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# DA Elias Motsoaledi calls for probe into R3 Million Ward Committee Conference



## GROBLERSDAL

**T**he Democratic Alliance (DA) in Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) has written to the Public Protector, seeking the office to probe about R3 million spent on a Ward Committee Conference, which was held outside of the municipality at the Forever Resorts in Bela Bela in October 2024, while the municipality faces challenges such as poor service delivery.

According to Sipho Mmaboko, DA Councillor in EMLM, the decision to host about 400 people for the Ward Committee Conference outside the municipality came at a great cost.

"DA councillors decided not to attend in protest to the cost implications of this wasteful use of taxpayer money," he said.

Mmaboko stated that some of the expenses the municipality has incurred for the conference include R1 030 773.75 on accommodation for councillors, R893 550 on the conference package at the resort, R513 532 for the supply and delivery of golf t-shirts for the ward committee conference, R142 011 for fifteen 22 seater taxis from all wards to transport ward committee members, R 864 432 on 400 soft shell jackets for 310 ward committee members, 61 members of council and 29 officials for a ward committee conference and 260 hiker-hats for EPWP participants.

"The DA has consistently proposed and maintained that such events should be held at a municipal building at no cost or at more cost-effective locations within the municipal boundaries **CONTINUED ON PAGE 3**"



The DA in EMLM say they are seeking the Public Protector's office to investigate a staggering R3 million spent on a Ward Committee Conference, which was held outside of the municipality at the Forever Resorts in Bela Bela in October 2024.

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Operation Vala Umgodi pounces on illegal immigrants and illegal miners

GROBLERSDAL

Twenty-four (24) suspects, aged between 19 and 44, were nabbed for contravention of immigration laws at Groblersdal, Gravelotte, and Letsitele Policing areas, during disruptive operation Vala Umgodi, the police said.

The operations were conducted at the identified illegal mining sites through patrols, stops and searches.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police spokesperson, said 22 suspects, aged between 19 and 44, were arrested on Saturday 10 May 2024 for contravention of Immigration Act at the Groblersdal Policing area in the Sekhukhune District.

“Two more suspects, aged 31 and 66, were intercepted for possession of presumed precious minerals at the Giyani Policing area on Saturday 10 May 2025. Meanwhile two other suspects, aged 19 and 23, were arrested at the Gravelotte and Letsitele Policing areas,” explained Ledwaba.

Furthermore, Ledwaba said two suspects, aged 31 and 66, were arrested for possession of presumed precious minerals at Giyani Policing area.

“According to information, the members conducted a disruptive operation at the area after receiving an alert about a suspicious truck loaded with suspected minerals at Sikhunyana Village. They swiftly reacted and approached the described white Mitsubishi truck. The truck was found loaded with presumed precious minerals, and the driver and his crew failed to produce necessary documents of the minerals in their possession. They were immediately arrested,” said Ledwaba.

He said during the arrests the police confiscated bags of presumed precious minerals and a Mitsubishi truck.

“The arrested suspects are appearing before their local magistrate’s courts,” concluded Ledwaba.



The recovered illegal sand mining equipment which was confiscated by the police during Operation Vala Umgodi.

ANC Sekhukhune Region saves SDA from dissolution

SEKHUKHUNE

In a significant development, the 9th Congress of the African National Congress (ANC) Sekhukhune Region, has decided to retain the Sekhukhune Development Agency (SDA), rejecting calls for it to be dissolved.

The congress, held recently at Boeketlong Lodge in Mogorwane Village outside Jane Furse, was expected to address various pressing regional matters, including economic stagnation and public institution dysfunctions.

The SDA’s future was uncertain, with critics arguing that the agency had become inefficient and lacked transparency.

However, delegates at the congress took a different view, declaring that “SDA is too important to fail.”

During the congress, the Economic Transformation Commission presented a resolution calling for the agency’s revitalization, political support, and strategic investment.

According to Mathunye Kgari, presenter of the Economic Transformation Commission, collapsing the SDA would

undermine district development and transformation. Instead, delegates opted to renew the agency and task it afresh.

The decision marks a significant shift in expectations for the SDA. With a renewed mandate, the agency is expected to transform into a credible, agile, and results-driven entity. The congress revealed that failure to do so may result in missed opportunities for the region.

ANC Sekhukhune Regional Communications Officer, Samuel Uwane, confirmed that delegates reflected on critical issues, including the ineffectiveness of cooperatives and poor beneficiation of mineral resources.

“Delegates reflected on a range of critical issues, including the ineffectiveness of cooperatives, poor beneficiation of mineral resources, skill mismatches in the labour market, and the slow implementation of the Fetakgomo Tubatse Special Economic Zone (FTSEZ). But they reached a fair assessment that the SDA is too important to fail,” Uwane said.

He further underscored the ongoing frustration with mining houses’ lack of transparency, particularly non-disclosure of turnover and poor compliance with Social and Labour Plans, along with land development incompatibilities and high public administration vacancy rates.

“However, they ultimately agreed that the SDA is crucial for the region’s development. The call to revitalise the SDA comes with a warning, expectations have now shifted. Having been granted a political reprieve, the agency must rise to the occasion,” said Uwane.

Uwane said the ANC Sekhukhune Region’s endorsement gives the SDA a second chance and how the agency utilizes this opportunity will likely shape the future of development in the district.

“This is the moment of reckoning,” said a local official who attended the congress but asked not to be named.

“The SDA must transform itself into a credible, agile, and results-driven entity, or risk becoming a permanent symbol of missed opportunities,” he said.



The Mitsubishi truck that was recovered by the police during illegal sand mining activities.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Environmental Authorization application, on behalf of **Timkaphase (Pty) Ltd**. Notice is hereby given in terms of EIA Regulation 41(2)(c) of the regulations, under the Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act no. 107 of 1998). This is also a notice of acceptance for the application of prospecting right in terms of section 27 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resource Development Act 28 of 2002 (MPRDA). **Timkaphase (Pty) Ltd** applied for a prospecting right to prospect for **Cobalt, Copper Ore, Iron Ore, Lead, Manganese Ore & Zinc Ore** in terms of the section 27 of the MPRDA, the application covers **Farm Koppieskraal 484 KQ and the Remaining Extent of the Farm Zandriverspoort 442 KQ**.


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Located in the Magisterial District of **Thabazimbi**. You can be involved in the public participation process by sending an email with your name and contact details, stating your concern/questions relating to proposed project. You can also provide us with names of additional people that can be contacted. All correspondence which is received within 30 days from the day of notice will be submitted to (DMRE). All issues raised within the public participation process will be responded to in writing to the interested and affected parties. This include all parties who will be affected by the project and interested in the prospecting project.

All correspondence may be directed to

Yadah Consulting (Pty) Ltd (Ms. T.J Magagula)

[Yadah.consult@gmail.com](mailto:Yadah.consult@gmail.com) (073 875 0228/013 001 2901)





The ANC in Sekhukhune Region has confirmed that the SDA will be revitalized, rubbing rumours of the agency’s possible dissolutions.

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in order to support local businesses and grow the local economy. Many of the costs could have been avoided if the municipality had been prudent in spending municipal funds,” explained Mmaboko.

He said the party believes that the expenditure is wasteful and an unacceptable waste of limited financial resources, especially when the municipality is struggling with providing basic services to residents.

“The DA also wrote to the speaker previously over concerns of the use of agencies to book venues and accommodation when the municipality has the capacity to do it. The DA is vehemently opposed to the reckless spending of municipal resources and will continue to champion responsible spending. The residents of Elias Motsoaledi deserve better,” concluded Mmaboko.

EMLM Spokesperson, Simon Makua, said the municipality acknowledged concerns raised by the DA.

“We would like to clarify the municipality operates in accordance with Section 152 of the Constitution, which outlines the objectives of local government. This framework underscores the necessity of effective governance at the local level, which is fundamental to our operations,” he said.

Makua said the primary function of ward committees is to promote accountable and participatory governance and these structures are essential for ensuring that the voices of community

members are heard and represented in local decision-making processes.

“Funding for these initiatives is derived from allocated grants, ensuring that we are utilizing resources effectively to enhance governance. The selection of the venue for the conference was conducted through a competitive bidding process. This approach was taken to ensure that the municipality addresses the required capacity needs of the attendees while also being mindful of associated cost,” explained Makua.

He indicated that it is important to note that due to capacity limitations within Sekhukhune, no local venue was able to accommodate the 390 delegates expected at the conference.

“This necessitated the selection of a venue outside the immediate area. The preferred bidder was chosen based on a thorough evaluation of their offerings, ensuring that we received the best value for money. This evaluation also took into account the potential for supporting local Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) in the process,” Makua said.

Makua stated that Elias Motsoaledi Municipality remains committed to transparency and accountability in all its operations.

“We adhere strictly to the bidding process and are dedicated to ensuring that the Ward Committee Conference not only fulfils its objectives but also contributes to local economic empowerment. We appreciate the DA’s interest in this matter and believe it is done in good faith,” he said.

# Relentless Operation Shanela apprehends 629 suspects

**LIMOPOPO**

Operation Shanela, the weekly multidisciplinary high-density operation that commenced on Monday 5 May to Sunday 11 May 2025, at all five districts in Limpopo Province, resulted in 629 suspects being apprehended.

The operation involved various police activities such as vehicle checkpoints (VCPs), stop and search, compliance inspections, tracing of wanted suspects, and hostel searches.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said during roadblocks, 7363 vehicles were stopped and 5516 persons were stopped and searched.

“A total of 758 licensed liquor premises were inspected and another 5401 informal businesses were inspected,” he said.

Ledwaba indicated that the operational successes achieved included 629 suspects arrested for possession of dangerous weapons, illegal dealing in liquor, dealing in drugs, assault GBH, common assault, illicit mining, and driving under the influence of alcohol.

“The police confiscated 396,272 litres of alcoholic beverages, 13 ammunitions, 169



An unlicensed firearm was recovered by the police during the high-density Operation Shanela.

packets of illicit tobacco products, 2989kg of dagga, a firearm and seven cellphones,” explained Ledwaba.

The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, welcomed the results achieved, urged police members to remain consistent and dedicated to ensure the safety and security of all citizens in the province.

# Ga-Molepane community rallies to clean local cemetery



**GA-MOLEPANE**

Residents of Ga-Molepane Village outside Jane Furse in Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM), have on Sunday 4 May 2025 displayed a remarkable community spirit which was witnessed after 85 volunteers, predominantly youth, converged to clean and restore the local gravesite.

The cemetery’s deplorable state, characterized by overgrown grass, scattered rubbish, and broken infrastructure, motivated community members to take action. Through collective effort, volunteers successfully cleared debris, trimmed trees, and repaired the gate, significantly improving the site’s appearance. A community activists, Lloyd Mankge said the initiative aimed to transform the neglected cemetery into a dignified and respectful space for the deceased and their families.

“This voluntary work not only beautified the cemetery but also demonstrated the community’s commitment to preserving their heritage and respecting their ancestors. The initiative promotes community cohesion, volunteerism, and civic responsibility, setting a positive example for future generations,” he said.

Mankge indicated that the benefits of this project extend beyond the cemetery’s physical transformation as it also fosters community pride and ownership, encourages intergenerational collaboration and knowledge sharing, enhances the dignity of the deceased and their families and promotes a sense of responsibility and stewardship for community spaces.

“By working together, the community has created a more respectful and peaceful environment, honouring the memory of those laid to rest while inspiring others to contribute to their community’s well-being,” he said.

Mankge appreciated everyone who participated in the programme for their tireless efforts in bringing everyone together. “Thank you to each and every one who came out to lend a hand, showing the true spirit of Ubuntu and community love. Your participation has made a tangible difference in our community. The community’s dedication to beautifying shared spaces is truly inspiring. Let us continue to nurture our community’s spirit and environment.” he said.

public notice of basic assessment report (bar) and environmental management plan (emp) for the proposed borrow pit for a kgotlopong water supply, within the jurisdiction of fetakgomo local municipality, great sekhukhune district, limpopo province

participation of environmental impact assessment

process and stakeholder engagement

notice is hereby given in terms of the regulations published in government notice gnr 327, gnr 324, and gnr 325—as amended and published under chapter 5 of the national environmental management act (nema), act no. 107 of 1998—and the environmental impact assessment (eia) regulations, of the intention to undertake a basic assessment process (bar) and environmental management plan (emp) for the proposed borrow pit project outlined below.

nature of activity

the proposed project entails the establishment and operation of the kgotlopong water supply to kgotlopong villages, borrow pit. intended for the extraction of materials such as sand and gravel the use in surface bedding and pipeline laying within the municipality. the development footprint covers approximately 5 hectares.

the project includes activities listed in listing notice 1 of gnr 327, specifically:

• gnr 327; listing notice 1; activity 21: mining permit (section 27, mprda) “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 associated infrastructure, structures and earthworks directly related to the extraction of a mineral resource, including activities for which an exemption has been issued.”

• gnr327;listing notice 1; activity 27: “the clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation, except where such clearance is required for a linear activity or maintenance purposes in accordance with a maintenance management plan.”

these listed activities require an environmental impact assessment (basic assessment processes/ or report) & environmental mnagement ppan (emp)and the submission of an application for environmental authorisation (ea) by an independent environmental assessment practitioner (eap).

location

the proposed site is located at kgotlopong village, which falls under the jurisdiction of the fetakgomolocal municipality within the great sekhukhune district municipality, limpopo province, south africa.

name of applicant

sekhukhune district municipality

name of environmental practitioner

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registration of interested and affected parties (i&aps)

this notice invites all interested and affected parties (i&aps) to register and participate in the environmental assessment process for the proposed kgotlopong borrow pit. registered stakeholders will be kept informed, have access to project documentation, and be afforded an opportunity to raise comments and concerns.

all registrations, queries, or written comments must be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice to the contact details below:

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# Mayor Bahula brings government closer to the people

**JANE FURSE/GA-NKOANA** Communities in Sekhukhune will finally access services of the office of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) Executive Mayor in their various localities.

This after Executive Mayor, Minah Bahula officially launched the project for the Executive Mayor Satellite Offices to be accessed across all the four local municipalities in the district last Thursday.

Bahula opened the first office at Kgaola Mafiri Building in Jane Furse within Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality that day.

Lemson Moropjane SDM spokesperson, said the initiative, also shaped during the district's strategic planning session in February, aims to bring government services closer to communities, improving accessibility and prompt responsiveness to local needs.

Moropjane indicated that given the size and diversity of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality, two satellite offices will be established, with one at Kgaola Mafiri for the Jane Furse cluster and another at Makgwabe Community Hall to serve the Masemola cluster.

"The two will be headed by Members of the Mayoral Committee, Mabatane Mathale and Leokana Kanana respectively,"

explained Moropjane.

He added that the offices will function as political and high-level administrative support centres, strengthening intervention and collaboration in service delivery across the district.

Bahula pointed out, "The district's work must be visible. We are committed to changing the narrative and ensuring our people experience real and tangible service delivery. In the interim, Extended Public Works

Programme workers will be engaged to support and monitor activities at the new offices. Their role will be to serve as a vital link between the community and the executive mayor's office, without disrupting the normal provision of municipal services."

She thanked both Fetakgomo Tubatse and Makhuduthamaga municipality, led by Mayor Merah Mahlase, Council Speaker Judy Nkgadima, Mayor Eddie Maila and Council Speaker Vincent Shaba for the support and assistance.

The Ga-Nkoana Executive Mayor's Satellite office, within Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality, was launched on 9 May.

As the satellite offices become operational, residents can expect enhanced support and more efficient service delivery.



Sekhukhune District Municipality Executive Mayor, Minah Bahula, speaking during the launch of Executive Mayor's satellite office in Jane Furse last Thursday.



**SEKHUKHUNE**  
District Municipality



Mayor Eddie Maila during the launch of satellite office at Ga Nkoana



Community members thanked the Executive Mayor of the District.



Makhuduthamaga Mayor Merah Mahlase



Illegal miners apprehended



Two generators, 2 jack hammers, two shovels and an electric cable were seized by the police during Operation Vala Umgodi.

**SEKHUKHUNE**  
The persistent police operations Vala Umgodi, conducted on Friday 9 May 2025 in the Sekhukhune and Vhembe Districts, led to the recovery of several items and the arrest of suspects, facing charges of illegal mining and contravention of immigration laws.  
Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said during the operations, the police recovered a variety of items found abandoned at one of the identified illegal mining sites in Sekhukhune.  
The items include two generators, 2

jack hammers, two shovels and an electric cable.  
“The members initiated a disruptive operation at the identified mining sites. In the Vhembe District, the members went to Lukalo Village in the Tshaulu Policing area. They then found a 42-year-old male mining illegally at the area. He was arrested for illegal mining, and the team also confiscated 3 brick moulds, a spade, and a hand hoe,” explained Ledwaba.  
He said the arrested suspect will appear before the local magistrate’s court facing illegal mining charges and police investigations are continuing.

MEC Mashego honours nurses

**LIMPOPO**  
MEC for Health in Limpopo, Dieketseng Mashego, has on Monday 12 May 2025, extended heartfelt appreciation to all nurses as part of commemorating International Nurses Day.  
During the commemoration, MEC Mashego indicated that the day serves as a reminder of the incredible work that nurses perform every day, showcasing their dedication, compassion, and professionalism, which form the cornerstone of our health care system.  
She said nurses are the heartbeat of our communities, tirelessly providing care, comfort, and support to those in need.  
“Amid numerous challenges and the ongoing demands of the health care environment, the resilience of nurses shines through. Their remarkable strength and commitment are evident as they consistently go above and beyond to ensure that patients receive the best possible care. Their efforts do not go unnoticed, and today, we celebrate them as the heroes they truly are,” said Mashego.  
While acknowledging that the working conditions may not always be easy, the MEC encouraged nurses to continue persevering.  
She added that their passion for



MEC for Health in Limpopo, Dieketseng Mashego, has paid tribute to all nurses in the province during the International Nurses Day commemoration.

nursing is what drives change and fosters healing in society.  
Furthermore, MEC Mashego indicated that it is essential for nurses to know that they are not alone; the department is committed to supporting them in every possible way.  
“Together, we can advocate for better working conditions, resources, and recognition of their invaluable contributions. On this special day, let us honour the spirit of nursing and reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that all nurses have the tools and support they need to thrive in their roles. The unwavering dedication and service of nurses inspire us all,” concluded Mashego.



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**Closing date for HR contract database registration is 23 May 2025.**

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**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) AND WULA APPLICATION PROCESSES FOR MAPEA INVESTMENT PTY LTD, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FILLING STATION**

**NOTICE** is hereby given in terms of the following EIA - Regulation 40 to 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014 promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 1998 (Act no.107 of 1998) and the NWA 36 of 1998).

**ACTIVITY AND LOCATION:** • The proposed development entails a Filling station with a combined fuel storage capacity of 92 m3 (92 000 ℓ) as following: 1 x 46 000 litres 50 ppm diesel UST and 1 x 46 000 litres of 95 Unleaded Petrol UST, In addition, Parking bays, site office and Staff residence, spares, workshop and a convenient shop. The development is located on the farm Clapham Location 118 KT within Sekhukhune district Municipality, Limpopo province. The total development area covers 10 000m² with geographical coordinates: **S 24° 28' 39.0"** and **E 30° 07' 00.4"**

**EIA APPLICATION:** Environmental Authorization is required for the following triggered activities that need a Basic Assessment process:

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**PROPONENT:** Mapea Investment Pty Ltd  
**PROJECT REF:**1178398  
**COMPETENT AUTHORITY:** Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment & Tourism  
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In order to ensure that you are identified as interested and/or affected party (I&AP), please submit your name, contact information and interest to the contact person given above.

**Meeting details:** The meeting has been scheduled as follows: Date 20 May 2025, Venue : Maaepa Shop along R37, Time 10H00am.



# LIMPOPO

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DEPARTMENT OF  
**SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE**

## LITERARY COMPETITION 2025/26

**The Department of Sport, Arts and Culture hereby invites potential writers to enter the literary competition 2025/26.**

**GENRE:** Novel ; Minimum requirements: A minimum of 50 and maximum of 70 typed pages, Font: Arial, size 12

Paragraphs: 1.5 line spacing.

The competition is presented in six official languages of Limpopo, i.e. Afrikaans, English, IsiNdebele, Sepedi, Tshivenda and Xitsonga.

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The Department of Sport, Arts and Culture in its endeavor to meet Section 6(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 which emphasizes that the state must elevate the status and use of historically disadvantaged languages by implementing practical and positive measures, has allocated an additional amount of R5 000.00 to all first prize winning manuscripts written in the indigenous languages of Limpopo viz: IsiNdebele, Sepedi, Tshivenda, and Xitsonga to redress the disparities of reading materials in the previously marginalized languages.

Once submitted for the competition, entries may not be submitted for publication elsewhere. After the award ceremony, authors can have their manuscripts published. However, each manuscript published from this competition is requested to acknowledge that the publication was an initiative by the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture in Limpopo.

Manuscripts are judged anonymously by independent evaluators who are not attached to the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture; therefore writers are requested to ensure that their names appear **ONLY** on the entry form.

Each entry must be accompanied by an entry form or a copy thereof. Only one author per manuscript is allowed to enter.

Entrants are advised to keep copies of their manuscripts.

The judges' decision is final.

Authors who had their novel work published previously should not enter this competition. The Department of Sport, Arts and Culture would not be held accountable for any manuscripts that may be delayed, damaged or lost in transit. Faxed and emailed manuscripts will not be accepted.

All government employees are not allowed to enter the competition.

### Closing date for entries: 30 January 2026

Manuscripts should be neatly typed, properly edited and posted or submitted to:

The Director  
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Department of Sport, Arts and Culture  
Private Bag X9549  
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### 2025/26 LITERARY COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

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## Limpopo Police lace-up for athletics challenge



The Limpopo Police Marathon Club members took part in separate athletics competitions across Limpopo Province.



Sergeant Ramusibudi with Grounds Man Mabotja showing off their medals during the competition.

LIMPOPO - In a stunning display of athleticism and dedication, the South African Police Service (SAPS) Limpopo Marathon Club members have once again proven that they are a force to be reckoned with, both on and off the track.

On Saturday 10 May 2025, these remarkable officers took part in three separate competitions across Limpopo, showcasing their commitment to personal fitness and professional duty.

The events, which took place in Polokwane, Haenertsburg and Phalaborwa, saw SAPS athletes racing to victory in various categories.

At the Rocky Nice and Easy Half Marathon in Polokwane, Grounds Man Mabotja from Lebowaqomo SAPS Garage, claimed top spot in the 10KM Males 40-49 category, while Constable Selepe from Burgersfort SAPS POP, dominated the 21KM Males 40-49 division.

However, the victories did not stop there. The LIMA Cross Country League 2 in Haenertsburg saw Grounds Man Mabotja secure his second victory of the weekend, taking first place in the 8KM Males 45-49 category, while Sergeant Ramosibudi from SAPS Modjadiskloof also made a strong showing, earning second place in the 4KM Females 45-49 division.

In Phalaborwa, retired Captain Setati proved that age is just a number, taking first place in the 10KM Males 60-69 category at the Baby Elephant 3-in-1 Race.

The discipline required to excel in law enforcement is the same discipline required to succeed in long-distance running.

These officers have proven that they can push beyond perceived limitations, persevere through challenges, and finish what they start, whether that's pursuing suspects or crossing finish lines.

Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, praised all the members for their continued efforts and commitment.

"We are proud of our officers for their dedication to personal fitness and athletic excellence. Their achievements are a reflection of the hard work and discipline that they bring to their professional duties," she said.



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