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Limpopo records notable decline in crime figures



MEC for Transport and Community Safety in Limpopo, Violet Mathye, applauded the police commitment in reducing crime and maintaining peace in the province.

LIMPOPO
Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has announced that the province recorded a significant decline in reported crimes during the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2024/2025.

Hadebe announced during the official release of Limpopo crime statistics event held at Landbank Building in Polokwane on Monday 3 March 2025.

The session was attended by distinguished guests, including the MEC for Transport and Community Safety in Limpopo, Violet Mathye,

HOD for Limpopo Transport

and Community Safety, Steve Matjena, Limpopo Provincial Head, Civilian Secretariat for Police, Nhlane-Mthimkulu, deputy provincial commissioners, district commissioners, senior police officials, labour union representatives, key strategic partners such as Community Policing Forums (CPF), community leaders and members of the media.

Presenting the statistics, Hadebe highlighted a decline in most crime categories, attributing the success to targeted high-density operations such as Shanela/Kukula, in hotspot areas and awareness campaigns in crime riddled communities.

She also attributed the crime combatting efforts to the enlistment of 553 police constables who reinforced the capacity of various police units, thus enhancing visibility and crime prevention.

Hadebe stated that the province had seen a total of 30,063 suspects arrested in the 2nd Quarter between July and September 2024, and 28,946 in the 3rd Quarter between October and December 2024.

"Overall crime decreased by 3.1%, with property crime down by 0.5% and other serious crimes down by 6.8%. Murder increased by 2.5% in 2nd quarter but saw a significant 29.5% decrease in the 3rd quarter," revealed Hadebe.

She added that the province also recorded a decrease in rape cases by 7.3% in the 2nd quarter and 2.7% in 3rd quarter. Sexual assault increased by 7.3% in 2nd quarter but saw a 0.8% decrease in 3rd quarter. A total of 1,170 years of imprisonment and 47 life sentences were handed down to gender-based violence offenders.

"Despite this remarkable improvement in our crime, we

continue to monitor this category. These stations continue to be on our radar, Thohoyandou, Mankweng, Seshego and Maake as well as other police stations," informed Hadebe.

She indicated that robbery and property crimes and non-residential robbery decreased by 4.7% in 2nd Quarter and 7.6% in the 3rd quarter. Common robbery declined by 6.0% in 2nd quarter and 4.8% in the 3rd quarter. House and commercial robberies remain a concern, prompting calls for increased community involvement in crime prevention.

"Over 3,400 drug-related arrests were effected in 2nd and 3rd quarter. While we report a 2.5% increase in murder in the second quarter, we celebrate a remarkable 29.5% decrease in the third quarter. This positive trend is further supported by a 13.2% decrease in attempted murder in the second quarter and a slight reduction of 0.1% in the third quarter which clearly indicates that our strategies are making a significant impact," explained Hadebe.

Provincial Commissioner Hadebe emphasized the importance of community-police collaboration and urged residents to report criminal activities.

MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Violet Mathye, commended the police for their unwavering commitment to crime reduction and maintaining peace in Limpopo, further indicated that any death through murder is one too many.

"We note the relative calm in the taxi industry, thanks to the role players being the departmental taxi unit and SANTACO. We have learnt that discussions are a solution to conflicts than through the barrel of a gun. We, however, are concerned with the new phenomenon of extortion by the taxi patrollers who force motorists to pay a fee if they are found to be loading passengers," concluded the MEC.



Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, hailed the ongoing police operations in the province for a significant decline in crime stats during the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2024/2025.



The illegal ammunition which were recovered by the police during a search operation at a residence of a 24-year-old wanted suspect.

Unlicensed firearms and ammunition recovered, police launch massive manhunt



The unlicensed firearms that were discovered by the police at a residence of a 24-year-old wanted suspect.

MONSTERLUS

The Police in Sekhukhune have launched a massive manhunt for a 24-year-old male suspect, following the discovery of unlicensed firearms and ammunition at his parental residence in Monsterlus outside Groblersdal.

According to Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Thakeng, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, on Friday 28 February 2025, members of the Sekhukhune Tracking and Investigation Team, together with Groblersdal Vehicle Crime Investigation Unit (VCIU), followed up on intelligence information received from members of Marble Hall Police regarding a 24-year-old male suspected to be in possession of unlicensed firearms and ammunition, explosives, dealing in drugs including Contravention of Stock-Theft Act.

"The police discovered that the suspect was intending to depart from his residence at Hlogotlou police precinct to Burgersfort policing area while in possession of a suspected stolen motor vehicle reportedly stolen in November 2024 at Sinoville policing area in Gauteng Province," Thakeng said.

He added that following

the tip-off, the police rushed to the vicinity and the suspected stolen motor vehicle was positively spotted along Monsterlus public road driven by a woman and was immediately stopped.

"The police enquired about the owner and she responded that it belongs to her 24-year-old son. Afterwards, the police followed the woman to her residence and on arrival, police searched the suspect's room and during the search, one shot gun with ammunition were recovered underneath the mattress and one other firearm with another ammunition were found concealed inside the ceiling," explained Thekeng.

He said the police furthered seized three sales documents, different brand marks and tattoos of unknown livestock.

"The operation continued until a 28-year-old male suspect, believed to be one of the suspect's main distributors of the drugs, was located and found in possession of 21 sachets of nyaope drugs. He was therefore placed under arrest on the spot," said Thekeng.

He said a manhunt of a 24-year-old male suspect is underway and anyone with information that can assist with his apprehension should

contact the investigating officer, Sergeant Kgashane Malesa on 076 563 5686, Crime Stop Number on 08600 10111, the nearest police station or make use of MySAPSApp.

"The 28-year-old male suspect is due to appear before the Nebo Magistrate's Court soon facing a charge of possession and dealing in drugs. Police investigations are continuing," concluded Thekeng.



Most wanted suspects fatally shot in stand-off with police



One of the rifles that were stolen during the attack and murder of Sergeant George Modiba was later recovered by the police following an intensive search operation.

GA-MAMPURU

Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has applauded the police for recovering two outstanding rifles that were stolen from the deceased police Sergeant George Modiba, who was attached to Limpopo Highway Patrol.

Modiba was ambushed by unknown assailants at his residence in Stanplaas, Lebowaikgomo, when the firearms were stolen from his home within the past three weeks.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the discovery of the stolen firearms follows the subsequent shootout between the police and two most wanted and dangerous criminals on Tuesday 25 February 2025, at Ga-Mampuru Village in the Burgersfort policing area.

"The suspects have been terrorising community members in the areas, and upon being cornered by the police, they started shooting at them. The police then retaliated, resulting in the death of the two suspects," explained Ledwaba.

He said the firearms were linked to various serious and violent crimes reported in Capricorn and Sekhukhune Districts.

"On Wednesday, 26 February 2025, members of the Provincial Tracking Team, Provincial Investigations Unit, Polokwane TRT, Masemola K9, Polokwane Air-wing, Lebowaikgomo Detectives, and Lebowaikgomo Task Team received intelligence information about the whereabouts of the firearms. This information was operationalised leading the police to Mpumalanga Province, in the Pilgrim's rest bushes, where two

rifles with empty magazines were recovered," explained Ledwaba.

Provincial Commissioner Hadebe, welcomed the discovery of the firearms, adding by appreciating all role players including the community members, for providing the police with positive information that resulted in the successful removal of the firearms from the wrong hands.

Meanwhile a 31-year-old male foreign national was apprehended on Thursday 27 February 2025, by the members of Lebowaikgomo Police while busy conducting crime prevention duties and monitoring of State of the Province Address (SOPA) delivered by Limpopo Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba.

"Police spotted a suspicious silver Grey Toyota Bakkie with Gauteng registration number traveling along the D4040 public road at Ga-Chuene village. The police managed to stop the bakkie next to a filling station driven by the suspect who granted permission to search it. During the search, police found it fully loaded with 20 master boxes containing illicit cigarettes of Remington Gold brand with an estimated street value of R250-000," explained Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Thakeng, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson.

Thakeng said the suspect was immediately arrested on the spot after he failed to provide a satisfactory response about the origin and destination of the cigarettes.

"During the arrest, illicit cigarettes and the Grey Toyota Bakkie utilized for the commission of the crime were also confiscated. The suspect is due to appear at Thabamopo Magistrate Court soon facing a charge of possession of illicit cigarettes. Police investigations are continuing," said Thakeng.

Dennilton serial rapist handed lengthy jail term

SIYABUSWA

The Groblersdal Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit, has effected significant rape convictions against a 49-year-old male accused, Patrick Makoko, on Thursday 27 February 2025 at Mdtjana Regional Court in Siyabuswa.

The accused was sentenced to life imprisonment and an additional 18 years direct sentence in connection with two counts of rape committed at Waalkraal and Kgobokwane Villages in Dennilton.

According to the police, the sentencing emanates from rape incidents in which one occurred on Friday 28 June 2013 at about 21:05, where a 56-year-old female victim was walking to a church in Waalkraal Village under Dennilton policing area when she was approached by an unknown male who grabbed her and demanded money and her cell phone.

"The victim responded that she did not have the requested items, however, Makoko threatened her with a sharp object where she was unexpectedly raped by the accused before fleeing the scene on foot," said Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Thakeng.

He said Makoko continued with his reign of terror where in the early hours of Sunday 27 November 2022 at about 12:35, he attacked an 82-year-old woman in her sleep at Kgobokwane Village in Moutse.

"The elderly woman was asleep when she heard footsteps inside the house and woke up but was surprised when the accused entered the room in possession of a sharp object while wearing a balaclava. The accused demanded money but she told him that the wallet containing a substantial amount of cash was inside the wardrobe. Makoko then raped the woman and fled the scene through the window in possession of the



Warrant Officer Victoria Phala, attached to Groblersdal Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit, has managed to secure a hefty sentence against the Dennilton serial rapist.

wallet," explained Thakeng.

He said Makoko was arrested following a police investigation that linked him with the crimes through DNA analysis.

"The two cases were assigned to Warrant Officer Victoria Phala, attached to Groblersdal Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit for further investigations. Through commitment and analytical abilities to bring the perpetrator to justice, Warrant Officer Phala left no stone unturned and Patrick Makoko was handed 18 years direct imprisonment for raping a 56-year-old female victim and one life term imprisonment for raping an elderly woman," Thakeng said.

Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has welcomed the hefty sentence imposed on Makoko. Hadebe said the sentence will serve as a deterrent to those who undermine the rule of law by subjecting women and vulnerable people to inhumane acts such as rape and sexual assault.

Police operations clamp down on offenders

JANE FURSE - The South African Police Service (SAPS) disruptive operations targeting illegal mining sites led to the arrest of a 43 year-old man for illegal mining of sand in Vergelegen C on Tuesday.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police spokesperson, said according to information at police disposal, the members were conducting the operations at the identified illegal mining sites in the Jane Furse policing precinct when the suspect was found loading sand onto a truck without a mining permit.

"He was placed under arrest and charged with illegal mining of sand. Police seized four shovels and a pick with handle that were used by the suspect," explained Ledwaba.

The suspect paid an admission of guilt fine amounting to R1500. Meanwhile, a total number of 76 illegal immigrants were counted among the 328 suspects nabbed across the province for various offences during the ongoing Shanela/Kukula operations conducted between 24 February and 2 March.

Ledwaba informed that the operations were jointly executed with

external law enforcement agencies from the Department of Home Affairs, Traffic Police, Community Policing Forum, Youth Desk and Community Safety structure.

"They were conducted through stop-and-searches, tracing of wanted suspects, high visibility patrols, roadblocks and vehicle check points," revealed Ledwaba.

He added that some of the arrested suspects have already started appearing at their respective Magistrate's Court throughout the province.

The Provincial Commissioner of SAPS in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi, remarked "I would like to caution the would-be criminals that the police will leave no stone unturned to ensure safety and security of Limpopo citizens."



A truck onto which the suspect was caught loading illegally mined sand in Vergelegen C within the Jane Furse policing area.

GNT faces fallout over un-roadworthy fleet scandal



The DA in Limpopo say they will be lodging a criminal complaint against the ailing GNT bus company for operating with un-roadworthy vehicles in the province.

LIMPOPO

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo stated that they will file a criminal complaint with police against Great North Transport (GNT) and the Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment, and Tourism (LEDET), for knowingly and recklessly allowing GNT to operate with un-roadworthy buses in the province.

Additionally, the party states that they will bring this matter to the attention of the Special Investigating Unit (SIU), which is already investigating the state-owned bus company under a presidential proclamation.

Jacques Smalle, DA Provincial Spokesperson for LEDET, said according to reports, which surfaced during recent SCOPA hearings in the Limpopo Legislature, GNT incurred over R15 million on penalties from the Department of Roads and Transport for non-compliance with the National Land Transportation Act for the financial years ending 31 March 2018 and 2019.

"These violations include operating vehicles in a substandard condition. Additionally, during the same two financial periods, GNT accumulated over R500, 000 in traffic fines, the majority of which were for operating un-roadworthy buses, having faulty safety indicators,

and expired permits," explained Smalle.

He added that as a result, thousands of GNT passengers and other road users have been put at serious risk.

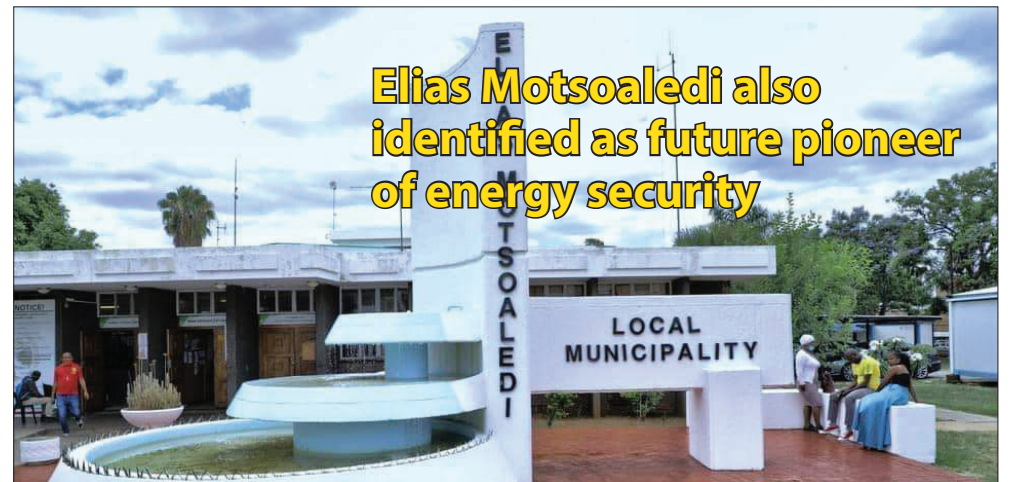
"If a bus operating under such conditions were to be involved in a fatal accident, it could constitute culpable homicide, a charge that carries the potential for a life sentence. It is unacceptable that GNT, LEDET and the ANC-led provincial administration continue to recklessly endanger the lives of Limpopo's residents. The DA demands immediate action to hold those responsible accountable and to ensure the safety of all commuters," concludes Smalle.

Earlier last month, GNT announced that they will be shutting-down 200 bus routes in Limpopo Province due to financial constraints.

The company stated that the decision to close the 200 routes was taken after they have discovered that they have lost R300 million in the past five years.

The affected roads will include Motetema, Seshego, Giyani, Mokopane, Tzaneen and Makhado.

The closure is expected to leave hundreds of commuters who were relying on the company for daily trips in frustrations.



Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality is expected to also form part of the three municipalities identified as pioneers of energy security.

GROBLERSDAL - Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality is one of the three municipalities including Maruleng and Thabazimbi that have been identified as pioneers in municipal energy security.

The ground-breaking initiative was announced by Premier Dr. Phophi Ramathuba during the delivery of the first State of the Province Address of the seventh administration.

Dr. Ramathuba delivered the SOPA on 27 February at the provincial legislature in Lebowakgomo. According to the premier, the three municipalities, in collaboration with the provincial government and the ministry of electricity, will spearhead the development of their own generation schemes utilising cutting-edge renewable energy technologies.

"This endeavour will ensure

municipalities reduce their reliance on the bulk service providers, which will lower the cost burden of bulk electricity. This initiative is not merely about powering homes; it is about igniting local economies, enhancing the quality of supply and making energy more affordable for all," said Dr. Ramathuba.

She continued, "By embracing these transformative projects, we are not only addressing the immediate energy needs of our communities but also laying the foundation for sustainable development and economic growth. Together, we are lighting up Limpopo's path to a brighter, more prosperous future for every citizen."

Dr. Ramathuba reassured that Eskom will build new transmission lines that are expected to also help accommodate renewable energy across the province.

SDM charts new developmental course at district Lekgotla

GROBLERSDAL

The Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) has charted a clear, developmental course, aimed at uplifting community lives and maximizing available resources.

The commitments were unveiled during the district municipality's decisive strategic planning session, held at the Loskop Valley Resort outside Groblersdal from Monday 24 to Wednesday 26 February 2025.

Outlining these plans, on the last day of the three-day Lekgotla, SDM Municipal Manager, Meshack Kgwale, emphasised a unified "one plan, one budget" approach supported by a strong political backing, to optimize limited resources and improve people's lives.

Kgwale also emphasised the leadership quality in the district, stating that: "With the leadership qualities we have, we are indeed committed to ensuring every investment transforms into tangible benefits for our local communities".

Key plans highlighted by Kgwale included integrated infrastructure, in which the district municipality seeks for robust infrastructure planning within its Infrastructure and Water Services Department, focusing on water resource development and pipeline integrity.

Kgwale said project progress and significant strides have been made with borehole drilling projects, and the deployment of process controllers.

Earlier during the session, SDM Executive Mayor, Cllr Minah Bahula, announced progress on borehole drilling across all traditional authorities in Sekhukhune.

The initiative, which started last year, is complete in Elias Motsoaledi and Ephraim Mogale Local Municipalities, while Makhuduthamaga and Fetakgomo Tubatse are at 60% due to their higher number of traditional authorities.

However, the session also identified the need to align projects with the municipal master plan, enhance water delivery, and boost community awareness through a comprehensive business strategy.

Kgwale went on to say the municipality also boosts notable achievements, including designating all Emergency Health Practitioners as



Some of the stakeholders paying attention during the three-day SDM Strategic Planning Session held at the Loskop Valley Resort outside Groblersdal.

peace officers and establishing four local Disaster Advisory Forums.

"Plans are underway to strengthen these gains by recruiting and training permanent staff for sustained service excellence," he said.

Kgwale indicated the district municipality stressed the modernization of governance and connectivity.

"Forward-thinking initiatives were set in motion for the 2025/2026 programme, including the rollout of an IT governance framework, satellite office connectivity, free community Wi-Fi, streamlined leave reporting, and advanced biometric security systems," explained Kgwale.

Furthermore, the strategic planning session emphasized the need for Local Economic Development initiatives to include vulnerable groups, such as women and disabled cooperatives, within local municipalities.

It also outlined a roadmap for the Sekhukhune Development Agency (SDA) to become the district's "Economic Engine Driver," with clearly defined roles and responsibilities for the next financial year.

The district municipality said the strategic resolutions amongst others, marks a new chapter for Sekhukhune District, a commitment to practical innovation, coordinated governance and, ultimately, a better quality of life for all residents.



SDM Municipal Manager, Meshack Kgwale, says the district municipality seeks to boost its Infrastructure and Water Services Department to fast track water provision to the communities.

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESS FOR A MINING PERMIT APPLICATION

DMRE REF NUMBER: LP30/5/1/2/12372MP
FEBRUARY 2025

Notice of Environmental Authorisation Application in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended; and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations and the National Environmental Management Waste Act, 2008 in respect of listed activities that have been triggered by applications in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA) as amended for the proposed mining activities associated application for attapulgitite/ sepiolite (clay) and clay (general) within the magisterial district of greater Tubatse/Fetakgomo in the Limpopo province.

Applicant Name: Matoko Clay (PTY) LTD

Location of Sites: The site is located approximately 127 km South East of Potgietersrus, 0.53 km southwest from Mohlalamorudi high school and there is a bridge located 0,14 Km South from the proposed site, within the Tubatse Magisterial District.

Proposed Activity: The proposed project mining activities within 3,79 ha of the affected farm portion.

Listed Activity/ Triggers Applied for: Government Notice, No. R. 327, April 2017 (LN1)

INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES ARE INVITED TO REGISTER. ALL REGISTERED INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES WILL BE NOTIFIED VIA THEIR PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION FOR THE COMMENTING PERIOD OF THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT. THE DRAFT BAR WILL BE PLACED AT BURGERSFORT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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Some of the stakeholders paying attention during the three-day SDM Strategic Planning Session held at the Loskop Valley Resort outside Groblersdal.

Human Rights Charter rolls-out in Limpopo communities

LIMPOPO

Solanga Milambo (51), Provincial Chairperson of Limpopo Law and Human Rights Sector, stated that they have strong primary motivations behind on making the Human Rights Charter on HIV/AIDS, TB, and STIs, a key priority for Limpopo communities to preconceive stereotypes held by duty-bearers on sexual orientation, gender identity and overall sexuality.

The charter, which is now making lasting footprint in Limpopo communities, is a comprehensive document that outlines the rights and obligations of individuals, communities, and governments in responding to these epidemics.

"These stereotypes often lead to poorer health outcomes for key and other

priority populations," said Milambo who is also a Senior Community Mobilizer and Senior Field Researcher at Section 27 in Limpopo.

The Human Rights Charter on HIV, TB, and STIs was further created to address the persistent stigma, discrimination and legal barriers that prevent key and priority populations from accessing essential healthcare.

According to the charter, many vulnerable groups, such as sex workers, LGBTQ+ individuals and people who use drugs, continue to face systemic exclusion, undermining efforts to combat these diseases.

This charter seeks to protect their rights, ensure equal access to healthcare, and promote policy reforms that uphold dignity and justice. By placing human

rights at the centre of the response, it aims to create an inclusive, stigma-free healthcare system for all.

Milambo said the charter seeks to promote universal values of human dignity, freedom, equality, solidarity to individuals at the heart of its response.

"It is a commitment between the civil society, government, private sector, service providers and other stakeholders to uphold, protect and defend the human rights and its attached responsibilities of vulnerable South Africans," he said.

Milambo acknowledged that there are detailed plans for all the provinces with specific activities and deliverables which started in January ending in March 2025.

"They will be followed by another plan going forward. For example, we have



Limpopo Provincial Chairperson for Law and Human Rights Sector, Solanga Milambo, says the Human Rights Charter on HIV, TB, and STIs will play a pivotal role in advocating for the rights of the communities in the province.

communication strategy programmes which aims to communicate the whole messages through all media platforms, newspapers and radio stations," said Milambo.

He indicated that different civil society organizations do have their individual programmes from different districts at local levels which are being implemented.

"What we need to do, is to have proper coordination for both funded and non-funded organizations with private and government sectors, and to unlock resources for the implementation," he said.

Milambo said community-based organizations with the charter organize and facilitate all human rights activities through empowering community members.

"It could be via education, workshops, trainings, door to door campaigns, Imbizo, community dialogues and group discussions. They also organize formal workshops for specific structures like traditional councils, faith based organizations and others," Milambo said.

When asked what mechanisms are in place to monitor the effectiveness of the charter's implementation, Milambo stated that tools such as Human Right Abuse Record Sheet and other resources have been developed to monitor the implementation.

"This serve as an assess to find out if we are making an impact or not," Milambo said.

He stressed that key and vulnerable populations are at the four front of the development of the charter from the beginning to the end.

"They empower other civil society sectors with knowledge from their experience and challenges they faced when visiting health facilities, around their communities. Some from their own families through meaningful engagement and participation," Milambo said.

Milambo affirmed that the challenges they face in promoting and enforcing the charter's principles are lack of resources such as budget that delay the promotion of the principles.

"The issue of decriminalization of sex workers, culture and religion," he said.

Milambo said the law and human rights division in the country is planning to strengthen the sector at district and local level.

"Through the support of SANAC and other organizations like Show Me Your Number, Communication Strategy and Human Right Tool Kit, we will overcome these obstacles," concluded Milambo.



MPAC Chairperson
Cllr Mashoeshe R.H.S.

MPAC HEARING

2023/2024 Draft Annual Report

5th TERM

A Public notice is hereby given in terms of section 17(2)(c) of the Local Government: Municipal System Act 32 of 2000, that a Public Hearing of Sekhukhune District Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) will be held as follows:

DATE	TIME	VENUE
Tuesday 11/03/202	11:00	Dicheoung Tribal Hall, Dicheoung Village, Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality

All stakeholders are hereby invited to attend the MPAC Public Hearing and should be seated by 10:45.

Enquiries should be directed to MPAC Coordinator Wilson Moswane at (013) 262 7300 or 082 299 0387

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The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune



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PUBLIC NOTICE

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS OF PERSONS TO SERVE IN THE HOSPITAL BOARDS IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH ACT, ACT NO. 61 OF 2003.

1. RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HOSPITAL BOARDS IN LIMPOPO PROVINCE

Notice is hereby given that the MEC of Health: Ms Dieketseng Mashego, by virtue of powers vested in her, in terms of section 41(6)(7)(8) (9) and Section 42, subsection 1-2 of the National Health Act, (Act no 61 Of 2003) read with the Northern Province Health Services Act, 1998, is required to establish governance structures for each public health establishment in the Limpopo Province.

Members of the public and civic organisations residing within the functional (catchment area) jurisdiction of the health facility and hospital are called to nominate and send application(s) of person(s) from their respective communities to serve as members of the above mentioned governance structures.

Hospital Boards: Hospitals boards application(s) should be submitted to the nearest hospital within their jurisdiction. The application(s) should include the Application letter, Curriculum vitae, Qualifications and references signed by the applicant(s).

The call for application(s) is for a period of three (3) years being the Term of office from the date of the appointment by the Member of the Executive Council.



Dieketseng Mashego
MEC FOR HEALTH

2. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE HOSPITAL BOARD.

- 2.1. The nominee must not be less than eighteen (18) years old.
- 2.2. The nominee must be of sound mind
- 2.3. Not be insolvent and/or have been unrehabilitated insolvent
- 2.4. Not have criminal records and/or to have been convicted of an offence and has been sentenced to imprisonment without the option of fine, unless if, he/she has received a free pardon
- 2.5. Not be a person who has been removed from office of trust by a competent court.
- 2.6. Retired health professionals are encouraged to apply, that will serve as an added advantage.

3. FUNCTIONS OF THE HOSPITAL BOARD

- 3.1. To play oversight role on behalf of the Member of the Executive Council.
- 3.2. To make recommendation to the Head of Department, the CEO of the hospital on all matters affecting health services.
- 3.3. To make comments and recommendations to the Head of Department on all matters, reports documents submitted to it for consideration, among others:-
 - Annual estimates of revenue and expenditure
 - The erection, extension and alteration of the buildings
 - The maintenance of the buildings and equipment
 - Adhered to health regulations and all other law.
 - Complaints by the patient, members of the public, any practitioner's or staff member.
 - Inspection of the hospital, once in three months.
 - Exercise such other functions and carryout such other duties as the member may from time to time determined by the Member of the Executive Council.
 - To present community health needs to the District Health Manager.

4. The following members shall constitute the task team and contact persons in each district and provincial office.

DISTRICT	PORTFOLIO	CONTACT	CELL
1. Capricorn	DEM: Mr Letshokgohla M.E. Communications: Mr Mahlangu F.V.	015 290 9268	0664790759 0837426773 0723995961
2. Mopani	DEM: Dr Mongwe R.N. Communications: Mr Mogale M.L.	015 811 6571 015 811 6546	0794934466 0823559236
3. Sekhukhune	DEM: Ms Ralefe M. Communications: Rabalao M.I.L.	015 633 2406	0835420423 0820451538
4. Vhembe	DEM: Mr Sirwali N.R. Communications: Mr Marole A.	015 962 0528 015 9621000/6 Ext 1028-29	0794911922 0729868439
5. Waterberg	DEM: Bulannga G. Com: Malatji Morobi	014 718 0623 014 718 0616	0664743141 0829251328
6. Provincial Office	Mr Lesufi M.M. Mr Lesiba Mamabolo	015 293 6036 015 293 6194	060 520 0538 0685763426

Applications and nominations are opened from 04 March 2025, may be forwarded to all hospitals and districts in the province, not later than the 21 March 2025.

NB: APPLICATIONS OR NOMINATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. PARTICIPATION IN THE HOSPITAL BOARDS IS VOLUNTARY AND THE DEPARTMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO APPOINT AND DE -ESTABLISH THE HOSPITAL BOARDS

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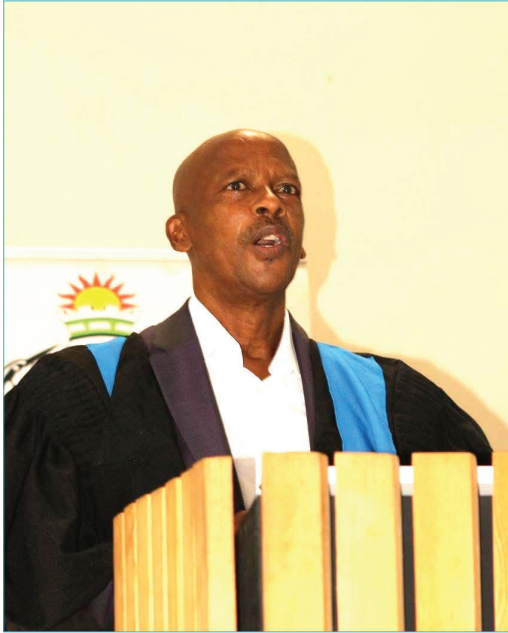
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Member of the Mayoral Committee responsible for planning and economic development, Alfred Matlala

MOGOROANE – Seventy employees of Sekhukhune District Municipality graduated as artisans on 28 February during a ceremony held at Boeketlong Lodge in Mogoroane Village outside Jane Furse.

Their graduation as artisans is expected to address the district municipality's need for plumbers and electricians to be able to provide communities with services such as water.

Lemson Moropjane, SDM spokesperson, said the graduation of the cohort of employees reaffirms the municipality's commitment to skills development and service delivery.

On behalf of Executive Mayor, Minah Bahula, Member of the Mayoral Committee responsible for planning and economic development, Alfred Matlala, credited that graduates for their dedication and hard work in completing their artisan training.

"The initiative aligns with the district's broader development agenda, which prioritises empowering of employees with practical skills that not only improve their employability but also addresses critical infrastructure challenges within communities," added Moropjane.

Matlala reflected on the previous audit outcome which pointed a finger at lack of skills in the infrastructure and water division.

"The majority of infrastructure and water services employees lacked the requisite skills to perform their duties. We then swiftly responded, hence the graduation of 70 employees as artisans in different trades, 65 plumbers and five electricians. The Sekhukhune District Municipality is going to benefit greatly from your commitment to learning," said Matlala.

Moropjane pointed out that the newly trained artisans will play a key role in bridging the gap in technical expertise, ensuring improved water and electrical services across the district.

Matlala further encouraged the graduates to use their skills to uplift communities, contribute to economic growth and take advantage of the opportunities in the infrastructure sector.

SDM celebrates newly trained artisans



The employees of Sekhukhune District Municipality who graduated as artisans at Boeketlong Lodge in Mogoroane Village on Friday.

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