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## Jane Furse conjoined twins passed away

The Limpopo Department of Health has confirmed that the conjoined twins, who were successfully delivered at Jane Furse Hospital, passed away in the early hours on Thursday 14 April.

The provincial department said the babies were delivered through a caesarean section and later transferred to Mankweng Hospital Neonatal ICU, for full and further assessment by both neonatologists and pediatric surgeons. Neil Shikwambana, Limpopo Department of Health Spokesperson, said the twins deteriorated overnight and passed on in the early hours of Thursday 14 April. "Since their admission to

Mankweng Neonatal ICU, specialists from various clinical disciplines from both Mankweng-Pietersburg Complex and Dr George Mukhari Central Hospital, have been hard at work in pursuit of the best possible intervention for the case. The initial set of studies revealed multiple complexities which required appropriate and thorough planning of further Management," Shikwambana said. The twins were born to a 41-year-old mother at Jane Furse Hospital and were joined at the chest and abdomen. The mother was a patient who was a referral from a clinic and only diagnosed as a normal twin pregnancy during Antenatal Clinic visits. It was only during the operation that doctors discovered the babies were joined at the chest and abdomen. The MEC for Health



*The conjoined twins who were born at Jane Furse Hospital passed away at Mankweng Hospital.*

in Limpopo, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, expressed her shock after receiving the sad news. "We were hopeful that the scheduled joint academic meeting between specialists from Mankweng Tertiary Academic and George Mukhari Central Academic Hospital would bring the desired results for the future of the twins. Unfortunately the twins did not make it," she said. Ramathuba has sent her deep seated sympathy's and condolences to the bereaved family and the community at large during this difficult period. The department said a team of Psychologists are dispatched to offer psychological support to the mother of the twins and her family during these hard times.

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## Executive Mayor acknowledges service delivery backlog

The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality, Cllr Julia Mathebe, said the district municipality acknowledges that delivery of services is not pleasing in the district. Mathebe said during a State of the District Address (SODA), delivered recently at Ga-Masemola Stadium outside Jane Furse in Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality. “The water service and sanitation infrastructure backlog remains stubborn. Last month, we held a strategic session to assess overall performance of the municipality and to induce fresh ideas to optimize performance,” she said. Mathebe said in the session, they had put aside ideological and political differences with a sole purpose of turning the municipality into a leader in the provision of services for the communities. “One thing we all agreed on was that the Infrastructure and Water Services Department is in a ‘trauma unit’. What is more concerning is that this is the heartbeat of our municipality. The high employee turnover and the fact that critical positions within the department remain vacant, contributed to the incapacitation of this department,” she said. Mathebe said they agreed that they require a dedicated session to dig deeper into the problems that cripple the municipality. However, Mathebe said currently, through the grants, the municipality has completed and implemented several water scheme projects. “Although some of these schemes were delayed over the years, in various instances and phases, parts of them have reached practical completion,” she said. Mathebe indicated that the district municipality has successfully completed the Flag Boshielo Water Treatment Plant, which was commissioned in September last year. “The plant was previously only able to purify 8 megalitres of water per day. Its capacity has now been upgraded to purify 20 megalitres, providing water to 156 villages, many of them in the Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality,” explained Mathebe. Furthermore, the executive mayor said in October last year, the municipality successfully commissioned and handed over the Jane Furse RDP Package plant project to the community. “The package plant now supplies water through standpipes inside 1000 households at the Jane Furse RDP section. The community of Phaahlamanoge Village was also handed over a water project in October last year,” she said. Mathebe said the municipality has noted that the completion of the Moutse Bulk Water Scheme is also long overdue. “It was also delayed by a contractual dispute that was before court. However, the municipality and the consultant ultimately found each other, and work has resumed. Practical completion of the overall project is at 90 percent,” stated Mathebe. She said much of the infrastructure construction, including the command and service reservoirs and bulk pipelines in many villages of Moutse has been completed. “Bulk pipeline projects connecting Bloempoort Village and Lusaka Reservoir is at 100 percent. Similar projects from Lusaka Village to Mpheleng Village and from Mpheleng Village to Matlala Lehwelere Village are at 100 percent. In villages such as Matlala Ramoshebo, Matlerekeeng/Rathoke and Spitspunt, we are at over 84 percent and in some areas at 88 percent,” she said. The executive mayor said upgrading of the Groblersdal Water Treatment Plant, from 18 megalitres to 34 megalitres capacity stands at 95 percent. She said the Groblersdal Water Treatment Plant will supply purified water to the Moutse bulk line.

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## Motetema Circuit rewards top achievers

Motetema Circuit has, on Tuesday 12 April, acknowledged the best performers of the class of matric 2021 and their teachers, by showering them with gifts, merit certificates and trophies for their hard work.

The event, that was organized to honour the pupils and their teachers for the outstanding performance in the 2021 academic year, was held at Matsepe Primary School in Tafelkop Village. Thwadi & Molebogeng Foundation, Bana Ba Sekhukhune Media Solutions, Elton's Ready Mix Concrete, Old Mutual Groblersdal, Metropolitan Groblersdal, Levitt Computers and Charmain Kleynhans, contributed towards the event. Kopa Secondary School from Tafelkop was awarded the Overall Best School in the circuit for obtaining a 72.95 pass rate in the 2021 matric results. Refilwe Secondary School from Motetema Township was awarded the Best School in quality results after producing 67 bachelor passes. Top learner in the circuit, Tshogofatso Puleng Tlomatsane, was awarded in absentia as the top performing learner in the circuit, receiving a merit certificate, a trophy and a laptop. Tshogofatso got three distinctions in Agricultural Sciences, Physical Sciences and Sepedi. Nngodiseni Makungo, Chairperson of the Principal Council in the circuit, said they are aiming to put a plan of action on improving the results ahead, while they were celebrating the 2021 academic year merit awards. "The pandemic has had a negative impact on our students' performance, as they were forced to study on their own. We have noted that it was difficult for them to study online due to lack of resources," he said. Makungo pleaded with parents to develop more interest in their children's school work. "Parental support is



**Diketso Makhobotloane (Motetema Circuit Manager), Jesna Vanjickal-Joseph (Refilwe Secondary teacher), Malebatsi Seloane (Refilwe Secondary teacher), Charmaine Kleinhans (Financial & Investment Advisor), Muhle Mahlangu (Refilwe Secondary teacher), Mokone Matlala (Former Motetema Circuit Manager) and Raphashe Makau (Refilwe Secondary teacher), during the awarding of Refilwe Secondary as the Best School in quality results in the circuit.**

vital and keeps both teachers and parents in a position to act in time when a learner experience difficulties at school," he said. Secretary of the Principal Council, Mmoge Skhosana, acknowledged the support of the sponsors, saying they played an important part. "This day was made possible because of your humanity and selfless actions.

Your contribution gave learners and educators assurance that their hard work is noticed and it is also an inspiration for them to work harder," she said. Speaking on behalf of the contributors, Elton Bvumbi, Managing Director (MD) of Elton's Ready Mix Concrete, said they are all aware of challenges facing rural schools, which is the reason they decided to come on board to assist. "We are not strangers to the conditions our rural schools face daily and I believe we have the power to help the communities by taking part in programmes and projects aimed at developing the nation," he said.

Bvumbi said collective partnership between the private and public sector will strengthen pupils and educators to work hard under the circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic.

## Free e-learning devices for learners and teachers

MEC for Education in Mpumalanga, Bonakele Majuba, has on Tuesday 19 April, rolled-out the Ubuhlebezile e-learning programme at Pungutsha Secondary School in Nokaneng outside Siyabuswa. The programme has unfolded in the province earlier this month, in line with the provincial deployment and delivery of 6700 teacher laptops and 55 000 learner tablets, pre-loaded with software, e-Content and data ready for offline use. The devices are handed to Grade 12 learners in quintiles 1, 2 and 3 schools throughout the Mpumalanga Province. According to the department, each Grade 12 learner will also receive free data every month to enable easy access to the education e-content. Jasper Zwane, Mpumalanga Department of Education Spokesperson, said the programme intends to revolutionize the delivery of education in the province and to improve the teaching and learning process to the contemporary 21st century standard. Zwane indicated that the department has planned that by the end of April 2022, 55 000 learners and 6700 teachers will have received these devices intended to help to improve teaching and learning throughout the province. "In the past three weeks, deliveries were made in schools in the Gert Sibande and Bohlabela Districts. This week almost all secondary schools in Nkangala and Ehlanzeni Districts will benefit from this progressive initiative," he said. A total of 110 grade 12 learners and eight teachers from Pungutsha Secondary School benefited from the programme. The hand-over of the devices was graced by the Executive Mayor of the Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality, Cllr Nomsa Mtsweni. After the pep talk, all learners pledged to do their best to pass the grade, promising a 100% pass. The programme proceeded to Seabe Secondary School in the same area to benefit learners and teachers, wherein, the beneficiaries were equally on cloud nine as they received their tablets and laptops. MEC Majuba said he is pleased that the province has reached a major milestone and a step towards reaching higher heights in enriching the potential of each learner. "Now that the learners received these educational resources, it is expected that they will still rise to the occasion and register results which will be above the normal threshold," he said.



## ELIAS MOTSOALEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY PUBLIC NOTICE

### EMLM 20/2022 DRAFT 2022/2023 DRAFT (IDP) AND ANNUAL BUDGET

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 25 of Local Government Municipal Systems Act, No 32 of 2000 and section 22 of the Local Government Municipal Finance Management Act, No 56 of 2003 that Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality during its special council meeting which was held on 31st March 2022 tabled its draft IDP and Budget for 2022/23- 2023/24 financial year for approval. The office of the Municipal Manager as required in terms of Section 21A of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act, No 32 of 2000 hereby invites the local community to submit comments in connection with the approved draft IDP and budget for the 2022/23-2023/24 financial year. Copies of the Draft 2022/23-2023/24 IDP and Budget are available for public inspection on the municipality's website: [www.eliasmotsoaledi.gov.za](http://www.eliasmotsoaledi.gov.za) and also at the following offices;

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## ELIAS MOTSOALEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY PUBLIC NOTICE

### 05/2022 Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality Business Licensing By-Law

Notice in terms of Section 18(1) of the Municipal System Act (32: 2000) that the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality Council has approved the Draft Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality Business Licensing By-Law (2022) for public participation by virtue of Council sitting dated 31 March 2022.

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All members of the public are encouraged to submit comments, presentation(s), objection(s) or any form of input pertaining to the Draft EMLM Business Licensing By- Law (2022) within thirty (30) days upon publication of this notice.

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M.M. Kgwale  
Municipal Manager



# Clients owe Sekhukhune Municipality over R300 Million

According to the Sekhukhune District Municipality debt book, by the end of March 2022, the district municipality was owed R329 Million by its clients, for water and sanitation services. This was revealed by the Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality Cllr Julia Mathebe, during a State of the District Address, held at Ga-Masemola Stadium recently. "Since democracy, the government has provided free basic services, including water and electricity to poor households, in areas where infrastructure is available. Even though government had good intentions with this policy, some of us are abusing it," she said.

Mathebe indicated that some residents in the communities, who have the financial means, still do not pay for services. "Another thing that worries us is that several business establishments, including some government departments, do not pay for water services. Ironically, they all expect us to give them

uninterrupted provision of water supply and other services," she said.

According to Mathebe, the biggest contributors in the debt are the households who owe the municipality R280 Million, followed by businesses that owe R37.5 Million and government departments owing R9.3 Million. "Others such as Non-government Organizations (NGOs) and churches owe us R1.1 Million. However, Mathebe said the municipality will continue with its strategy to strengthen measures to generate revenue and improve on debt collection, as per the commitment of the governing party's election manifesto during the recent local government elections.

"We will undertake effective campaigns to deal with the culture of non-payment for services. Every person and organization that can afford it must pay for the services. Failure to do so hampers our plans to expand water services to areas where they do not exist," she said. Mathebe stated that for some time, the municipality has been sending letters to owing

clients reminding them about their debts. "We will soon pay a visit to those who continue to ignore us to demonstrate our seriousness in this regard, we have already begun to implement this internally. All our staff members were recently informed that, in line with applicable legislation, the district municipality may deduct from their salaries outstanding water and sewage payments that are in arrears for more than three months," warned Mathebe.

She said similar legislation will also apply on councillors in the district municipality and in all local municipalities of Sekhukhune. "There is no reason why a similar fate should not fall on us as councillors in all the municipalities. As councillors and municipal staff members, we must lead by example. To optimize billing and collection of rates, we must keep up with the Fourth Industrial Revolution," she said. Mathebe said the district municipality is now in the process of exploring the feasibility of installing smart meters to improve revenue collection.



**The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality Cllr Julia Mathebe says the district municipality is going to take steps against clients and municipality employees who fail to pay their outstanding water and sanitation services.**

## Tafelkop community outrage following hit and run incident

The angry community of Tafelkop Village demands that government erects a speed hump on the village's main road. This is after more than ten pedestrians lost their lives on the R579 Road that links Tafelkop and Groblersdal Town. The latest incident occurred on the evening of Sunday 24 April wherein, a middle aged man was hit by a speeding Toyota Quantum in the evening, a middle aged man was hit by a Toyota that failed to stop after the incident. Apparently, the victim was also run over by a speeding Toyota Avanza and died on the scene. Eyewitnesses allege that the Avanza driver had also driven off after running over the victim who succumbed to his serious injuries. On Monday morning angry residents of Mgababa Section, mobilized and attempted to erect their own speed hump on the deadly road. The crowd also threatened to disrupt the traffic until their concerns reach relevant people in government. Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr David Tladi, rushed to the scene to address the angry mob. According to residents, Tladi committed to urgently inform relevant authorities to erect speed humps at the spot where a number of fatalities have taken place. After Tladi's engagement, the community dispersed without causing any disturbance. A community member, who did not want to be named, said they are worried that the road has already claimed lives of more than ten villagers, with the government doing nothing about the situation. Another community member, Mokgadi Marule, said she was happy about the mayor's speedy response and hopes that the matter will be addressed after relevant authorities are informed. At the time of going to print, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo, did not respond to the police report requests sent to him by the paper.



**Tafelkop residents demand the government to erect speed humps on the R579 Road following a number of hit and run incidents committed by speeding motorists.**

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# Plea to find a brutal murderer

The police in Limpopo are making a plea to community members to assist in the hunt of a suspect who brutally murdered a woman and injured her 4-year-old son in Driekop outside Jane Furse last month. Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said since the incident happened on Saturday 26 March, the police launched a manhunt for the suspect without any success. The deceased's body was found in the bushes next to Mamphahlane village on Saturday 26 March 2022. "On that day, the police received a complaint from a member of the community about a child who was seen roaming the street, bleeding with open wounds on the face. The police reacted swiftly and rushed to the scene and upon arrival, the child informed them that his mother was injured at the nearby bushes. A search for the woman ensued until she was found lying on the ground in the bushes next to Mamphahlane Village, with multiple stab wounds all over her body," said Mojapelo. He said members of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were immediately summoned and the woman was certified dead on the scene. The child was admitted at a local hospital for medical treatment. "The deceased has still not been identified. She is a young woman who might be in her thirties and was wearing a blue Jean skirt and a white t-shirt with black tiger print. The child is still being treated in hospital and is unable to shed any light in this matter," explained Mojapelo. He said the motive behind the incident is currently unknown at this stage, however, domestic or gender based violence cannot be ruled out. "Cases of murder and attempted murder have been opened and anyone with information that can help with investigations and in locating the family of the murdered woman, may urgently contact the Driekop Station Commander, Captain Samuel Segabutla on 071 602 0460, crime stop number 08600 10111, the nearest police station or make use of My SAPSApp. Police investigations are continuing," Mojapelo said. The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe condemned the incident and pleaded with anyone who might have information to come forward. "The brutal nature of this incident requires that the suspect be brought to book as speedily as possible. I therefore, call upon members of the community to assist the police in the investigations," she said.

## Scholars receive full uniform from local business

Life will never be the same for 45 poor pupils from nine schools in Tafelkop Village, after they received sets of full school uniforms, thanks to Zibu Distribution, Retail and Transport donation. The private business made the generous donation during a handover held at Bakgaga Ba Kopa Royal Authority in Tafelkop recently. Each pupil received a full set of uniforms that includes shoes, jerseys, pull-over, socks, shirts, trousers and skirts. William Mazibuko, Zibu Distribution, Retail and Transport Managing Director (MD), said the beneficiaries, who are coming from underprivileged families, were identified with the help of teachers from each school. "I earmarked rural schools for the donation because I was born in KZN, where lack of resources and poverty becomes an obstacle in the learning process of a child. I believe as a business man and a member of the society, it is a privilege to give back and thank the community that supports me. I feel like donating school uniforms is a start in the right direction in order to invest in the future of the young generation," he said. Mazibuko commended the Bakgaga Ba Kopa Traditional Council for giving him a platform and opportunity to plough back to his community. Kgosi Boleu Rammupudu II of the Bakgaga Ba Kopa Tribal Council, said the donation comes at the right time when the country is heading towards the winter season. "This donation will play an important part to help most needy learners. Some of these children were urged to go to school bare-footed. I believe this action brings hope to them. We are truly grateful to this good Samaritan," he said. Boleu said the tribal council believes that Zibu's initiative will inspire other local businessmen and businesswomen to take part in programs and projects that develop and uplift the community, especially the youth. Cathrine Mathunyane, and educator at one of the benefiting schools, Ipelegeng Special School, said it was not easy for the pupils to go to school without proper uniform. "We are facing challenges at our respective schools with uniforms as a major one. This donation gives us guarantee that we are not alone in fighting to brighten the future of these children. We thank Kgoshi Rammupudu and Mr Mazibuko for coming to our rescue," she said.



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# Public asked to protect municipality infrastructure

Sekhukhune District Municipality has once again, complained about the growing scourge of vandalism of the district municipality's infrastructure, with the latest incident taken place at Mabintwane Village in Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality on Saturday 16 April. Moloko Moloto, Sekhukhune District Municipality Spokesperson, said the vandalism incident at Mabintwane was reported to the district municipality, after water supply to Phokwane was interrupted due to a cable theft at a pump station.

According to Moloto, the vandalism activities take place across the district and have resulted in the institution losing millions of Rands to repair the vandalized infrastructure. "Theft and vandalism of public infrastructure not only costs money unnecessarily, but also disrupts the provision of services," he said. Moloto said the matter is being attended to and water will be restored at the affected area as soon as their maintenance team is done with repairs. This is not the first time the district municipality complains about vandalism, mainly occurring at its water infrastructure.

In another recent incident, taken place at Ngwaritsi Village outside Monsterlus, an electricity transformer was deliberately set alight by unknown people at a water pump station. Moloto said the evidence points out that the vandals are mainly disgruntled community members who are complaining about services. "What happens is, people who vandalize the infrastructure are mostly disgruntling communities residing in newly established villages who demand municipal services immediately, which is not possible because we first have to allocate a budget before we can take services to them," he said.

Moloto added that other vandalism happens when people engage in service delivery protests, ending up damaging the same municipality infrastructure that provides services. "This is challenging because we have to resort replacing the vandalized infrastructure with the small budget we have instead of using the money to take services to the people. People should understand that this is the reason we experience a backlog in services because we have to channel the money elsewhere," he said. Moloto said curbing the problem in vast areas such as in the villages proved fruitless as fellow community members fail to report perpetrators who tamper with the municipality property. "For example, in Ngwaritsi, we have evidence that the transformer was tempered with previously and no one came forward to report the

perpetrators until recently when it was burned down, ending up hindering the municipality's concerted efforts to supply water to the villages served by the pump station," he said. Furthermore, Moloto indicated that illegal connection of water and electricity has continued unabated across the district municipality leaving thousands of residents without water. "Such acts had dire consequences as they interrupt water supply to certain areas. People should know that each water infrastructure carries a capacity to supply a specific population or number of households at a time," Moloto detailed.

Moloto urged residents to refrain from the acts as vandalism of water infrastructure is among the worst offences perpetrated by those who have criminal intent. "People should be more vigilant, protect and safeguard the municipality infrastructure and report those who vandalize the system, everyone should take charge. I can assure that we have already opened cases against the perpetrators," he said.

The municipality appeal to anyone with information that can lead to the arrest of the vandals to immediately contact their offices on 0800 330 022 or the Police on 08600 10111.



A water pump station at Mabintwane Village had its electricity cable stolen and water supply was interrupted in Phokwane Village.

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# Annual Thwadi & Molebogeng Foundation Football Tournament

Seven football teams from Dikgalaopeng Village and other surrounding places, partook in the annual Thwadi & Molebogeng Foundation Football Tournament, taken place on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 April at the Dikgalaopeng Sports Grounds.

The tournament is one of the biggest sporting events in the area and draw attention of hundreds of spectators. The matches were initially planned for Easter holidays, however, they were postponed due to rain. In the opening match of the day on Saturday, Mighty Blues FC defeated DK Unit Three FC by 3-2, while PSG FC humiliated Selesele FC, beating them 4-0. In the third match saw Kgathi United FC eliminating DK Unit One with a 1-0 score. After they were eliminated in the second match, Selesele returned to participate in the fourth match in a round-robin system after one of the teams failed to pitch. However, their return could not help them as they were defeated 5-3 by DK Unit Two FC. The semi-final matches saw

Mighty Blues defeating Kgathi 1-0 and PSG knocking out DK Unit Two with a 1-0 score. PSG were crowned tournament champions after defeating Mighty Blues 5-0 on penalties, after the teams played a goalless draw during the referee's final whistle. PSG walked away with R6 500-00 first prize money and the runners-up, Mighty Blues, pocketed R3 000-00 second prize money. Thwadi & Molebogeng Foundation Chairperson, Thwadi "Chepi Chepi" Mohlala, said the main purpose of the tournament is to provide sporting activities in the villages is to keep young people away from the streets. "That will automatically help the youth to stay away from criminal activities and other immoral behavior that will lead them to alcohol and substance abuse," he said. Mohlala said the foundation is planning to host monthly tournaments with an aim to develop young football stars who will possibly play for bigger professional teams. "I can assure that we have many talented boys in the villages, we are looking forward to host more football matches and invite scouts from PSL teams to come and spot talent in our villages," he said. Mohlala said the main challenge is lack of proper sporting facilities, however he is currently in the process



**Thwadi & Molebogeng Foundation Football Tournament winners, PSG FC, walked away with R6 500-00 prize money.**

of transforming Dikgalaopeng Sports Ground to a multi-sporting facility that will in the near future, host various sporting codes. "I would like to thank all the teams that participated in the tournament and everyone who came to support their clubs," he said.

Mohlala said the foundation will be holding a top eight tournament at Dikgalaopeng Sports Grounds on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 May

2022. Ryder Matlaba, Dikgalaopeng Unit Two defender, said the sporting activity gives a platform to eager young people in deep rural to grow their talent and perfect their skills. "We are thankful because all teams ensured the tournament is completed without any incident of violence or any interruption. We are grateful that Mr Mohlala has brought the matches to our backyard," he said.

## Da Gama appointed Babina Noko Co-coach

The Sekhukhune United FC has on Thursday 21 April announced the appointment of Owen "Thifhuriwi" Da Gama as the new co-coach of the team.

The club said, Da Gama, who is affectionately known as "The Rubber Doll", will be working alongside Sekhukhune United Head Coach, MacDonald Makhubedu for the remainder of the 2021/2022 DSTV Premiership Campaign. "I would like to take the opportunity to say I'm so happy to be part of a feature team in South Africa. This team is going far, the management is very professional, the supporting staff including everybody in this team is hands-on," said Da Gama. He said using his 20 year PSL previous experience, before he can motivate, players, he will first start by getting into their heads and understand where they are, what are their ambitions, where they want to go and what do they want to achieve. "By understanding how a player thinks, then you can start now motivating him in a direction that he wants to go. You can't treat a striker the way you treat a goalkeeper. Everyone needs a specialized training, that's how you motivate a player," he said. Da Gama promised Babina Noko supporters that he is in the team to add value by using his experience to help the coaches to maximize their potential. Da Gama was born in Volksrust on 18 August 1961 and started his coaching career at Dynamos in Thohoyandou that participated in the First Division. A few years later, he led Silver Stars to victory in the 2006 Telkom Knockout Cup, defeating Ajax Cape Town. In the 2006/2007 PSL season, Silver Stars, now known as Platinum Stars, finished second in the league and managed to secure a place in the 2008 CAF Champions League. DA Gama previously managed Dynamos, HP Silver Stars, PSM Parkhurst, Orlando Pirates, Free State Stars, Platinum Stars, Bloemfontein Celtics, South African Under 23 National Team, Highlands Park, TS Galaxy and South African National Team as assistant coach. Sekhukhune United Chairman, Simon Malatji, was delighted to acquire Da Gama's signature, saying he has been a part of South African Football history for many years. "As Sekhukhune United, we are particularly keen to appoint South African coaches. We believe in the expression, commitment and confidence of our local coaches," he said.

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