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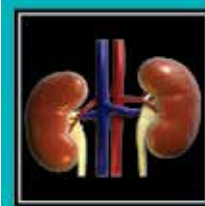
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Ramogwerane accident victims laid to rest in mass funeral

Four of the five victims who died in a horror accident on Saturday 23 March, were laid to rest during a mass funeral held in Ramogwerane Sports Ground near Tafelkop on Saturday 29 March. The four deceased, from Ramogwerane Village in Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) Ward 29, consisting of three family members, Margaret Mokwana, Kamogelo Mokwana, Reatlegile Mokwana and their neighbour Lydia Tshela were buried on Saturday 29 March in Ramogwerane Village. The fourth victim, Johannes Motha from Tafelkop Village, who was the driver when the accident occurred, was buried on Friday 28 March at Tafelkop Cemetery. The deceased were visiting one of their family members in Mpumalanga when they were untimely killed in an accident. Buhle Mokwana, a 15-year-old boy, was the sole survivor in the fatal accident. The Mayor of EMLM, Cllr David Tladi together with the Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), Cllr Minah Bahula and other municipality councillors and officials were among hundreds of mourners who attended the mass funeral. Tladi described the accident as a tragedy that has shocked the rest of the communities in the local municipality as well as the entire Limpopo province. "This is a sad situation. We are here as government because we know that these are difficult times for the families. You cannot handle the situation on your own and we are here to offer our condolences. The incident has shaken the whole province and this is no longer a family tragedy," said Mayor Tladi. Motha's funeral was held the previous day on Friday 28 March at Tafelkop Village and was attended by dignitaries from EMLM. Addressing the mourners, EMLM Council Speaker, Cllr Dicketseng Mashego said: "We are here on behalf of government to support the family of Motha during this difficult time. In a situation like this, it is very difficult to accept what has happened because no one knows who to blame." She went on to comfort the family and friends and encouraged them to put everything in the hands of God. "In a funeral such as this, we rely on the word of God to comfort the family. The whole community is affected by what has happened but the family is deeply hurt. The word of God teaches us to accept the things we cannot change even if it hurts," she said. Regular psycho-social support, trauma debriefing and trauma containment sessions has since been conducted with the affected families who lost their relatives in the accident by Department of Social Development and other relevant bodies.

Police need public assistance to locate mentally ill woman

The Police in Nebo appeal to the public to assist with the location of a missing woman, Kgari Tumi Machika, aged 46, from Matshollela Section in Ga-Marishane Village outside Jane Furse. According to Sergeant Minkie Ramakgoakgoa, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said allegedly the victim left her home on Monday 1 April 2024, at around 17:00 without informing anyone. "The complainant, who is her daughter, further stated that the gate was locked, but apparently, the victim jumped the fence and disappeared," explained Ramakgoakgoa. Ramakgoakgoa said during her disappearance, the victim was wearing a pink blouse, black trousers, black jacket and white shoes. "Search operations to locate the victim at relatives and friends were conducted without success. Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing woman is requested to contact Detective Captain Maphanga on 071 349 5842, Crime Stop number on 08600 10111, the nearest police station or make use of MySAPSApp. The police investigations are continuing," concluded Ramakgoakgoa.



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Fatal accident victims laid to rest



Scores of mourners attended in numbers during the final sent off of Elias and Doris Makunyane at the Maserumule Park Cemetery.

Four people who lost their lives during a horrific accident happened in the early hours of Easter Sunday, 31 March, along the R57 Road at Maserumule Park R579 outside Jane Furse, were laid to rest on Saturday 6 April at Maserumule Park and Riverside B Villages respectively. The accident, which left the community and families traumatized, claimed four lives from two different families. During the accident, the family of Mosotho from Riverside in Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM) Ward 9, lost two brothers and the family of Makunyane from Maserumule Park in MLM Ward 5 lost a father and his wife. Two children survived and have since received medical care. The accident claimed lives of former Principal of Mokone 'a Mabula Secondary, Mr Elias Moribishane Makunyane (68) and his wife who was known as a businesswoman, Ms Ngwanankhoele Doris Makunyane (57), when they met their untimely death while travelling from a church service on Easter Sunday. Another vehicle got involved in the same incident wherein a Mine Surveyor Assistant, Johannes Pholwane Mosotho (40) and his brother David Phai Mosotho (37), also lost their lives due to the same accident. The Mosotho brothers worked as mine-workers at the Booyesendal Mining Company and were the only breadwinners in their household. Affectionately known as Prof, Elias Makunyane's life was marked by a profound dedication to education and his pivotal role in various leadership capacities in his community. He was a founding member of the South African Democratic Teachers Union (SADTU) and a former Deputy Chairperson of SADTU in the then Dennilton Branch. The Mayor of MLM, Cllr Merah Masekwele Mahlase and the Council Speaker, Cllr Judy Mphelane, joined mourners at Riverside Village as they bid farewell to two mineworkers. Mayor Mahlase described the incidents as a disaster that needs intervention from all sectors and has on behalf of the government passed condolences. "We are pledging our support to the bereaved families as they are facing the most difficult period," she said. The local municipality had closely worked with both families in preparations of burial services together with the district municipality. Mahlase encouraged relatives and the Ward Councillor, Tshella Mologadi, to work together in making sure that the remaining children finishes their secondary studies. "Today we are laying to rest great human beings and whom the community and their families looked up to them. This is an unusual loss and we will continue providing necessary support to the remaining girl-children and ensure that their future comes with better possibilities through their education studies," remarked the mayor. In a separate funeral service, the Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), Cllr Minah Bahula and the member of National Council of Provinces (NCOP), Dr Dickson Namane Masemola, offered support to the family of Makunyane at Maserumule Park in the Nebo area who lost their parents in the same accident. Mr and Ms Makunyane leaves behind four daughters and four grandchildren. Phai Mosotho is survived by his two children and Pholwane Mosotho also leaves behind his two children. The bodies of Elias and Doris Makunyane were buried at Nebo Cemetery while Pholwane and Phai Mosotho's bodies were laid to rest at Riverside B Cemetery.

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Police makes strides on Dennilton ATM blasts investigations


A Police joint operation conducted in Limpopo comprising of various police units joined by Kwa-Mhlanga police in Mpumalanga has made significant strides in the investigation of suspects responsible for ATM blasts in Dennilton policing precinct. According to the police, during ongoing operations, the team of members successfully recovered a firearm, ammunition and a stolen motor vehicle linked to the perpetrators of these criminal activities. "This after the operatives were able to find information about the whereabouts one of the suspects" in Machipe Village in Dennilton. Upon arrival at his house, they found that the suspect had already fled the scene but they were able to recover one firearm with a serial number filled off loaded with live ammunition, two other live ammunition were discovered on the dressing table together with one spent rifle cartridge," said Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson. Ledwaba added that the police continued with the search and discovered a Toyota Hilux club cab, which was circulated and information indicated that it was stolen in Taung, North West Province in February 2024. "While these developments mark progress in police investigation, the manhunt for the suspects remains active and intensive," he said. Ledwaba said the police urge members of the public with information that can lead to the arrest of the suspects to contact the investigating officer, Sergeant Besana Ntuli on 082 303 9907, the nearest police station or anonymously report through Crime Stop on 08600 10111 or make use of MySAPS app. Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, lauded the collaborative efforts of the police members, saying the recoveries are a clear indication of the police's commitment and efforts to apprehending those responsible for these heinous acts and bringing them to justice.



A firearm with its serial number filled off was recovered at Machipe Village when the police raiding a house belonging to one of members of ATM bombing syndicates.

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SDM Executive Mayor delivers much-needed food donation drive in Mogaung

The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune (SDM), Cllr Minah Bahula, has led a food donation drive programme at Mogaung Village outside Groblersdal in Elias Motsaedi Local Municipality (EMLM) Ward 22. During the programme, Bahula was joined by the Mayor of EMLM, Cllr Magetle David Tladi, EMLM (EXCO) Members and MMCs from the district municipality. The programme was aimed at providing essential support to the underprivileged families in the village. The initiative has made a significant impact, with over 80 families receiving vital assistance. Mayor Bahula said the initiative is part of her primary focus and commitment to enhancing the quality of life for those facing economic hardships, particularly during these challenging times. "However, our mission doesn't end here. Our office is determined and aims to expand the programme further, helping the needy, reaching even more families in similar circumstances. In light of this, we appeal to individuals and organizations with the

means to join us in this noble cause by helping those in dire situations. Your support can make a world of difference to those struggling to make ends meet. Together, let's ensure that no one in our community goes hungry or feels forgotten," said Bahula. Prior to the donation drive, Mayor Bahula engaged the community of Moeding Village, Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality (EPMLM) in a service delivery meeting that was aiming to prioritize residents' needs through addressing critical concerns and charting a way forward for progress. The gathering was attended by Kgoshi Kanyane 'a Nape 'a Ngwato and SDM MMCs including Bella Kupa, Kanana Leokana, Kukie Sefala, and Mathale Mabatane, alongside community representative, Piekie Makua. The meeting witnessed developmental discussions on key issues affecting the community. Foremost among the concerns raised were water access and the tarring of the 5km road. In response to the community challenges, Executive Mayor Bahula outlined a series of immediate actions to alleviate the water crisis. The actions included provision of interim water supply through tinkering, drilling of two boreholes to augment water supply to the reservoir and three water storage tanks serving new stands. Bahula indicated that the district municipality will initiate high-level engagements with Lepelle Northern Water (LNW) to formulate a comprehensive strategy addressing all water-related challenges in Lepelle supplied areas. However the executive mayor emphasized the importance of community involvement, urging the election of a dedicated committee to liaise with the municipality in resolving water issues in Moeding Village.



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The Executive Mayor of SDM, Cllr Minah Bahula (Right), during a food parcels donation programme at Mogaung Village, in Elias Motsoaledi Municipality.

Some of the food parcels beneficiaries with the donated items during SDM Executive Mayor's food donation drive at Mogaung Village in EMLM.



DUP not to contest 2024 general elections

The Democratic Union Party (DUP), a political organization established in Sekhukhune District municipality, said it has resolved not to take part in the 2024 National and Provincial elections. The election are set to take place on 29 May 2024. The party said the decision was taken after they learned about irregularities surrounding the constitutionality of the Electoral Act. DUP President, Tonic Manchidi, said the party believes that taking part in an irregular elections will result in an election of an illegal government that will be ruling the country. "Unconstitutionality of the Electoral Act 73 of 1998, the DUP is adamant that parts of the Electoral Act 73 of 1998 as amended by Electoral Laws Amendment Act of 2023 are inconsistent with the spirit of the constitution. Our argument amongst others is that the Act understate the right to vote to the extent that it does not provide mechanism and systems to ensure accountability, responsiveness and openness by public representatives to voters," explained Manchidi. He said the organization further understands that the Electoral Act does not provide mechanism and procedure to ensure voters can cancel the contractual relationship they have with elected public representatives by recalling them. "The DUP has on 8 February 2024, written to the State President to address the unconstitutionality of the Act. As usual, President Cyril Ramaphosa ignored our good faith and the DUP has approached the Constitutional Court on an urgent basis to declare the Act unconstitutional. Court papers have been served on the 18 March 2024 and we await the court date," he said. Furthermore, Manchidi said the DUP has on its court papers challenged the conduct of the IEC in that the Electoral Commission is abdicating its constitutional and statutory duties under the Electoral Act by failing to honour its obligation pertaining to voter education. "The DUP has decided to boycott this elections and pursue its court challenge to the end. The DUP has resolved to build the party and its structures to prepare for the upcoming by-elections and the Local Government Elections of 2026. We request our members to be vigilant at all material times and recruit more for the party," he said.



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Taxi violence related killings take toll in Limpopo

MEC for Transport and Community Safety in Limpopo, Florence Radzilani, has raised a serious concern on taxi violence related killings taking place in the province. Earlier last month, a Suzuki driver, Andile Brian Kubheka (33), was fatally shot along the R25 Road in Phooko



The police and onlookers at the active crime scene after four people were gunned down by unknown assailants at Moletlane in Zebediela outside Leb-owakgomo in a taxi related violence. A Provincial Task Team was established to investigate the taxi related feud in the area.

Village allegedly on taxi violence related incident. One of the passengers was shot and sustained an injury to the lower body and other escaped unharmed. The police have since opened a murder and attempted murder cases and no one was arrested. In the latest incident, four people were gunned down by unknown assailants in a recent taxi related violence incident taken place at Moletlane in Zebediela outside Marble Hall recently. According to the police report, two taxi drivers, a passenger and a passer-by were shot and killed by heavily armed suspects driving in a BMW and black Mercedes Benz who opened fire on them on Wednesday 27 March 2024, at the Disco intersection. Following the incident, Radzilani instituted a Provincial Task Team to come up with measures to resolve the recent taxi violence, involving taxi associations in Zebediela. The MEC has condemned this incident, as a pure act of crime, and indicated that: "it undermines the efforts by both government and the taxi industry, of creating a peaceful and reliable public transport system for our people." She has commended the police for their timeous response to the crime scene and has also directed them to leave no stone unturned, in their investigations. The task team, according to MEC Radzilani, has been given a clear directive, to resolve the recent conflicts, restore peace and order and ensure that both operators and commuters are safe. The Provincial Task Team comprises of officials from the Department of Transport and Community Safety, members of the South African Police Services, officials from the Lepelle-Nkumpi Local Municipality and the Taxi Bodies that oversee the operations of these feuding taxi organisations. The Provincial Task Team will also advise the MEC if there is any need to suspend taxi operations, as a result of this conflict. The MEC has, in no unequivocal terms, condemned the loss of lives that came as a result of this taxi violence and has instructed the task team to find a permanent solution to this debacle. In her remarks, MEC Radzilani has expressed concern saying that the warring associations cannot be fighting over routes, while their operational licenses are succinct, about the routes that each organisation should operate. "These acts of violence are reminiscent of a torrid past that we have all decided to overlook, in the interests of building a safer public transport system," she said. Radzilani has also instructed the police to leave no stone unturned as they investigate the murders.

Businessman fatally shot in Motetema

The Police in Motetema have launched a massive manhunt after a business man was fatally shot in Motetema Township. The incident occurred on Sunday 31 March 2024 at approximately 23:00. Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said during the incident, the police responded to the scene of shooting that resulted in the loss of life of a respected local businessman and left two others wounded. "According to preliminary reports, the victim, a 38-year-old businessman, was socializing with friends near their vehicle outside a tavern when an unidentified assailant indiscriminately opened fire on the group.

Tragically, the businessman sustained fatal injuries, succumbing to multiple gunshot wounds on the scene, while his companions were promptly transported to a nearby medical facility for urgent treatment," explained Ledwaba. He said the police have registered a case of murder alongside two charges of attempted murder in connection with the appalling incident.

"The police urges anyone with pertinent information that could aid in the ongoing investigation to come forward and assist by contacting Sergeant Raymond Phao, the designated investigating officer, on 082 414 6464, or utilize the Crime Stop number

08600 10111. Alternatively, members of the public can reach out to their nearest police station or utilize the MySAPSApp to provide information discreetly," said Ledwaba. The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has unequivocally stated that a dedicated team of investigators are diligently working to apprehend the perpetrator(s) and ensure that justice is served. In another incident, Ledwaba said the Police Detectives in Apel outside Jane Furse are investigating cases of murder and an inquest, after the lifeless bodies of a 35-year-old woman and her daughter, aged 6, were discovered at their

residence on Tuesday 2 April 2024 at about 09:45 in Mohlaletse Village under Apel Policing area. According to Ledwaba, the police were summoned to the scene and on their arrival, they found a lifeless body of a woman hanging behind the house and another body of a child was found on the bed. "The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were called to the scene and the victims were pronounced dead. Their identities will be released in due course. The police have opened cases of murder and inquest," explained Ledwaba. He said circumstances surrounding the incident are still under investigation and the police investigations are ongoing.

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Reakgona Community Organization pleading for assistance



Members of Reakgona NGO busy at their small farming project with a hope to grow vegetable and that will later feed poor households in Tafelkop Village.

Reakgona Organization, a Non-Profit Organization (NGO) based in Tafelkop Village, is pleading for public and government donations to uplift communities in Tafelkop and surrounding villages. The NGO was established in 2013 with the view to uplift the community in terms of provision of food parcels for underprivileged households, sports participation among young people, tertiary education facilitation and sustainable food security through small scale agricultural projects. Reakgona NGO Director, Johannes Nkgadima, said since its formation, the organization has received little assistance and struggles to extent a helping hand to help the poor and vulnerable communities. "We only received financial aid from a few good Samaritans and local based businesses in the past. This allowed us to help just a few people, our main concern is that a lot of people are struggling and in need of our assistance. We have made several calls to various government departments asking for financial aid packages but our pleas fell in deaf ears," he said. Nkgadima said one of the NGO's capabilities is to assist grade 12 pupils from local secondary schools with tertiary education applications, bursaries, career guidance and accommodation. "The other primary purpose of Reakgona is to encourage sports participation among young people by hosting football and netball matches. We have also started a football team for elderly people to keep them fit and to promote a healthy lifestyle among them," he said. Nkgadima said the organization has recently embarked on a small farming project, aimed at enhancing food security and economic empowerment within the community. "As we endeavor to cultivate the land and establish a sustainable farming venture, we are facing challenges in acquiring essential resources, including seeds, water and farming equipment. These fundamental requirements are critical to the success of our small farming project and would significantly contribute to our ability to yield a successful harvest and positively impact the livelihoods of local farmers," he said. Nkgadima said, since the agriculture project started, they have knocked on different doors seeking assistance in the form of donations or sponsorship to support their small farming project without any success. "Any contributions towards providing seeds, access to reliable water sources, and relevant farming equipment would greatly aid us in realizing the full potential of this initiative. The support would not only benefit the participating farmers but also contribute to the overall well-being and food security of the community as a whole," he said. He added that they hope that one day someone will consider their requests for assistance and support by noticing their efforts in promoting sustainable agriculture and community development through small farming projects. Nkgadima is pleading with good Samaritans who may come on board to assist the NGO to contact him on 079 474 5824, Stanely Nyarenda on 063 685 1258 or Grace Mosotho on 082 847 7711.

MEC Rakgoale monitors Moutse rehabilitation roads projects

The Limpopo MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Nkareng Rakgoale, has on Wednesday 3 April, monitored the road rehabilitation projects at Dennilton in Moutse, as part of spearheading comprehensive service delivery monitoring drive. The objective of the programme by the MEC, was to assess ongoing road rehabilitation efforts and ensure effective service delivery to residents. Rakgoale, accompanied by the Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), Cllr Minah Bahula, monitored the D856 and D2913 in a service delivery drive aimed at checking progress that is been made by Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL), and as well as getting first-hand information on issues hampering the completion of the projects. MEC Rakgoale personally oversaw the rehabilitation progress of D856 and D2913 in the Moutse area and additionally, the team conducted a thorough assessment of the pothole patching programme along the crucial R25 main road leading to Mpumalanga and Gauteng Provinces. The R25 Road has been in extreme poor state without being maintained for many years. In the past few years, an outcry about the poor state of the road was raised by various political organizations such as Bolsheviks Party of South Africa (BPSA), Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) as well as concerned community members. Expressing her commitment to improving road infrastructure, MEC Rakgoale emphasized that the department, in collaboration with Roads Agency Limpopo, is resolute in its mission to enhance road conditions for all motorists. "We are determined to make our roads drivable and ensure safe passage for our communities," she said. Rakgoale said her department is committed to providing quality services to the people of Limpopo. Echoing the sentiments of MEC Rakgoale, MMC for Infrastructure and Water Service in SDM, Cllr Mabatane Mathale, commended the department's proactive intervention and monitoring

programme. Mathale acknowledged the significance of the updates provided during the session and the clear timelines established to expedite the rehabilitation of identified roads infrastructure. He said the collaborative efforts between the government and local authorities emphasises a unified commitment

to prioritizing infrastructure development and enhancing the quality of life for residents in the Sekhukhune District. The service delivery monitoring drive was also attended by the Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM), Cllr Magetle David Tladi, EMLM Council Speaker Cllr Dieketseng Mashego, SDM Chief Whip Cllr Choris Phokane, SDM Council Speaker Cllr Kgweiyebotse David Chego and other officials.



MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Nkareng Rakgoale (Wearing sunglasses), monitoring the rehabilitation of the D856 and D2913 during her service delivery drive in Dennilton.



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Annual Ephraim Mogale Mayor's Cup held

The Prestigious Annual Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality Mayor's Cup Tournament was held on Saturday 6 April at Two-for-Joy Sports Grounds in Ga-Matlala Ramoshebo, Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality (EPMLM) Ward 5. According to the municipality, the annual tournament is aimed at building social cohesion and unearthing rural talent in both football and netball sporting codes in the local municipality. The sporting event featured champions from four clusters across the local municipality, with spectators watching various sporting codes like women's and men's football and netball. The age limit for all participants in this cup was strictly youth under the age of 21. Among dignitaries who came to support the sporting event were Deputy Minister of Public Enterprises Obed Bapela, Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) Cllr Minah Bahula, EPMLM Mayor Cllr Given Moimana, EPMLM Speaker Cllr Rebecca Lentsoane, EPMLM Chief Whip Cllr Lina Magane, councillors and the general public. In netball, EPMLM Ward 9 emerged as winners after defeating EPMLM



EPMLM Ward 9 celebrating with the trophy after emerged netball winners in the EPMLM Mayor's Cup competition.

Ward 6 in the final match. They walked away with a trophy, gold medals and netball kits. EPMLM Ward 4 were crowned champions in the women's football category after defeating EPMLM 1-0 and they were rewarded a trophy, gold medals and football kits. EPMLM Ward



EPMLM Ward 4 Ladies Football team were crowned champions of the EPMLM Mayors Cup and walked away with a trophy, gold medals and soccer kit.

14 became champions in the male football after winning 4-3 on penalties defeating EPMLM Ward 5 following a goalless draw in a 90 minutes match. The runner ups for both soccer and netball were also awarded soccer kits, netball kits and bronze medals. Moimana. After the matches, Mayor Moimana congratulated all the winners and later handed-over prizes to champions in both football and netball sporting codes. "We are very happy with this competition, as its not only building social cohesion but also exposes talent and provides a platform for the municipality's youth to showcase their God given traits. Congratulations to all the wards that reached the semi-finals and especially those that won gold medals in all sports," said Moimana. Moimana took the opportunity to thank all the teams that participated in this year's tournament and the organizers who made the tournament a success.

No plans to address crime hotspots in Limpopo

According to the Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo, the apathy of the provincial government to address escalating crime in hotspots across the province is extremely concerning, with serious crime showing a year-on year-increase of 0.7 % in the third quarter of 2023/24 in Limpopo. The crimes include murder, attempted murder, sexual offences, assault with the intent to do grievous bodily harm (GBH), burglaries, theft, stock theft and arson. With murder increased by 9.5% and kidnapping by 19.3%. Lindy Wilson, DA Limpopo Provincial Leader, said despite the 3rd quarter 5% decrease in other contact crimes provincially, serious crimes continue to increase in various parts of the province. "Sexual offences increased and some of the police stations in the province are in the top 30 sexual offences hotspots nationally. Similarly, reported assault GBH hotspots increased by 4.1%. Robberies increased by 11% during the third quarter," explained Wilson. She indicated that while crimes detected increased by 25% due to police action, police visibility alone is not going to curb the scourge of serious crime. "Premier Mathabatha did not address the concerning crime levels in his final SOPA in February, a clear indicator that there is no political will or plans by the ANC to eradicate the crime scourge," she said. Wilson said the DA has a plan to halve violent crime through a decentralised, locally accountable police force which will take into account unique challenges in different communities.



DA Leader in Limpopo, Lindy Wilson, said the party has unique plans in place to deal with crime hotspots in the province.

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