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Newly opened Leeuwnfontein Crossing Mall to ignite economic growth



Government entourage, consisting of SDM Executive Mayor Cllr Minah Bahula and EPMLM Mayor Given Moimana, during the grand opening of the newly established Leeuwnfontein Crossing.

LEEUFONTEIN
The people of Moganyaka, Leeufontein and surrounding areas nearing Marble Hall have on Thursday 29 May 2025 received a significant economic boost with the official opening of a new 28-shop development Leeuwnfontein Mall Facility, officially launched by the Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), Cllr Minah Bahula.

The development, which created over 400 job opportunities during the construction phase and offers 300 ongoing employment and business enrolment prospects, marks a major milestone in the district economic development.

The shopping mall not only enhances local service delivery but also stimulates both formal and informal trade.

Joined by Ephraim Mogale Local

Municipality (EPMLM) Mayor, Cllr Given Moimana, EPMLM Council Speaker, Cllr Rebecca Lentsoane, SDM MMC Mabatane Mathale, and other community leaders, the Executive Mayor emphasized the importance of safeguarding the facility.

"This mall is an economic heritage. We urge all residents to protect and value it. It is a shared asset for current and future generations."

Bahula stressed that the development will play a major role in the fight against unemployment while improving the economy in the district municipality.

"The country is still grappling with the triple challenges of poverty, unemployment, and inequality. This development shifts the economic landscape of Moganyaka, Leeufontein, Ephraim Mogale, and the Sekhukhune District. We commend the business community for investing in our people. This mall is a beacon of economic hope and opportunity," she said.

The Executive Mayor emphasized that the development demonstrates a proactive response to the district's socio-economic challenges and solidifies the power of public-private partnerships in driving inclusive growth.

Gayle Crow, Head of Communications at McChormic Property Development, commended the leadership of SDM and all stakeholders involved.

"The opening of Leeuwnfontein Crossing signifies our commitment to providing quality retail services to our local communities. It is an honour to have worked with the Sekhukhune District Municipality and to create this opportunity for the community and people of Leeuwnfontein," he said.

Speaking on behalf of the local traditional leadership, Bauba Rahlagane also appreciated the working relations on the project and welcomed this massive development.

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No fatalities reported in recent Tafelkop accident

TAFELKOP - Mayors sent their speedy recovery wishes to victims of the accident which occurred in Tafelkop on Monday morning involving a Hyundai which was carrying farmworkers who were travelling to work at about 4:25.

According to information, the accident occurred near the Rammupudu Clinic when the Hyundai half-truck carrying 16 workers, including the driver, overturned, injuring ten farmworkers from Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) in Ward 24, Lukau area and four from Ward 28, Tafelkop.

The victims were promptly transported to Groblersdal Hospital and Rammupudu Clinic for medical attention.

EMLM Mayor, David Tladi said, "Our deepest sympathies are with the farmworkers who were injured in a tragic accident while travelling to work. We extend our heartfelt wishes for a swift recovery of the farmworkers affected by this unfortunate incident. Our thoughts

are with them and their families during this challenging time."

Tladi reminded drivers of the importance of obeying the rules of the road, pointing out that safe driving practices are essential to prevent accidents and protect the lives of all road users.

"We wish their families strength and urge drivers to prioritise safety and adhere to traffic laws," stated Tladi.

Sekhukhune District Municipality Executive Mayor, Minah Bahula has also sent her heartfelt sympathies to the affected.

"Our prayers are with the injured and their families. We wish them a full recovery," expressed Bahula.

Executive Mayor Bahula also commended the swift response by Emergency Medical Services personnel and called on motorists to be cautious at all times. The cause of the accident is pending ongoing investigations by authorities.



The Hyundai truck which overturned in Tafelkop while transporting farmworkers on Monday morning.



Pupils from Monamoleledi, Mangolwane, and Mantlatle Secondary Schools gaining valuable insights into the inner workings of MLM during the Take-A-Girl/Boy-Child To Work Campaign.

JANE FURSE - The Office of the Premier in Limpopo, in collaboration with Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM), have on Friday 30 May 2025 organised the "Take-A-Girl/Boy-Child To Work Campaign" at the MLM municipal offices in Jane Furse.

The initiative aimed to expose learners to various career opportunities and provide them with a deeper understanding of how the municipality operates. Thirty learners from Monamoleledi, Mangolwane, and Mantlatle Secondary Schools participated in the campaign, gaining valuable insights into the inner workings of the municipality.

During the programme, the pupils were afforded the opportunity to attend a special council meeting and visit various divisions of the municipality where they gained an understanding of financial management and budgeting.

They learned about infrastructure development and project management where they were also exposed to the role of executive support in the municipality.

The campaign's primary objective

was to inspire learners to work hard and pursue their dreams. The learners were encouraged to study diligently and strive for excellence, with the ultimate goal of making a positive impact in their communities.

The Take-A-Girl/Boy-Child To Work Campaign is an initiative that has been successfully implemented in other districts previously, including the Capricorn District Municipality, which hosted 36 learners in 2024. This campaign is part of a broader effort to bridge the gender divide and empower youth to become the best versions of themselves. In overall, the campaign provides learners with exposure to various career opportunities and it aims to empower learners to become future leaders. The initiative also promotes the importance of education and hard work while bridges the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application.

By participating in the Take-A-Girl/Boy-Child To Work Campaign, learners gained valuable insights and experiences that will shape their future careers.

Convict sentenced to life imprisonment for murder

MAGATLE - Madimetja Calvin Kekana (33) from Ga-Rakgoatha Village within Magatle policing precinct in the Capricorn district has been sentenced to life imprisonment and additional five years for murder of 67 year-old Letta Makhamba Kekana.

The court heard that on 14 October 2018, the convict broke into the homestead of the deceased woman while she was asleep with her two children.

Kekana assaulted and hacked the elderly woman with a spade, reportedly enraged over her having opened a criminal case against him.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police spokesperson, said the victim had previously been a complainant in a house robbery case registered in February 2016, in which the Kekana had broken into her home while she was asleep, gained entry through the bedroom window and robbed her of money.

Ledwaba indicated that the Kekana was identified through fingerprint evidence and the victim's testimony, leading to his arrest and release on bail.

Ledwaba stated that tragically, he committed the brutal murder a day after the victim testified against him in court.

"After the brutal assault, the accused strangled the victim and removed her body from the house wrapped in a blanket. The two children, who had hidden during the attack, as instructed by their grandmother, fled to neighbours for help. A search was conducted and the victim's body was discovered stuffed inside a water drum. Police were immediately called and the accused was arrested shortly after the incident," explained Ledwaba.

He further said that the matter was

initially provisionally withdrawn in October 2018, pending DNA results.

"Following the accused's completion of a three-year sentence for the earlier robbery conviction, he was re-arrested," added Ledwaba.

Sergeant Kgaogelo Lazarus Mamogobo successfully obtained an indictment to reinstate the murder case.

Kekana was sentenced to five years imprisonment for housebreaking with intent to commit murder and life imprisonment for murder.



Sergeant Kgaogelo Lazarus Mamogobo of SAPS Magatle who obtained an indictment to reinstate the murder case that resulted in the hefty sentencing of Madimetja Calvin Kekana.

FORM 8

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENCE IN TERMS OF SECTION 28(1) (C)

Limpopo Liquor Act, 2009 (Act No. 5 of 2009)

Regulation 8

I, the undersigned applicant hereby give notice in terms of S28(1)(c) that an application for liquor licence will be lodged with the Capricorn District Local Liquor Authority.

In terms of S28(1) (b) of the Act, you may lodge an objection to the application.

The objection form is obtainable from the above -mentioned Liquor Local Authority. Objections must be submitted to the aforesaid Local Liquor Authority within 21 days from the date of lodgement of the application.

1. Full names of Applicant: **Maleka Lebogang**

2. Intended Trading name: **Mabalankwe Liquor Restaurant**

3. Identity number of applicant: **040523 6012 085**

4.1. Full address and Location of the premises: **Stand no. 190 , Kutullo village, Farm: Steelpoort Park no. 366 KT, Sekhukhune.**

4.2. Global positioning system(GPS) coordinates of the property where the retail operations are to be carried out.

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5. Type of licence applied for: **On consumption -Food provision**

6. List of Schools, places of worship etc. within a radius of 500m from the premises listed in paragraph 4.

School: **None**

Place of Worship: **None**

Public Transport Facility: **None**

Buildings where the public have access to public services: **None**

Filling Station: **None**

Counterfeit goods worth R20 Million confiscated in Burgersfort



The goods that were confiscated by the multi-disciplinary law enforcement agencies during the raid at Burgersfort Town.

BURGERSFORT

A collaborative effort between various multi-disciplinary law enforcement agencies, has resulted in the confiscation of counterfeit goods worth over R20 million in Burgersfort Town.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the multi-million rand recovery was made during a police operation, conducted on Monday 26 and Wednesday 28 May 2025, involving members of the National Counterfeit Unit, the National Roving Team (TRT), Burgersfort SAPS, and Customs SARS.

“More than 10 shops in Burgersfort Town were raided during the operations, and counterfeit goods, including clothing and cosmetics, were recovered. The total value of the recovered stock is estimated to



be over R20 million. The confiscated goods are currently being held by the police,” explained Ledwaba.

He said police investigations are ongoing, and further details will be released as the case progresses.

Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, commended the team for their swift action in operationalizing the information, which led to the recovery of the counterfeit goods.

General Hadebe also issued a stern warning to communities and the business sector that buy suspected stolen goods, stating that receiving or buying stolen goods is an offense, and those found in possession of such goods will be arrested and prosecuted.

Ipopeng to hosts arts and culture lessons during winter school holidays

“ During school holidays, primary school children have nowhere to go and that creates a problem for them because their parents are at work, and they just wonder all over the streets. We believe that arts and culture lessons will provide them with a safe haven



The Ipopeng Cultural Group is set to equip young people with arts and culture lessons during the winter schools’ holidays.

DIKGALAOPENG

The Ipopeng Cultural Group, based at Dikgalaopeng Village outside Groblersdal, is set to host arts and culture lessons for primary school children during the winter school break.

The programme, facilitated in partnership with Pona Jimmy Shabalala, aims to provide a safe haven for children from Dikgalaopeng and surrounding villages and keep them away from the streets.

According to Nthwaleng Tlaka, Chairperson of Ipopeng Cultural Group, the purpose of the programme is to provide a safe and nurturing environment for children during the school holidays.

“During school holidays, primary school children have nowhere to go and that creates a problem for them because their parents are at work, and they just wonder all over the streets. We believe that arts and culture lessons will provide them with a safe haven,” she said.

Programme co-host, Pona Shabalala, is a talented and accomplished artist with over two decades of experience in the entertainment industry.



Renowned artist, Pona Shabalala, will co-host the arts and culture lessons with Ipopeng Cultural Group during the upcoming winter schools’ holidays.

He has worked as a choreographer, actor, director, arts coach and has made significant contributions to the industry.

Some of his notable achievements include choreography in traditional dance involving a dance school in Bryanston, Johannesburg since 2008.

He also choreographed Limpopo Musical Production from 2006 to 2019 and served as the head choreographer for the renowned Seshego Gospel Choir.

Shabalala had also performed as a lead actor with Mahuma Group and notably, behind closed doors, he wrote and directed hit stage drama, which received funding from Mzansi Golden Economy in 2018.

Shabalala currently holds roles as a director and choreographer of Ipopeng Cultural Group and is also a dance coach for Ipopeng Cultural Group and Tsoga Morobadi.

He is also a drama lesson facilitator to the youth of Elias Motsoaledi Region and

also taking part within the Tsoga Morobadi Home-Based Care Centre.

Tlaka said the programme is free for all children and appealed for good Samaritans to come forward to assist with donations to keep the initiative going.

“The arts and culture lessons will be held weekdays from 09:00 to 15:00, the organizers are grateful for any support to cater for the kids,” she said.

Tlaka commended Shabalala for his service and inspiration to the children, stating: “His experience and dedication to arts and culture is an investment. We are truly grateful.”

Shabalala expressed his honour in working with Ipopeng Cultural Group, saying: “I believe sharing what I have learned during the years is the only way to guarantee that our origin, identity, and heritage is preserved.”

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1. Full names of Applicant: **Jeffrey Morena**

2. Intended Trading name: **Morena Liquor Restaurant**

3. Identity number of applicant: **870615 5862 083**

4.1. Full address and Location of the premises: **Stand no 246, Shushumela, Segorong, Burgersfort**

4.2. Global positioning system(GPS) coordinates of the property where the retail operations are to be carried out.

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LONGITUDE: degrees, minutes, seconds

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5. Type of licence applied for: **On consumption -Liquor License**

6. List of Schools, places of worship etc. within a radius of 500m from the premises listed in paragraph 4.

School: **None**

Place of Worship: **None**

Public Transport Facility: **None**

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Filling Station: **None**

ANC Sekhukhune Region's 9th Conference dispute resolved



ANC members chanting outside the Sekhukhune Magistrate's Court during the court proceedings.

SCHOONOORD

A dispute over the African National Congress (ANC) Sekhukhune Region's 9th Regional Conference was on Wednesday 28 May 2025 resolved after a case was withdrawn in the Sekhukhune Magistrate's Court in Schoonoord.

The conference, which took place on 24 and 25 April 2025, at Boiketlong Lodge, was initially interdicted by a disgruntled ANC member, Napo Pitjadi, citing irregularities in the branch general meeting held on 30 March 2025.

Pitjadi's application for an interdict was granted by Judge MO Mahlo of the Sekhukhune Regional Court, stopping the conference from proceeding until the regional task team finalizes the pending dispute related to the ANC's ward 36 Phakanoka Branch's non-compliance.

The court ruling stated that the conference could not proceed until the dispute was resolved, and the ANC in



ANC Sekhukhune Regional Chairperson, Minah Bahula, ANC Sekhukhune Regional Secretary, Tala Mathope, with ANC Deputy Secretary in Sekhukhune, Eddie Maila, during the court proceedings at the Sekhukhune Magistrate's Court.

Sekhukhune would have to delay the conference until 28 May 2025, to prove why the interim order should not be made final. However, the conference proceeded as planned on 24 and 25 May and the case was later withdrawn, with both parties agreeing to the withdrawal and no costs awarded to either party.

Sam Uwane, ANC Spokesperson in Sekhukhune Region, said the party welcomes the withdrawal, stating that it confirms the legitimacy of the collective leadership elected and the resolutions taken by the 9th Regional Conference. "The ANC in the region denounced the ill-discipline of some members who choose to litigate against the organization without exhausting internal organizational remedies," he said.

Uwane emphasized the importance of adhering to the organization's internal processes, adding that the 9th Regional Conference remain legitimate to guide the organization until the next regional conference.

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JOB GRADING: 21
CLOSING DATE: 20 June 2025
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PUBLIC NOTICE

ADOPTION OF THE FINAL ANNUAL BUDGET, INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) AND TARRIF STRUCTURE FOR THE 2025/ 2026 FINANCIAL YEAR AND TWO OUTER YEARS

Thembisile Hani Local Municipality (THLM) hereby gives notice in terms of Section 34 of the Municipal System Act (Act No. 32 of 2000) and Section 22 of the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act No. 56 of 2003), that the Final Annual Budget, Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Tariff Structure for the 2025/ 2026 – 2027/ 2028 Financial Years were adopted at a sitting of Council on the 27th of May 2025.

Copies of the Final Annual Budget and IDP are available from the 9th of June 2025 between 08:00 and 16:00, from the following key points of the Municipality:

- Municipal Website: www.thembisilehanilm.gov.za,
- Municipal Head Office (Mthombomuhle),
- Municipal KwaMhlanga Satellite Office,
- Verena Public Library, and
- Miliva Public Library.

Should there be any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact our Budget Assistant Manager, Mr. J. Moyo, through from Budget through moyoj@thembisilehanilm.gov.za / 013 986 9110 or the IDP Coordinator Ms. L. Radebe for IDP through radebel@thembisilehanilm.gov.za / 013 986 9124.

Mr. D.I.D. Mahlangu
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ERRATUM

The Municipality advertised vacant positions on Municipal website on 23 May 2025. Please take note the following corrections:

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Ref: THLM/TS/27

The **Minimum requirements** of Basic literacy, Driver's license code 14 (EC) plus proficiency certificate for operating truck mounted equipment, Minimum 3 years relevant experience has been corrected to the following:

The Minimum requirements: Basic literacy, Driver's license code 14 (EC) plus proficiency certificate for self-propelled equipment. Minimum 3 years' relevant experience.

The closing date of the advertisement is extended from **6 June 2025** to **13 June 2025 @ 16H00**.

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To view the full details of the advertised posts, Please visit : www.thembisilehanilm.gov.za.

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DJD Mahlangu
Municipal Manager

DA to file a motion over Limpopo's alleged R2 Billion municipal mess



DA Spokesperson for CoGHSTA in Limpopo, Lindy Wilson, says the party will table a motion at Limpopo Legislature, seeking clarity on the R2 Billion irregular expenditure spent by the 27 municipalities in the province.

SEKHUKHUNE

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in the Limpopo Legislature stated that they will be tabling a motion with notice to debate the continued poor and stagnant performances of the province's 27 municipalities, as per the Auditor-General's (AG) consolidated report on local government for 2023/2024 financial year.

Lindy Wilson, DA Spokesperson for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) in Limpopo, said according to the AG report, the outcomes remained largely unchanged, with a tolerance for transgressions, excessive spending on consultants, and poor performance persisting.

"The AG's report highlighted several areas of concern, including irregular expenditure involving non-compliance with procurement and contract management legislation resulted in irregular expenditure of R2.03 billion, mainly due to procurement processes not being followed," explained Wilson.

She said the report also revealed shocking unauthorised expenditure of 16 municipalities which incurred R2.19 billion in unauthorised expenditure.

"The report stated fruitless and wasteful expenditure amounting to R149.54 million which was incurred, adding to the financial pressure on municipalities," explained Wilson.

She added that the delay in water

infrastructure projects deprives communities of an adequate water supply in which in Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), three reservoirs that were to have been completed in November 2021 remain incomplete, with very little progress having been made in 2023/2024 financial year, despite utilising 97% of the project's total budget of R63.24 million.

"Another 34 material irregularity notifications were issued in the province, related to financial losses estimated at R1.43 billion," informed Wilson.

She said the party is concerned that MEC for CoGHSTA, Basikopo Makamu, lacks transparency in the gradual and systemic collapse of municipalities.

"The AG specifically noted that MEC Makamu did not table the 2022/2023 consolidated report on municipal performance in the provincial legislature as required," said Wilson.

She indicated that the DA's motion aims to hold municipalities accountable for their poor performance and financial mismanagement.

"The people of Limpopo continue to receive poor or no services due to financial mismanagement, lack of accountability, poor governance, and continued cadre deployment under the ANC. It is time to vote out indifferent politicians who are only in it for themselves," stated Wilson.



AMNESTY TO RATE PAYERS

THLM hereby reminds ratepayers of the on-going debt incentive scheme with reference to water, sanitation, refuse removal and property rates.

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The incentive scheme period began on **July 1, 2024** and will finish on **June 30, 2025**.

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For more information on the Amnesty Incentive:

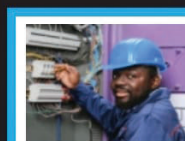
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Bernice van Wyk

Veterinary Science Bursar

This isn't a story, **it's a journey.**

I'm Bernice, and I am a third-year veterinary science student from Lydenburg.

Growing up, I was surrounded by animals, nurturing a deep passion for their well-being. So, when it came time to choose a career path, becoming a vet was a natural choice.

When I didn't get into vet school on my first try, I didn't let it deter me, I found new hope with Glencore's support, which enabled me to secure my spot the next year.

University life and the workload in veterinary science have been intense, but I've embraced the challenge. I've shadowed veterinarians in Lydenburg, learning about various animal diseases firsthand that has been invaluable to my studies.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the prospect of entering my clinical year. I see myself running my own vet practice one day, catering to both pets and production animals in my hometown. With Glencore by my side, I'm confident in achieving this dream.

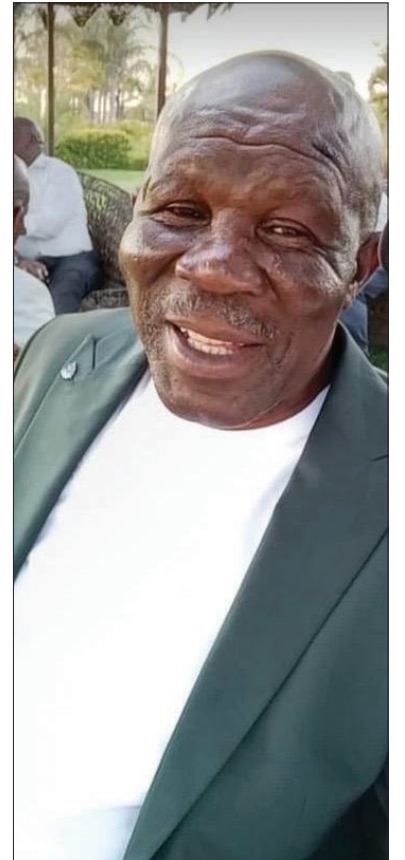
My advice to anyone pursuing their dreams is simple: stay passionate and determined.

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GLENCORE

Police seek assistance to re-arrest a 61-year-old rape accused on the run



The police appeal to the public to assist in locating the whereabouts of Themba Patrick Mbokane, popularly known as "Stlhano", who is on the run since 2023.

DENNILTON

The Groblersdal Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS), requests urgent assistance from members of the public to assist in re-arresting a 61-year-old male accused, Themba Patrick Mbokane, popularly known as "Stlhano".

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson said the accused raped a 16-year-old female victim at Dennilton policing area on 27 December 2016 and was later nabbed on 01 January 2017.

"Mbokane made numerous court appearances until he was later granted bail. On 16 May 2018, he was found guilty by the Groblersdal Regional Court and sentenced to 15 years direct imprisonment. Afterwards, the accused lodged an appeal and was also granted bail pending the finalisation of his appeal. The appeal was unsuccessful and a warrant for his arrest was issued in 2023 and has since been on the run until to date," explained Ledwaba.

He added that a manhunt for his apprehension has been intensified and police request anyone with information that can assist regarding his whereabouts to urgently contact the Investigating Officer, Sergeant Pebetse Maile on 073 124 8821, the Crime Stop Number on 086000 10111, the nearest police station or make use of MYSAPSAApp. Ledwaba said police investigations are continuing.

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Limpopo police dominate at Mzansi Half Marathon competition



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LIMPOPO - In an impressive display of athletic prowess and organizational pride, 31 police officers from various SAPS stations in Limpopo Province, have on Saturday 24 May 2025 participated in the 2025 Mzansi Half Marathon in Polokwane.

The event saw three dedicated police officers from Limpopo Marathon Club securing coveted podium positions, showcasing their commitment to public service and athletic excellence.

The standout performances came from Constable Seango from Polokwane 10111, who claimed the top spot in the women's 40-49 age category in the 10km race.

Constable Mathonsi from Burgersfort Police Station, who secured second place in the competitive women's 10km division.

General Manager Ronny Mabotja from Lebowakgomo Police Station Garage, who powered his way to victory in the men's 40-49 category for the 10km distance.

Sergeant Maphure Manamela, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the strong showing by SAPS Limpopo Marathon Club members reflects the

organization's commitment to maintaining peak physical fitness among its personnel.

"The club's participation in community sporting events also strengthens the bond between law enforcement and the communities they serve," she said.

Manamela indicated that the police contingent's success is all the more remarkable given the hundreds of participants from across the province.

"With nearly three dozen officers participating, the club showed impressive depth and commitment to the sport," she said. Manamela emphasized that as these officers return to their regular duties, they carry with them not just medals and personal bests but also the pride of representing the SAPS with distinction on the provincial sporting stage.

Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, stated: "Seeing our officers excel in community events like this marathon demonstrates that the men and women in blue are committed to excellence in all aspects of their lives."



Members of the Limpopo Marathon Club impressed during the 2025 Mzansi Half Marathon which was held in Polokwane on Saturday 24 May.

Blackpool FC triumphs over Dithabaneng FC during Mashadi Social Games



Blackpool FC players became victorious defeating Dithabaneng FC during the Mashadi Social Games organised at Maredi Sports Grounds in Jane Furse under the Makhuduthamaga LFA.

JANEFURSE - In a thrilling football match played at the Maredi Sports Grounds in Jane Furse on Sunday 1 June 2025, Blackpool FC, clad in their iconic red and whites, emerged victorious in the Mashadi Social Games, organised under Makhuduthamaga Local Football Association (LFA).

The team, known for their attacking prowess, defeated Dithabaneng FC 3-1 in the final game of a three-match tournament. During the game, Blackpool's Collen "Mabetana" Mafoko got the team off to a flying start, scoring a long-range shot just five minutes into the game.

Despite Dithabaneng's efforts to equalize, Blackpool's defense held strong, and the team went into halftime with a 1-0 lead. In the second half, Blackpool continued to dominate possession and created several scoring opportunities.

Mogau "Putana" Mokgwadi doubled

the lead, and Pholosho "Hempe" Mohlala scored a beautiful goal from Mattress Mohlala's pass, making it 3-0.

Dithabaneng managed to score a consolation goal towards the end of the match, but it was too little too late.

Blackpool's Thekgo Moleke impressed with his skills, and the team celebrated their victory with pride.

Collen "Mabetana" Mafoko, a 17-year-old player, caught the eye of fans with his impressive performance. He is expected to be a key player in the upcoming Hollywoodbets Regional League.

According to tournament organizer, Jeffrey Maloma, the Mashadi Social Games aimed to keep players fit and provide entertainment for the community.

"With teams competing fiercely, the tournament is shaping up to be an exciting competition," he said.