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## The ANC is embarrassed by Sekhukhune District Municipality's inability to provide water to its people

Provincial Secretary of the African National Congress (ANC) in Limpopo, Rueben Madadzhe, said the party is embarrassed by its deployees who don't spend allocated budgets, while people of the province languish in poverty. Madadzhe said while the party noted improvements in the water supply to Vhembe and the Collins Chabane Regions, water provision in Sekhukhune remains a huge challenge. Madadzhe was briefing the media following the Provincial Executive Committee (PEC) meeting held on Thursday 17 August in Polokwane. According to the ANC in Limpopo, the state of service delivery came under scrutiny in the party's PEC meeting held earlier last week. The party's leadership said it is worried about the state of water provision in the Vhembe, Mopani and Sekhukhune Districts as well as at the Polokwane Local Municipality. Madadzhe said they are embarrassed that money budgeted for service delivery gets returned to National Treasury because of non-expenditure. Despite a serious shortage of water in the villages, in April 2022, Sekhukhune District Municipality returned over R180 Million of unspent grant back to the Treasury Department. A conditional grant amounting to R41 Million, which was part of the National Revenue Fund (NRF), was also returned to the Treasury by the district municipality in November 2022. Again in April 2023, Sekhukhune District Municipality returned R73 Million of unspent grants to the Treasury Department. The funds were allocated to the municipality to improve water and sanitation infrastructure. "We gave them clear instructions that they need to provide water because in Sekhukhune, it is not a problem of resources because they fall under the category of municipalities that return back money. So, it is not about money but it is about internal capacity of our staff and our comrades to discharge the response of water provision. If the situation in Sekhukhune is not going to change, then heads will roll," said Madadzhe. He said the issue of mayorship in the Collins Chabane and Sekhukhune District Municipalities was also under the spotlight. The mayor position at Sekhukhune District Municipality became vacant following the removal of Julia Mathebe as Executive Mayor, who is implicated in the VBS scandal. The Collins Chabane mayor's position became vacant after the death of Moses Maluleke last year. "There is a process that is unfolding, provincial officials are going to meet officials of the region. Immediately after that meeting, a special PEC will be convened. Immediately after the special PEC, there is a process of provincial and national. The PEC cannot dictate when they are going to start triggering the process," Madadzhe added. He said the PEC has also resolved that the Regional Secretary of the party in Waterberg Region, Rufus Mahoro, must resign as a full-time councillor.



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# Ga-Mogashoa Village mourns the late Queen Mogashoa

Cllr Minah Bahula, who is Mayor and Political Head of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM), led a delegation of municipality and political leaders to pay the last respect during the funeral of the late Kgošigadi Mogashoa Mantimo Martha of Mogashoa Manamane Traditional Council.

Kgošigadi Mogashoa, “Pebetse a Ngwato”, sadly passed on the 30th of July and was laid to her final resting place on Saturday 19 August at Ga-Mogashoa Village outside Jane Furse. Mayor Bahula, who was accompanied by the Council Speaker Mphelane Judy Nkgadima, and several other councillors, hails and respects the late Queen for her instrumental and developmental role she pioneered alongside her late husband, Kgoši Mogashoa Manamane for their steadfast and consistent support to our Municipality Makhuduthamaga so that the people and communities they led continue to receive municipal services, including the tarred road connecting Schoornoord main road, without any hindrance. “Mošate wa Manamane Mogashoa, is one of over 25 tribal authorities in our local municipality that benefited through our road construction project that leads to the traditional councils, connecting to main roads. It is just unfortunate we have to bid her farewell during this month of August, which also commemorate the gallant fight launched by women across the country, which ushered in, the democratic fruits we are today enjoying as a people,” said Bahula. The funeral was also attended by several other traditional leaders, the local Magoshi, MMCs from Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), representatives from

Office of the Premier in Limpopo as well as MEC for the Economic Development in Limpopo (LEDET), Rogers Kanyane Monama.



Mayor of MLM, Cllr Minah Bahula, led a municipality delegation to pay final respects at the funeral services of the late Kgošigadi Mogashoa.

# Four family members shot in Magatle, police activate widened manhunt

Four family members shot in Magatle, police activate widened manhunt The Magatle Police outside Marble Hall have widened a manhunt activation following the shooting of four family members including a one-year-old child in Makgophong Village. The tragic incident occurred on Saturday 19 August at about 19:00. According to the police, during the incident, a security officer allegedly shot and killed his wife’s cousin, sister in law and wounded his estranged wife and a 1-year-old child. Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said it is alleged that the couple was separated and the wife had moved back home after the two experienced marital problems. “The suspect has on the fateful day, apparently called his wife and shortly after that, he went to her homestead in the same area. Upon arrival, he found the victims inside the family motor vehicle and were about to leave when he opened fire on them. The suspect then fled the scene,” explained Ledwaba. He added that the police and emergency medical services were alerted and all the victims were transported to a local hospital. “Sadly, the wife’s cousin and sister succumbed to the injuries while she and a one-year-old child are in a critical condition. The two deceased identities, aged 39 (cousin) and 29 (sister in law) will be released soon,” informed Ledwaba. He said the police have opened two counts of murder and two counts of attempted murder. “The motive for the incident is not yet known. Anyone with information that can help in tracing the suspect should contact Captain Malekutu Phasha on 082 445 9614, the crime stop line on 08600 10111, the nearest police station or may use MysapsApp,” he said. Limpopo Commissioner of the Police, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, condemned the murder incidents and called for a swift response of the suspect. “We are deeply concerned about these incidents of domestic violence in our province, especially during this month when women are celebrated and we expect them to be loved and protected. Instead, they are still being violently attacked and killed mostly by people close to them. We can reassure the public that every effort will be made to bring the suspect responsible to justice. Efforts are already underway to investigate the matter,” said Hadebe.

The police in Magatle are searching for the security guard (Pictures), in connection with shooting of four people at Makgophong Village.



## Police launch intensive manhunt following Marble Hall farm attack

The Police in Limpopo have launched an intensive manhunt after an armed robbery occurred on a farm in Marble Hall on Saturday 19 August. According to a police report, the attack on the farm was executed by a group of suspects in the morning, in which they allegedly stole goats and sheep valued at R320 000-00. Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said according to the information received by the police, the owner of the farm, aged 79, was asleep when a group of men called him outside on the pretence that they were chasing a thief who had apparently entered the farm. “When the elderly man opened, one of the suspects pointed him with a rifle and they tied with him wires. Suddenly, another group arrived driving in about four bakkies and drove to the kraals where they loaded 68 goats and 40 sheep and fled the scene,” explained Ledwaba. He said the victim was later rescued by some farm employees who later called the police. “The vehicle recognised during the robbery is a white Ford Ranger. A case of house robbery was opened and the Provincial Stock Theft Unit was also activated,” informed Ledwaba. He said anyone with information that can lead to the arrest of the suspects is requested to contact the Acting Branch Commander, Warrant Officer Samuel Mohlala on 082 318 9861, the crime stop number on 08600 10111, the nearest police station or make use MySAPSApp. Ledwaba said police investigations are still continuing. Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, has urged members to be relentless when pursuing the perpetrators and bring them to book. “Community members must assist with information that can help in the apprehension of these criminals,” said Hadebe.

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# Residents left terrified as gunmen rob a cash van in Makaepea

Residents of Makaepea and Ramogwerane Villages near Tafelkop ran for cover when unknown number of heavily armed men, apparently using high caliber rifles, fired shots in different direction during a cash-in-transit heist. The heist occurred in the afternoon of Monday 21 August around 17:00 along the R579 Road, about 5kms from Tafelkop Village. An eyewitness who did not want to be named, told the Dispatch Newspaper that the robbers were driving in a white Ford Ranger bakkie. "It was like an action movie. The Ford Ranger bakkie intercepted the cash van and its occupants started firing shots at the tires of the Fidelity vehicle until it came to a halt in the middle of the road. A few moments later, another two vehicles approached and more gunfire went off in different directions, followed by a very loud bang. I suspect they were blowing up the cash van vault," he said. He added residents who were nearby the crime incident fled in different directions when the shots and explosives were heard. "Everyone was terrified, they were using high caliber rifles, probably AK47s. They then fled towards Sterkfontein Village direction driving in a white Ford Ranger and two unidentified vehicles. We rushed to the scene shortly to find one of the security guards unfortunately fatally shot. The other guards were looking not injured when we arrived," he said. According to the eyewitness, while at the scene, two police vehicles drove past without attending to the cash-in-transit heist scene. "The police could not even bother to call for a back-up and pursue the criminals. This is a clear indication that we are not safe as a country," he said. The witness said they are worried that the latest cash-in-transit heist is the third one occurring in a period

**"It was like an action movie."**

**Community members at the cash-in-transit heist scene trying to rescue security guards who are trapped in a cash van shortly after it was blasted by heavily armed criminals.**





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# Wanted gunman arrested in Mokgapaneng

The Police in Nebo have recently arrested a 29-year-old suspect in connection with house robbery and possession of illegal firearm.

The suspect was arrested during an intelligence driven operation at Mokgapaneng Village. Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the man was nabbed when the police team, comprising of the Nebo Station Commander, Rural Safety Coordinator and the Tracking Unit, operationalized the information received from the

source about the suspect of house robbery incident, which was committed in the beginning of this month August, around Mokgapaneng Village. "It is reported that the wanted suspect was spotted by a community member at his residence and alerted the police. They swiftly responded to the information subsequently cornered and arrested the suspect. He was found to be in possession of an unlicensed firearm," informed Ledwaba. He said the police are

still hard on the heels of the accomplice of the suspect who were with him when committing the house robbery. "The suspect is expected to appear before Nebo Magistrate's Court soon," he said.

Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, welcomed the arrest. "Police members are removing illegal firearms from wrong hands and this is very important and saving innocent lives," she said.



**The firearm that was recovered in possession of a wanted suspect during his apprehension at Mokgapaneng Village outside Nebo.**

# Suspected illegal miners nabbed in various parts of Sekhukhune

As illegal mining incidents are escalating in an alarming rate around Sekhukhune, concerted efforts of police operations continue to clamp down on illegal miners and seize mining equipment during their apprehension. On Friday 18 August around 12:00, members of Sekhukhune District Police Task Team arrested four suspects, aged between 25 and 43 for illegal mining. The suspects were arrested during Police Disruptive Operation at Atok outside Jane Furse under Apel Policing area. Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the police arrived at the old mining shaft at Atok to find a group of people illegally mining and while the police approaching, the suspects dispersed into different directions. "Four suspects were arrested for illegal mining. The police confiscated eight generators, 11 jackhammers and one water pump. The suspects will soon appear before Sekhukhune Magistrate's Court. The police investigations are still continuing," he said. Ledwaba added that another illegal mining incident, the police in Driekop, in collaboration with Mecklenburg, Burgersfort, Tubatse SAPS, as well as Public Order Policing (POPS), apprehended three suspects, aged between 21 and 35 for alleged illegal mining. The trio was nabbed on Tuesday 15 August 2023 at about 09:30. "The police were tipped off on information about the suspects who were busy conducting illegal mining activities on top of the mountain at Ga-Maroga Village under Driekop Policing Precinct. The police immediately rushed to the scene and on their arrival, they found a large number of people comprising of males and females busy mining chrome. They then started to run in different directions upon seeing the police intending to evade being arrested. Three males, consisting of two South Africans and one Illegal immigrant who is nationality is still going to be confirmed were cornered and nabbed at the scene," said Ledwaba. He said during the operation, the team managed to seize mining equipment including 12 wheelbarrows, 11 generators, six jackhammers, two grease pumps, bundle of cables and a Bell TLB with an estimated value of over R200 000-00. "The trio is expected to appear before the Mecklenburg Magistrate's Court soon, facing charges of illegal mining and Contravention of Immigration Act," he said. Furthermore, Ledwaba said the police in Mecklenburg have arrested three more suspects at Legabeng Village in connection with illegal mining. The suspects were arrested during Multi-disciplinary Disruptive Operation comprising the Public Order Police, Sekhukhune District Vispol members and Department of Home Affairs, which was activated on Thursday 17 August 2023. "The suspects were arrested after police persistent efforts in fighting the scourge of illegal mining by conducting continuous disruptive operations in different parts of the province. Following thorough investigation and intelligence gathered about illegal mining activities, the operation led to the arrest of three suspected illegal miners, aged between 29 and 35, two males and one female," explained Ledwaba. He said the team also managed to seize eight wheelbarrows, 7 generators, seven jackhammers and four shovels. Ledwaba said the suspects are expected to appear in the Mecklenburg Magistrate's Court soon. Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has welcomed the arrest, hailing the disruptive operations for making a huge impact in the province due to existing partnership with various stakeholders, as well as the communities. Hadebe commended the team for their dedication and dealing with illegal mining as it is still a challenge in the province.



**The generators and jackhammers that were recovered when the police arrest illegal miners in various parts of Sekhukhune.**



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## Dennilton missing children found safe

The Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality, Cllr David Tladi, has expressed his appreciation to the community of Five Morgan Village in Dennilton and the Dennilton Police Station for their unwavering dedication in locating three pre-schools children, who went missing in the afternoon of Wednesday 16 August 2023.

The missing toddlers, Enzo Mashiyane and siblings, Melobuhle and Mpe Mkansi, were found unharmed on Thursday morning, after an intensive search by residents and the police that took about 24 hours. The children were located in the morning after they locked themselves inside the neighbour's old vehicle when playing. "Community members displayed the ethos of 'it takes a village to raise a child' by



**Enzo Mashiyane was among the three children who went missing in Five Morgan Village in Dennilton.**



**Enzo and Melobuhle Mkansi were found safe inside the old neighbour's vehicle after they went missing the previous day.**

staying up all night in search of the Mashiyane and Mkansi children. I would also like to express my gratitude to Captain Ramoshayi of the Dennilton Police Station Dog Unit, who despite being off duty, lent his expertise and

skills in the search of these children. We are proud of Captain Ramoshayi," said Tladi. The mayor appealed to parents to remain vigilant when children are playing outside their houses.

## Three cable thieves nabbed in Nebo

The Police in Nebo have arrested three undocumented immigrants, aged between 19 and 27, after they were found in possession of suspected stolen copper cables. The trio was arrested on Tuesday 15 August at about 00:30 by the members of crime prevention who were performing their duties when they noticed a suspicious Audi A3 motor vehicle parked on the side along the R579 Road. Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, informed that police members, under the command of Captain Mangwato, tactically approached the vehicle, with three male occupants and searched it. "The police discovered ten rolls of electric copper cables, two steel ladders and two bolt cutters. During the investigation, it was revealed that the copper cables were stolen from eight shops, which are apparently no longer operating around Brooklyn and Makoshala Villages. The copper cables, ladders, bolt cutters as well as the motor vehicle were confiscated during the arrests," explained Ledwaba. He said the suspects were charged with possession of suspected stolen properties and contravention of the Immigration Act. Ledwaba said the suspects are expected to appear before the Nebo Magistrate's Court soon. Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, Limpopo Provincial Police Commissioner, commended the police members for their swift reaction, dedication and vigilance that led to the arrest of the suspects.

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# Rising rape and domestic violence crimes concern DA Limpopo

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo said it is gravely concerned by the high number of rape cases and domestic violence related crimes registered in the SAPS 2023/2024, first quarter crime statistics in the province.

According to the party, the province is currently losing the battle on crime and the first quarter crime statistics paint a bleak picture. According to the police crime statistics, Limpopo Province recorded 197 murders, 1031 sexual offences including 858 rapes and 104 sexual assaults, 247 attempted murders and 2832 assault with intent to cause Grievous Bodily Harm (GBH) cases. Katlego Phala, DA Spokesperson for Transport and Community Safety in Limpopo, said the brazen nature of some of these rape crimes is also a cause for concern, as 202 of these incidents occurred in public places and 13 more incidents occurred in educational institutions, with ten of them taking place in schools, two in special schools and one in a tertiary institution. "The statistics also show that domestic violence continues to be a serious societal issue. The province recorded 8 murder cases, nine attempted murder cases, 54 rape cases, seven sexual assault cases, 395 assault GBH cases and 649 common assault cases as domestic violence related crimes," explained Phala. She added that the sustained large numbers of sexual offences prove that the police and Limpopo Provincial Government are still failing to keep residents safe in their communities. "There is a need for a concerted effort and greater resources to address the high numbers of sexual offences and domestic violence.

The DA is committed to ensuring that the provincial government and SAPS are held accountable in addressing the current unacceptable culture of rape and domestic violence related crimes in the province," Phala said. According to the first quarter crime statistics, Limpopo had four police stations ranked in the top 30 stations nationwide for rape

offences, namely; Mankweng which ranked 3rd, Thohoyandou ranked 6th, Giyani ranked 23rd and Seshego ranked 27th. These police stations were also ranked in the top 30 for sexual offences.



**DA Spokesperson for Transport and Community Safety in Limpopo, Katlego Phala, said the party will hold the police in the province accountable for failing to address the outcry of rape and domestic violence.**

# Late Ephraim Mogale councillor mourned

The Council of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality has mourned the passing on of Cllr Maesela Frans Mello, who passed on Tuesday 15 August 2023 after a short illness. Mello, who was Ephraim Mogale Municipality Ward 1 Councillor was also Chairperson of Budget and Treasury Portfolio in the local municipality. The late Mello, who joined the municipality in the current council administration, was laid to rest at Ga-Malebitsa Village in Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality Ward 1 on Sunday 20 August. The Mayor of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality, Cllr Given Moimana, said he was saddened by the passing of the councillor and has sent his heartfelt condolences to the Mello family, friends and colleagues.



**The Council of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality has mourned the passing of Maesela Frans Mello, who was councillor at Ward 1 of the local municipality.**

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# Toilets and shoes for Tafelkop schools



**Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality, Cllr David Tladi (Right), handing-over donated school shoes to one of the pupils at Kopa Secondary School.**



**Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr David Tladi (Waving hands), during the hand-over of twenty flushing toilets at Rite Primary School in Tafelkop.**

After years of enduring the poor sanitation conditions in the school's bathrooms, learners of Rite Primary School in Tafelkop, were handed-over twenty new flushing toilets and 20 pairs school shoes, thanks to Tsogang Water and Sanitation, Cure Day Hospital Medkin and Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality. The gesture was officially handed-over on Thursday 17 August. Speaking during the hand-over event,

Khenny Phasha, Tsogang Water and Sanitation Managing Director, said the donated flushing toilets will ensure safety and restore the dignity of pupils at the primary school. "Living without decent toilets puts school children at risk of disease, pollutes the environment and

specifically discourages girls from attending school. The new ablution facilities will dramatically change the learners' daily lives and learning environment. We are privileged to be part of that change," he said. Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr David Tladi, said: "Education is not just one dimension, and as we always say: "A child is a societal priority", thus I am particularly glad that the ward committee and community members are here, this is not about the municipality." Tladi urged the community to take care of the new school development and safe guard it from vandalism. Furthermore, Cure Day Hospital in conjunction with Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality, went on to hand-over 40 pairs of school shoes to disadvantaged learners at Kopa and Mogudi Secondary Schools in the municipality's wards 17 and 28. The donation is an initiative by office of the Mayor in partnership with various stakeholders, seeking to benefit underprivileged learners in rural areas within the local municipality. "We all know that education is not a core function of the municipality, ours is to make sure that adequate service delivery is rendered to our communities. However, it is important that the municipality lend a helping hand as the schools are in Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality, it is our children that attend these schools," said Mayor Tladi. He informed that government has prioritised education and everyone in different levels of governance should prioritise education as such. "Our main focus is to support child-headed families where parents are no more and where parents are unable to provide for their children," explained Tladi. Mayor Tladi encouraged pupils to look beyond their backgrounds, adding that where they come from should not determine who they are and what they want to achieve in life.

## SG College host multi-sporting event

SG College Private School in Groblersdal has rolled-out a first of its multiple sporting codes event, featuring football and netball tournaments on Friday 11 August. The multi-sporting activities were organized at the school's premises in Groblersdal Town with Dynamique Private School and Groblersdal Academy taking part. The college said, the flagship sporting programme aimed to develop sporting activities to grow bigger and better at the school in the few coming years, focusing on netball and soccer in main. As part of courtesy of SG College itself, the beautiful trophies for both sporting codes were awarded to the winning teams, with certificates awarded to school teams obtained the second and third positions. Headlines were made when three schools pitted against each other in an endeavour to clinch the first prize in football. Dynamique Private School emerged as football first prize winners in a closely contested match, with Groblersdal Academy coming in second position and the host of the day, SG College, obtaining the third position. The unmatched SG College NC cruised to winning the first prize in netball, with Groblersdal Academy coming second and Dynamique Private School obtaining the third position respectively. The school said the initiative will be taking place annually in order to unite people of all backgrounds.



**Dynamique Private School football team celebrating with a trophy after winning the first prize in the tournament.**



**The host, SG College netball team, became winners of the netball tournament during the sporting event.**

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# Marumo Gallants relocate from Limpopo to Free State

Marumo Gallants FC Chairman, Abram Ditonkana Sello, has confirmed that the team has been relocating from Limpopo to the Free State Province in the 2023/2024 National First Division (NFD) season. Sello said during the team's press conference held on Thursday 17 August in Johannesburg. Sello said Gallant switched venues from the Peter Mokaba Stadium in Polokwane and will be now playing their Motsepe Foundation Championship home matches at Dr Petrus Molemela Stadium in Bloemfontein. The decision follows alleged conflict between Gallants and Peter Mokaba Stadium Management. After acquiring PSL status in the 2021/2022 season, Sello wanted Gallants to play their home games at one of football facilities in Sekhukhune and as a result of all facilities not meeting PSL approved standards, the team was forced to relocate to Polokwane.

According to Sello, the decision was taken way before the team was relegated from the Dstv Premiership in the 2022/2023 season. As the Dr Petrus Molemela stadium could not currently meet PSL standards, Sello said Gallants will be playing their home matches at the Vaal University of Technology in Gauteng Province. "At the moment there are a lot of logistics to be fixed and all those kind of things. We are still here in Gauteng and then once that opens, we will play there. So, things will change as we go along but we take football to where it's mostly needed," Sello said. He indicated that Gallants have been in talks with management of Dr Petrus Molemela Stadium for almost a year. "We are targeting to recruit membership and support in Bloemfontein," he said. Meanwhile Gallants have during their press conference, further announced a new technical management team and unveiled new players, ahead of the 2023/2024 NFD season. Pitso Dlala, former Richards Bay FC head coach, has been confirmed as the club's new head coach and will be supported by Rodney Moraka as assistant coach, with Stevanus Ekakala remaining as goalkeeper coach, Amos Dhlomo will also stay as fitness coach and masseur and Rasikan Moodley has joined the club as technical performance coach. The club further appointed seasoned administrator, Sinky Mnisi, as Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Mnisi has served executive and administrative roles for clubs in both the Motsepe Foundation Championships and PSL divisions. During the conference, Gallants unveiled the season's



Marumo Gallants FC Chairman, Abram Ditonkana Sello (Right), welcoming Sinky Mnisi as the new CEO of the club.



Marumo Gallants FC will be switching venues migrating from Peter Mokaba Stadium in Polokwane to Dr Petrus Molemela Stadium in Bloemfontein ahead of the 2023/2024 NFD season.

new signees, including two players who have been with the team for a few seasons, as well as newly signed talent. The event was surrounded off with unveiling of Gallants energetic new season kit, sponsored by international sports apparel, Umbro. Sello acknowledged and welcomed the new players and new staff members in the team. "I would like to welcome the new members of Marumo Gallants Family. Our new technical team led by Head Coach Pitso Dladla, we welcome you. I have no doubt in my mind that you are ready. We continue to pride ourselves on our past achievements and I believe we will survive many other storms. We thank our fans for their continued support and for having faith in us. We are resilient and live by our motto as 'Bahlabane ba Ntwa,'" he said.

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