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The ripple effect of one act of crime

From stealing goats to mob justice murder to torching a farm

Part 1:

A 42-year-old woman, together with her 23-year-old son and two cousins, aged 32 and 36, were arrested by the Elandskraal Police in connection with kidnapping, assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm (GBH) and brutal murder committed at a farm in Morarela Village on Saturday 17 June 2023 at about 09:05. According to the police report, the deceased, identified as Funky Hlongwane (35) and his 32-year-old friend, who is a teacher by profession, were at home when they were allegedly kidnapped by the four suspects at about 07:05, after being accused of stealing goats of the 42 year-old woman.

"The duo was taken to a farm and tied with a long rope and severely assaulted with a several objects including a hammer. The teacher was released afterwards while the suspects continued assaulting Hlongwane. The teacher managed to report the incident to the police," said Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson. Ledwaba said the

police immediately rushed to the premises and upon arrival, find a 35-year-old victim laying down with serious injuries and unable to talk.

"The members of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were summoned to the scene and the victim was transported to a local hospital where he later succumbed to his in-

juries," explained Ledwaba. Ledwaba said the arrested family members will appear before the Groblersdal Magistrate's Court facing charges of kidnapping, assault GBH.

The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has described the incident as senseless and bru-

tal, while further applauded the police for swift response leading to arrest of the suspect. "We keep on mentioning that taking law into your own hands is not a solution instead it causes unintended results," said Hadebe.

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Funky Hlongwane who was brutally murdered by the four family members. The four family members, a 42-year-old woman, her son and two cousins, will appear before the Groblersdal Magistrate's Court for kidnapping, assault GBH and murder of a man they accused of stealing goats from their farm.



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From stealing goats to mob justice murder to torching a farm

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Part 2:

The Police in Elandsdraal outside Marble Hall have on Wednesday 21 June, arrested three suspects, aged between 26 and 38. "The arrest follows an incident of mob attack that happened when a community torched a farm in Elandsdraal on Sunday 18 June 2023 belonging to a 42-year-old woman, who was arrested after assaulting and killing a man accused of stealing the goats," said Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson. Ledwaba said the trio was arrested during the police operation conducted at Elandsdraal after the Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, ordered the police to track down and arrest people responsible for torching the farm. "The operation consisted of members from Elandsdraal Vispol, Sekhukhune Flying Squad, Masemola K9, Sekhukhune CI, Sekhukhune District members and other local stations," explained Ledwaba. According to Ledwaba, following the murder of a community member who was killed after being accused of stealing goats, apparently, the community mobilised and threatened to burn a local tavern and house belonging to the 42-year-old woman. "The fire damaged the farm fence, gate, tinned house, a motor vehicle, white Nissan bakkie and other properties. A total value of the damaged properties is not yet known," he said. Ledwaba said the police were summoned to the scene and members of the community upon noticing the police, they then fled the scene, and hence the manhunt for the suspects was immediately activated. "The trio was arrested separately at their residence in Mbozeni and Mararela Village. The suspects were charged with malicious damage to property, public violence and possessions of unlicensed firearm," he said. General Hadebe has applauded the police for ensuring that the suspects are arrested, saying this will send a clear message to community that unlawful acts are punishable by law. "People should refrain from actions that may lead them into police cells, they should learn to trust police capabilities as they are well trained to deal with crime related problems," she said.

Three men were arrested by the Elandsdraal Police after torching the farm at Mararela Village near Marble Hall.



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Special Official Funeral accorded for the late acting BaPedi King

President Cyril Ramaphosa has accorded the late Acting King of the BaPedi Nation, Kgoshikgolo Kgakgudi Kenneth (KK) Sekhukhune, Special Provincial Official Funeral Category Two. The presidential approval follows the recent application by Premier Stanley Mathabatha, that former Acting King of Bapedi KK Sekhukhune, be honoured with a Special Provincial Official Funeral. The granting of the Special Provincial Official Funeral Category Two means that all official flags in Limpopo will be flown at half-mast on the day of the funeral, which is arranged to take place on Saturday 1 July 2023. Kgoshikgolo KK Sekhukhune (78), who was acting king of BaPedi Kingdom for more than 40 years, died on Sunday 11 June after a long illness. Sekhukhune was the first born son of the late Kgoshikgolo Morwamotshe and was crowned King of BaPedi Nation and Kgoshi of Marota in Mhlaletse in 1976. He was regent of BaPedi Kingdom since then until when he stepped down in 2020 after a lengthy court battle with his brother, Rhyne Thulare, who was challenging him for the throne. Rhyne Thulare died in 2007 and following his death, his son, Thulare Victor Thulare III, continued to battle for the throne at the Constitutional Court and was later crowned paramount king of BaPedi in 2018 after the court ruling. Following the court decision, the late KK Sekhukhune refused to step down and went on to challenge the ruling at the Supreme Court of Appeal through the Nhlapho Commission. The commission later ruled against KK Sekhukhune and recognized Thulare Victor Thulare III as the rightful king of BaPedi Kingdom. KK Sekhukhune stepped down in 2020 after President Cyril Ramaphosa signed a legal document to issue a certificate that recognizes Thulare Victor Thulare III as the paramount king of BaPedi Kingdom. Thulare Victor Thulare III passed away in 2021 due to Covid-19 complications, a few months before he could be inaugurated as Kgoshikgolo of BaPedi Kingdom. The BaPedi Kingdom described the late Kgoshikgolo KK Sekhukhune as a selfless traditional leader who contributed immensely to his nation by building schools, clinics and played an important role in the establishment of Royal Bapedi Nation Trust, which was responsible for the purchase of farms and other properties for the benefit of his people. Premier Mathabatha welcomed the decision by President Ramaphosa to grant Sekhukhune a Special Provincial Official Funeral Category Two. "We continue to send our heartfelt condolences to the royal family, the people of Sekhukhune and BaPedi Nation in general. I believe that the approval by President Ramaphosa is a befitting honour for a man who was at the helm of BaPedi Kingdom for 40 years

since 1976. As Limpopo, we pride ourselves for being a rural province and our relationship

with traditional leaders is sacrosanct. We are indeed honoured that this great man will be laid to rest in a dignified manner," said Mathabatha.



The late Acting King of BaPedi, Kgoshikgolo KK Sekhukhune, will be laid to rest in a Special Provincial Official Funeral on Saturday 1 July.

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Tafelkop CIT robbers highly wanted

The Hawks in Limpopo are searching for a group of heavily armed suspects who robbed a cash truck in Tafelkop Village on Monday 19 June. According to Warrant Officer Lethunya Mmuroa, Limpopo Provincial Hawks Spokesperson, during the Cash In Transit (CIT), heist a group of about five heavily armed suspects driving in a white double cab Ford Ranger, attacked the G4S cash truck along the R579 Road at Tafelkop Majakaneng Section during the late hours. "The suspects fired shots at the cash truck targeting its tyres and as a result of the shooting, the G4S truck had to come to a complete halt," said Mmuroa. He added that the two security guards who were the occupants of the cash truck were then forced out of the vehicle and robbed of their two firearms. "The suspects blasted the truck and took an undisclosed amount of cash, then drove away using a white double cab Ford Ranger," he said. Mmuroa said a docket of robbery with aggravating circumstances and Contravention of Section 27 (1) (c) of the Explosive Act 27 of 1956 was opened at Motetema Police Station. "No arrests were made and the Hawks are requesting anyone with information that might assist them in arresting the suspects to contact the Polokwane based Hawks Serious Organised Crime Investigations, Lieutenant Colonel Nkoane Makutu on 071 351 7278, SAPS Crime Stop number on 08600 10111 or make use of MySAPSapp. Police investigations are underway," he said.

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Police need assistance to locate missing teenager

The Police in Nebo have launched a search operation following the disappearance of Leslie Magoge Leshalabe (18), from Speelman Village in Phokwane. The victim was last seen on Tuesday 13 June 2023, at his home while jumping the fence and has since disappeared. At the time of his disappearance, Leshalabe was wearing, a maroon striped T-shirt, grey trousers with no shoes and he is dark in complexion. "Anyone with information should contact Investigating Officer, Warrant Officer Makola on 072 400 1250, the Crime Stop Number 08600 10111, the nearest police station or provide information on MySAPSApp. Police investigations are continuing," he said.



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GENERAL NOTICE SUBDIVISION IN TERMS OF SECTION 65- AND THE SIMULTANEOUS CONSOLIDATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 71- OF THE ELIAS MOTSOLEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY SPLUM BY- LAW, 2016

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We, KMC Geomatics (Reg No. 2008/017997/21), the authorized agents of the registered owners of the above-mentioned properties (Located in Bank Street, Groblersdal Ext. 15, 0470), hereby give notice (in terms of Section 93(1)(c) of the SPLUM by-law, 2016) that we have applied to the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality for the Subdivision of Erf 852 in terms of Section 65-, and the subsequent Consolidation with Erf 978 in terms of Section 71 of the SPLUM by-law, 2016.

Particulars of the application will lie for inspection during normal office hours at the Town Planner of the Local Municipality, 22 Van Riebeeck St, Groblersdal, 0470, for a period of 30 days from 29 June 2023.

Objections to or representations in respect of the application must be lodged with or made to the above-mentioned address before 31 July 2023.

Any person who is unable to read or write can consult with any staff member during office hours and assistance will be provided to write down the person's objections or comments. Contact details of the Authorised Municipal Employee: Mr. B. Sethojoa: 013 262 3056/7/8

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Besonderhede van die aansoek lê ter insae gedurende gewone kantoorure by die Stadsbeplanner van die Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Van Riebeeckstraat 22, Groblersdal, 0470, vir 'n tydperk van 30 dae vanaf 29 Junie 2023.

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Service delivery backlog takes centre stage at Ephraim Mogale Mayoral Imbizo

Various service delivery backlog concerns were raised during the Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality Imbizo, held at Leeuwfontein Community Hall outside Marble Hall recently. The Imbizo was lead by Ephraim Mogale Mayor Cllr Given Moimana, joined by his EXCO members with a purpose to engage with the community of Leeuwfontein and listen to their views on service delivery issues and revenue collection. The raised concerns included election of a full complement ward committee structure, lack of services at Leeuwfontein RDP Section, electrification of newly built RDP houses, fencing of cemetery, provision of water services and high rate of youth unemployment. Responding to the community, Mayor Moimana said the local municipality's revenue is less because they only collect from one ward, which is ward 7 in Marble Hall Town. "We need to register as communities and ensure that we grow our municipality. We came here to talk to you about revenue collection. We want you to guide us on how much you can pay for the services you are receiving from the municipality, particularly those who are affording. And to those who cannot afford, should visit our offices and fill in indigent household forms so that they can be exempted from paying rates and taxes," he said. Moimana added that he was pleased that residents of Leeuwfontein Township are amenable to pay the municipal services. "On the issue of water, there are plans in place between our municipality and Sekhukhune District Municipality to unlock water challenges and also to do operation and maintenance on the existing infrastructure," committed Moimana. He concluded by pleading with residents to jealously safeguard and protect the infrastructure that is in the area, saying they cannot afford to fix one thing everyday. Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) representative, Mr Bogopa, was also a part of the community outreach and offered a voter education to attendees while encouraging the people to register to vote at their respective wards.



The Mayor of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality, Cllr Given Moimana, addressing the community during the Mayoral Imbizo held at Leeuwfontein Township.

NOTICE OF A BASIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Notice is hereby given in terms of Regulation 41(2) published in Government Notice No R 326 under chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998) of the intent to submit an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) application for environmental authorization and mining permit to the Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET and Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE), respectively; and General Authorization/ Water User License application to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) for the proposed repair and upgrade of a bridge over Mphake river (Bridge No. 2743/1973) and the establishment of five borrow pits along D4260 road from Malope to Phokwane within the Sekhukhune District Municipality, Limpopo Province (RAL/T1047/2021).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) proposes to repair and upgrade a bridge over Mphake river and the establishment of borrow pits along D4260 road from Malope to Phokwane within the Sekhukhune District Municipality, Limpopo Province (RAL/T1047/2021). The project is part of the 14.7 km upgrade of road D4260 from gravel to bituminous surface within the Sekhukhune District municipality.

THE FOLLOWING LISTED ACTIVITIES IN TERMS OF THE EIA REGULATIONS APPLY:

Applicable Listing Notice	Activity No & Description
GN R 327: Listing Notice 1	Activity 19 - The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 10 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles, or rock of more than 10 cubic metres from (i) a watercourse.
GN R 327: Listing Notice 1	Activity (21) - Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a mining permit in terms of section 27 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002), including (a) associated infrastructure, structures, and earthworks, directly related to the extraction of a mineral resource or including activities for which an exemption has been issued in terms of section 106 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002); (b) the primary processing of a mineral resource including winning, extraction, classifying, concentrating, crushing, screening or washing.
GN R 327: Listing Notice 1	Activity 27 (i) - The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation, except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for (i) the undertaking of a linear activity.
The National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), Water use application triggered by construction of culverts, bridge and stormwater: Section 21 (a) taking of water from a water resource (i.e., groundwater abstraction from a borehole). Section 21 (c) impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse. Section 21 (i) altering the bed, banks, course, or characteristics of a watercourse	

INFRA AFRICA has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the EIA processes for the proposed D4260 road upgrade (Bridge repair and upgrade) and Borrow Pits in terms of the EIA Regulations (2017), as amended. The notice serves to invite Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to register by submitting their names, contact details and any comments to the contact person below.

The Basic Assessment Report will be available for review for the period of 30 days from the date of this Notice.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER	CONTACT DETAILS
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R544 265 616 investigated in dodgy contracts

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo, said it is calling on Premier Stanley Mathabatha to ensure that his executive members act decisively on the recommendations made by the Special Investigating Unit (SIU), to ensure that those who are held accountable of offences are dealt with swiftly. This is after recent SIU report presented in Parliament showing shocking revelations extent to which Limpopo local government officials looted state coffers. Currently, the SIU in Limpopo are investigating six municipalities of which two of them, Mokgalakwena Local Municipality and Sekhukhune District Municipality, are currently being investigated by the national SIU. "It is concerning that three of the five district municipalities, Sekhukhune, Mopani and Vhembe, are under investigation and only Vhembe District's report has been finalised," said Desiree van der Walt, DA Provincial Spokesperson on The Office of the Premier in Limpopo. According to Van der Walt, currently, there are 99 cases referred for disciplinary and executive action, and a further 89 referred to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA), with 35 referrals made for administrative action. "Forty-eight officials from Mopani District Municipality have been referred to the NPA for criminal activities, including fraud and contraventions of the MPFA. Nineteen officials from Sekhukhune District are referred to the NPA for fraud, theft, forgery and contraventions of the MFMA," explained Van der Walt. She indicated that the full extent of financial losses incurred is yet to be determined, however, there are currently three civil actions on dodgy contracts worth R544 265 616 underway. "To date, only R40 484 has been recovered through acknowledgement of debts agreements. The SIU reveals procurement irregularities, poor record keeping, employment irregularities, poor leadership, poor governance, inadequate risk management and lack of consequence management as some reasons behind the rampant corruption," she said. Van der Walt said the party welcomes the report and the steps taken by the SIU to date, to deal with these matters.

"We cannot allow these rotten cadres to remain in public service. They must be dismissed and where relevant, criminal cases must be opened. The DA has taken note of the various criminal and civil proceedings mentioned in the report and will be monitoring these closely," she said.

Mayor Moimana spoils the underprivileged during his birthday

Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr Given Moimana, has given the elderly citizens and people living with disabilities a reason to smile when donating goodies on his birthday. Moimana, together with the first lady in the local municipality, Mme Joy Moimana and his EXCO, hosted a birthday celebration at Rephologile Civic Centre in Morarela Village outside Marble Hall Town on Monday 26 June. The mayor said he wanted to share his birthday cake with the people who are very close to his heart, as a birthday gesture, he also showered them some presents. "Today is not a day for long speeches but to spend my birthday with the elders of Rephologile Centre and the community of Morarela Village. I appreciate all your contributions towards my up-bringing. I came here to say thank you for raising me with love and care. I am who I am today because of you. You are very important in our lives," appreciated Moimana. He commended Miss Masemola, Rephologile Centre Manager, saying she is doing a very good job for keeping the elderly citizens busy at the facility. "The walk that they do everyday of coming here and talking to each other, relieve them from stress and other related problems. I brought some blankets and groceries as a token of appreciation. May the almighty God protect you," he said. Cooperate Director in the municipality, Mmaphiri Rampedi, Dennis Makola from South African Social Security Agency (SASSA), Mr Bogopa from Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) and Johanna Chaba who is a local Social worker, attended the birthday celebration.



The Mayor of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality, Cllr Given Moimana (Centre wearing blue shirt), singing with the elderly citizens during his birthday celebration.



The DA in Limpopo is calling on Premier Stanley Mathabatha (Pictured), to ensure that municipality officials who are implicated in the SIU report are held accountable.



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Intensified "Operation Kukula" hit hard in Sekhukhune

The Provincial Commissioner of the South African Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, led the ongoing "Operation Kukula", which was executed in Sekhukhune District Municipality on Saturday 24 June and leading to the arrest of dozens of suspects for various offences. The operations were unleashed across the province between Monday 19 until Sunday 25 June and have led to apprehension of 930 suspects for various offences that included possession of unlicensed firearms, dealing in drugs, possession of counterfeit goods, assault GBH, murder, rape, assault common, contravention of Immigration Act, malicious damage to property, possession of drugs, driving under the influence of liquor, theft of motor vehicle and illegal mining amongst others. Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the operations in Sekhukhune involved all the multi-disciplinary forces and structures, who converged at the Sekhukhune Police Station on Saturday evening converged under commandship of the provincial commissioner. "The provincial commissioner was accompanied by the Deputy Provincial Commissioner responsible for Policing Major General Scheepers, Sekhukhune District Commissioner Major General Junior Lehabe Metsi, SAPS management, traditional council, sector government departments as well as external stakeholders," said Ledwaba. He added that the operations were jointly conducted with other law enforcement agencies that included the South African Defence Force (SANDF), Traffic Police, Private Security Companies, Farm Watch, Department of Correctional Services, Social Services and Home Affairs. "During the operations, the police confiscated 177667.5 liters of liquor, 166 ammunition, 140 counterfeit goods, eight dangerous weapons, 22.724 kilograms of dagga, seven sachets of crystal meth, four firearms, 7 dagga plants, 17.916 grams of drugs and three motor vehicles," explained Ledwaba. He indicated that in addition, 121 illegal immigrants were also nabbed for contravention of Immigration Act including 33 wanted suspects for charges that included murder, rape, robbery and malicious damage to property. "Another milestone

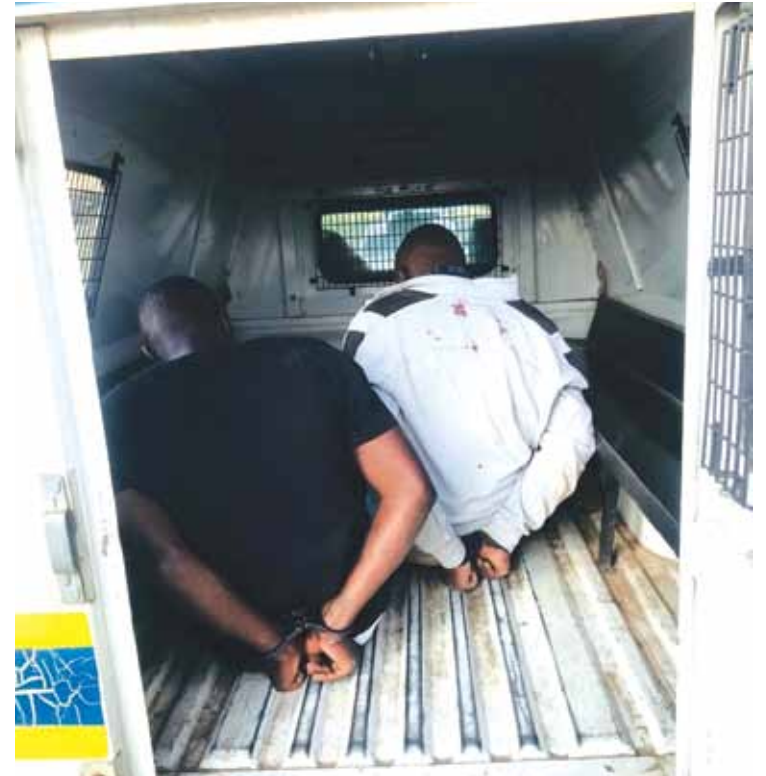
success was achieved on Tuesday 20 June 2023 following an arrest of five undocumented Lesotho Nationals, aged between 23 and 35, for possession of unlicensed firearms and ammunition. Preliminary investigation then pointed out that one of the five suspects was involved in an incident of killing of five suspected illegal minors at Bergnek near Polokwane," he said. Furthermore, Ledwaba said during the operation, police seized dangerous weapons including 150 ammunition of 357 magnum, two

hand radios, shotgun carbine type rifle, 16 ammunition of Z88 firearm, CZ 75 firearm, one Norinco firearm and Berreta firearm. "Some of the arrested suspects have already appeared at their respective magistrate's court for various offences," he said. Commissioner Lieutenant General Hadebe has once more, warned the public that operation "KUKULA" and other operations will continue to get rid of all criminals. Hadebe had also assured that the police will continue to ensure the safety of communities across the province.



Top: High calibre ammunition and unlawful firearms were confiscated by the police during intensified "Operation Kakula" in Sekhukhune District.

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Elias Motsoaledi DSD tackles cyberbullying at local schools

With cyberbullying threats increasing unprecedentedly in schools, the Department of Social Development (DSD) in Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM), has taken a stand to tackle the scourge of the acts through a series of awareness campaigns at local schools. Cyberbullying is the type of bullying that takes place using social media platforms on digital devices such as computers and cell phones. The campaigns were organized to encourage the public to protect children from all forms of abuse, maltreatment and other forms of horrendous evil acts such as child trafficking, abduction and many more. During the awareness, social workers rendered awareness campaigns in the

Elias Motsoaledi DSD embarks on a mission to tackle cyberbullying among learners at local schools.



communities about the risks that children are exposed to by empowering the communities to take action to protect children and to report any abuse or suspicion to the relevant departments and law enforcement agencies. Recently, Elias Motsoaledi DSD focused on raising awareness about the dangers of cyberbullying in various high schools under the Motetema Circuit, where social workers engaged learners on dialogues raising awareness about the danger of misusing social media, especially for bullying other fellow pupils. They emphasized that cyberbullying is very dangerous and harmful to the victim, with a potential to lead the victimized learner to drop-out from school and possible commit suicide. Furthermore, social workers warned learners to not post any negative images or videos of other pupils and circulate them on social media, as doing so is unlawful. They were also cautioned not to send pictures of themselves naked to anyone as that increases vulnerability. The learners were also given guidelines on how to safely deal with a cyberbullying situation or any other social media attacks to minimize suicide. Thomas Matsheru, a Social Worker based in Lukau DSD Office, they have focus of cyberbullying as the threat has increased and prevalent in the communities. "Any form of bullying is detrimental to victims and as social workers, we have realized that cyberbullying is proliferating as many children have access to social media and smartphones these days. So my colleagues and I have decided to incorporate this awareness in the child protection campaign to reduce the problem," he said. Eric Mamukeyani, who is also a Social Worker at Lukau DSD Office, said as social media gain more popularity nowadays, substantial amounts of bullying also takes place on these platforms. "This type of bullying occurs on social media platforms such as Facebook, WhatsApp, Twitter, Instagram, and others. In this type of bullying, the culprit usually posts or shares pictures or videos of another person using very offensive or derogatory remarks about that particular person circulating them online. The aim of the post is usually to disparage and humiliate the person in public," said Mamukeyani. He said the department had also committed to the schools to support learners who might be struggling with family matters or any other interpersonal problems.

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The Limpopo Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) has on the 13 June 2023 granted an Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of national environmental management act, 1998 as amended and environmental impact assessment regulation 2014 to Mr Sifiso Thusi who applied for mine permit of DMRE reference number LP30/5/1/173/3/2/1(11810MP) for Iron Ore over farm Het Fort 329KT situated within Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality in Limpopo Province.

In reaching the decision, the department took, inter Alia, the following considerations:

- The information contained in the application for Environmental Authorisation received on the 17th of March 2022;
 - The information contained in the BAR and EMP received by the department on the 17th September 2022, revised BAR received on the 29 November 2022 and the final BAR received on the 30 January 2023 and the additional information submitted on the 6th June 2023;
 - The objectives and requirements of the applicable and relevant legislations, policies and guidelines and the EIA regulations of 2014;
 - Public Participation Report attached on the revised BAR and EMP dated 30 January 2023;
- After considerations and factors listed above, the department made the following findings;
- The potential impacts on the proposed sites were clearly investigated and mitigation measures outlined;
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Sekhukhune United unveils new players



Jamie Craig Webber joined Babina Noko from SuperSport United FC on a two-year deal.



Renaldo Leaner penned a 3-year-contract with Sekhukhune United after joining the team from Maritzburg United.



The newly promoted Vincent Mashego, from Monsterlus outside Groblersdal is one of players expected in the starting line-up of Sekhukhune United in the upcoming football season.



Thabo Nkwana, is promising right winger who was recently promoted to Babina Noko senior team ahead of the 2023/2024 Dstv Season.

In preparing for the 2023/24 Dstv Premiership Football Season, Sekhukhune United Football Club has unveiled four new players, with two of them promoted from the club development structure to the senior team.

The team announced the promotion of Thabo Nkwana, a twenty-three year old promising right winger who oozes a lot of confidence and shows determination to win a regular spot in the starting line-up. Babina Noko defense is also bolstered by the promotion of Vincent Mashego, the twenty-three year old from Monsterlus outside Groblersdal, who started his football career with Young Aces in Mpumalanga Local Football Association in 2013 before joining Middleburg United.

Having started his football career with Baroka Football Club Diski Challenge Team, Nkwana, born in Riba Cross, Burgersfort, will add the much-needed impetus to support the striking

department. In welcoming the promoted lads, Babina Noko Head Coach, Brandon Truter said: "Although these boys are hungry to don the Babina Noko jersey, we first need to patiently guide them. We also have to train them in order for themselves to gain confidence and belief." Team Chairman Simon Malatji, described the acquisition of the youngsters as a strategic decision to pursue a youth policy whose objective is to reengineer the Babina Noko squad for the future.

"These exciting youngsters feed into our vision of promoting youth, as part of the team's long-term vision which is to always to give back to the community by nurturing young talent," he said. Meanwhile Sekhukhune United has announced the signing of a goalkeeper, Renaldo Leaner, from Maritzburg United FC on a 3-year deal and also acquired signature of Jamie Craig Webber from SuperSport United FC on a two-

year deal. Leaner, (25) from Cape Town, started his football career with Ajax Cape Town Youth Team in 2014 when he was 16 years old, and later got promoted to the senior team in 2019 where he spent two seasons with The Urban Warriors. He then joined Maritzburg United in August 2021 where he made 16 appearances with six clean sheets in the 2022/23 DSTV Premiership campaign.

He represented the country at under 20 level in 2017 COSAFA Cup in Zambia and was also part of the University Sports South Africa Team (USSA) in Taipei and Italy. Leaner said: "I am looking forward to the exciting Dstv Premiership League season with Babina Noko. I am going to work extremely hard to contribute to the success of the team while maintaining good image of the Club". He concluded by saying that it is a good challenge to join excellent and strong team, which makes him very happy. Born

in Mitchell's Plain, Cape Town, on 12 January 1998, Webber started his football career with Vasco Da Gama and Stellenbosch FC in the National First Division (NFD) before joining Matsatsantsa a Pitori in 2018. The overall midfielder made 119 appearances for SuperSport United and featured 19 times in the 2022/23 Dstv Premier League campaign. He was part of the South African National Squad in 2017 for the COSAFA Cup and also represented the country at under-23 level respectively.

Webber said: "I am excited to be a member of the ambitious Babina Noko because of the good winning culture demonstrated in the previous season. I am also prepared to work hard for consideration in the starting eleven, bringing new life to the team by assisting the club to continue with the fine form and also looking forward to the new challenge and new environment."

Record-breaking Comrade Marathon participant gets courtesy from premier

The Premier of Limpopo, Chupu Stanley Mathabatha, led an intimate function in Ga-Mogashoa Village outside Jane Furse to acknowledge the exploits and accomplishments of Johannes Mosehla, who is the oldest participant to finish the iconic Comrades Marathon in 2023. Mosehla (81), has been running marathons since 1974 and joined the Polokwane Athletics Club in 1980. Despite starting his running journey late in life, he has ran many marathons, including the international Comrades race. Speaking at the function, held at his residence on Thursday 22 June, Mosehla said: "My journey is huge and long. I don't do this for myself, I do this for my children, for my village, district and the province to be proud of me. I run for my country since Comrades is an international race." Mosehla broke the 34-year-old record by being the oldest person to finish the Comrades Marathon when he ran the race in June 2023. With his finishing time of 9 hours 26 minutes and 10 seconds (9:26:10), he also broke the record previously held by Wally Hayward. Premier Mathabatha praised Mosehla for his dedication and determination, saying: "We are proud of you, Mr Mosehla. Your spirit and drive are an inspiration to us all. We acknowledge your hard work and perseverance and the role you have played in promoting Limpopo as a hub for sporting excellence." The premier said Mosehla's accomplishment is a testament to the Limpopo Provincial Government's commitment to encouraging and supporting sports and recreation in the province. "We are indeed proud of your achievements. You have made this municipality, the district and the province proud and therefore we are here to duly congratulate and celebrate with you," he said. Mathabatha furthered said that since the

visit was a house call to get to meet Mosehla, the Limpopo Provincial Government, through the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, will still have other functions wherein they will acknowledge the Comrades Marathon hero. "Mosehla's perseverance and dedication to running serve as an inspiration to others, showing that with hard work and determination, anything is possible," he said. Makhuduthamaga Municipality Acting Mayor, Cllr Sam Malaka, thanked the community of Ga-Mogashoa for the support and hopes. "Other athletes will emulate Mr Mosehla's success and also promote healthy lifestyle in communities where you come from. Makhuduthamaga supports community development through sports, and it is not by fluke that we now witness and enjoy these fruits through people like Mr Mosehla," he said.



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