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R2 Billion worth drug manufacturing lab uncovered in Groblersdal

The Hawks in Limpopo, jointly with Limpopo SAPS, have arrested five suspects following the recovery of a clandestine drug lab worth R2 Billion at a farm in Groblersdal. Four of the suspects including the farm owner and two Mexican nationals, were arrested on Friday 19 July 2024 in an intelligence driven operation by members of Limpopo Serious Organised Crime Investigation (SOIC) team. They were assisted by the Limpopo Tactical Response Team while conducting the investigation at a farm in Groblersdal where a multi-million clandestine laboratory was discovered. Four suspects, Gonzales Jorge Partida (53), Gitierez Lopez Alejandro (43), Roelof Botha (57) and Melvin Khumalo (34), appeared before the Groblersdal Magistrate's Court on Monday 22 July 2024 facing charges of manufacturing drugs, dealing in drugs and possession of drugs. The matter was postponed to Thursday 1 August 2024 for a formal bail application. The fifth suspect, Ruban Vidan Rodriguez (44), was arrested later and appeared before the Groblersdal Magistrate's Court on Tuesday 23 July 2024 facing the same charges. His case was postponed after he pleaded with the court to have a legal representative. Hawks National Spokesperson, Colonel Katlego Mogale, said it was reported that the Hawks in Limpopo received information about suspicious activities taking place at the farm, which was then operationalized, and the multi-disciplinary team pounced. "Four structures on the property were searched on and large quantities of chemicals used in the manufacturing of illicit drugs including acetone as well as crystal meth with an estimated street value of

R2 Billion were recovered," she said. Mogale added that the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation has since the beginning of this year uncovered ten clandestine drug laboratories and made 34 arrests. "Whilst the investigation continues, the arrested suspects have made their first appearance at the Groblersdal Magistrate's Court on Tuesday 22 July 2024 on charges of manufacturing, dealing and possession of illicit drugs. The Hawks are not ruling out the possibility of more suspects being arrested," she said. The Minister of the Police, Senzo Mchunu, welcomed the outstanding arrests. Limpopo Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba, expressed her gratitude in the arrests, stating: "We applaud the joint team of the Hawks and SAPS for an exemplary job well done. This operation is a testament to the effectiveness of the collaboration and synergy between various units within the South African Police Service in our province. We will ensure that this arrest is thoroughly followed up until every individual involved in drug trafficking, which is devastating the future of our children, is completely removed from our society." Ramathuba emphasised the government's commitment to combating drug-related crimes, adding: "The scourge of drug abuse and trafficking is a serious threat to the well-being and future of our youth. We will continue to support and strengthen law enforcement agencies to root out this menace from our communities. Our administration is determined to create a safe and secure environment for all residents of Limpopo." Ramathuba commended the Hawks and the police for the significant drug bust, adding that it highlights the importance of



The four suspects, Melvin Khumalo (34), Gonzales Jorge Partida (53), Gitierez Lopez Alejandro (43) and Roelof Botha (57) during their appearance at the Groblersdal Magistrate's Court, facing charges of manufacturing drugs, dealing in drugs and possession of drugs.

Left: Drug lab equipment that was recovered at a farm in Groblersdal during the R2 Million drug bust operation conducted by the Hawks and the Limpopo Tactical Team Police Unit.

ongoing intelligence-driven operations and the relentless efforts of law enforcement agencies in safeguarding the communities. "The Limpopo government remains steadfast in its resolve to support such initiatives and ensures that justice is served," she said. The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo has welcomed the arrests, stating that drug related crime in Limpopo is on the rise and this bust is a huge win for the SAPS and the communities. The Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM), Cllr David Tladi, has welcomed the arrest. "This accomplishment emphasises the integral part the community plays in the battle against crime. It was information from the community that

led to this breakthrough," said Tladi. He also praised police officers for their tireless efforts in rebuilding public confidence in the nation's security forces. "These arrests ought to act as a warning that the Province of Limpopo cannot ever serve as a shelter or a playground for criminals," Tladi said. He appealed to the public to help the municipality fight drug-related crime by giving law enforcement officials pertinent information.

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Murder suspects nabbed in Hlogotlou and Tafelkop

The Police in Hlogotlou have on Monday 15 July 2024, arrested a 32 year-old male suspect in connection with the murder of a 30 year-old male victim alleged to be a boyfriend of his sister. Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said police preliminary investigations revealed that on 7 July 2024 at about 04:00, the deceased had an argument with the suspect over a cellphone belonging to his girlfriend at Silahliwe Village in Monsterlus. "A 30-year-old victim wanted to take the cellphone of his girlfriend by force but her brother refused and that resulted in a physical fight between the two over the cellphone. During the fight, the deceased hit the suspect with an empty beer bottle on the head and the suspect retaliated and stabbed the 30-year-old victim with a sharp object in the forehead and he fell down and became unconscious," explained Ledwaba. He said the two males were rushed to a local clinic where the 30-year-old was immediately transferred to Polokwane Provincial Hospital for further medical attention. "The suspect was treated at the clinic and later discharged to go home. On Monday 15 July 2024 at about 09:00, the police were informed that a 30-year-old victim succumbed to his injuries while admitted in hospital. An immediate manhunt of the suspect was launched and subsequently led to his arrest the same day while he was working at a construction site at Silahliwe Village," informed Ledwaba. He said the suspect is expected to appear before the Nebo Magistrate Court facing a charge of murder and police investigations are continuing. Meanwhile the police in Motetema have arrested a 36-year-old male suspect for a case of murder that occurred at Makorokorong Section in Tafelkop Village on Tuesday 16 July 2024. Ledwaba said according to the information, the victim and the suspect had an altercation while they were drinking beer and celebrating the initiates graduation. "In the process, the suspect stabbed the victim in the upper body with an unknown sharp instrument. The police and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) were called and the victim was certified dead at the scene," added Ledwaba. He said a case of murder was opened where the suspect was arrested. He will appear before the Motetema District Court on charges of murder. Ledwaba said police investigations are still continuing.

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Police intensifies manhunt to find most wanted fugitive

The Police detectives in the Sekhukhune District have intensified a massive manhunt to arrest a most wanted suspect, Lovemore Musoyi, a Zimbabwean national believed to be around 35 years old.

According to the police, Musoyi is wanted in connection with more than 10 criminal cases, including murder, attempted murder, armed robberies, house robberies, business robberies, kidnapping, assaults, stock theft, possession of an unlicensed firearm and ammunition that occurred in Elandskraal, Motetema, Dennilton and Rakgoadi policing area in Sekhukhune District. Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said one of the incidents involving Musoyi occurred on 20 June 2024 at approximately 19:45, where he and accomplices carried out a brazen business robbery at a tuck shop in Mafisheng village. "During the robbery, Musoyi viciously attacked a male victim, whom he accused of betrayal, and proceeded to assault him with an axe. The criminals then looted the shop, stealing both money and soft drinks before fleeing the scene," explained Ledwaba. He added that in a separate incident occurred on 1 January 2023, Musoyi managed to escape from a police vehicle at Moutse Mall in Dennilton while en route to Witbank Correctional Services. "This escape occurred alongside two other suspects, who were subsequently re-arrested. Furthermore, on 2 February 2024, Musoyi engaged in a violent altercation at his ex-girlfriend's residence, resulting in



Lovemore Musoyi is wanted by the police after escaping from police custody and continue to commit heinous crimes around Sekhukhune villages.

him shooting his ex-girlfriends brother in the mouth before he fled the scene with a television set," informed Ledwaba. He said the police appeal to anyone with information about the whereabouts of Lovemore Musoyi to contact Lieutenant Colonel Boshomane on 079 894 5501, the Crime Stop Number on 08600 10111, the nearest police station or make use of MySAPSApp. The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has ordered a team of investigators to intensify efforts to locate and apprehend Lovemore Musoyi. "The public is urged to provide any information that may lead to his swift arrest and bring him to justice," she said.

Mysterious house fire result in one fatality and multiple injuries

The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), Cllr Minah Bahula, has dispatched a team of officials, including councillors, to respond to a fire incident at Mogan-yaka Village near Leeuwfontein outside Marble Hall in Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality (EPMLM). A fire gutted the Tladi's family house during the night of Friday 19 July 2024. The Tladi family lost everything after their 3 bedroom house was gutted in the fire that caused significant damage during the incident. Tragically, a 28-year-old family member, Michael Tladi, succumbed to his injuries and died on the scene while trying to rescue his family from the blaze. His mother, Mme Tladi (51), survived the flames and is currently hospitalized, whilst her other two children, aged 11 and 19, are recovering at home after minor burn

injuries. Speaking on behalf of the executive mayor, SDM Mayoral Committee Member, Cllr Mabatane Mathale, stated that the disaster assistance of the district municipality has been dispatched and will provide interim relief to the family. "We sympathise with them during this dark period. We are doing everything in our power to ensure they receive the necessary support and assistance to overcome this tragedy," he said. The district municipality has dispatched blankets and sponges to aid the Tladi family during this time of need. The executive mayor has also provided groceries and also called on good Samaritans to come forward and assist the family. The district municipality said it will continue to assess the situation and provide the necessary aid to the affected family. The municipality has also appealed to local organizations and individuals to offer additional support and resources to the devastated Tladi family.



The Tladi family house was gutted by mysterious fire that left one family member succumb to injuries sustained in the blaze.

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Taxpayers' money squandered on incomplete project



BPSA Leader, Seun Mogotji, at the incomplete Mamphokgo Stadium that was abandoned by the contractor in 2017. It is alleged that R37 Million was spent in the incomplete project.



The Bolsheviks Party of South Africa (BPSA) has written to the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture, Gayton McKenzie, to raise a concerns on the incomplete Mamphokgo Stadium in Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality (EPMLM). The project started in September 2017 and was set to be completed in December 2018, however, the project was never finished. The party alleges that EPMLM has fully paid the contractor R37 Million for the incomplete project. BPSA Leader, Seun Mogotji, said they wrote to the minister to seek his intervention because they have been in vain waiting for answers from the municipality for many years. "In January 2022, the municipality said through their spokesperson it was said that they will respond in three months-time. It is over two years now and we are still waiting for that response," he said. Mogotji said they seek McKenzie's intervention because multi-millions of rands of tax payers' money was spent on an unused structure which he says resembles a cattle kraal other than a sport facility. "We would like to bring the matter to the sports minister's attention because sports is an important tool to get the youth off the streets, drugs, unplanned teenage pregnancies and other social ills. However, it is not taken serious by some of our municipalities in Limpopo," Mogotji said. He said they are concerned that with no recreational facilities, young people resort to immoral behaviour such as drugs, alcohol abuse, and unprotected sexual activities which results in unplanned pregnancies and even end up becoming criminals. "All these could be avoided if the youth have something that keeps

them busy, they have too much time on their hands if they do not have recreation facilities," informed Mogotji. Mogotji alleges that it is clear that the issue of the incomplete Maphokgo Stadium project will not be addressed because it implicated councillors and several high ranking political office bearers who unduly and unlawfully benefited in the project. "Some of these politicians are servicing in key MMC portfolios and will make sure the Mamphokgo Stadium report never sees the light. The benefits include a water borehole for a councillor's home and other councillor's homes had their roofs paid for by the money meant for the stadium project," explained Mogotji. He added that some of the individuals who unlawfully benefited from the project are now members of the provincial legislature in Limpopo. "We have their names and proof of their involvement in the corruption. We want them to come forward otherwise we will hand over those files to the law enforcement authorities," Mogotji said. "We cannot be quiet while public money meant for service delivery is being squandered like that. Someone must account for that wasteful expenditure, it cannot be business as usual. We need to see some serious consequence management," he said. Percy Moagi, EPMLM Spokesperson, said the

municipality is aware of the incomplete Mamphokgo Stadium project and has since taken remedial actions in the matter. "The municipality has taken a decision to recoup the money from the contractor because the project was never completed. We further suspended Director of Infrastructure pending internal investigations in relation to the matter," he said. Moagi said the local municipality has set aside R9 Million to complete the project in the 2024/2025 financial year.

Sekhukhune initiates celebrated during district-wide graduations

With the initiation schools' period ended on Saturday 13 July 2024, the Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), Cllr Minah Bahula, has actively criss-crossed the district villages to welcome the initiates who were graduating after they have recently returned from the mountains. This initiative formed part of a rich cultural tradition and reflects the community's values and heritage. For males, this process aims to prepare them for responsible roles within society. A significant aspect of this initiation school involves educating these young men in cultural traditions. During the graduations, the executive mayor emphasized the significance of the tradition, stating: "Welcoming the initiates back into the community is a cherished cultural practice. It is encouraging to see all the initiates return well and healthy after weeks in the mountains. This tradition strengthens our community bonds and reinforces our cultural identity." Executive Mayor Bahula encouraged all communities to embrace and uphold these cultural practices. She urged everyone to remain well-behaved and respectful as the celebrations continue. "Our culture is our pride. Let us celebrate with dignity and respect, ensuring that our traditions are passed on to future generation." The executive mayor, along with other leaders, such as the Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) Mayor, Cllr Magetle David Tladi, who welcomed over three hundred and fifty initiates around Tafelkop area, remain committed to promoting and preserving the cultural heritage while supporting the socio-economic development of the youth and communities. Tladi has welcomed about three hundred and fifty young initiates from the Tafelkop area back to their community after four weeks of surviving in the bush, a traditional rite of passage signifying their transition into adulthood. Speaking during the homecoming ceremony, Mayor Tladi said he was happy that all initiates came back home in good health. "No one got sick, no one complained and they were well taken care of like at home. Parents should not panic, this school is not only for people without further education," he said. Bakwena ba Matsepe Traditional Leader, Kgoši-gadi Mologadi Matsepe, said: "I am proud and happy, our children went to initiation school in one number and came back with the same number, three hundred and fifty. I encourage my people to support us in everything when we have a school like this in the future." Other government leaders across different parts of the district have also joined in the celebrations demonstrating a united front in preserving and strengthening this tradition. Close to five hundred Babina Tshwene ba ga Tala initiates have also graduated during the day. The Sekhukhune House of Traditional Leaders Association, led by Kgoši Ngwato'a Molo Maila, has announced that cultural practices have been successfully preserved and they are pleased to report that no deaths were recorded throughout Sekhukhune District. The association said they will soon convene a meeting to reflect on these practices and discuss the way forward.



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Over 200 illegal immigrants nabbed in Marble Hall and Groblersdal

A Joint Operation, executed by the Police in Marble Hall and Groblersdal, led to the arrest of two hundred and eight undocumented immigrants and the recovery of suspected stolen properties. Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the main objective of the operation, which commenced in the evening on Thursday 19 July 2024 at Leeu-wfontein Township outside Marble Hall and surrounding farms until the next day on Friday 19 July 2024 at about 11:00, was to rid the area of illegal activities. "During the operation, a total number of 176 Zimbabwean nationals, 28 Mozambicans nationals and 4 Indian nationals were taken under police custody for contravention of Immigration Act," informed Ledwaba. He added that during the arrests, the police seized a white Toyota Hilux bakkie loaded with



Some of the undocumented foreign nationals being loaded in the police truck during the arrests.

oranges suspected to be stolen, being in possession by two foreign male nationals. "One male suspect was apprehended for possession of a suspected stolen plasma smart television set found inside one of the rooms at the local farms. The Zimbabwean and Mozambican nationals comprising of adult and minor children were immediately deported to their respective policing borders following their arrests. The other four who are of Indian origin are still in police custody and further police investigations are ongoing for deportation to their home country," explained Ledwaba. The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has welcomed the arrests, adding that the outstanding work displayed by the men and women in blue in combating illegal activities as well as contravention of immigration across the province will continuously be maintained in the province.

Officers assaulted and vehicle damaged during Ntwane altercation

The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has strongly condemned the recent violent attack on the police officers in Dennilton while performing their duties on Saturday morning, 13 July 2024 in Ntwane Village. Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said according to the report, the officers were patrolling when they noticed members of the community attacking each other during the graduation ceremony from an initiation school held at the local tribal office. "The officers promptly responded and tried to stabilise the situation, but they were attacked by unruly community members. Two police officers were assaulted and a police Toyota Quantum was damaged after one community member hit it multiple times with a hard object," explained Ledwaba. He said members of Public Order Policing and neighbouring stations provided back up and swiftly diffused the situation where five suspects were arrested and others managed to evade the arrest. "It is not yet known what caused the violence. Cases of malicious damage to property, assault common, and public violence were opened," Ledwaba said. He said the suspects, aged between 32 and 74, will appear before Moutse Magistrate's Court soon. General Hadebe condemned the incident saying that the attack to the police officers is an attack on the state and the community served by the police officers. "This cowardly act resulted in the injury on our police officers and damage to our resources. We will ensure that those responsible for this reprehensible act are swiftly brought to justice," stressed Hadebe. The police urge anyone with information about the other remaining suspects to come forward and contact Warrant Officer Michael Seopela on 082 303 9907, the Police Crime Stop Line on 08600 10111 or make use of the MySAPSApp.



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Kgolane nominated for the prestigious INGOMA Awards

Abicky Kgolane, a local based gospel artist, has been nominated for the Old Mutual 11 Independent National Gospel Music Awards (INGOMA) in the Best Gospel Single category. The awards ceremony is set to take place on 14 September 2024 at Meropa Sun in Polokwane, where the winners will be announced in the evening. Kgolane, who is a recording gospel artist and the song writer, is originally from Mamone Village outside Jane Furse and now relocated to Masakaneng outside Groblersdal. He received a nomination in the Best Gospel Single for his latest gospel song, "Ha ole teng", released in November 2023 on various digital platforms. Kgolane started his music career at a tender age of 12 at Catholic Church and local clap and tap gospel choir group called, Baitapishi Ba Morena Gospel Choir in his village before joining Solly Matseba gospel artist as his backing vocalist. Since then he never looked back and in 2021, he released his debut album titled, "Mphe Matla", which gained popularity in the local radio stations, SABC radios and television gospel shows. Kgolane said he was overjoyed and shocked at the same time after receiving the news that he has been nominated in the prestigious INGOMA Awards. "I am so excited and feeling honoured already by just being counted and recognized amongst the South African gospel giants," he said. This nod comes after he has solidified himself in the cut throat music industry over the past years, performing on local and national stages. Kgolane has been spotted currently touring the length and breadth of Sekhukhuneland, pleading with the public to support him with their votes so that he can bring home the accolade in the upcoming INGOMA Awards. To vote for him, the public is encouraged to SMS BGS14 to 33745, SMS cost R150 and people may vote as many times as possible. Nomination votes are closing on 31 August 2024. Kgolane has appealed to anyone who might like to book him to perform at their event to contact him on 072 797 2922, or to follow his Facebook Page, "abicky kgolane".



Local gospel artist, Abicky Kgolane, has been nominated for the INGOMA Awards under the Best Gospel Single category.

MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya intervenes in delayed Asiphumelele Special School project

MEC for Education in Limpopo, Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya, has paid a visit at Asiphumelele Special School in Saaiplaas Village outside Monsterlus to intervene in the delay of the school project that was halted three months ago. According to the department, the Asiphumelele Special School project was handed over to the contractor in October 2023, with intentions to complete the project in 2026 but the project has stalled in April due to contractual disputes. The 79 learners that are enrolled at the school are currently using temporary mobile classes and all walk-ins as there are no boarding facilities. The construction of the school includes boarding facilities and state of the art classroom fit for the learner's needs. Lerule-Ramakhanya paid homage to the school as part of an ongoing oversight of the infrastructure development programmes rigorously undertaken by the

department. "It is worth noting that Department of Basic Education has declared this academic year, "The Year of Inclusive Education," which links to the deliberate commitment in ensuring that all the primary stakeholders in the system of education are sufficiently catered for," said the MEC. The MEC has continuously reiterated the need to drive a coordinated programme where all learners in the system are afforded the opportunity to learn in a conducive environment more where special education needs are to be taken into consideration. "Our visit here today was to get first-hand information on the reasons behind the project delays and I can announce that through our interventions, the contractor should return to site by Friday," Lerule-Ramakhanya said. She said the provision of quality and innovative education programmes for learners across all grades requires that all infrastructure projects must be completed without impediments as this affects the overall functioning of the system. The stakeholders who attended the meeting included the local traditional leader and Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) Ward 16 Councillor. The stakeholders appreciated the MEC's efforts and agreed to work together in prioritizing the safety of the learners.

The construction of Asiphumelele Special School Project was delayed since April 2024 over contractual dispute. The project is set to resume soon following an intervention by MEC for Education in Limpopo, Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya.



MEC for Education in Limpopo, Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya (Centre), during her visit at the Asiphumelele Special School in Saaiplaas.

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Royal Pirates crowned Sekhukhune Regional Playoffs

Royal Pirates FC from Driekop in Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM) were crowned champions of the SAFA Sekhukhune Hollywoodbets Regional Football League. The team emerged as winners during the Sekhukhune Regional Playoffs played in Dennilton in the past weekend on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 July 2024. In the Group A matches played at OR Tambo Sports Grounds on Saturday, Phasha City Rocks FC won 3-2 facing Tsa Saboshego FC. The second match saw Royal Pirates defeating Phasha City Rocks 1-0. Royal Pirates continued the winning streak when defeating Tsa Saboshego 3-1 in the third match of the playoffs. In the Group B opening match, played at Dennilton Young Killers Sports Ground, the hosting team, Lovey United FC, suffered a 2-0 defeat from Mighty Blues FC. The second Group B match between Matsebeng Real Hearts and Mighty Blues was postponed to the next day after the teams clash on jerseys. Lovey United defeated Matsebeng Real Hearts 3-1 in the third match of the playoffs. Matsebeng Real Hearts played a 3-3 draw with Mighty Blues in the first match played on Sunday at Groblersdal Rugby Stadium. Mighty Blues and Royal Pirates advanced to the final of the playoffs after winning more games. Royal Pirates were crowned Sekhukhune champions after defeating Mighty Blues 2-1 to win the SAFA Sekhukhune Hollywoodbets Regional Football League. Pirates

3 HBV rugby teams proceed to the finals

This past weekend the play-off rounds of the SDC Noordvaalbekker, also known as the old Beeld Trophy/Administrator Trophy, took place. All four Ben Viljoen High School's teams competed in this round with the top teams from the Blue Bulls and the Pumas respectively. The U14 team came up against Ferrum from Newcastle, which forms part of the Pumas, in Ermelo and convincingly beat them 56-0, while the U15 team came up against Hoërskool Rob Ferreira van Witrivier. The U15's won with a score of 26-12, while the u.16 team had a nail-biting battle against Ermelo High School on their home field and won 19-18. The first team faced HTS John Vorster on their home field in Pretoria and after a tough duel between these two teams, Ben Viljoen High School's team unfortunately lost 40-44. The U14 team will face Centurion High School this weekend, the U15s will play against Leeuwenhof Akademie, and the U16s against Bergsig High School. All three of these games will be away.



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LJM's Hockey players

Julian Muller Primary School participated in an Under 10 and 11 hockey tournament in Mookgophong on Saturday 20 July 2024. Eugene Marais Primary School was the host school and the Hans Strijdom High School's fields were set up for the mini-hockey day. Euphorbia Primary School, Nylstroom Primary School, Sunrise Primary, and Krugerpark Primary School took part in the friendly games. LJM entered six teams for the day. Julian Muller's teams played three to four games each and did very well.



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will be representing Sekhukhune Region and will face winners from other regions of Limpopo Province in the provincial playoffs, to be held on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 July 2024, at Mapodile Artificial Pitch in Steelpoort. In the provincial playoffs, Inter FC will be representing Capricorn Region, Tlhotlhokwe Golden Syrup FC will represent Mopani Region, Basel FC to represent Vhembe Region and P&S Academy to represent Waterberg Region. Provincial playoffs winners will be promoted to the ABC Motsepe League which is the third tier of professional football in South Africa. SAFA Sekhukhune Hollywoodbets Regional Football League Coordinator, Frank Maredi, said preparations are underway for the provincial playoff matches. "Everything is going as planned currently with no disruptions. We hope that Sekhukhune will be hosting the best provincial playoffs ever," he said. Maredi said they are confident that Royal Pirates will emerge Limpopo Provincial Playoffs winners. "The team is currently training on the artificial pitch to acclimatise to the environment be-



Royal Pirates FC will be representing Sekhukhune Region in the Limpopo Regional Playoffs which are set to take place at Mapodile Artificial Pitch in steelpoort.

fore the playoffs take place on the weekend. We are the host and obviously we are hundred percent confident that the title will remain in Sekhukhune," he said. Maredi has appealed to football fans across Sekhukhune to flock in large numbers at the Mapodile Artificial Pitch to support Royal Pirates.

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