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Premier Ramathuba tours Marble Hall farms



Farmers from Marble Hall and surrounding villages converged in numbers during Premier's Agricultural Support Programme at Afrikan Farms and Kopano Citrus.

MARBLE HALL

Limpopo Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, has on Thursday 13 August 2026, put government investment under the microscope during an oversight visit to Afrikan Farms and Kopano Citrus in Marble Hall, as part of her Agricultural Support Programme.

She was accompanied by MEC for Limpopo Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Nakedi Kekana, and other government delegates.

Delivering a keynote at the commercialisation and distribution of production inputs programme, Ramathuba said the visit was about accountability, not ceremony.

"This is about checking if government investment is delivering more land under production, stronger enterprises, market access, jobs and inclusive growth," she told farmers and officials gathered at Afrikan Farms. The Premier argued that Limpopo's agricultural revival will only succeed if public money translates into more land under production, jobs and export revenue."Agriculture is a key driver of Limpopo's transformation under the Seventh Administration, and every rand invested must show returns in production, competitiveness and livelihoods," she said.

The Premier furthered singled out Kopano Citrus Farm as an example of what is possible with targeted support.

The cooperative has 11 members, 4 of whom live with disabilities, and farms 178 hectares, with 29.5 hectares currently under citrus. Since 2009, about R32.9 million has been invested in infrastructure and production support.

That backing is now paying off. The farm harvests roughly 68, 000 cartons of lemons a year, with 85% destined for export markets. Revenue has climbed sharply from an estimated R2.76 million in 2025 to R11.56 million this year. It currently provides 12 permanent jobs plus seasonal work during peak harvest.

"With support, leadership and market access, farms like Kopano can compete globally," Ramathuba said.

Ramathuba linked farm performance to the protection of public assets. During a separate visit to Marble Hall, she urged communities to safeguard government facilities built with public funds, saying infrastructure "should be viewed as an investment rather than an expense because it creates lasting benefits for future generations".

Oversight, she stressed, must lead to tangible results. She said portfolio committees have noted that such visits should produce immediate actionable recommendations and that communities need to see benefits and follow-through.

However, Ramathuba said water remains a key constraint and has committed to meet with the Minister of Water and Sanitation to address insecurity that is a threat to inclusive growth across Limpopo.

Ramathuba's focus on citrus fits a broader provincial strategy. In her 2026 State of the Province Address (SOPA), she identified agriculture as one of the major contributors to the province's economy, alongside mining and tourism.

Limpopo markets itself as the "breadbasket of South Africa," producing a significant portion of the country's fresh produce, including citrus, avocados and macadamia nuts.

Other flagship projects show similar momentum is the Zebediela Citrus Estate, which is not far from Marble Hall.

The Premier recently visited the estate as part of a revitalisation drive. Farming operations in the estate have restarted with 500 hectares of white sugar beans planted as early soil preparation, a move expected to create about 460 local job opportunities by July 2026.



Limpopo Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, addressed farmers during her Agricultural Support Programme in Marble Hall area.

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Limpopo police arrest 2 379 suspects in Operation Shanela



Various businesses across Limpopo were inspected for compliance during the province-wide Operation Shanela.

LIMPOPO

The Police in Limpopo have arrested 2 379 suspects and seized four firearms during a week-long crime prevention Operation Shanela, conducted across the province.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the arrests were made during the operations, which took place from Monday 10 August to Sunday 16 August 2026.

"The operation was conducted jointly with other law-enforcement agencies and stakeholders, and included high-visibility patrols, roadblocks, vehicle checkpoints, stop-and-search operations, and the tracing of wanted suspects," Ledwaba said.

He said during the operations, the police said the seizure four firearms and 16 rounds of ammunition, which was a key highlight, as part of efforts to remove illegal weapons used to commit violent crimes.

"Other items recovered included 46 dangerous weapons, 39 knives, 61,178 counterfeit cigarette sticks, and 12 stolen or robbed vehicles. The police also confiscated drugs such as 1,667.919 grams of dagga, 5.403 grams of nyaope, 2.407 grams of crystal methamphetamine, and 0.001 grams of heroin. In addition, 1,932,711.25 ml of liquor was seized and R2,219 in fines was issued," informed Ledwaba.

He added that six more suspects were arrested for murder and five for attempted murder, while other 21 suspects arrested for rape and three for sexual assault.

"The police also arrested 146 people for assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and 120 for common assault. In terms of robbery and theft, 19 suspects were arrested for common robbery, 13 for robbery with weapons other than firearms, one for business burglary, 17 for residential burglary, and 41 for other theft-related offences. Three suspects were arrested for stock theft, one for theft of a motor vehicle and motorcycle, and 33 for possession of suspected stolen property. Two suspects were arrested for arson and 48 for shoplifting. Twelve suspects were arrested for fraud," Ledwaba said.

Furthermore, Ledwaba said other arrests included 229 for drug-related offences, 77 for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, 311 undocumented immigrants, 485 for public drinking, and 138 for illegal dealing in liquor.

"Twenty-eight suspects were arrested for transgression of the Domestic Violence Act, and two for illegal possession of firearms and ammunition," he said.

The police also reported further successes during the operation. A total of 137 shebeens were closed, 300 domestic violence incidents were attended to, and 252 protection orders were served.

Ledwaba said some of the arrested suspects have already appeared before various magistrate's courts in the province.

Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Jan Scheepers, welcomed the arrests. He said the removal of firearms and ammunition was an important intervention in preventing violent crime.

"Every firearm removed from the hands of criminals is a potential violent crime prevented. We will continue to intensify operations that target illegal firearms and those who use them to threaten the safety and security of our communities," he said.

Scheepers also thanked police members and law-enforcement partners, and urged members of the public to report criminal activities and provide information that could help police locate illegal firearms and disrupt criminal networks.



Unlicensed firearms and ammunition were recovered by the police during the operation.

SAPS Limpopo donates over 100 school uniforms to Matsebong High School



The SAPS in Limpopo handing-over school uniform and school shoes to underprivileged pupils at Matsebong High School in Jane Furse.

JANE FURSE

The Limpopo SAPS extended a hand of support to learners at Matsebong High School on Thursday 13 August 2026, donating more than 100 school uniforms and pairs of school shoes to learners in the Jane Furse policing area.

The handover was led by Deputy Provincial Commissioner for Crime Detection, Major General Venitia Masingi, who represented Provincial Commissioner Lieutenant General Jan Scheepers.

The initiative forms part of Limpopo SAPS' ongoing efforts to fight poverty and inequality and to keep children in school.

The donation was coordinated through the SAPS Men for Change and Women's Network. According to the police, the goal is to instil hope, restore dignity, and help learners from less privileged backgrounds remain focused on their education.

The initiative was spearheaded by Colonel Shadikana Elizabeth Mokoena, Station Commander of SAPS Westernberg and a former learner of Matsebong High School.

Having once walked the same corridors, Colonel Mokoena's journey from learner to Station Commander inspired learners to believe that their circumstances do not determine their future.

She encouraged learners to work hard, remain focused and wear their uniforms with pride, reminding them: "Where you come from does not define where you are going."

In her remarks, Major General Masingi thanked Colonel Mokoena for planting a seed of hope in the school and for giving back to the community that helped shape her journey.

She also appealed to parents and educators to play an active role in nurturing and empowering the boy child, emphasizing that positive guidance and values must be instilled from an early age.

Masingi encouraged parents to lead by example and work together with schools and communities to guide young people towards responsible and productive futures.

Acting Mayor of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM), Peter Rankwe welcomed the donation, describing it as a demonstration of collaboration between law enforcement and the education sector in investing in the leaders of tomorrow.

The local traditional leadership encouraged learners to appreciate the support and use the uniforms for their intended purpose.

The event drew wide community support, with also representatives from the Department of Social Development, Community Policing Forums, Youth Crime Prevention, Youth Against Crime, District Circuit Management, social partners and faith-based organizations also attended.



The Limpopo SAPS donated more than 100 school uniforms and pairs of school shoes to learners at Matsebong High School in Jane Furse.

Suspect remanded in custody following R40 000 drug bust



Heroin and suspected crystal methamphetamine drugs which were found in possession of Ifeyanyi Ambrose Ezeh during his arrest.

MARBLE HALL

A 47-year-old man, Ifeyanyi Ambrose Ezeh, arrested on suspicion of transporting heroin and crystal meth, appeared in the Marble Hall Magistrate's Court on Monday 17 August 2026 and was remanded in custody.The suspect is facing charges of dealing in and possession of drugs.

The court ordered that he remain in custody until 28 August 2026 for a formal bail application. According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, Ezeh was arrested at about 07:00 on Sunday 16 August 2026, during an intelligence-led operation by members of the Provincial Organized Crime Investigations: Narcotics Unit.

"The police had received information that an adult male was travelling from Pretoria to Marble Hall to allegedly deliver drugs. Officers positioned themselves along the R33 Road where they identified and stopped a white Volkswagen Polo R-Line. During a search of the vehicle, police found a black plastic bag containing 10 balls of suspected heroin and 15 sachets of suspected crystal methamphetamine," explained Ledwaba.

He said the estimated street value of the seized drugs is at R40 000and both the drugs and the vehicle were confiscated as evidence.Ledwaba said police investigations are continuing.

Residents shut down foreign-owned shops in Dihlabaneng



Furious residents of Dihlabaneng Village forced closure of spaza shops owned by suspected undocumented foreign nationals.

DIHLABANENG

Tension has gripped Dihlabaneng Village outside Jane Furse this week, as residents staged a series of coordinated actions to force the closure of shops owned by alleged undocumented foreign nationals, citing concerns over legality, product safety, and compliance with South African small business regulations.

The demonstrations, now in their third week, are being coordinated under the banner of the March and March anti-illegal migration organization.

During the demonstrations, community members marched through the village's main trading strip, demanding that municipal officials and police inspect trading permits, health certificates, and stock on the shelves of more than a dozen tuck shops and spaza stores. They are also demanding foreign nationals who own spaza shops to vacate the village.

Protest leader, Tshegofatso Letageng, says they are demonstrating because the municipality fails to enforce government by-laws to regulate businesses owned by foreign nationals.

"We are not against business, we are against lawlessness. Our people are buying expired bread, fake cool drinks, and goods with no labels. At the same time, the owners of these shops cannot show us papers that say they are allowed to trade here. South Africans must also eat, and South African law must be respected in Dihlabaneng," he said. Letageng said the Dihlabaneng action was planned over several weeks after residents submitted complaints to the group.

"We gave the municipality a list in July," Letageng said. "We asked for joint inspections with Home Affairs, Health, and SAPS. Nothing happened. So the community decided to act, peacefully, to protect itself. We are telling shop owners: if your papers are in order, open tomorrow. If not, go and fix them first. We will be back every day until there is clarity."

When asked about accusations that the campaign targets foreign nationals, Letageng said the focus is on compliance, not nationality.

"If a South African is selling expired goods, we will close that shop too. But right now, the complaints we are getting are about these specific stores. Our job is to make sure the law applies to everyone equally," he said.

Residents list three main complaints. First, they allege that several shop owners are in the country illegally and therefore cannot legally register businesses. Second, they claim that some stores are selling counterfeit goods and products past their expiry dates, including canned foods, cosmetics, and household items. Third, they argue that the shops are not meeting municipal by-laws for small businesses, such as waste management, zoning, and health inspections.

"We went to the clinic last month with a child who had a stomach problem after eating chips from one of these shops," said Meisie Mampuru, a resident who joined the march with other women from her village.

"When we asked to see where the stock comes from, they chased us away. We are tired," she said.

Other residents said they have watched local youth struggle to open their own businesses while competing with shops that pay lower rent and do not employ local people.

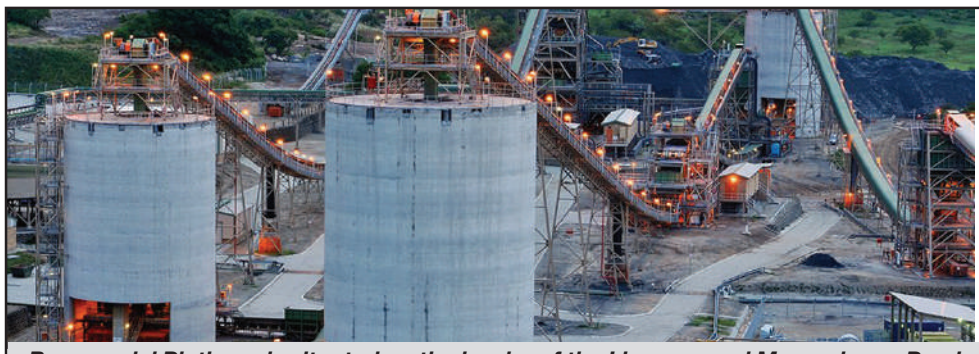
During the demonstrations, the angry protesters moved from shop to shop, asking owners to produce documentation while also forcing them to close and allow locals to operate the small businesses.

Where owners could not, residents instructs landlords to immediately shut-down the business and urge that the shops should remain closed until inspected.

By Monday afternoon, at least three shops had pulled down their shutters. Private security companies that protect the businesses were present but did not intervene beyond monitoring the crowd. No injuries were reported during the protests.

March and March has become increasingly visible in Sekhukhune District over the past few months, organizing community meetings about unemployment, service delivery, and informal trade. The group says it works within the law and coordinates with ward councilors, municipalities, law enforcement agencies and other relevant stakeholders before any public action.





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DIESEL MECHANIC (C1)

DEPARTMENT: ENGINEERING ● Ref. No.: BDREC01/26

Key performance areas: • Ensure that engineering installations are constructed, repaired and maintained according to agreed standards, policies and procedures • Continuous analysis and identification of opportunities to minimise wastage • Ensure that safety regulations are adhered to • Work standby, overtime and shifts.

Role requirements: • Diesel Mechanic Trade Certificate - Section 13 / 26 (D) • A section 26D trade certificate must be accompanied by proof of Learnership (Learnership contract and signed off logbook) • Grade 12 / NQF 4 equivalent • English language proficiency • Drivers licence - Code B, EB or C1 • Medical certificate of fitness • Competent working in confined spaces • No major sensory restrictions • Must be familiar with risk assessment procedures • Minimum of 2 - 3 years' experience as a qualified artisan in TMM environment will be advantageous • Must have own transport.

MECHANISED MINER (C1)

DEPARTMENT: MINING ● Ref. No.: BDREC03/26

Key performance areas: • Direct and supervise drilling and blasting activities per shift • Employee capacity building and performance management • Support the optimisation of the shaft • Plan for and control of crew • Ensure health and safety standards are adhered to at all times • Ensure that correctly completed time and attendance sheets are handed in monthly for accurate calculation of wages.

Role requirements: • Grade 12 or equivalent at NQF level 4 • Blasting Certificate of Competency • MQA Fall of Ground campaign certificate of competency will be advantageous • Underground medical certificate of fitness • At least 3 - 5 years' experience in underground trackless mining • Working knowledge of health and safety procedures, policies, records, etc.

DRILL RIG OPERATOR (B3)

DEPARTMENT: MINING ● Ref. No.: BDREC06/26

Key performance areas: • Ensure that the underground working conditions are maintained to a high and acceptable standard • Support the optimisation of the shaft • Ensure best practices and safe drilling practices are utilised during the drilling of charge holes on the face • Ensure that health and safety standards are adhered to at all times.

Role requirements: • Grade 10 • Competent B certificate of competency • Drill Rig certificate of competency • At least 2 - 3 years' experience in underground trackless mining • Relevant working experience as a Drill Rig Operator (will be advantageous • Underground medical certificate of fitness • Working knowledge of health and safety procedures, policies, records, etc.

LHD DRIVER (B3)

DEPARTMENT: MINING ● Ref. No.: BDREC07/26

Key performance areas: • Ensure that the 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 that health and safety standards are adhered to at all times.

Role 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.

ELECTRICIAN (TMM) (C1)

DEPARTMENT: ENGINEERING ● Ref. No.: BDREC02/26

Key performance areas: • Attend to Auto Electrical maintenance and breakdown repairs on the TMM's • Promote teamwork amongst reporting staff • Attend to administrative and reporting requirements • Capacity building and performance management • Ensure that safety regulations are adhered to • Work standby, overtime and shifts.

Role requirements: • Section 13 / 26 (D) Electrician / Millwright Trade Certificate • A section 26D trade certificate must be accompanied by proof of Learnership (Learnership contract and signed off logbook) • Grade 12 or N3 • English language proficiency • Driver's licence - Code B, EB or C1 • Medical certificate of fitness • Minimum of three (3) years' experience as an Electrician on trackless equipment within a trackless mining environment • Proven experience on Sandvik, GHH and AARD Mining trackless equipment will be an advantage • No major sensory restrictions • Must be familiar with risk assessment procedures • Must have own transport.

MECHANISED SHIFT SUPERVISOR (C5)

DEPARTMENT: MINING ● Ref. No.: BDREC04/26

Key performance areas: • Safe achievement of production targets in line with quality standards and targets • Plan for and control of crew • Supervision and inspection of completed work • Ensure compliance with the Health and Safety policy and practices of the company.

Role requirements: • Grade 12 / NQF 4 equivalent • Blasting Certificate of Competency • Recognised Shift Supervisor Certificate will be advantageous • Valid First Aid Certificate • Medical certificate of fitness • Good communications skills in English • At least three (3) years' working experience as a Miner • At least three (3) years' experience in a trackless underground mining environment • Exposure to acting as a Shift Supervisor will be advantageous • Good track record of safety and production at a TMM environment.

BOLTER RIG OPERATOR (B3)

DEPARTMENT: MINING ● Ref. No.: BDREC05/26

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

Role requirements: • Grade 10 • Competent B certificate of competency • Bolter certificate of competency • At least 2 - 3 years' experience in underground trackless mining • Relevant working experience as a Bolter Rig Operator will be advantageous • Underground medical certificate of fitness • Working knowledge of health and safety procedures, policies, records, etc.

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FOREMAN - TMM (C4)

BOOYSENDAL NORTH - ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
Ref. No.: BDREC13/26

Role requirements: The successful candidate must have the following basic requirements: • Grade 12 / NQF 4 equivalent • Section 13 / 26 (D) Mechanical / Electrical trade certificate • A section 26D trade certificate must be accompanied by proof of Learnership (Learnership contract and signed off logbook) • Supervisory certificate • N3 qualification with five (5) years' experience as an Artisan (Mechanical / Electrical) • One (1) year's experience as Engineering Foreman / two (2) years' as relieving foreman in a trackless mining environment will be advantageous • Working knowledge of health and safety procedures, policies, records, etc • Valid driver's license - Code B, EB or C1 • Medical certificate of fitness • Basic computer literacy with knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook.

Key performance areas: • Assist with ensuring compliance with the legal requirements as set out in the Minerals Act (MA) and Regulation and the Mines Health and Safety Act (MHSA) and Regulations • Compile and control necessary budget requirements in order to adequately maintain all equipment and infra-structure in the area of responsibility • Ensure that through a proper maintenance and planning system, all equipment and infrastructures are adequately maintained in order to provide for optimum availability and utilisation thereof, to obtain production targets • Build a motivated and unified performance driven team • Manage and liaise with service providers, customers and other interested and effected parties, ensuring customer satisfaction and sound relations • Responsible for good housekeeping • Manage all staffing matters relating to supervision including discipline, training, development and succession planning.

MASTER ARTISAN (C3)

BOOYSENDAL NORTH - ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
Ref. No.: BDREC14/26

Role requirements: The successful candidate must have the following basic requirements: • Grade 12 / NQF 4 equivalent • Section 13 / 26 (D) Mechanical / Electrical / Millwright trade certificate • A section 26D trade certificate must be accompanied by proof of Learnership (Learnership contract and signed off logbook) • Minimum 3 (three) years' experience as an Artisan in a TMM mining environment • Working knowledge of health and safety procedures, policies, records, etc • Good communication skills in English • Driver's license - Code B, EB or C1 • Medical certificate of fitness • Competent working in confined spaces • No major sensory restrictions • Must be familiar with risk assessment procedures.

Key performance areas: • Ensure that engineering installations are constructed, repaired and maintained according to agreed standards, policies and procedures • Continuously analyse and identify opportunities to minimise wastage • Ensure that safety regulations are adhered to and working conditions are maintained to acceptable standards • Support the overall business management of the site • Achieve and where possible, exceed monthly production targets • Build a strong and motivated team.

Important to note: • The successful applicant will be required to work standby, overtime and shifts • Attend shift handover meetings • Have own transport.

UV DRIVER (B2)

BOOYSENDAL NORTH - MINING DEPARTMENT
Ref. No.: BDREC12/26

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

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

FITTER (C1)

BOOYSENDAL NORTH - ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
Ref. No.: BDREC17/26

Role requirements: The successful candidate must have the following basic requirements: • Minimum Grade 12 or equivalent at NQF level 4 • Fitter trade certificate – Section 13 / 26 (D) • A section 26D trade certificate must be accompanied by proof of Learnership (Learnership contract and signed off logbook) • English language proficiency • Driver's licence - Code B, EB or C1 • Medical certificate of fitness • Competent working in confined spaces • Not colour blind • No major sensory restrictions • Must be familiar with risk assessment procedures • Minimum of 2 - 3 years' experience as a qualified artisan in a mining environment will be advantageous.

Key performance areas: • Attend to mechanical equipment maintenance and installation • Support the achievement of production performance levels • Ensure that safety regulations are adhered to.

Important to note: Applicants must: • Be willing to work standby, overtime and shifts • Have own transport.

BOILERMAKER (C1)

BOOYSENDAL NORTH - ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
Ref. No.: BDREC18/26

Role requirements: The successful candidate must have the following basic requirements: • Grade 12 or relevant NQF level 4 • Section 13 / 26 (D) Trade test certificate as a Boilermaker • A section 26D trade certificate must be accompanied by proof of Learnership (Learnership contract and signed off log-book) • Two (2) years' experience as a Boilermaker in a trackless mining environment • Proven experience in conducting risk assessments within area of expertise • Working knowledge of health and safety procedures, policies, records, etc • Valid driving licence - Code B, EB or C1.

Key performance areas: • Maintain and repair relevant equipment and machinery and attend to general housekeeping • Provide specialised engineering technical services to engineering and production teams • Utilise experience and knowledge in innovative ways to solve problems • Ensure the availability of machinery • Perform daily safety and maintenance checks • Comply with company policies and procedures • Advise the responsible Mechanical Engineering Foreman of any unsafe conditions.

Important to note: Applicants must: • Be willing to work standby, overtime and shifts • Have own transport.

ELECTRICIAN (C1)

BOOYSENDAL NORTH - ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
Ref. No.: BDREC16/26

Role requirements: The successful candidate must have the following basic requirements: • Grade 12 or equivalent at NQF level 4 • Certified competent as an Electrician - Section 13 / 26 D • A section 26 D trade certificate must be accompanied by proof of Learnership (Learnership contract and signed off log-book) • English language proficiency • Driver's license - Code B, EB or C1 • Medical certificate of fitness • Comfortable working in confined spaces • Not colour blind • No major sensory restrictions • Must be familiar with risk assessment procedures.

Key performance areas: • Ensure Electrical equipment maintenance and installation • Support the achievement of production performance levels • Ensure that safety regulations are adhered to.

Important to note: Applicants must: • Be willing to work standby, overtime and shifts • Have own transport.

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Limpopo's traffic officer crisis, 1, 188 short as province battles road safety challenges



DA in Limpopo has raised serious concerns about shortage of traffic police in Limpopo Province.

LIMPOPO

Limpopo roads are being policed by barely half the officers needed, the Democratic Alliance (DA) in the province has warned.

Recently, the party had submitted follow-up questions to the Limpopo Legislature, following written responses on the alarming serious shortage of traffic officers and operational resources in the province. In a written response tabled in the Legislature, Limpopo Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, confirmed that Limpopo requires 2, 452 traffic officers to optimally carry out its law-enforcement mandate. The province currently has 1, 264 officers on duty, a shortfall of 1, 188, or nearly 50%.

DA Provincial Spokesperson on Transport and Community Safety, Adv Franco Marx, said the figures expose a critical gap at a time when visible policing is urgently needed across Limpopo's vast road network.

"Against the newly disclosed shortage of 1, 188 traffic officers, every available officer and operational vehicle should be deployed where it can contribute to the safety of Limpopo's road users," Marx said.

Premier Ramathuba's response also detailed the state of the provincial traffic fleet, 400 vehicles are currently available, with a further 200 at the state garage. Those 200 include vehicles that must be written off. The DA's follow-up questions are seeking district-by-district allocations of officers and vehicles, the number of vacant funded posts, the condition of the fleet, average repair turnaround times at the state garage, and the department's timeframe to close the gap.

Marx noted the department's recent recruitment of learner traffic officers is welcomed, but said the scale of the shortage demands a far more comprehensive staffing and fleet-management strategy.

The DA previously raised concerns in January 2026 about the diversion of traffic resources to the Premier's protection detail, questioning reports that 12 officers and two vehicles were being used for that purpose.

Despite a 10% decline in festive season fatalities in 2025/2026, from 190 to 171 deaths, Limpopo is still among the five provinces that account for 70% of national crashes. During the December 2025 to 15 January 2026 period, the province recorded 125 fatal crashes, down from 145 the previous year.

The N1 corridor emerged as the deadliest route, claiming 25 lives in that period. Driver behaviour remains the leading cause, with unsafe overtaking blamed for 115 fatalities, while 48 pedestrians were killed, many in hit-and-runs. Nationally, road deaths fell to a five-year low in 2025 with 700 fewer fatalities, but Transport Minister Barbara Creecy cautioned the toll of more than 9,400 was still much too high. Human error causes almost 90% of crashes, and pedestrians account for over half of all road deaths.

Enforcement agencies have intensified operations. In the first half of December 2025 alone, 1.8-million vehicles were stopped at 1, 632 roadblocks and 450, 000 fines were issued nationally. In Limpopo, Mopani traffic officers impounded 33 vehicles in September 2025 for offences including overloading and operating without valid licenses. An additional 800 National Traffic Police officers were deployed to reinforce provincial forces in the four highest-risk provinces ahead of the 2025/2026 festive campaign, with 24-hour patrols and alcohol testing focused on corridors including the N1 from Naboomspruit.

Premier Ramathuba credited committed road safety interventions for the festive season improvement, but said more work is needed.

"The numbers we have reported are not just numbers. These are family members, parents, children left as orphans. We can do better," she said.

The DA says it will continue using its oversight role to press the provincial government for a credible plan. "Limpopo cannot achieve safer roads without sufficient officers on the ground and reliable vehicles to deploy them," Marx said.

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SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

FRAMEWORK AND PROCESS PLAN FOR 2027/2028 INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) REVIEW AND BUDGET

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 28 (3) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, No. 32 of 2000 (as amended) that the Council of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), in its Council Meeting held on the 30th of July 2026, has adopted a **Framework and Process Plan to be followed on review of IDP for 2027/2028 financial year** with Council Resolution Number: **OC15/07/26.**

Community members and all interested stakeholders can view copies of the Final IDP/Budget Framework/Process Plan at the Sekhukhune District offices and its Local Municipalities (Fetakgomo Tubatse, Makhuduthamaga, Elias Motsoaledi and Ephraim Mogale), on the SDM website (www.sekhukhunedistrict.gov.za) and it can also be requested from the officials mentioned below. The offices of SDM are situated at the following address:

Bareki Mall
Cnr. Chris Wiid and Jan Van Riebeeck Streets
Groblersdal
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The following officials can be contacted for more information and enquiries: Ms. Rebotile Makgati on 013-262-7684 or email: makgatir@sekhukhune.gov.za or Ms. Zanele Mkhwanazi on 013-262-7414 or email: mkhwanaziz@sekhukhune.gov.za.

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Leeuwfontein residents march over concerns about undocumented migrants



Residents from different parts of Ephraim Mogale and Elias Motsoaledi partook during a March and March demonstration targeting illegal farm workers.

LEEUWFONTEIN

Around 200 residents from Leeuwfontein, joined by other community members from various villages of Ephraim Mogale and Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipalities, took to the streets of Leeuwfontein on Friday 14 August 2026, to participate in a March and March protest against the presence of undocumented foreign nationals on local farms and in surrounding communities.

The demonstration began in the early hours and moved through Leeuwfontein before stopping at two key locations, Ga-Mabrukwana Farm and Goede Hoop Farm.

Protest leader, Simon Kgagara, said the march was not aimed at attacking individuals, but at raising what he called a crisis of lawlessness, unemployment, and pressure on basic services that residents say has been worsened by illegal immigration.

Wearing March and March t-shirts and carrying placards, demonstrators chanted as they walked through the streets and onto farm property entrances.

"The message was clear, we are going to the places where we see the biggest influx. We are not here to fight people. We are here to say the law must be followed on every farm, in every village," Kgagara said.

He said they were demonstrating in the area because they have observed an increase in foreign nationals seeking work on farms in Leeuwfontein and nearby areas, often without proper documentation. Kgagara argued that this puts pressure on local job opportunities and municipal resources.

A central part of the demonstration was meant to be the handover of a memorandum of demands to officials from the Department of Home Affairs and the Department of Labour. The memorandum was to be submitted at Leeuwfontein Sports Ground.However, representatives from both departments did not attend, citing other commitments.

Kgagara expressed disappointment but said the organization would not abandon the process.

"We came prepared. We had our memorandum, our list of concerns, and our people. If the departments could not come today, then they must come next time. We will organize another march and this time we expect Home Affairs and Labour to be here to receive it and to answer the people directly," stressed Kgagara.

He added that the departments have a responsibility to be present on the ground, not just in offices far from the communities affected.

"The people who are feeling this every day are here in Leeuwfontein, in Groblersdal, in Marble Hall. The departments cannot make decisions about us without sitting with us," Kgagara stated.

Kgagara said March and March is requesting that Home Affairs and Labour officials join the organization's community operations to verify the legal status of migrant workers on farms and in businesses.

"What we are asking for is simple, let us work together. Send your inspectors with us. Let us go farm to farm, check work permits, check if people are registered and also check if employers are following labour laws. If everything is in order, then there is no problem. But if it is not, then action must be taken," said Kgagara.

He argued that the lack of regular inspections has created an environment where exploitation thrives.

"When there are no checks, some farmers pay less because they know the person cannot report them. And our own people, South Africans, are told there is no work because someone else will take R50 a day. That is not fair competition. That is breaking the law," Kgagara said.

On the broader issue of immigration, Kgagara said his organisation distinguishes between documented migrants and those who enter or remain in the country illegally.

"We are not against foreigners. We are against illegal immigration. South Africa has laws. Every country has borders and rules. If you come here, come through the right channels, get your papers, pay tax, and respect our laws. That is all we ask," he said.

Dennilton author honoured for fourth time at African Awards

DENNILTON

Dennilton born multi-award winning writer, actor and motivational speaker, Vusi Mabena, has been recognized again.

Mabena, who has been writing a number of books for 18 years and has published six of them, has been honoured for the fourth time at the 9th Annual AfriCAN Honoree Authors Awards 2026, held recently at the Norscot Recreation Center, Fourways Library in Johannesburg, Gauteng Province.

The 34-year-old, also known as the "Global Champion Multi-Award-Winning Self-published Author King Of Philosophy In Writing Inspirational Books", was recognized for his outstanding contribution to literature.

His 2022 book, "Scars And Tribulations Of My Journey, Motivational Book Volume: 05", was specifically cited as the reason for his nomination and win.

Beyond writing, Mabena is also an actor and a motivational speaker who regularly addresses schools and community groups across Limpopo, Mpumalanga and Gauteng.

What makes this latest honour stand out is that Mabena took a short break from publishing to focus on writing double books, which he has now completed. Despite not releasing any new titles in the past three years, his body of work was still recognized by the African Honoree Authors Awards.

He also announced a major career milestone. Mabena has signed a significant contract that will see his books available in bookstores nationwide and on online stores.

"This milestone marks a significant growth in my career as an author, from humble beginnings in the streets of Dennilton, Kwa-Ngolovane Village in Moutse, Sekhukhune District," he said.

With eight awards under his belt, Mabena said he is set to release the completed double books soon.

His message to young people remains clear: "You can be anything you want to be, as long as you know what you want and work hard. Don't let your current situation or family background stop you from achieving big things. Know what you want and be yourself."

Speaking on the recognition, Mabena added: "I am grateful for my journey and how far I have come. I am humbled by every milestone and thankful to everyone who believed in me, supported me, and never stopped encouraging me. Your belief has helped shape my story. Here's to continuing the journey with gratitude, purpose, and determination."

He said his latest achievement comes from dedication and passion for writing, and he is looking forward to a bright future in his upcoming projects as an author, actor and motivational speaker.



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Acting SDA CEO, Pat Mathale, hits the ground running

GROBLERSDAL

The Sekhukhune Development Agency (SDA) has a new man at the wheel, and he is moving fast.

Newly appointed Acting SDA CEO, Patrick Mathale, was welcomed by staff members on Monday 17 August 2026, and immediately set the tone for his tenure, institutional discipline, measurable delivery, and visible results within 90 days.

Mathale steps into the role with deep familiarity of the SDA terrain, and also assumes responsibility as Head of the Secretariat of the De Hoop Dam Governance Assembly by virtue of his position as Accounting Officer of the Implementing Agent.

With the targeted operational handover of De Hoop Dam set for 26 January 2027, his mandate bridges both the agency and the dam project.

Addressing staff members, Mathale outlined a packed agenda focused on governance reform, financial stability, and project acceleration. Central to that is a nine-task plan aligned to the Governance Assembly's 9-Step Journey to handover.

Top of the list is concluding the appointment process for a new SDA Non-Executive Board to strengthen institutional oversight. Mathale also committed to driving evidence-based performance through the Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan, and improving reporting and accountability across the organization.

Financial discipline forms the second pillar. He pledged to address financial bottlenecks, clear outstanding commitments, and tighten internal controls to ensure the agency can deliver on its mandate without delay.

With just about five months to the 26 January 2027 deadline, much of Mathale's focus will be on De Hoop. Key dam-related tasks include completing the recruitment and submission of 20 Assembly Cabinet representatives to the Department of Water and Sanitation.He will also support the inauguration and operationalization of the De Hoop Dam Management Committee on 29 September 2026, and lead preparations for the critical October and December DMC sittings that form part of the operational-readiness milestones.

Unlocking the dam's maintenance budget and infrastructure rehabilitation programme with Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), driving the asset inventory register and reconciliation process, and advancing the SDA Investment Strategy together with the De Hoop Dam investment pipeline are also on the agenda. The investment work will target public-private partnerships, investors and development-finance institutions.Beyond the De Hoop Dam task, Mathale flagged the advancement of the Yellow Arum Lily Festival 2026 as a priority, positioning it as part of broader efforts to drive local economic activity and profile Sekhukhune.

In his message to staff, Mathale was clear that this acting appointment is not about maintenance, it is about acceleration.



Pat Mathabe was appointed new Acting CEO of SDA.

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BSDA Super League Returns to Moganyaka this Sunday with 7 Matches Lined Up



C4 United FC is eager and looking forward to their match in the upcoming BSDA Super League at the Moganyaka Mighty Blues Sports Ground in Moganyaka Village this Sunday.

MOGANYAKA - After weeks of school holidays and initiation schools gathering events, football and netball will be back in full swing as the Bakone Sports Development Academy (BSDA) Super League, resumes at the Moganyaka Mighty Blues FC Sports Ground in Moganyaka Village outside Marble Hall on Sunday 23 August 2026.

BSDA League Chairman and founder, Moruti Monama, confirmed the return, calling on players, coaches, parents and supporters to turn out in numbers for the return of the league that caters for under 15 boys and girls in different villages of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality (EPMLM).

"We encourage all the teams to prepare the boys and girls to be ready for our weekend games. Our coaches, referees, team owners and the parents must be ready too for the show to begin," he said.

In football, five matches are lined up for the day. Try Again FC will face OJ FC at 10:00, followed by Seroka FC against Modulathoko FC at 11:00. Moeding Young Stars FC will play Manyaka FC at 12:20, while Bakone Small Boys SC take on C4 United at 13:30. The final match will see Mighty Blues FC host Ratanang Rocks FC at 14:40.



Bakone Small Boys FC are competitive in the BSDA Super League, which is set to resume this week.

For netball, two games are scheduled. Ratanang Rocks NC will meet Odirile Junior NC at 12:00, and Mighty Blues NC will play Dream Chasers NC at 2:00.

Monama also made an appeal for help with league administration. He said he is struggling to complete the league log because he does not have the last result between Modulathoko FC and Moganyaka Mighty Blues FC, which was played at Modulathoko FC Sports Ground on 23 May 2026. He further asked the executive to provide the latest information for the netball teams.

The chairman noted that the fixtures were shared on Sunday because league officials have other commitments on Saturday.

INTERNAL/EXTERNALADVERTISEMENT

PLACE OF WORK	**:SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY**
DEPARTMENT	**:COMMUNITY SERVICES SERVICES**
POSITION	**:AIR QUALITY OFFICER X1 (RE-ADVERT)**
DURATION	**:PERMANENT**
SALARY	**:R411 345,70 PER ANNUM (EXCLUDING BENEFITS)**

QUALIFICATIONS: Relevant 3 year tertiary qualification preferably in Environmental Science/ Environmental Health/Environmental Management/ other related qualification; Peace Officer Certificate; Certified Environmental Management Inspector; Registered With a relevant professional body; Code EB Driver's License; and Computer Literacy: MS office

EXPERIENCE: 2-5 Years in the related field of study of air quality management/Climate change/ sustainable energy and environmental/health/management

SUMMARY OF CORE FUNCTIONS: Conduct compliance and monitoring inspection of regulated facility, participate in joint compliance and monitoring operations, prepare programs associated with compliance and monitoring activities, recommend a program for processing of atmospheric emission licenses.

WITHDRAWAL OF ADVERTISED POST OF MANAGER: INTERNAL AUDIT

This serves to withdraw the post of Manager Internal Audit X1 which was previously advertised In this Newspaper.

Enquiries: Ms. MP Senne or MP Mapheto (Tel: 013 262 777692/ 7415). Applicants who previously applied for re-advertised post(s) may re-apply if still interested. There will be a need for signing of an employment contract, performance agreement and disclosure of financial interests and where necessary undergo screening, security vetting and competency assessment. Sekhukhune District Municipality is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. In the filling of these vacant posts, the objectives of s195(1)*(i)* of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, the Employment Equity imperatives as defined by the Employment Equity Act 55 of 1998 as well as the relevant Human Resources prescripts of the municipality will be taken into consideration. It is our intention to promote representativity in terms of race, gender and disability. Applicants whose appointments will promote diversified representation will receive preference. In particular, women are encouraged to apply. The appointment will be done in terms of the Local Government: Municipal Staff Regulations of 20 September 2021 read together with the Recruitment Selection and Appointment Policy of the municipality.

Applicants for these posts must submit fully completed official application form for employment available at municipality's offices or website (www.sekhukhune.gov.za) with their detailed curriculum vitae (CV), certified copies of academic qualifications, Identity Document (ID) as well as valid motor vehicle driver's licence (with applicable legal exceptions for persons with disabilities) to: **Mr. MM Kgwale, Municipal Manager, Sekhukhune District Municipality, Private Bag X8611, Groblersdal, 0470, Attention: Ms Lucy Nkabinde , Tel: 013 262 7739 or hand deliver @ Bareki Mall, Sekhukhune District Municipality, 3 West Street, Groblersdal on or before 18 September 2026 @12 pm.**

Late, faxed, e-mailed or applications not made on the official application form shall not be considered. It is the responsibility of applicants in possession of foreign qualifications to submit evaluated results by the South African Qualifications Authority. Failure to submit all the required documents shall render the application invalid. Sekhukhune District Municipality reserves the right not to make an appointment. Correspondence will be limited to successful candidates only. If you do not receive any response from us within three (3) months from the date of this advertisement, please accept that your application was unsuccessful. Canvassing Councillors or officials for the appointment is strictly prohibited and will automatically disqualify the applicant. Visit our website at (www.sekhukhune.gov.za).

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