow an amount of R300 000 000 (three hundred million Rand), inclusive of VAT, structured in two tranches, to finance the specified capital assets contained in the approved 2026/27 MTREF capital budget, subject to the borrowing being concluded in strict compliance with the MFMA, the Municipality's Supply Chain Management Policy and all applicable National Treasury r egulations and circulars.

3. The information statement contemplated in section 46(3)(a)(i) of the MFMA, setting out the amount of the proposed debt, the purpose for which it is to be incurred and particulars of the security to be provided, is set out in Table 1 below and paragraph 4 below.

TABLE 1: PARTICULARS OF THE PROPOSED LONG-TERM DEBT (INFORMATION STATEMENT)

Borrower	Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality (LIM 476)
Nature of debt	Long-term loan facility (long-term debt as defined in section 1 of the MFMA)
Total facility amount	R300 000 000 (three hundred million Rand)
Currency	South African Rand (ZAR) – the debt will not be denominated in, or indexed to, any foreign currency, in compliance with section 47 of the MFMA
Repayment term (tenure)	Ten (10) years, calculated from the date of first drawdown
Payment moratorium	apital and interest moratorium during the 2026/27 financial year; capital and interest repayments commence in the 2027/28 financial year
Repayment method	Equal instalments of capital and interest (amortising), payable in accordance with the anticipated debt repayment schedule contained in the full information statement
Interest rate type	Fixed or floating (linked to the prime lending rate or JIBAR), to be determined on the basis of the most competitive proposal received
Indicative interest rate	10.25% per annum (all-in, indicative, as assumed in the Municipality's 2026/27 MTREF). The final rate will be determined on conclusion of the loan agreement and is subject to movements in the underlying capital markets.
Estimated capital requirement	R300 000 000
Source of repayment	Own revenue
Prospective lenders	The following financial institutions have expressed interest in providing the facility: • Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) • Nedbank Limited • The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited • Absa Bank Limited The successful financier will be selected in accordance with the Municipality's Supply Chain Management Policy and the MFMA.

4. In accordance with section 46(1)(a) of the MFMA, the proposed debt will be incurred solely for the purpose of capital expenditure on property, plant and equipment to be used for the purpose of achieving the objects of local government in terms of section 152 of the Constitution. The proceeds of the loan will be applied to the development of income-generating infrastructure in Burgersfort, comprising **the bulk and internal engineering services (roads and stormwater, electricity reticulation, and water and wastewater services)** for a mixed-use development, and **the development of a licensed municipal landfill site.** These assets will generate rates, service charges and other revenue for the Municipality over their useful lives, from which the debt will be serviced. No part of the debt will be applied to operational expenditure.

5. The full information statement, together with particulars of the essential repayment terms, the anticipated debt repayment (amortisation) schedule and the anticipated total cost of the debt over the repayment period, as contemplated in section 46(3)(a) of the MFMA, is available for inspection free of charge during normal office hours (07:30 – 16:00, Monday to Friday) at the following locations:
   - Head Office: Budget and Treasury Office, 1 Kastania Street, Burgersfort;
   - Regional Office: Stand No. 1, Mashung, Ga-Nkwana;
   - Municipal website: www.fetakgomotubatse.gov.za; and
   - All municipal libraries and Thusong Service Centres within the municipal area.

6. In terms of section 46(3)(a) of the MFMA, the local community, members of the public, interested and affected parties, the National Treasury and the Limpopo Provincial Treasury are hereby invited to submit written comments, representations or objections in respect of the proposed long-term debt to the Municipal Council.

7. Any objections, comments or representations must be submitted in writing, for the attention of the **Chief Financial Officer,** Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality, Private Bag X11037, Burgersfort, 1150, or hand-delivered to the Budget and Treasury Office at 1 Kastania Street, Burgersfort, or e-mailed to the Chief Financial Officer, Mr L Makgopa, at lmakgopa@ftlm.gov.za (reference: "R300 million long-term loan – section 46 comment"), and must reach the Municipality **within twenty-one (21) days of the date of publication of this notice,** that is, by no later than 16:00 on 23 October 2026. Comments or representations received after the closing date may not be considered.

8. All comments and representations received will be tabled before the Municipal Council, which will consider them, in accordance with section 46(3)(b) of the MFMA, before deciding whether to approve the proposed debt. A copy of this information statement has been submitted to the National Treasury and the Limpopo Provincial Treasury in accordance with the MFMA and the Municipal Regulations on Debt Disclosure, 2007.

9. Members of the public who are unable to read or write may visit the Budget and Treasury Office at Head Office during office hours, where an official will assist them to record their comments, representations or objections, in accordance with section 21A of the Municipal Systems Act.

10. Enquiries regarding this notice may be directed to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer at telephone 013 231 1000 during office hours.

MAKGATA MJ
MUNICIPAL MANAGER
Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality

Premier Dr Ramathuba Hands Over 78 Law Enforcement Vehicles



The brand new cars

LIMPOPO

Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba led the official handover of 78 law enforcement vehicles to traffic officers at the Old Peter Mokaba Stadium Parking in Polokwane on September 23.

She was accompanied by the MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Ms Nakedi Kekana, the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Transport and Community Safety, Ms Kedibone Lebea (MPL), and the Acting Executive Mayor of Polokwane, MMC Yusuf Pema.

The handover forms part of the Department's 24/7 shift system to boost visibility of officers on our roads, improve response times and help reduce road fatalities in Limpopo.

The Premier noted that the Madlanga Commission of Enquiry laid bare many issues in the law enforcement space, which has diminished and eroded the trust our people have in officers. She appealed to officers to double their efforts to regain that trust, starting with the efficient use of the vehicles handed over.Premier Ramathuba emphasised that, most importantly, the vehicles must assist the province to reduce road accident fatalities by 10%



Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba.



The cars handed to the traffic officers

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Booysendal Platinum is situated on the border of the Limpopo and Mpumalanga Provinces near the towns of Mashishing (Lydenburg), Roossenekal and Steelpoort. The mine is located on the southernmost exposure of the eastern limb of the Bushveld Complex with eighty percent of its resources in the Mpumalanga Province. The Mine has a board and pillar mining layout and operates with trackless mechanised mining equipment. Booysendal is a subsidiary of the JSE-listed Northam Platinum Limited, a well-established, mid-tier independent and integrated platinum group metals producer with a strong tradition of innovation and technical expertise in the sector.

CONTRACTS COORDINATOR (DL)

BOOYSENDAL CENTRAL SERVICES - FINANCE DEPARTMENT
Ref. No.: BDFIN11/26

Role requirements: The successful candidate must have the following basic requirements: • Diploma or degree in Supply Chain Management / Commercial / Purchasing Management or similar • Minimum of five (5) years' relevant experience in areas of sourcing, contract lifecycle management, procurement, commodity management and supplier relationship management • Experience working in an integrated SAP IT system • Experience in market and commodity research and techniques and a general understanding of contracts • Experience with driving value creation and category management savings • Experience with relevant software: SAP; Microsoft Office suite and database management • Experience with using source-to-pay technology digital tools is preferred • Mining industry experience is preferred and will be an advantage • Medical certificate of fitness.

Key performance areas: • Manage site contracts in collaboration with relevant internal and external stakeholders • Negotiate, conclude and administer contracts throughout the full contract lifecycle • Evaluate contractual terms, conditions and stipulations and provide recommendations to relevant stakeholders • Monitor contract compliance, performance, renewals and extensions, and address contractual deviations where required • Maintain sound contractor and supplier relationships and ensure adherence to contractual rights, obligations, governance requirements and company procedures • Manage end-to-end contract processes, including contract coverage, documentation, automation initiatives and implementation of contracting strategies • Identify and implement cost-saving, volume discount and product substitution opportunities, and support supplier development and ESD initiatives.

Please attach a comprehensive updated curriculum vitae as well as a certified copy of your ID and your qualifications.

Should you meet all the requirements, please submit your CV to HRApplicationsBD@norplats.co.za and please quote the job title and reference number in the subject box. Kindly note that Booysendal will only correspond with short-listed candidates.

Applications close: 02 October 2026

CV's received in any form after the closing date and time will not be considered. Should you not hear from the company within 21 days after the closing date for applications, please consider your application as unsuccessful.

Booysendal Platinum Mine is an equal employment opportunity employer and reserves the right to make appointments in line with its Employment Equity Policy.

"New buses cannot hide GNTs decade of failure", says DA

LIMPOPO

The arrival of new buses for Great North Transport (GNT) is desperately needed by thousands of commuters across Limpopo. But according to the DA in Limpopo, the new buses cannot erase how GNT was allowed to collapse.

According to the party, GNT fell from 540 buses serving around 200 routes and carrying 36 million passengers a year to just 23 operational buses by July 2025, despite nearly R1 billion in taxpayer-funded bailouts over the past decade."As the DA in Limpopo we remain adamant that there must be full disclosure, accountability and consequences for those responsible," said Jacques Smalle, DA Provincial Spokesperson for Limpopo Economic Development, the Environment and Tourism (LEDET). According to Smalle, any attempt to turn GNT around without first confronting the reasons for its collapse and taking the necessary remedial action is doomed to repeat the same failures. It risks throwing more good money after bad.

"We call for the public release of the Special Investigating Unit's (SIU) findings into corruption and maladministration at GNT. The SIU has advised us that its investigation is expected to be finalised by the end of September 2026, after which its findings will be submitted to the President and Parliament," he added.

Smalle said the party does not oppose investment in a viable public transport service. "We oppose repeatedly bailing out a failed operating model without first fixing the governance, financial and operational failures, and addressing allegations of corruption and maladministration," he said.Smalle indicated that in July 2025, the DA in the province has called for a full and transparent enquiry into GNT and for further bailouts to be reconsidered until meaningful governance reforms were implemented.

"Repeated turnaround attempts have failed, a fleet renewal initiative in 2013; a formal turnaround strategy commissioned in 2017; and a further turnaround drive through LEDA in 2021/2022," he said.

Smalle said the Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, and her Provincial Executive, cannot distance themselves from previous administrations while presenting themselves as a new broom.

"Accountability must extend across years of provincial oversight, repeated turnaround plans and continued public funding. A SCOPA report adopted by the Limpopo Legislature in 2025 described GNT as a "fiscal black hole", called for a full enquiry and recommended withholding further funding until governance reforms were implemented. It also raised the prospect of national intervention. The SIU investigation, authorised under Presidential Proclamation 246 of 2025, further demonstrates the seriousness of the matters requiring investigation at GNT," he said.A more recent SCOPA oversight report found that GNT continues to face serious operational, financial, governance and service-delivery problems, and called for urgent corrective action, including a cost, time-bound turnaround plan and strengthened oversight.

"New buses are welcome. But new buses alone will not fix GNT. Public transport must be funded. Failure must not be bailed out. Getting buses back on the road is necessary. But fixing GNT's governance, finances and administration, and addressing the corruption and maladministration being investigated by the SIU, is not negotiable Without both, another turnaround risks becoming another chapter in the same cycle of failure, collapse and wastage," Smalle said.



PUBLIC NOTICE: EXTERNAL ADVERT

dr.jsmlm

Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality is looking for suitable qualified interns with applicable qualification(s) to apply for the following opportunities:

POSITION : MUNICIPAL FINANCE MANAGEMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME
DEPARTMENT : FINANCE
SALARY : R 100 000.00 PA

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: The candidates should be in possession of Grade 12 Certificate, a three-year Bachelor's degree or National Diploma with majors/specialisation in Accounting; Finance; Economics; Internal Auditing; Risk Management; and/or other relevant financial management qualifications. Candidates must be South African citizens and should be between the ages of 18 to 35 years.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES: The successful candidate will be required to undergo structured workplace training and practical exposure within Finance Department and will assist with and/or gain exposure to; Municipal budgeting and financial planning; Financial accounting and reporting; Revenue and expenditure management; Supply Chain Management; Asset management; Financial management and internal controls; Risk management; Internal audit; MFMA compliance; Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts (mSCOA); and other relevant municipal financial management functions.

More information on the key responsibilities and application form are accessible on the municipal website; www.moroka.gov.za. The application form must be accompanied by CV, **Certified copy of the ID document and copies of qualifications which are less than 6 months** must be addressed to: The Municipal Manager, Dr J.S Moroka Local Municipality, Private Bag X 4012, Siyabuswa, 0472. Applications can also be hand delivered at Head office: A2601/3 Bongimfundo Street, Technical Services in Siyabuswa Industrial area, Matshiding, Wastewater/Sanitation in Siyabuswa and Unit offices in Nokaneng and Libangeni.

For further information contact Ms S. Mahlangu and Ms N. Bhila from the Human Resource Development & Management on 013 973 9930. People with disabilities are encouraged to apply and declare appropriately.

CLOSING DATE: 02 October 2026 @ 13:00



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LHD DRIVER (B3)

BOOYSENDAL NORTH - MINING DEPARTMENT
Ref. No.: BDMIN56/26

Role requirements: The successful candidate must have the following basic requirements: • Grade 10 • Competent B certificate of competency • LHD Driver certificate of competency • At least 2 - 3 years' experience in underground trackless mining • Relevant working experience as a LHD Driver will be advantageous • Underground Medical Certificate of Fitness • Working knowledge of health and safety procedures, policies, records, etc.

Key performance areas: • Ensure that underground working conditions are maintained to a high and acceptable standard • Support the optimisation of the shaft • Ensure best practices and safe loading and tipping practices during the loading of ore underground • Ensure health and safety standards are adhered to at all times.

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Should you meet all the requirements, please submit your CV to HRApplicationsBD@norplats.co.za and please quote the job title and reference number in the subject box. Kindly note that Booysendal will only correspond with short-listed candidates.

Applications close: 04 October 2026

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SDM Mayor, Cllr David Tladi (Right), donated various items to senior citizens and people living with disabilities.

Elias Motsoaledi strengthens support for senior citizens and people living with disabilities

GROBLERSDAL

In a moving display of compassion and community solidarity, the Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM), Cllr David Tladi, led a special outreach programme dedicated to senior citizens and people living with disabilities at the Municipal Gardens on Thursday 17 September 2026.

The programme brought together focal groups from across the municipality, reaching 23 centres in total, 7 disability centres and 16 old-age centres. The initiative created a platform for direct engagement between municipal leadership and vulnerable groups, allowing community members to share their experiences, concerns and needs.

Addressing the gathering, Mayor Tladi called on all residents to play an active role in protecting and caring for the elderly and people living with disabilities, stressing that their dignity and inclusion is a collective responsibility.

"Our focal groups are a pillar upon which our municipality is built. Our elderly carry our history and wisdom, our youth represent our future, and people living with disabilities remind us of our responsibility to build an inclusive society where everyone can participate with dignity," said Tladi.

The Mayor also used the occasion to encourage community members to stay informed about the upcoming elections and to exercise their democratic rights responsibly.

The outreach not only brought warmth and smiles to the attendees, but also strengthened the relationship between the municipality, its focal groups and the broader community.

Tladi was accompanied by members of the municipal leadership, including Speaker of Council Cllr Jounior Thethe, Chief Whip of Council Cllr Elias Nduli, MMC for Budget and Treasury Cllr Ndumiso Ndlovu, MMC for Infrastructure Services Cllr Rhodes Msiza, MMC for Community Services Cllr Nkitseng Ramongana, MMC for Corporate Services Cllr Poppy Phetla, MPAC Chairperson Cllr Samaria Mashilo, MMC for LED and Development Planning, and Municipal Manager Mme Mahlakwane.

The municipality reaffirmed its commitment to continue building a caring, inclusive and people-centred Elias Motsoaledi.



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Large quantities of dagga were confiscated by the police during the operation.

Limpopo police seize 12 firearms, arrests over 2000 suspects in week-long operation

LIMPOPO

The Police in Limpopo have intensified their crime-fighting efforts, arresting 2, 571 suspects and confiscating 12 firearms and 229 rounds of ammunition during province-wide Operation Shanela II.

The week-long operation was conducted from Monday 14 to Sunday 20 September 2026 across all five districts in the province.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the operation targeted serious and violent crimes, illegal firearms, drug-related offences, unlawful liquor activities, undocumented persons and other criminal activities.

Ledwaba said during the operations, the police recorded several successes, arresting 10 suspects for murder, 11 for attempted murder, 4 for aggravated robbery and 36 for rape. Other arrests include 166 for assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, 128 for common assault, 23 for common robbery, 17 for robbery with weapons other than a firearm, and 9 for sexual offences.

"The police also arrested 9 suspects for business burglary, 13 for residential burglary, one suspect for stock theft, 2 for arson and 86 for malicious damage to property. A further 24 suspects were arrested for shoplifting, four for fraud and 51 for theft," Ledwaba informed.

On drug and liquor related crimes, Ledwaba said 209 suspects were arrested for drug-related crimes, 74 for driving under the influence of alcohol and 121 for illegal dealing in liquor.

"Police also arrested 13 suspects for illegal possession of firearms and ammunition and 42 for possession of suspected stolen property," said Ledwaba.

He added that the operation also saw the arrest of 401 undocumented immigrants, 523 people for public drinking and 36 people for transgression of the Domestic Violence Act.

In terms of confiscations, Ledwaba stated that the police seized 12 firearms, 229 rounds of ammunition, 62 dangerous weapons and 53 knives. They also recovered 10 stolen or robbed vehicles.

"Drugs confiscated include over 1.2 kilograms of dagga, 247.5 grams of crystal meth, 71.1 grams of nyaope, 5 grams of khat and a small quantity of crack cocaine. Police also seized 215,897 sticks of counterfeit cigarettes and over 2.4 million millilitres of liquor," he said.

According to Ledwaba, to intensify crime prevention, the police conducted 1,152 awareness campaigns, 4,083 compliance inspections at liquor premises and 991 inspections at second-hand goods dealers. They also held 1,406 crime prevention operations, 58 drug operations and 412 liquor control operations.

"A total of 152 roadblocks and 3,817 Vehicle Check Points were conducted, along with 8,696 stop-and-search operations. During these operations, 41,596 persons and 16,691 vehicles were searched, while 7,685 vehicles were tested. Police also conducted 15,529 blue light patrols," said Ledwaba.

He said the police also attended to 589 domestic violence incidents, served 259 protection orders, closed 132 shebeens, searched 1,406 spaza and tuck shops and issued 2,235 fines.

"Some of the suspects have already started appearing before various magistrate's courts across the province," concluded Ledwaba.

The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Jan Scheepers, commended police members for their continued commitment to crime prevention and law enforcement.

"We will continue to strengthen our presence in communities and pursue those who threaten the safety of our people," said Scheepers.



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Makhuduthamaga LFA elects new leadership



The new Makhuduthamaga LFA after they were elected during an Annual General Meeting and Elective Congress held at Thabanaswana Primary School in Ga-Masemola Village.

GA-MASEMOLA

The Makhuduthamaga Local Football Association (LFA) has ushered in a new era after successfully holding their Annual General Meeting and Elective Congress on Saturday 19 September 2026.

The congress, which was attended by representatives of all 48 affiliated teams participating within the league, was held at Thabanaswana Primary School in Ga-Masemola Village, under the theme of rebuilding local football.

Newly elected additional member of the LFA, Frank Maredi, noted that teams are still waiting for the new season fixture to be released.The highlight of the day was the election of the new executive committee, with Liver Mpakatsane elected uncontested as the new Chairperson of the LFA.

Mpakatsane will be deputized by three deputy chairpersons. Lucas Maduana was elected as 1st Deputy Chairperson, Milton Nchabeleng as 2nd Deputy Chairperson, and Conny Radingwana as 3rd Deputy Chairperson.

In the administration, Frans Kgopane was elected as Secretary, deputized by Rudolph Williams, while Bushy Mampholo was elected as Treasurer.

The congress also elected six additional members to serve in the executive committee. They are Frank Maredi, Trausers Selema, Frann Choenyane, S. Mosotho, M. Mafiri and Kgaogelo Talane.

In his acceptance speech, the newly elected chairperson Mpakatsane thanked the members for their confidence and pledged to unite all 48 teams and to work on professionalizing the league, including the speedy release of fixtures and improved communication with clubs.

The new leadership will serve a four-year term in line with the SAFA statutes.





Sepedi

Traditional Dishes: Staple foods include bogobe (sorghum or maize meal porridge), thophi (maize mixed with lerotse melon), dikgobe (samp and beans), morogo wa dikgopana (sun-dried spinach), and mashotja (mopani worms).