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DA welcomes **Dr JS** Moroka **Municipality Forensic Report**

The Democratic Alliance (DA) welcomes the official release of the forensic audit report for the Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality, which reveals how money was siphoned from the cash-strapped municipality.

The report implicates the resigned Mayor Thulare Madileng and ousted Municipal Manager Thami Kubheka of irregular expenditure. However, the party stated that it calls on an investigation into the security services for the period of March 2019 to December 2019 costing the municipality R341 794. 77 which were claimed to be free by former Municipal Manager, Thami Kubheka."It is disturbing to note that in an interview with the investigative body, the former municipal manager stated these services were free of charge, protection services which were not only provided to the municipality but extended for his personal day in, day out protection," said Thaphedi Mokoala, DA Councillor in Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality. Mokoala indicated that while the investigation report highlights the fact that under the leadership of the former mayor and municipal manager, there could have

been serious diversions from the Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003 and other financial management prescripts."Diversions in the municipality resulted in incurring unnecessary irregular expenditure where in a space of seven months, a Standard Bank monthly report shows that the former mayors vehicles travelled a distance of 60 260 kilometres and cost the municipality a total of R122 744.03 in petrol charges," he said. Mokoala added that testimonies given by Madileng's driver and his bodyguard indicate that the majority of the trips made were for the mayor's private, social activities and some were for ANC meetings. "The DA notes upon the adoption of the action plan, the officials mentioned in this report will be given a chance to represent themselves, participate in reconciliation and settlement discussions in the first phase of the municipality's three phased approach. As the DA, we reintegrate the call for the Mpumalanga Provincial Government to thoroughly address the issues relating to the former executive mayor and former municipal manager and to ensure that money is recovered from those who caused an irregular loss for the

municipality," explained Mokoala. He hinted that the allegations posed against these former senior officials are outrageous and need to be dealt with immediately. "If we are dedicated to good governance for the people of Dr JS Moroka, we will see to it that action is taken against those who are presumably guilty of offenses," he said.

Sekhukhune sees decrease in Covid-19 infection

The Sekhukhune District Command Council (DCC) welcomes the declining of Covid-19 infection rate. The declining in infection rate was announced during the DCC bi-weekly virtual meeting held on Tuesday 17 November as the fight against Covid-19 continues. During the meeting, the DCC heard that at that time, the number of active COVID-19 cases stands at 15. It was also indicated that since the outbreak of the pandemic, a total of 2748 people who had tested positive in the district have since recovered. Unfortunately, 61 people have lost their lives due to Covid-19 complications. While the DCC notes and welcomes the fact that the district's rate of infection is declining, it expresses sadness at the news that six people lost their lives due to Covid-19 related complications since the 30 October 2020. "We send our sincere condolences to families and friends of our compatriots who lost the battle against Covid-19," said DCC Chairperson, Executive Mayor Keamotseng Stanley Ramaila. Ramaila added that the DCC also embraces the decision by the cabinet that from 25 to 29 November, all South Africans should observe five days of mourning for the compatriots who are the victims of COVID-19 and gender based violence. "We remind all the people of Sekhukhune to wear a black armband or other signs of mourning during this period,"

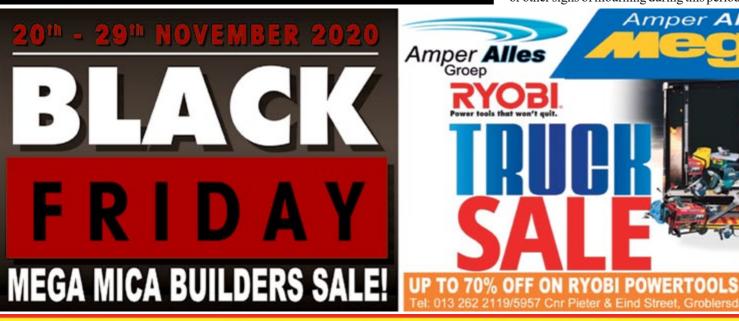




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said Ramaila. Ramaila further said the DCC reminds community members to adhere to all health protocols, as many people would be socializing during the upcoming festive season. "We must keep in mind at all times that, the fight against the corona virus will be won only if we protect ourselves and our loved ones as individuals," Ramaila said.







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SDM to speed up the completion of Moutse Bulk Water Project

The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality Cllr Keamotseng Stanley Ramaila has urged the speedy completion of Moutse Bulk Water Supply Project.

In February this year, the Minister of Human Settlement, Water and Sanitation, Lindiwe Sisulu allocated R143 Million towards water supply in the area as part of the Drought Relief Intervention Programme. During her visit, Sisulu donated five water tankers and 20 water storage tanks to try and address the long standing water challenges in Moutse villages. Lepelle Northern Water was appointed as an

implementing agent of the project that seeks that Moutse residents have access to drinkable water.

The project is mainly to provide 20 Water tanker trucks, Provision of 2000 water storage tanks with stands, drilling and equipping new boreholes and refurbishment of old ones to be enable them to be fully functional and provide water to the people. Moutse was hard hit by draught after a historical backlog on water distribution in the area and the drying up of the Mkhombo Dam, situated at Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality. According to Dr JS Moroka local municipality, the dam is currently sitting at its lowest level at 0.8% were very little water is abstracted. The municipality stated that it also struggles to supply its own residents with potable water due to the low level of the dam. Currently, Moutse residents are still struggling to get drinking water and resorting to buying water from those who have boreholes and some turning to the nearest wells and rivers to share water with domestic and wild animals. In a meeting, held on Friday 13 November 2020, between SDM Executive Mayor Cllr Keamotsemg Stanley Ramaila and all stakeholders

Residents of Moutse are still fetching water from the nearest rivers and wells, despite R143 Million allocated to fight drought in the area.





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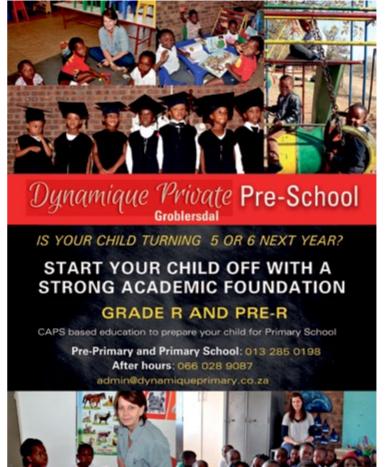
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involved in the project including the Project Steering Committee (PSC), Lepelle Northern Water officials, Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) officials and other relevant SDM officials, it was noted that water supply is still inadequate in Moutse. The meeting was mainly to check the progress on completion of the Moutse Bulk Water Supply Project. The executive mayor summoned DWS and Lepelle Northern Water to finalize the transfer of all 20 water tanker trucks to the municipality and complete the delivery of the 2000 water storage tanks with stands. "Lack of water supply to our people in Moutse community is of our great concern", said Executive Mayor Ramaila.





Forty year sentence for Monsterlus man

Jimmy Tau aged (33), was sentenced to twenty years imprisonment for house robbery by the Nebo Regional Court, on Thursday 19 November. According to the police report, the accused was nabbed at Mamelodi in the Gauteng Province on 21 January 2018, after he attacked the victim while sleeping at his room at Monsterlus Village and robbed him of bank cards, money, a pair of shoes and cell phones before he fled the scene with the victim's VW Polo Vivo."The police were summoned and immediately started with investigations, with assistance from the car tracking company, the police followed the vehicle and activated a backup team of police officers from the Gauteng Province as the vehicle took that direction. The same day, the vehicle was found and the suspect arrested in Mamelodi, in the Gauteng Province," said Colonel Moatshe Ngepe, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson. Ngoepe said the case was assigned to Detective Sergeant Semakeleng Kanyane of the Hlogotlou Detectives Unit who investigated the docket until the accused, was found guilty and subsequently convicted and sentenced. The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo Lieutenant General NnekeLedwaba welcomed the sentence. Ledwaba indicated that these sentence will undoubtedly serve as a deterrent to other criminals or criminals to be. "We are delighted that this criminal is removed from the streets for a long time," said General Ledwaba. He also applauded the investigating officer in the case on a job well done.

Traditional healer in the dock for rape

A self-proclaimed traditional healer, Lucas Happy Moretsele (33), from Kutullo Village, appeared before the Sekhukhune Magistrate's Court on Thursday 19 November for rape. According to the police report, the suspect, allegedly raped a 20-year-old woman who is also a pupil at one of the secondary schools in the area. "The victim has on 18 September 2020, allegedly visited this pastor who is also a traditional healer for consultation and in the process, the suspect allegedly raped her. The vic-

tim became confused and terrified by the entire situation, realized at a later stage that she has been tricked and raped by the man she trusted to heal her. The victim later reported the matter to the police on Saturday 7 November 2020 and a case of rape was opened. The initial investigations started and the suspect was traced and

> arrested," said Colonel Moatshe Ngoepe, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson. Ngoepe said the suspect was granted a R1000-00 bail and his case was postponed to 23 March 2021 for further police investigations.





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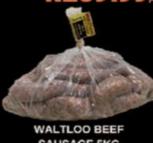
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DA questions shoddily constructed water gantry

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality has written a letter to the Auditor -General of South Africa (AG) to flag the completed water gantry constructed in Marble Hall, which forms part of the Moutse Drought Relief Programme.

According to the party, two water gantries, one in Groblersdal and one in Marble Hall, were approved by the Department of Water and Sanitation at a cost of R2 760 100 during the current financial year."The DA is not only concerned that there was a massive price inflation by the service provider to erect the water gantry in Marble Hall, but that the erected gantry is not in use. A gantry was erected next to the reservoir in ward 7 without any pipes to the reservoir and taps to allow for water tanks to access the reservoir," said DA Councillor in

Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality, Flip Jacobs. He added that a couple of kilometres away, a pipe was inserted in an existing water hydrant with two taps attached, to enable water tankers to access water at this point."The DA is certain that this questionable water gantry did not nearly cost in excess of R1 Million, as budgeted for to construct. We further question why the gantry, which is not in use, was erected at the reservoir and that water taps inserted at a water hydrant is utilized to fill water tankers," added Jacobs. He emphasized that there are villages in 19 wards that are supposed to be served from the Moutse bulk water supply, but years of project delays, maladministration and corruption impeded the project from delivering water to the residents."It is a disgrace that this project, which was meant to supply water to affected villages and to restore the dignity of residents living there turned out to be such a waste of tax payers' money. We will request the AG to scrutinize the tender process as well as the completed project and make a finding," Jacobs explained. He said the DA will continue to fight for improved service delivery and prudent spending to ensure that the residents of Marble Hall receive adequate water sup-

ply.

Mampuru and Afrikaner communities enter a partnership

The Royal family of Kgoši Mampuru III, met with the Afrikaner community to build a new partnership between the two communities. The historic meeting, which was held on Saturday 22 November at Mamone Maroteng in Jane Furse, was seeking to make peace between the two nationionals after the hanging of Kgoshi Mampuru II by then Boer South African Republic Government in 1882. Limpopo Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure MEC Namane Dickson Masemola, Sekhukhune MMC Cllr Alfred Matlala, Makhuduthamaga Community Services Head Cllr RinahMaisela and KgošiMampuru II Management Area Commissioner who were part of the government delegation that attended the occasion. Mampuru II was executed at the then Pretoria Central Prison alongside King Nyabela of the Amandebele tribe with many other prisoners for resisting colonial rule. The prison was renamed Kgoshi Mampuru II by then state President Jacob Zuma in 2013. The remains of Kgoshi Mampuru were never recovered for a proper burial. In the meeting, the Afrikaner community was represented by Reverend Derkie Van der Spuy, a moderator in the Dutch Reformed Churches in Limpopo and Mpumalanga Provinces respectively. Van der Spuy, speaking on behalf of the Pretoria Afrikaners who are reported to have tortured and executed King Mampuru II, publicly humbled himself before the Marota community and asked for forgiveness for the hanging of king of Marota, Kgoshi Mampuru II and many others by their great grandfathers during the colonial government. King Mampuru Foundation accepted the apology and said they believe the partnership could help the royal family and government's efforts in the search for the mortal remains of the late Kgoshi Mampuru II to finally be located and returned to Bapedi homeland in honor of the struggles of King Mampuru II.







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A birthday fit for a king

Kgoshi Boleu Rammupudu III, celebrated his 73rd birthday with a horde of local schools, churches and community members on Sunday 15 and Monday 16 November. Kgoshi Boleu's birthday celebrations are held annually in differently planned occasions. This year, God's Favour Revival Church, kick started the celebration a day before its actual date on Sunday 15 November and decided to honor "Tau YaSekgwa", by hosting his 73rd birthday at their church premises in Tafelkop. Event organizer, Morufe Dineo Mohlamonyane, said they were humbled to have organized a birthday of their traditional leader who is also a public figure in the community. "We have no words to describe how we feel by hosting our father, our chief and most of all, our mentor. We are blessed to host a well-deserved birthday party for someone deserving and we feel honored to be given the opportunity to celebrate the birth of a King. We wish him more great years to come," said Mohlamonyane. On Monday 16 November, Thabatsho Community Radio Station (TCRS), hosted a live birthday celebration where learners from Mamorake and Rammupudu Primary Schools were reading birthday messages to Rammupudu live on air. "I am truly honored to share my day with the learners, I listened to their birthday messages and now I know our future is in good hands. I have noticed their level of respect as well. It's great to see the good work parents and educators are doing to teach our children the basic principle of life that resect leads the way to success. I would like to thank God's Favour Revival Church and everyone who made this day possible, especial their hospitality and I wish them all the best, particularly, during these trying times," said Kgoshi Boleu Rammupudu III.

MEC pray for fatal R573 Road ahead of Festive Season

Mpumalanga MEC for Community Safety, Security and Liaison, Gabisile Shabalala together with officials from The Road Traffic Infringement Agency (RTIA) held a "National Prayer Day for Road Safety towards Zero Deaths on our Roads" campaign. The prayer was held on the notorious R573 (Moloto) Road, between Moutse and Siyabuswa on Sunday 15 November 2020, attended by both residents of Elias Motsoaledi and Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality. The R573 is one of the deadliest roads in the country but is also an economic artery connecting Mpumalanga, Gauteng and Limpopo Provinces. Shabalala urged locals to make use of licensing services in Mpumalanga in stead of other provinces as such actions are depriving the province from receiving much needed revenue for other developmental needs. She indicated that residents need to be educated on the importance of revenue collection and the impact thereof on the development of the local communities. The MEC has further called on the motorists including public transport operators to embrace the implementation of the Administrative Adjudication Road Traffic Offences (AARTO) Act. Shabalala said once the act is implemented, a huge impact will be made in reducing road crashes and called on communities to support traffic law enforcement officers who are always first respondents to horrific crash scenes. "We appeal to motorists to use the road cautiously as the country and many families lost their loved ones due to crashes," she said. She said RTIA has been tasked with the nationwide rollout of AARTO which is expected from July 2021. RTIA's Deputy Registrar, Dr Kaine Monyepao said that with the national roll out of the act, job opportunities will be created for local com-

munities such as Siyabuswa as RTIA will have offices in all provinces. Monyepao indicated that with the full implementation of the act, road crashes which costs the economy billions of rands annually, will be drastically reduced. "Today's prayer is part of the simultaneous road safety prayers in five identified accident hotspots in five provinces including Free State, Kwa-Zulu Natal, Gauteng and Limpopo. As the global community is aware, the United Nations declared the third Sunday of November as the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. The international road safety awareness initiative serves to acknowledge victims of road traffic crashes and their families," he said. He said RTIA, together with the identified partners, has designed this unique community road safety awareness programme to commemorate the lives of those who perished on the roads.

MEC intervenes in the improvement of special school

The MEC for Education in Mpumalanga, Bonakele Majuba directed officials to fasttrack all due processes to improve the conditions at Masinakane Special School. The MEC imposed the direction during his visit to the school recently. Masinakane Special School, in Allemansdrift B outside Siyabuswa, Dr. JS Moroka Local Municipality, has deprived learners their right to education as a result of a shortage of accommodation in the school premises to house them. During their oversight inspection, the Democratic Alliance (DA) in Mpumalanga had earlier this month written a letter to the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC), raising a concern about the safety of the learners at the dilapidating school. The special school has a large number of learners who come from as far as Nelspruit, Ermelo, Carolina, Standerton and Middelburg and Balfour. Majuba directed officials to put all systems in place and to report to him on or before 30 November 2020. So far, the Education Department in collaboration with the Department Public Works, Roads and Transport have already appointed a principal agent to facilitate improvements of infrastructure at the special school. The MEC also encouraged the school to continue to support all learners including those that are at home. "We will do everything possible to work with our sister department to improve the situation at this school. We have put timeframes to ensure that we do not have an open ended process but ensure that delivery ensues," said MEC Majuba.







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Dennilton Callies get ABC Motsepe League promotion

Dennilton Callies FC, from Dennilton in Moutse has been promoted to the ABC Motsepe League. The team was crowned Limpopo champions in the provincial promotional playoffs played at Thabazimbi Sports Grounds on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 November 2020, representing Sekhukhune region competing against the other four regions in the province. Dennilton Callies will now be competing in the Second Division, the third tier of the South African Football. Prior to the provincial championships, Callies started by competing in the SAFA Sekhukhune Regional League under Stream D category. The team finished at the top of the stream and qualified to play in the Sekhukhune Regional Play-offs held on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 November 2020. In their first regional play-offs, Callies defeated Kingborn FC 2-0 and went on to humiliate

sealed their victory with a 2-0 win over Royal Pirates which crowned them SAFA Sekhukhune Regional Play-offs champions, securing their place in the provincial championships. The team had their first provincial play-offs heat up match playing against Terrors FC, representing Waterberg Region. Callies grabbed a 1-0 win in the match bagging three points in their first match. In their second game they played a 3-3 draw against Waterberg Region's Emmanuel FC, rising hopes for them after playing well in the first day of the competition. On Sunday 15 November, second day of the play-offs, Callies came back with a fighting spirit and win their first game with a thrilling 5-1 score, defeating Amandebele FC which was representing Capricorn Region. The Dennilton side became provincial champions after their 2-0 victory over Vhembe Region's Madritas FC, a walk in the park that guaranteed them ten points

to put them onto the table. Dennilton Callies Chairman, Tumelo Madisa, told Sekhukhune Dispatch Newspaper that the boys were always enthusiastic to play in the professional football. "Although we had challenges due to the Covid-19 pandemic where we ended up in an unexpected break, the boys were long waiting for the opportunity to showcase their talent on the professional stage. The spirit was very high, they were eager to return to the pitch and they didn't disappoint," he said. Madisa added that their players are motivated and are ready to campaign in the ABC Motsepe League the coming season."Our team is razor sharp and prepared to partake in the ABC Motsepe League. We are up for the challenge and hopefully we will do better in that division," he said. However, Madisa said they are still challenged by lack of sponsorship. "But that challenge couldn't pull us back, we are going forward

to compete and we will win our matches," he said. The chairman thanked SAFA Sekhukhune Region and Ngwaabe City Motors FC for their contribution towards their preparatory matches prior to the provincial championship games.



Dennilton Callies FC celebrating after winning Limpopo Provincial Play-offs





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