



President Ramaphosa announces a Nationwide Lockdown



Following the spread of COVID-19, the state Presidents Cyril Ramaphosa announced a 21-day nationwide lockdown, with effect from midnight of Thursday 26 March 2020 until midnight of Thursday 16 April 2020. The president made the special announcement in the evening of Monday 23 March, soon after the national state of disaster was declared on Sunday 15 March. In his address, Ramaphosa announced that all shops and businesses will be closed, except for pharmacies, laboratories, banks, essential financial and payment services, the JSE, supermarkets, petrol stations and

health care providers. Ramaphosa said individuals will not be allowed to leave their homes except under strictly controlled circumstances, such as to seek medical care, buy food, medicine and other supplies or collect a social grant. "We reiterate that the most effective way to prevent infection is through basic changes in individual behaviour and hygiene. We are therefore once more calling on everyone to wash hands frequently with hand sanitizers or soap and water for at least 20 seconds, cover our nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with tissue or flexed elbow and avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms. Everyone must do everything within their means to avoid contact with other people," the president said. He said everyone must do everything within their means to avoid contact with other people. "Staying at home, avoiding public places and cancelling all social activities is the preferred best defence against the virus. In South Africa, the number of confirmed cases has increased six-fold in just eight days from 61 cases to 402 cases. This number will continue to rise. It is clear from the development of the disease in other countries and from our own modeling that immediate, swift and extraordinary action is required if we are to prevent a human catastrophe of enormous proportions in our country," explained Ramaphosa. He said emergency water supplies using water storage tanks, water tankers, boreholes and communal standpipes are being provided to informal settlements and rural areas. The president announced the early collection of social grants to certain beneficiary to avoid overcrowding at pay points. "To alleviate congestion at payment points, old age pensions and disability grants will be available for collection on 30 and 31 March 2020, while other categories of grants will be available for collection from 01 April 2020. All channels for access will remain open, including ATMs, retail point of sale devices, post offices and cash pay points," he said. The president advised people to remain indoors and said extra law enforcement is in place to bring those who will not abide with the new regulations to book. "I have accordingly directed the South African National Defence Force be deployed to support the South African Police Service in ensuring that the measures we are announcing are implemented," stressed Ramaphosa. He also said that provision had also been made for the homeless. "Companies in distress will receive help and if necessary, the UIF system will be called on to help, while banks were being called on to assist those who were struggling. Any employee who falls ill through exposure at their workplace will be paid through the Compensation Fund," he said. The president thanked South Africans for their combined efforts to stop the corona virus.

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Water crisis struck Leeuwfontein again

It seems like the problem of water shortages in Leeuwfontein Township is far from over. This is after the township is currently experiencing sporadic water cuts, despite the Sekhukhune District Municipality's commitment to deal with water scarcity in the area.

According to residents, it has been over a month since the community had running water from their taps. Now residents turn to nearby rivers and streams to fetch drinking water. The water is dirty and not good for human consumption. Domestic and wild animals use the same water sources to drink, leading to a serious health hazards to residents. Early in 2019, Leeuwfontein residents engaged in a number of protests, blocking roads complaining about water shortages.

A march was organized to Sekhukhune District Municipality Offices where the community handed over a memorandum, complaining about poor service delivery, water shortages in main. A number of meetings were convened between the municipality and residents and according to the community, the meetings

bore no fruits as there was not any solutions to deal with water scarcity in the township. A resident, Kgaogelo Mahlaela, said that the situation affects mostly the elderly and people living with disabilities because they have to push wheelbarrows for long distances to fetch drinking water. "It is heartbreaking to see an elderly person pushing a wheelbarrow to fetch water. Something must be done about this situation, we cannot live like this," he said. Kgaogelo said they boil the water before they can drink it as they are afraid that they can contract waterborne diseases. "We are advised to wash our hands frequently to prevent the spread of corona virus but the municipality is failing to provide us with water. We need our complaints to be considered because life is very difficult without water," he said. Sekhukhune District Municipality Communications Manager, Moloko Moloto, said they were busy pumping water into a reservoir that supplied Leeuwfontein and they will open it soon for the residents.

He said the municipality is currently experienc-

ing mechanical faults at the water treatment plant that supplies the area with water. "Once it is finished, we will alternate supply using tankers, in other words, we will do this until the mechanical faults at the water treatment plant are fixed. Our officials are working around the clock to fix it," said Moloto.

Leeuwfontein residents fetch water from the nearby stream after the area has been without running water for over a month.



COVID-19 outbreak sends fear to draught stricken villages

Terrified community members in villages experiencing water shortages say they fear the worst after the COVID-19 outbreak. Residents say they are exposed to the pandemic as a result of unavailability of water in their villages. According to residents, water shortage makes them vulnerable to contract the disease as a result of drought hitting the villages for many years. A community member, Patricia Makwana from OK Matsepe Section in Tafelkop told the Dispatch that the situation led to residents to fetch drinking water from rivers. "There is no running water here and we depend on the nearest river to draw water to drink and for other household use. The water is not clean but we have no other option," she said. Makwana said their worst fear is that they will one day contract corona virus because there is no water to wash their hands frequently. "They encourage us to wash our hands to avoid contracting the virus but there is no water supply at all. We are the most vulnerable, I pray to God that this pandemic does not find its way to us because if the disease affects anyone from this village, is going to be a wipe out if this virus reaches this area," she said. Makwana added that the Sekhukhune District Municipality promised to provide water trucks as a temporary measure to deal with the problem. "The municipality provides only one truck after six months which is inadequate to supply the entire area" she said. Sekhukhune District Municipality Spokesperson Moloko Moloto said the municipality has drafted a plan to provide water to residents of Sekhukhune during the corona virus outbreak. "The executive mayor has appointed a task team to deal with water crisis and make sure that residents in draught stricken areas receive water during the National Lockdown," he said.



Residents of the draught stricken OK Matsepe Section in Tafelkop Village fetch water from the nearby rivers and wells. Residents fears to contract corona as they will not be able to wash their hands frequently.

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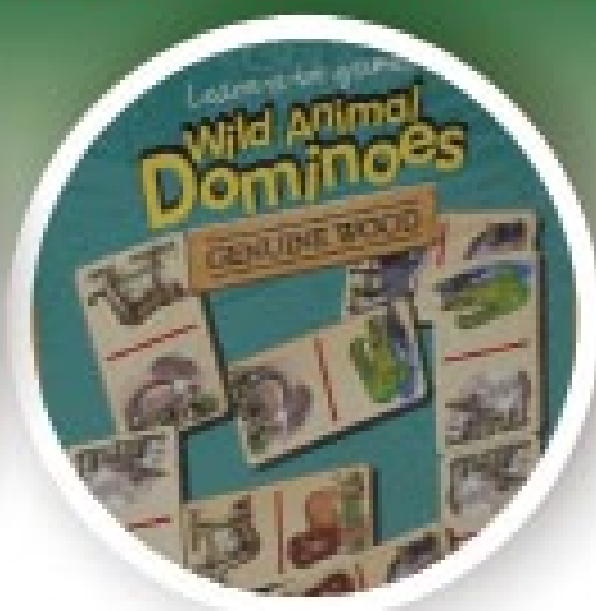
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PUBLIC NOTICE NO: EMLM 189 UPGRADING OF MASAKANENG ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

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3. Applications will not be approved without the relevant certificate of Compliance as per the installations rule SANS 10142.
4. Any upgrades done without the knowledge of the municipality is illegal and will be subjected to penalties.
5. Registered owners of the affected properties are required to consult with the municipality.
6. Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality reserves the right to inspect the premises and or disconnect the Electricity in case of failure from the customer to adhere to the rules.

Please note that applications will only be approved if the owner account is up to date with the Municipal services.

For more information, please contact the above contacts.

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PUBLIC NOTICE: UNSOLICITED BID TO APPOINT MOZWELI (PTY) LTD

Notice is hereby given in terms of section 21 of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act No 32 of 2000 read with section 37 of the Local Government Municipal Supply Chain Management regulations, 2005 as well as the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality Supply Chain Management Policy that Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality intends to appoint the service provider **Mozweli (PTY) LTD** through the unsolicited bidding process to investigate the feasibility of Small Modular Pebble Reactor Plants and implement the supply, installation and operation in the Elias Motsoaledi Local municipality area of supply.

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The Comments should be in a clearly marked envelope for the attention of the Municipal Manager, Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality, P O Box 48, Groblersdal, 0470 by no later than the above mentioned date.

Any person who cannot write may visit the office of the Municipal Manager during office hours before 02 April 2020 where he/she will be assisted with transcription of his/her comments.

MM Kgware
Acting Municipal Manager

AG 11 Million Wasteful and Irregular Expenditure in Ephraim Mogale Municipality

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality demand answers regarding the tax payers' multi-million rands wasted in irregular expenditure. According to the party, the Auditor General's (AG) report indicated that the municipality racked more than 11 Million rand in irregular expenditure. DA Councillor in Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality Conny Lentsoane said the local municipality incurred irregular expenditure of R7 762 542 in the current financial year as a result of contravention of supply chain management legislation. "The said further irregular expenditure incurred in the previous years, amounting to R2 898 850, was also identified in the current year by the AG," he said. Lentsoane added that what was equally shocking was that 81 percent of the irregular expenditure relating to the previous year was identified during an audit process and not detected by the municipality's monitoring processes. "The AG stated that the main causes of the lack of effective prevention and detection were inadequate skills and capacity in the supply chain management unit. The DA in Ephraim Mogale Municipality is seeking an urgent meeting with the Mayor, Molaudi Mothogwane, to get clarity regarding the candidates that were hired which clearly are not fulfilling their functions as required.

Passenger mysteriously dies inside a taxi in Jane Furse Plaza

The Jane Furse Plaza Taxi Rank had to close down after a middle aged man died inside a taxi on Monday 16 March. The deceased was noticed by other passengers after he stopped responding when they were talking to him. The police and ambulance were called and the victim was certified dead on the scene. According to an eyewitness, Johannes Molepo, the man went to catch a taxi to Schoonoord after doing shopping at Jane Furse Plaza. "The man died while on his way home. He arrived at the taxi rank in the morning and was looking fine. He died a few minutes later after boarding the taxi," he said. Molepo said it is suspected that the victim was suffering from a certain chronic illness that led to his death. "He started shaking and that's when other passengers noticed that something was wrong with him. The ambulance and the police were called immediately when he stopped responding. Unfortunately he was certified dead by the paramedics. This is a

mysterious incident that shook the community. This is something that has never happened here before," Molepo explained. Molepo added that the incident sent fear to passengers who were in the taxi as they suspected that COVID-19 has something to do with the man's death. "Some of the passengers scared that this man could have been killed by COVID-19. They were relieved when paramedics announce cause of death as chronic disease related," he said. The police said an inquest docket was opened at Jane Furse Police Station and is under investigation.



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PUBLIC NOTICE NO: EMLM 187 ALIENATION OF ERF 272 OF WALKRAAL AREA BY UNSOLICITED BID

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 79(18) of the Local Government Ordinance (17 of 1939) as amended, reading together with section 21 of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act (32 of 200) as amended, that the council of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality resolved to alienate Erf 272 Walkraal Area during a council meeting on the 28 February 2020: resolution number Dp14-057 to Ms Lebogang Makola.

The alienation of Erf 272 walkraal Area is not open for competitive bidding because:

- Those who made the proposal will be prejudiced if competitive bidding process is followed.
- The potential benefit of the acceptance of this unsolicited bid is to generate additional income to council.

Any person who wishes to submit comments or objections in respect of the above resolution must do so in writing to the Municipal Manager of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality at 2nd Grobler, Avenue within fourteen (14) days upon the publication this notice, between 7:30 and 16:15 working days.

Comments or objection clearly marked for attention the Municipal Manager can be posted to: **PO Box 48, Grobler Avenue, Groblersdal 0470 or faxed to (013) 262 2547** by no later than fourteen (14) working days upon publication of this advertisement.

Any person who cannot write may visit the office of the Municipal Manager during working hours to be assisted with the transcript of his/her comments.

M.M Kgware
Acting Municipal Manager

Suspected stock thieves burned beyond recognition

Three suspected stock thieves were severely assaulted and burned alive by the community of Naganeng Village in Moutse. The incident occurred on Sunday 15 March after the victims were caught by residents allegedly with suspected stolen animals. According to residents, the victims were caught and taken to the nearby bushes, dosed with a flammable liquid and set alight. They died immediately while screaming for help. Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the discovery was made by a passerby in the morning of the incident around 11:00. "The police were informed and immediately attended to the scene jointly with medical emergency services. Upon arrival at the scene, police found the bodies of three men aged between 20 and 31 years-old burnt beyond recognition and a burnt out Hyundai truck next to them," Mojapelo said. He said it was suspected that the deceased were severely assaulted before they were burnt as there were several stones found around the scene. "Police are now investigating three counts of

murder. The motive behind this brutal killing is still subject to police investigations but mob justice cannot be ruled out," said Mojapelo. The deceased were identified as Owen Ncube (31), Salos Sithole (23) and Lovemore Basera (20). Mojapelo said the police have since launched a massive manhunt for suspect(s) involved in the brutal killing of these three men. Lieutenant General Nneke Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Commissioner, strongly condemned the incident and instructed police to hunt down the killers and bring them to book. Police are appealing to members of the community with information that may lead to the arrest of the suspect(s) involved in the matter to urgently contact Warrant Officer Michael Seopa at 066 269 8337, the crime stop number 08600 10111 or the nearest police station. Police investigations on the matter are ongoing.

The burned truck that was traveling by the victims whose bodies were also found burned beyond recognition.



Mentally ill man goes missing from disability centre

The Police in Dennilton have launched a search operation following the disappearance of 25-year-old man. According to the police, the 25-year-old Jonas Mojalifa Chosane went missing since Monday 8 March 2020 at about 05:00. Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said it was alleged that Chosane, who is allegedly mentally disabled, disappeared from the Sanel Epilepsy South Africa Centre for the Disabled and since then, he was never seen again. According to Mojapelo, Chosane was wearing a grey pair of trousers and a curry jacket at the time of his disappearance. "Police's efforts to locate him at relatives were not successful. Police investigations and a search operation continue," said Mojapelo. He said anyone with information that can assist police to find the missing Chosane may contact Sergeant Nomsa Skosana on 072 876 9207/013 983 0161 or the crime stop number 08600 10111 or the nearest police station.

The missing mentally disabled Jonas Chosane who was last seen on 08 March 2020 at the Sanel Epilepsy Centre for the Disabled in the Dennilton area.



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The SAB SAFA Sekhukhune Regional League postpone matches

The South African Football Association (SAFA) Sekhukhune Regional League matches have been suspended due to corona virus outbreak. The association made the announcement on Monday 16 March to suspend all matches until further notice. According to SAFA General Secretary in Sekhukhune, Pro Thipane, said the league was suspended after a directive from the state president and SAFA national office, following the COVID-19 outbreak. "The corona virus is here with us and declaration has been made by the president of the country regarding that. As members of the federation, we are obliged to observe what the federation directs us to do. On the basis of what the federation is saying, we are postponing all league games pending any findings and directives from the federation and government," he said. Thipane said they are not sure when will the competition resume and they will keep people informed about any taken decision by senior authorities. "We are Sorry for any inconvenience caused but this is beyond one's control and poses a threat to our whole being. We will furnish the people with all the information," he said. Meanwhile SAFA Sekhukhune Region expelled four teams for failing to attend league matches. According to the federation, the teams were terminated from the league after conceding three walkovers. The teams include Stream B clubs Mphanama United FC from Mphanama Village, Maseshane Rangers FC from Ga-Nchabeleng Village. The other two expelled teams are Stream C football clubs which are, Love and Peace FC from Makgatle Village and Letebejane Juventus from Letebejane Village, According to SAFA, a team conceding three walkovers in a league in a stream with ten or more teams and a team conceding



Football teams participating in the SAB SAFA Sekhukhune Regional League will wait for the president's directive on COVID-19 issues before they can continue with the league.

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- Avoiding close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections
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- Avoiding unprotected contact with farm or wild animals
- People with symptoms of acute respiratory infection should practice cough etiquette, e.g. cough into elbow, sneeze in tissue and throw tissue in bin.

If you are mildly sick, keep yourself hydrated and monitor your symptoms closely. If your symptoms deteriorate, see your healthcare provider OR request/inform your Compliance Officer. Be sure to keep your manager/supervisor informed at all times.

Hebzer Sports Development and Skills Academy suspend sporting activities



The Herbzer Sports Development and Skills Academy team will continue with their normal activities after the corona virus nationwide lockdown break.

The Herbzer Sports Development and Skills Academy (HSDSA) have suspended all activities until further notice. This is after President Cyril Ramaphosa declared a state of national disaster, introducing several regulations to help curb the spread of COVID-19. According to HSDSA Director, Herbert Radingwnana, the academy's activities were officially suspended on Monday 23 March. The academy caters sports activities including football, netball and fitness training sessions. HSDSA is in charge of dozens of individuals who participate in four football teams, four netball clubs and a number of individuals partaking in the fitness training session activity. "We have decided to stop the matches to avoid contact between individuals as a directive by Presidents Cyril Ramaphosa. All the scheduled upcoming matches were postponed to ensure safety to the people," Radingwnana said.

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