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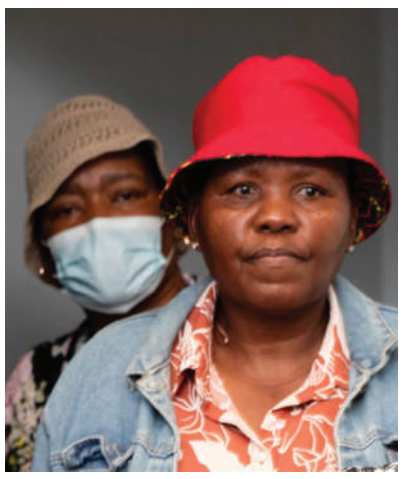
Eight arrested in Marble Hall learner's license corruption bust



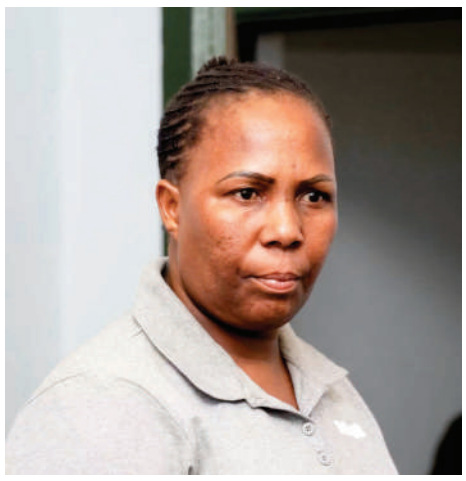
Selemogae Molepen One of the learner's license corruption suspects was found in possession of a large amount of money during her arrest.



Leusa Monama 63 Cashier(Natis Officer)



Examiner of Vehicles, Driving licenses and Natis officer , Petrus Raga



Dina Makena, one of the learner's license corruption suspects being arrested at the Marble Hall Driving Licence Testing Centre.



Traffic Examiner for driving licenses and ENatis Officer Ephraim Mocheko



Collen Lwazi Mtshali, Runner

MARBLE HALL

A major intelligence-led operation targeting corruption at the Marble Hall Driving Licence Testing Centre, has led to the arrest of eight suspects allegedly linked to a cash-for-license syndicate.

The arrests were made on Friday 11 September 2026 following a joint operation conducted by the South African Police Service (SAPS) Crime Intelligence, the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) and the Sekhukhune District Tactical Investigating team. According to the SIU, the operation intercepted suspects from KwaZulu-Natal and Limpopo who were allegedly en route to collect illicitly issued learner's licences. One suspect was initially arrested after being found in possession of several learner's licenses.The SIU alleges that the syndicate operated a bulk scheme. "A suspect from KwaZulu-Natal allegedly solicited R2,000 per license from applicants, promising to secure learner's licenses without the required testing process.

He allegedly coordinated with an accomplice in Limpopo, who worked with examiners and officials at the Marble Hall testing centre to process fraudulent applications on the National Traffic Information System (NaTIS)," the unit said in a statement.

According to SIU, intelligence investigation indicates that the syndicate facilitated between 20 and 30 fraudulent learner's licenses per transaction, bypassing lawful licensing procedures.

The investigation is being conducted under Proclamation R37 of 2017, as amended by Proclamation 191 of 2024, which authorizes the SIU to investigate corruption within the licensing division. The eight suspects appeared before the Groblersdal Magistrate's Court on Monday 14 September 2026. Four of the suspects were arrested on Friday, while four others later handed themselves over to police. They face charges of fraud and corruption.The accused are Linah Mabitshela (53), a cashier (NaTIS officer), Collen Lwazi Mtshali (57), a runner, Ephraim Mocheko (62) who is a traffic examiner for driving licenses and eNaTIS officer. Other suspects include Dina Makena (49) who is a cashier (NaTIS Officer), Mpho April Aphane (43) a driving school owner, Petrus Herman Raga (48) who is management representative/examiner of vehicles, driving licenses and NaTIS officer, Selemogae Molepo (63), a cashier (NaTIS Officer) and Leuba Monama (63) who is a cashier (NaTIS Officer).

The SIU said the matter was postponed to 21 September 2026 for address verification, profiling for previous criminal records, and a formal bail application.

"All eight accused will remain in custody until then. The investigation remains ongoing and further arrests are possible. Corruption at licensing centres will not be tolerated and that criminal and disciplinary action will follow against all persons found to have participated in the scheme," reiterated the SIU.

Groblersdal–Luckau Bulk Water Supply Scheme reaches key service delivery milestones



Delegations from SDM and EMLM assessing progress during their oversight visit at the Groblersdal–Luckau Bulk Water Supply Scheme project.

GROBLERSDAL

The Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) continues to make steady progress in implementing the Groblersdal–Luckau Bulk Water Supply Scheme, a strategic project aimed at addressing persistent water challenges across parts of the district and improving the reliability and sustainability of water supply.

Once completed, the project, divided into sub-schemes due to the size of the area, will improve water supply to almost 20 villages, including Motetema, Luckau, Tafelkop, Bapeding, Ramogwerane and Dikgalaopeng to name a few.

According to the municipality, the current implementation focuses on the Motetema, Tafelkop and Bapeding sub-schemes through Phases 1 and 2 of the overall project.

Key infrastructure includes the construction of a new pump station, installation of new pumps and electrical equipment, as well as approximately 6.4 kilometres of 350mm GRP pumping pipeline from Tafelkop to the proposed Bapeding Command Reservoir.

The project has reached significant milestones. According to the district municipality, the pipeline component is approximately 90% complete, while construction of the pump station is also at approximately 90% completion, marking important strides towards strengthening water supply to the affected communities.

Progress was assessed during oversight visits by councillors and officials from both SDM and Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM), held on Wednesday 9 September 2026.

During the visit, SDM Executive Mayor, Cllr Minah Bahula, urged officials to expedite efforts to unlock the old pipeline supplying water to Tafelkop while communities await completion of the new scheme.





The Groblersdal–Luckau Bulk Water Supply Scheme is set to address persistent water challenges across parts of the district and improving the reliability and sustainability of water supply.

The district municipality assured communities in parts of Sekhukhune of improved water security as work continues. Mayor of EMLM, Cllr Magetle David Tladi, joined the Executive Mayor during the oversight visit.

According to the district municipality, beyond improving water security, the project is also contributing to local economic development.Ten SMMEs have benefited from the project, while approximately 50 work opportunities have been created for local communities. These include 20 opportunities for male unskilled workers, 20 for female unskilled workers, four skilled positions, as well as opportunities for persons with disabilities.

Executive Mayor Bahula also thanked residents living alongside the pipeline construction for their patience, cooperation and understanding as the municipality works to deliver sustainable water infrastructure.

The municipality stated that the progress made on the project demonstrates the continued commitment of the district and local municipalities to strengthening water infrastructure and improving access to reliable and sustainable water services for communities.

The district municipality said it remains committed to accelerating strategic infrastructure projects that will strengthen water security and improve the quality of life for communities across Sekhukhune.

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Mafarafara and Taung residents continue to risk lives on makeshift bridge

MAFARAFARA/TAUNG

Despite repeated pleas to the Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM) to provide basic services including a proper access bridge in the area, residents of Mafarafara and Taung Villages say their calls are falling on deaf ears.Now, with the rainy season approaching, panic is growing. The community erected makeshift structure made of poles and corrugated iron crossing the Tubatse River is expected to overflow, cutting off hundreds of residents and putting lives at risk.

The bridge is the only link between Mafarafara and Taung. It is used daily by school children and mothers who need to access healthcare services at the Taung Clinic.Earlier this year, Sekhukhune Times and Sekhukhune Dispatch exposed the saga, with the FTLM responded that building a bridge over the Tubatse River would require provincial and national government intervention due to the size of the river.

The municipality responded that residents have other options for clinics in Burgersfort, Ga-Motodi and Praktiseer, and that it is by choice that they cross.

Residents say that explanation shows how disconnected the municipality is from their reality.

Mafarafara has no high school after Mashakwaneng Secondary, the only secondary school in the area, was closed during Limpopo's school rationalization programme in 2022. Learners are forced to cross to Taung daily for schooling.

Community leader, Fannie Mzimba, who is Interim ActionSA Branch Chairperson in the area, says the community has lost all hope."We don't have trust in our government anymore. We are neglected and we hope maybe the upcoming administration will do better," said Mzimba.

Mzimba said the community is now planning to fortify the makeshift crossing as an interim safety measure before heavy rains flood the local river, by reinforcing it with additional timber, sandbags and steel supports.

"We cannot wait for a child or an elderly citizen to be washed away. If the municipality will not build us a bridge, we will try to strengthen what we have ourselves, even though we know it is not safe," he said.

Mzimba said residents' frustration with service delivery and party politics pushed them to find a new political home.

"We were disappointed on how government and the ruling party treat us. After the ruling party failed us and also nominated the ward councillor that we don't want, residents ended up finding a new political home," he explained.

The bridge is not the only grievance in the communities. Residents are also complaining about deplorable internal roads, lack of electricity, and a general feeling of being forgotten.

"Our roads are not accessible. People wait long hours for ambulances and police to arrive because of poor roads. We are afraid people may end up dying waiting for ambulances. And criminals can easily escape after committing crimes because they know the police will take time to arrive. We have rights just like other communities. They must not treat us as inferior. We deserve to have services just like other communities," Mzimba said.



Residents of Mafarafara and Taung Villages in Fetakgomo Tubatse say they are planning to fortify their makeshift bridge as heavy rains approach.

Mzimba added that the community also lives in darkness after an electrification project was abandoned years ago.

"We also lack electricity because the electricity project in the area was stalled a few years ago and the municipality is not saying anything. We have poles standing with no wires, children study with candles. How can we develop like that?" he asked.

"We are not asking for luxury. We are asking for a bridge so our children can go to school safely, roads so ambulances can reach us, and electricity that was promised long ago. Is that too much to ask in a democratic South Africa?" he furthered asked.

At the time of going to press, the FTLM had not responded to enquiries sent by the publication.

Operation Shanela sweeps 2234 suspects off Limpopo streets



Unlicensed firearm which was seized during the ongoing high-density Operation Shanela conducted across the province.



Ammunition and magazines that were recovered by the police during the operation.



Suspected stolen vehicle was seized during the province-wide Operation Shanela taking place across Limpopo.

LIMPOPO

The police in Limpopo have arrested 2234 suspects for various offences and seized 13 firearms and 40 dangerous weapons, during the ongoing high-density Operation Shanela conducted across the province.

According to the police, the operation was conducted from Monday 7 September until Sunday 13 September 2026, in collaboration with other law-enforcement agencies and relevant stakeholders.

Police said the operations included high-visibility blue-light patrols, stop-and-search operations, roadblocks, vehicle check points, crime prevention operations, drug and liquor control operations, compliance inspections, tracing operations and other activities aimed at preventing and combating crime.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the 2234 suspects were arrested for a range of serious and other offences.

"During the operation, the police arrested 9 suspects for murder, 7 for attempted murder, 5 for robbery with aggravating circumstances, 36 for rape, 4 for sexual assault, and 15 for sexual offences," said Ledwaba.

He added that a further 139 were arrested for assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm (GBH) and 109 for common assault.

"Police also arrested 15 suspects for common robbery and 11 for robbery with weapons other than firearms. Other arrests included 1 suspect nabbed for business burglary, 18 for residential burglary, 2 for stock theft, 65 for malicious damage to property, 29 for shoplifting, 8 for fraud, 38 for other theft-related offences, and 2 for arson," Ledwaba said.

For drug and liquor related crimes, Ledwaba said 206 suspects were arrested for drug-related crimes, 101 for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, 547 for public drinking and 112 for illegal dealing in liquor.

"The police also arrested 23 suspects for illegal possession of firearms and ammunition, 33 for possession of suspected stolen property, 19 for transgression of the Domestic Violence Act, and 241 undocumented immigrants. During the operation, police confiscated or recovered 13 firearms, 121 rounds of ammunition, 40 dangerous weapons and 38 knives," Ledwaba informed.

He said drugs and contraband seized included 244 850 counterfeit cigarette sticks, 2326,095 grams of dagga, 001 grams of crack cocaine/rocks, 1354,51 grams of Crystal Methamphetamine (Tik), 8,04 grams of Nyaope, 26,8 grams of Cat drugs, and 450,09 grams of Heroin/Thai white drugs.

"The police also seized 1 432 435 ml of liquor and recovered 5 stolen or robbed vehicles during the operation," said Ledwaba.

Furthermore, Ledwaba said the police issued 2181 fines for various offences and additional successes recorded during the week included 905 awareness campaigns, 3731 compliance inspections at liquor premises, 1439 crime prevention operations, 904 compliance inspections at second-hand goods dealers, 356 liquor control operations conducted, 9188 vehicles tested, 18 293 vehicles searched, 1190 spaza and tuck shops searched, 652 domestic violence incidents attended to, 312 protection orders served, 101 shebeens closed, 58 drug operations, 8263 stop and search operations, and 101 roadblocks.

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

Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Jan Scheepers, appreciated the efforts made by the police and stakeholders, particularly the arrest of 241 undocumented immigrants and the seizure of 13 firearms and 40 dangerous weapons, describing these achievements as critical interventions in the fight against violent crimes.

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Two illegal immigrants arrested for illegal mining



Three generators were among suspected illegal equipment recovered by the police during the operation.

ATOK

Two foreign nationals have been arrested for illegal mining during a disruptive police operation conducted in the Atok policing area outside Burgersfort on Wednesday 9 September 2026, at approximately 08:00.

According to the police report, the operation was conducted by members of the Provincial Organised Crime Investigation Unit at a farm in Atok, which led to the police arresting a 27-year-old Malawian male and a 41-year-old Zimbabwean female during the operation.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said during the operation, the police confiscated suspected illegal mining equipment at the scene, including, three generators, three jackhammers, five buckets, a shovel and approximately 14 metres of electric cable.

"The suspects were subsequently found to be in the country illegally. They are now facing charges of illegal mining and contravention of the Immigration Act. They remain in police custody and are expected to appear before the Sekhukhune Magistrates' Court soon," informed Ledwaba.Lieutenant General Jan Scheepers, Provincial Commissioner of the Limpopo in Limpopo, welcomed the arrests and the confiscation of the equipment, emphasizing that SAPS will continue to disrupt criminal activities that threaten communities and the province's natural resources.

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Parolee linked to series of house robberies remanded in custody

PRAKTISEER

A 45-year-old male parolee, Tebogo Vincent Moraba, who is linked to a series of house robberies, has been remanded in custody after the police recovered an unlicensed firearm and a suspected stolen vehicle in his possession.

The suspect appeared before the Praktiseer Magistrate's Court on Friday 11 September 2026, following his arrest by the Tubatse Task Team, in collaboration with the Mopani Tracing Team and Namakgale Detectives.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said Mmoraba is facing charges of possession of an unlicensed firearm and possession of a suspected stolen motor vehicle and remanded in custody for a formal bail application.

"The suspect was arrested on Thursday 10 September 2026, after the Tubatse Task Team, assisted the Mopani Tracing Team and Namakgale Detectives worked in collaboration in tracing him within the Tubatse policing area," informed Ledwaba.

He said during the operation, the police recovered a silver and black firearm underneath a bed at his homestead in Riba Cross. An empty magazine was also recovered from the residence.

"The suspect subsequently led the police to premises where a grey Volkswagen Polo was found. The vehicle was circulated for verification, and it was established that it had been reported stolen in Marble Hall during a house robbery incident. The police also recovered two pairs of sneakers at the suspect's residence, which are believed to be among the property linked to the investigation," Ledwaba explained.

Ledwaba said investigations into the outstanding house robbery cases are continuing.

Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Jan Scheepers, has applauded the police members for their alertness and collaborative efforts which led to the arrest and subsequent recovery.



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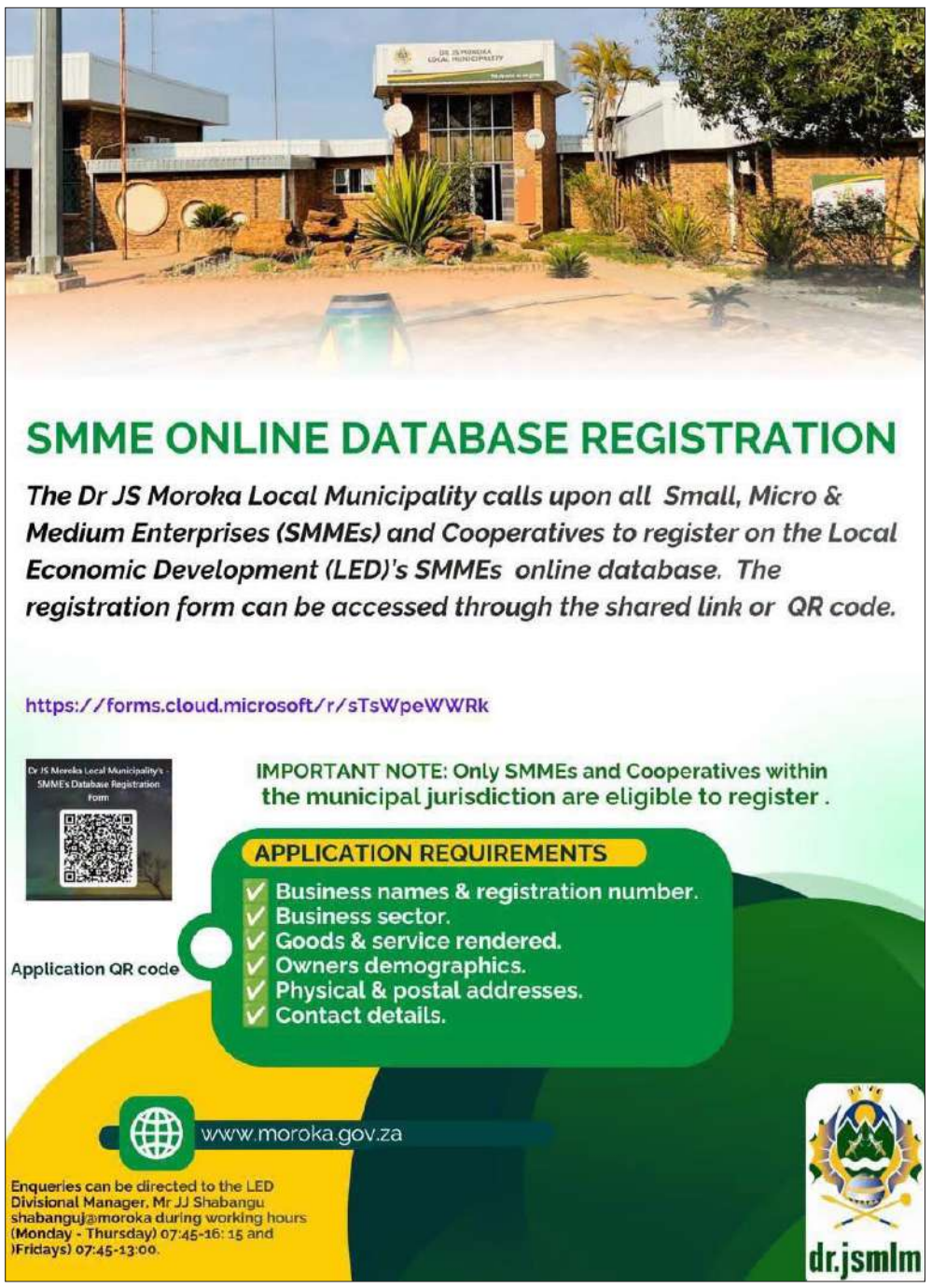

Community nabs Kenyan national over alleged child pornography ring in Masakaneng



Residents of Masakaneng Settlement, led by March and March Leader in Elias Motsoaledi, Seithati Moroka Mamphela, preparing for their protest to oppose bail against the alleged pedophile at Groblersdal Magistrate's Court.

MASAKANENG

Anger continues to grip Masakaneng Settlement outside Groblersdal after a Kenyan foreign national from Groblersdal, was apprehended by community members and later handed over to the police, over allegations of a long-running child sexual exploitation and pornography operation.

The man was caught by residents on Monday 14 September 2026, after information surfaced that he was allegedly behind the recording of sexual videos involving minor boys from the settlement. Community members held him and immediately called the police, who then arrested him.

It is alleged that the suspect operated through a local runner. According to residents, the runner would approach vulnerable, disadvantaged children and lure them with money. For each video documented, the suspect allegedly paid the runner a certain amount, and the children involved were also given between R50 and R100.

To keep the operation hidden, the children were allegedly threatened and instructed never to tell their parents or elders about the arrangement. Community members say the scheme had been going on for four years undetected.

The ordeal only came to light after some of the victims confessed that they were traumatized and wanted the abuse to end.

The suspect, who is of Kenyan origin and has been residing in Groblersdal for years, appeared before the Groblersdal Magistrate's Court on Wednesday 16 September 2026, facing two counts of rape. He is expected back in court on Wednesday 23 September 2026, with the police expected to lay additional charges relating to child pornography against him.

The court appearance was met with fierce protest from angry parents and residents from Masakaneng and surrounding villages.

Led by anti-illegal immigration advocacy group March and March, the crowd demanded that bail be denied and called for a wider investigation into what they believe is a syndicate using children for pornography and sexual abuse.

"We as parents are very angry. Our children were being bought for R100 while we were at work trying to put food on the table. How do you sleep after destroying a child? We want justice and we want him to stay in jail," said one mother from Masakaneng.

She said they apprehended the man by themselves because they are tired.

"Our children are not safe. These children are now broken, they cannot even look at us. We demand that police arrest everyone who worked with him. He is not working alone. For four years our children suffered in silence. Enough is enough. We will stand outside this court every time until justice is done," she said.

March and March leader, Seithati Moroka Mamphela, who led the community protest opposing bail, spoke to this publication and delivered a strong condemnation of the alleged crimes.

"This is pure evil. This is not a mistake, it is a calculated, heartless exploitation of innocent, disadvantaged children. We condemn this in the strongest terms possible. Any person who can pay a child to abuse them has no place in our society. This is a disgrace to humanity. You cannot destroy our children for your sick pleasure. We as a community and as March and March say hands off our children," he said.

Mamphela indicated that the community suspects a larger operation.

"We are suspecting that this paedophile was not working alone and was part of a syndicate that needs to be dismantled completely. The buyers of these videos must be found, and everyone who molested these children must face the full might of the law. This syndicate must be uprooted from Groblersdal and in the whole South Africa," Mamphela told this publication.

The police are yet to release an official statement on the issues.

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Elias Motsoaledi Municipality takes Disaster Preparedness to Aquaville Primary

AQUAVILLE

The Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM), has intensified their efforts to build safer and more resilient communities through a Disaster Risk Reduction Awareness and Preparedness Campaign, held at Aquaville Primary School outside Groblersdal in EMLM Ward 14.

The campaign, conducted on Wednesday 9 September 2026, led by Walter Mohlala, Senior Manager responsible for Community Services.

The initiative brought together learners, educators and community members with a clear objective, to strengthen awareness on disaster prevention, preparedness, mitigation and emergency response.

During the programme, participants were sensitized on critical safety measures, including how to identify potential hazards in their surroundings, how to report risks timeously, and how to follow correct evacuation and safety procedures during emergencies. Emphasis was also placed on taking proactive measures to protect lives, property and the environment.

The municipality highlighted the vital role schools play in promoting a culture of safety, stating that by equipping learners with practical knowledge, the campaign ensures that safety lessons extend beyond the classroom into homes and the broader community.

The municipality indicated that the campaign is not just about awareness, it is about action. When our children know what to do before, during and after a disaster, the whole community becomes stronger and more resilient.



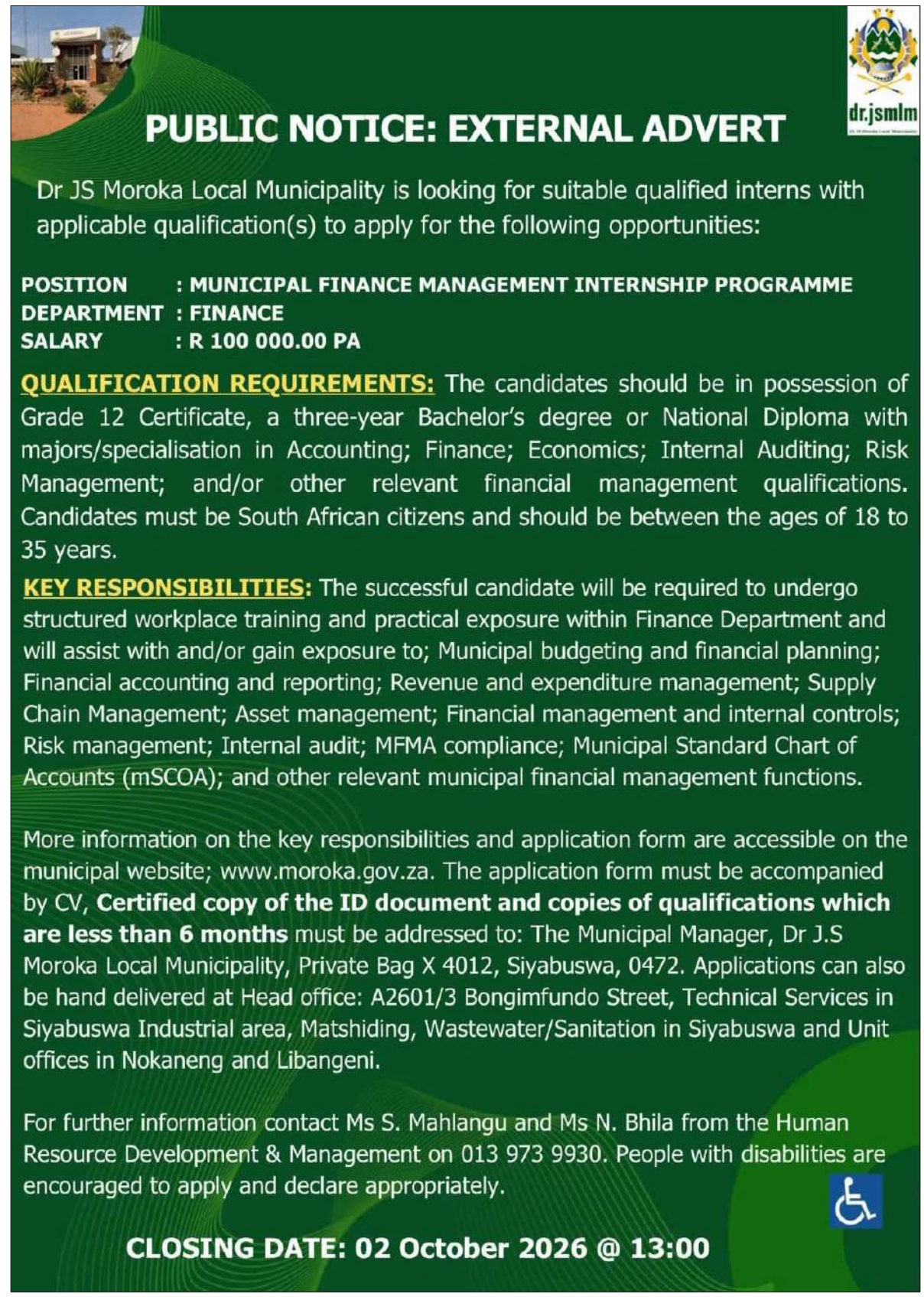
Senior Manager responsible for Community Services in EMLM, Walter Mohlala, addressing the Disaster Risk Reduction Awareness and Preparedness Campaign, held at Aquaville Primary School.

The municipality said the Ward 14 outreach formed part of the institution's ongoing commitment to disaster risk reduction, particularly in vulnerable areas where early preparedness can save lives.

The municipality furthered reaffirmed their commitment to continue working hand-in-hand with communities, schools and stakeholders to reduce disaster risks and build disaster-ready communities across Elias Motsoaledi.



Aquaville Primary School pupils were showered with goodies during the EMLM Disaster Risk Reduction Awareness and Preparedness Campaign.



March and March protest turns into farm raids in Leeuwfontein

LEEUWFONTEIN

A demonstration to remove undocumented foreign national farm workers in Leeuwfontein went ahead on Friday 11 September 2026, resulting in the arrest of over 100 suspected undocumented foreign nationals.

Scores of community members from various villages of Ephraim Mogale and Elias Motsoaledi joined the protest.

The protest, organized by March and March anti-illegal immigration advocacy group, and led by Simon Kgagara, focused on employment grievances in the local farming sector.

According to Kgagara, the aim of the demonstration was to remove foreign national workers, mainly undocumented farm workers in Leeuwfontein and surrounding areas. The demonstrators were demanding farm owners to replace illegal farm workers with local unemployed residents.

Ahead of the protest, a Section 4 meeting was held on 8 September 2026 at the EPMLM offices in Marble Hall with relevant stakeholders, including the Marble Hall SAPS.

During the protest action, demonstrators moved from farm to farm around Leeuwfontein joined by the police. According to Kgagara, over 100 suspected undocumented foreign nationals were arrested at the farms during the joint March and March and the police crackdown.

"We organized this march because young people in our villages are sitting at home without work, while jobs on the farms around Leeuwfontein near Marble Hall are going to outsiders. We want local unemployment to come first," said Kgagara.

He said they engaged the police with an intention for the law to check the documents of farm workers and arrest those who are undocumented.

"Our demands are clear, we want farms around here to prioritize South Africans when they hire people. We stress that local residents should be given the first opportunity for farm jobs," Kgagara said.



Scores of residents from various parts of Ephraim Mogale and Elias Motsoaledi Villages converged in numbers to take part in the March and March protest at farms in Leeuwfontein.

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Almost a year after mediation, no pay date for GNT pensioners

LIMPOPO

The Great North Transport (GNT) pension scandal has returned to the spotlight after former and current workers marched to the offices of Premier Phophi Ramathuba and the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) recently.

The workers, including beneficiaries of deceased former employees, accuse the SAHRC of failing to fulfil its constitutional responsibility to protect their rights, decades after money was deducted from their salaries.

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo has now called on Premier Ramathuba and the SAHRC to accept responsibility and resolve the matter.

DA Provincial Spokesperson for Limpopo Economic Development, the Environment and Tourism (LEDET), Jacques Smalle, said the issue has festered for too long.

"Some of these pension failures appear to predate South Africa's democracy. Yet, in 2026, affected pensioners and beneficiaries are still waiting for money deducted from salaries decades ago and are demanding long-overdue answers and compensation," Smalle said.

Smalle noted that in November 2025, after years of intransigence and indifference by the Limpopo Provincial Government, the SAHRC confirmed that the complaint had been formally registered and that it would mediate between workers, GNT, the Limpopo Economic Development Agency (LEDA) and the Premier's Office.

"The Premier confirmed government had submitted itself to that process," said Smalle.

In June 2026, an actuarial review put the estimated compensation liability arising from the GNT pension failures at R18.546 million.

"The actuarial review established the nature of the failures and the estimated compensation liability. What remains unresolved is who must ultimately carry that liability and when affected pensioners and beneficiaries will actually be paid," Smalle said.

He added that LEDA had stated publicly that engagements had reached an advanced stage and that it was awaiting the SAHRC's final report and directive.

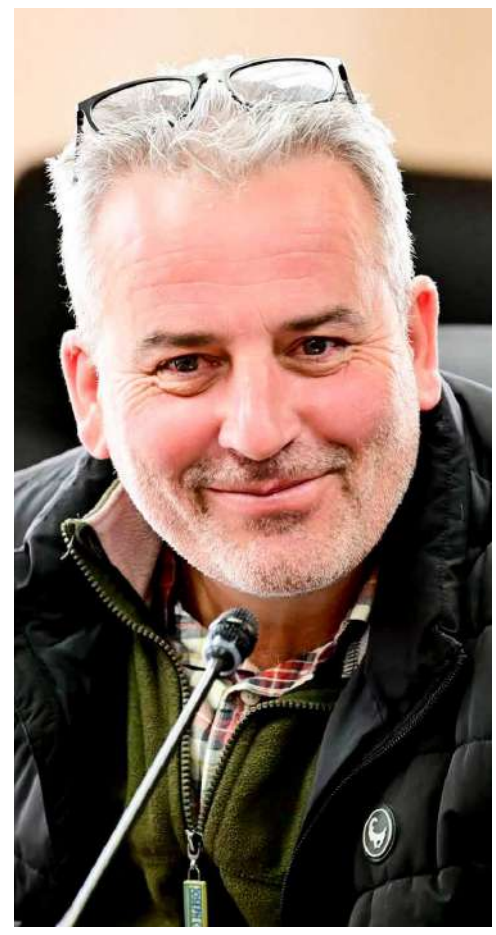
"Yet, almost a year after the mediation process began, there is still no clear outcome, no funded compensation plan and no payment date for those affected," Smalle said.

Smalle said the party wrote to the Chairperson of the LEDET Portfolio Committee, requesting that a compensation plan be developed and clarity be provided on how it would be funded.

"We and the affected pensioners are therefore, entitled to answers. What became of the mediation process that began in November 2025? What agreements, recommendations or undertakings resulted from it? And who is responsible for implementing them, and by when?" Smalle asked.

He went on to say: "The Premier and the SAHRC must now explain why almost a year of mediation has still not translated into a funded compensation plan and actual payment. Above all, this festering sore must be resolved, the pensioners and their families compensated, and their rights and dignity restored."

Smalle said the party will be fighting for these issues to be resolved, where pensioners and their families are compensated, and their rights and dignity restored.



DA Provincial Spokesperson for LEDET, Jacques Smalle, says the party will fight for GNT pensioners and their families compensation, and their rights and dignity restored.



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Sports



Tubatse Cricket Club delivered an outstanding performance during the Sekhukhune U21 Cricket League, played at Laerskool Julian Muller in Groblersdal.



Dennilton Cricket Club preparing to take on Malegale Cricket Club during the U21 Cricket League matches.

Tubatse and Dennilton dominate Sekhukhune U21 Cricket League

GROBLERSDAL

The Tubatse Cricket Club and Dennilton Cricket Club registered convincing victories on Sunday 12 September's double-header during the Sekhukhune U21 Cricket League, played at Laerskool Julian Muller in Groblersdal.

In the first encounter, Dennilton produced a ruthless bowling display to dismantle Malegale Cricket Club. After winning the toss and batting first, Malegale were bowled out for just 59/10 in 11.3 overs in a low-scoring, one-sided affair.

Only Seraki, with 16 off 18 balls, managed to get into double figures as the Dennilton attack ran through the line-up. The Dennilton bowlers were unplayable. Deco Mitchell produced an outstanding spell of 3 wickets for just 1 run, while Hanif Dhanchora was equally brilliant with 2 wickets for 2 runs. Ismeel Patel provided excellent support with figures of 2-9.Chasing a modest 60 to win, Dennilton reached 62/4 in 11.0 overs. Hanif Dhanchora completed a fine all-round performance with 19 off 14 balls, supported by Lefa Magoro who scored 16 off 19 and Wasif Ahmad who made 8 off 18.

For Malegale, Rorisang fought hard taking 2-13 and Tshiamo claimed 1-6, but the total was simply too small to defend.

In the second match of the day, Tubatse Cricket Club chased down a competitive total to beat Praktiseer Cricket Club.

Praktiseer won the toss and chose to bat first. They were bowled out for 126/10 in 18.4 overs. Kagiso Malepe was the top scorer with a well-made 40 off 35 balls, with support from Temosho 15 (23) and Kgotlelelo 12 (10).

The Tubatse bowlers were on target throughout. Yahya Mukardam led the attack with brilliant figures of 3 wickets for 16 runs. He was well supported by Muhammad Gangat (2-23) and Muhammad Mukardam (2-30).

In reply, Tubatse chased the target down in 15.3 overs, scoring 129/5. The chase was anchored by Player of the Match Mubashir Mulla who played a match-winning knock of 52 runs off 47 balls. Talha Malek added a valuable 32 off 36 balls and Yahya Mukardam finished the game in style with 6 off 3 balls.

For Praktiseer, Kagiso Malepe tried his best with both bat and ball, taking 4 wickets for 37 runs, but it was not enough to defend the total.The standout performers of the day were undoubtedly Tubatse's Mubashir Mulla for his match-winning half-century and the entire Dennilton bowling unit, led by Deco Mitchell and Hanif Dhanchora, for their unplayable spells.



Officials from the Sekhukhune Cricket Federation attended to make sure everything is running smoothly as planned.

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