



High Density Festive Operations apprehend over 1000 suspects

As part of strengthening the battle against crime in Limpopo during Festive Season period, the High Density Festive Season Operations, which were conducted across all five districts in the province, resulted in the arrest of multiple suspects and confiscation of illegal firearms. According to Brigadier Hlulani Mashaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, during the simultaneous operations conducted from 27 November until 03 December 2023, the police arrested 1 378 suspects, aged between 19 and 56, for crimes including murder, attempted murder, rape, sexual assaults, robberies, burglaries, possession of unlicensed firearms and possession of illicit cigarettes and drugs. "Among these suspects, 131 were charged with contravening the Immigration Act, 125 for Assault GBH, 17 for rape, 27 for possession of suspected stolen properties and 71 for drug related crimes. The police also demonstrated their commitment to eradicating illegal firearms and ammunition when they confiscated 12 firearms and 50 rounds of ammunition," he said. Mashaba said in addition to the success, 1 162 791 counterfeit cigarettes, 527916.25ml of liquor, 5 stolen/hijacked vehicles, 1673.067 grams of dagga and 13 grams of Nyaope were seized. "Moreover, a total of 1 392 fines were issued and 27 shebeens closed. The arrested suspects have started appearing before different magistrate's courts across the province," he said. The Limpopo Police Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has acknowledged and applauded the efforts of police members for their dedication in fighting crime and removing criminals from the streets. "We

peaceful and crime free Festive Season with their loved ones. The police will continue in its quest to create safer communities as envisaged by the National Development Plan 2030," concluded Lieutenant General Hadebe.



Limpopo Government's underperformance of R190 million hits the poor

According to the Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo, the provincial government forfeiture of almost R190 Million to the National Treasury, will affect the poor and vulnerable residents of the province the hardest. Lindy Wilson, DA Limpopo Provincial Spokesperson on Treasury, said the funds were meant to be used to assist and uplift critical areas such as Education, Health, Public Works, Sports Arts and Culture, as well as Agriculture and Rural Development and has been forfeited because of poor management, incompetence and negligence by the ANC led Government in Limpopo. "Opportunities to improve schools, hospitals and clinics, implement housing projects and food security programs have come to naught. The result of this neglect has resulted in budget cuts in these critical spheres by the Treasury," she said. Wilson indicated that the Department of Education budget has been cut with the Education Infrastructure Grants and the Early Childhood Development Grants being drastically reduced, in a province where the learners, particularly in rural areas, are challenged by poor facilities already and this is unacceptable. ...story continues on page 6.





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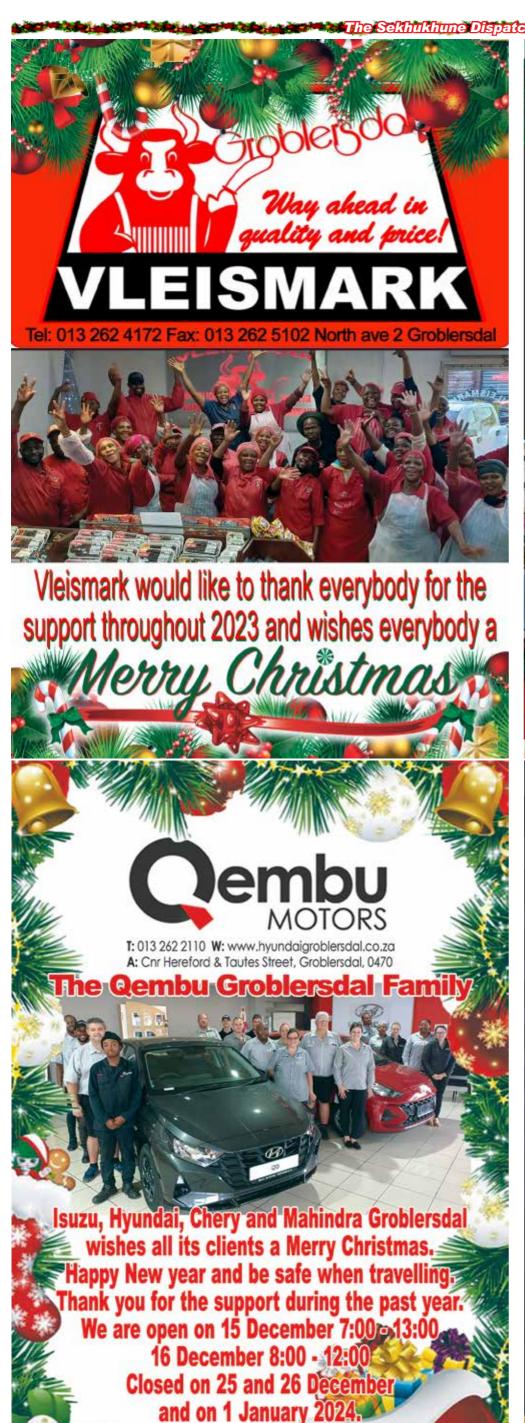
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Contact details of the Authorised Municipal Employee: Mr. B. Sethojoa: 013 262 3056/7/8

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EPMLM attains Unqualified Audit Opinion

Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality has managed to attain Unqualified Audit Opinion from the Auditor General of South Africa (AGSA) for the 2022/2023 financial year that ended in June 2023. The announcement was made by the local municipality on Friday 1 December, following the release of the audit report by AGSA. The council of EPMLM was pleased with the Unqualified Audit Opinion report outcomes, which they said came as a result of the impeccable and committed leadership by the Mayor Cllr Given Moimana, EXCO members, and the entire workforce of the local municipality. Percy Moagi, EPMLM Spokesperson, said the entire municipality is impressed with the resilience and commitment showed by the entire workforce to correct and improve the previous audit opinion of 2021/2022 financial year. "In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality as at 30 June 2023 and its financial performance and cash flows foe the year then ended in accordance with the Standards of Generally Recognised Accounting Practice (Standards of GRAP) and the requirements of the Municipal Finances Management Act 56 of 2003 and the Division of Revenue Act 5 of 2002,"stated the Auditor General. Mayor Moimana said he is resolute to turn the situation around and made sure that all the vacant senior positions were filled by capable and experienced men and women, and they have delivered. He said this is the beginning of Clean Audit. "On behalf of the executive and council, I am very pleased and grateful about the Audit Opinion presented to us by AGSA. We want to thank our staff populace in particular the municipal manager and his senior management for the sterling performance in ensuring that we improve our previous audit opinion. We hope and believe that they would not be complacent and drop the ball. Audit starts from the first day of the financial year. Let's work together to achieve clean audit. Let's put our hands on the deck," said the Mayor.

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"The Department of Health faces drastic reductions in the Health Revitalisation Grant and the District Health Programmes which deal with HIV, TB and Malaria Community Outreach Programmes. With Limpopo's health system

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in its current appalling state, this is not good news for those who are entitled to quality health care, but are already not receiving it," explained Wilson. Furthermore, Wilson said the Informal Settlements Upgrades Grant has been considerably cut, seriously affecting the poorest of the poor. "These cuts to the budget are further exacerbated by the provincial government's failure to increase the revenue it collects from its entities. Many of these entities continue to underperform and are not sustainable," she said. Wilson assured that in DA led government, these incompetencies would not be allowed to happen and priority



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Highly anticipated Hanse Dikotope Festive Games upcoming

The highly anticipated seventh Annual Hanse Dikotope Festive Games will be taking place at the DSA Sports Grounds in Mpheleng Village, Dennilton, from 23 to 30 December 2023. This year's edition of the Annual Hanse Dikotope Festive Games will see 32 football teams and eight netball clubs from Dennilton and surrounding villages battling for the first prizes. Winners of the football tournament will walk away with R20 000-00 and soccer kit, second place winners will be awarded R12 000-00, third prize winners will be receiving R7000-00, fourth place winners will be given R5000-00 and top eight losers will be compensated with R2000-00 each team. Netball top 8 tournament winners will be rewarded R3000 while second place winners will walk away with R2000-00. Hanse Dikotope Annual Games were founded by community activist Hans Dikotope seven years ago with an aim to provide a platform for young people to showcase their talent through sport participation. The initiative has also expose career guidance and education opportunities in which Dikotope Sports Development is liable for all the funding. Chairperson of the Hans Dikotope Games, Hlathi Tjiane, said the sporting event is aiming to raise funds to donate school shoes to disadvantaged pupils in local schools. "Through this initiative, we are aiming to add value to poor children by donating school shoes to those whose parents are living in poverty," he said. However, Tjiane said they lack sponsorship and as organizers, they are urged to contribute a little they have to make the tournament a reality. "As you see, we have to dig deep in our pockets as organizers. We are running without any sponsors but that could not deter us from fulfilling our vision, which is aiming to promote and give a platform to talented players and empower club development with the prizes in place to motivate them," he said. Tjiane added that this year, they are also aiming to raise funds to be donate to local primary schools next year. "With 32 football teams participating, we are planning to donate a total of 32 pairs of schools shoes. We invite local businesses and individuals who can donate more shoes on top of what we have to partner with us because we are targeting 100 pairs of shoes," appeals Tjiane. He said they are impressed with the support from teams, coaches and the community which contributes to the fast growing of the tournament. "Each and every year we adjust our affiliations to be affordable to every participating team. Our prizes are also motivating more teams to come and join the tournament. We are excited that the standard of football and netball teams within the tournaments is very high which I can say pulls a lot of spectators from Dennilton and nearest villages," he said. Tjiane said they are also aiming to have professional scouts from of ABC Motsepe Foundation League and Multi Choice Diski Challenge Football League to come and spot young talented players. He said as part of upliftment, they allowed to come sell their products at the tournaments. Tjiane has appeals to anyone who might come on board to contribute towards their school shoes donation drive to contact him on 064 644 9276.















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