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Hoerskool Ben Viljoen athletes impress at SASA Championships



Hoerskool Ben Viljoen sprinter, Kadmiel Lotika, participating in the 400-metre race during the SASA Championships at Bloemfontein in Free State Province.

GROBLERSDAL

The South African Schools Athletics (SASA) Championships, which took place from Wednesday 2 to Saturday 5 April 2025 in Bloemfontein, Free State Province, saw the Hoerskool Ben Viljoen athletes stand out against the best of the best in the country.

The premier event, hosted by the Departments of Basic Education and Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, brought together learners from all nine provinces to compete in high school and LSEN schools' athletics and swimming championships.

Three Hoerskool Ben Viljoen pupils, Kadmiel Lotika, Omphile Tshikane and O'Niell Lenting, qualified to compete in athletics of these championships for this year. However, O'Niell unfortunately had to withdraw from the competition due to personal reasons.

During the sporting event, Lotika came in third place as he showed his mettle performance at the championships' 400 metre race.

He achieved another third place and despite the rain, improved his personal best time to 47.93 for male under 20 category in the 400m race.

Omphile, who competed in the male under 18 category 1500m race, came in 15th place.

Meanwhile in the South African Schools Swimming Championships, which were held until Monday 7 April 2025 at the Stadium Swimming Pool in Bloemfontein, Hoerskool Ben Viljoen's Mighael Alberts finished second in the 50-metre breaststroke final, while Mari-Zanne Nortje finished sixth in the 50-metre breaststroke.

Another Hoerskool Ben Viljoen learner, Odette Upton, finished seventh in the 200-metre freestyle.

The championships were set to provide access to organized sports programmes for South African primary and high school learners, promoting physical health, character development, and social skills, highlighting the importance of promoting sports in schools and nurturing young talent.



Hoerskool Ben Viljoen's Mighael Alberts showing off his silver award finishing second in the 50-metre breaststroke final.

Former SGB members arrested for fraud and theft

NGWARITSI

Three former School Governing Body (SGB) members, Mafane Kenneth Lekala (53) who is a former SGB Chairperson, Ngwanamotsogana Rebecca Magaele (45), an SGB Additional Member and Rantweu Simon Makweng (55), an SGB Deputy Chairperson, have appeared before Nebo Magistrate's Court on Wednesday 2 April 2025 on allegations of fraud and theft.

The trio, attached to Kwenatshwene Primary School in Ngwaritsi Village outside Nebo, was arrested by Polokwane Hawks' Serious Corruption Investigation team on Tuesday 1 April 2025 and charged with fraud and theft.

Hawks Spokesperson in Limpopo, Warrant-Officer Wendy Nkabi, said it is alleged that the former principal of Kwenatshwene Primary School based in Ngwaritsi Village, Nebo had inspected a cheque book and he then discovered that some of the cheque book's pages were missing without indication of where the money was paid to.

"Further inspection was made by the former principal who discovered that several cheques were signed by Mr Lekala without principal's and the school's financial officer's knowledge. The matter was reported to the Hawks for further investigation," explained Nkabi.

She added that the Hawks' investigation confirmed the allegations orchestrated by the three accused who made the school



Former SGB Deputy Chairperson of Kwenatshwene Primary School, Rantweu Simon Makweng, is among the three suspects arrested for fraud and theft.

suffer a loss of R82 780.00, hence their arrest on Tuesday 1 April 2025.

"The trio appeared before Nebo Magistrate's Court on Wednesday 2 April 2025 and were released on R10 000-00 bail each, with their matter postponed to 28 May 2025 for further investigation," said Nkabi.

MEC for Education in Limpopo, Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya, has welcomed the arrests.

The MEC condemned the behaviour of



Former Kwenatshwene Primary School SGB Chairperson, Mafane Kenneth Lekala, was arrested after signing unauthorized cheques and allegedly swindling the school funds for self-gain.

the SGB members, stating that they abused their positions to enrich themselves at the expense of the school and its learners.

"It is unacceptable that individuals entrusted with managing school funds would engage in such corrupt activities," said MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya.

The MEC emphasized that such actions will not be tolerated and that those responsible will face the full might of the law.

Lerule-Ramakhanya commended



Ngwanamotsogana Rebecca Magaele (45) who is a former SGB Additional Member at Kwenatshwene Primary School was arrested for defrauding the school together with other two members of the structure.

the Hawks for their swift action and encourages anyone with information about similar cases to come forward.

Lerule-Ramakhanya assured that she remains committed to ensuring that education funds are utilized effectively and efficiently to benefit learners, and not lining the pockets of corrupt individuals, which it is for that reason that the trio were suspended as SGB members until their names are cleared.

GENERAL NOTICE

PROPOSED CONSENT-USE IN TERMS OF SECTION 74 OF THE ELIAS MOTSOLEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY
SPLUM BY-LAW, 2016
FOR A DWELLING HOUSE OFFICE
PORTION 20 OF ERF 766 OF THE TOWNSHIP GROBLERSDAL EXTENSION 9

We, KMC Geomatics (Reg No. 2008/017997/21), the authorized agents of the registered owners of Portion 20 of Erf 766 of the Groblersdal Extension 9 Township, hereby give notice that we have applied to the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality for Consent Use on the above-mentioned property, situated at 44 Hoep Hoep Street, Groblersdal Extension 9 in terms of Section 74 of the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality SPLUM by-law, 2016, more specifically to make provision for dwelling house office.

Particulars of the application will lie for inspection during normal office hours at the Town Planner of the Local Municipality, 22 Van Riebeeck St, Groblersdal, 0470, for a period of 30 days from 11 April 2025.

Contact details of the Authorised Municipal Employee: Mrs. K Mapulane: 013 262 3056/7/8

Objections to or representations in respect of the application must be lodged with or made to the above-mentioned address before 11 May 2025.

Any person who is unable to read or write can consult with any staff member during office hours and assistance will be provided to write down the person's objections or comments.

Address of authorised agent:
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Ref. No.: 766GD

ALGEMENE KENNISGEWING

AANSOEK VIR TOESTEMMINGSGEBRUIK IN TERME VAN ARTIKEL 74
VAN DIE ELIAS MOTSOLEDI PLAASLIKE MUNISIPALITEIT SPLUM BYWET, 2016
VIR 'N WOONHUIS KANTOOR
GEDEELTE 20 VAN ERF 766 GROBLERSDAL UITBREIDING 9

Ons, KMC Geomatics (Reg No. 2008/017997/21), die gemagtigde agente van die geregistreerde eienaars van Gedeelte 20 Erf 766 van Groblersdal Uitbreiding 9, gee hiermee kennis dat ons by die Elias Motsoaledi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit aansoek gedoen het vir die toestemmingsgebruik op die bogenoemde eiendom, geleë te 44 Hoep Hoepstraat, Groblersdal Uitbreiding 9, ingevolge Artikel 74 van die Elias Motsoaledi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit SPLUM bywet, 2016, meer spesifiek om voorsiening te maak vir 'n woonhuis kantoor.

Besonderhede van die aansoek le ter insae gedurende gewone kantoorure by die Stadsbeplanner van die Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Van Riebeeck St 22, Groblersdal, 0470, vir 'n tydperk van 30 dae vanaf 11 April 2025.

Kontakbesonderhede van die Gemagtigde Munisipale Werknemer: Mev. K Mapulane: 013 262 3056/7/8

Besware teen-, of verhoë ten opsigte van die aansoek moet voor 11 Mei 2025 by bogenoemde adres ingedien of gerig word.

Enige persoon wat nie kan lees of skryf nie, kan gedurende kantoorure met enige personeelid konsulteer en hulp sal verleen word om die persoon se besware of kommentaar neer te skryf.

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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESS FOR A PROSPECTING RIGHT APPLICATION

DMRE REF NUMBER: LP30/5/1/1/2/15911PR
MARCH 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 prospecting activities associated application for Chrome, Copper Ore, Gold Ore and Silver Ore on The Farm Wintershoek 189 JS, in the Magisterial District of Elias Motsoaledi in the Limpopo Province.

Applicant Name: Teshua Group (Pty) Ltd

Location of Sites: The prospecting area is approximately 18km North West of Groblersdal Town North East of the Kwaggavoetpad Nature Reserve within the Elias Motsoaledi Magisterial District.

Proposed Activity: The proposed project prospecting activities within 2,114 ha of the affected farm portion.

Listed Activity/ Triggers Applied for: Government Notice, No. R. 237, 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 GROBLERSDAL PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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Suspects nabbed for various crimes during Operation Shanela



Law enforcement members on parade ahead of Shanela operations that were conducted across the province from 30 March until 6 April.

LIMPOPO - The high density South African Police Service (SAPS) Shanela operations conducted across the five districts of Limpopo province from 30 March until 6 April resulted in the apprehension of a total number of 330 suspects.

The operations were executed jointly with other law enforcement agencies comprising of South African National Defence Force (SANDF), Traffic Police, Department of Home Affairs, Department of Correctional Services as well as Community Policing Forum and Youth Desk.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police spokesperson, said the suspects were apprehended for offences that included possession of drugs, illegal dealing in liquor, possession of dangerous weapons, robbery, attempted murder, assault GBH, rape, assault common, burglary business, malicious damage to property, contravention of the Immigration Act, possession of counterfeit goods and illegal possession of illegal cigarettes.

Ledwaba indicated that the operations were conducted through roadblocks, stop and searches, tracing of wanted suspects, high visibility patrols, vehicle and premises searches, checking for compliance at second hand dealers and at licensed liquor premises.

Police confiscated 1140.365 litres of alcoholic beverages, seven ammunition, 12 cellphones, counterfeit goods, 16 dangerous weapons, 1.079 kilograms of dagga, 10.95 grams of nyaope, two firearms and three explosives.

The suspects have already started appearing before the respective Magistrate's Court throughout the province.

The Provincial Commissioner of SAPS in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has assured members of the public that Operation Shanela will be strengthened during the upcoming Easter season celebrations and police will leave no stone unturned in ensuring that the province remains crime-free during the period.

EMLM engages traditional leaders during IDP Budget consultations

GROBLERSDAL - In a significant step towards inclusive governance, the Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM), Cllr David Tladi, alongside MMC responsible for Integrated Water Services (IWS), Councillor Carpos Ngobeni, who was representing Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) Cllr Minah Bahula, successfully engaged and addressed traditional leaders from various communities of the local municipality.

The traditional leaders' engagement occurred during a joint consultation for the 2025/2026 Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Budget, held at the EMLM Municipal Chamber in Groblersdal.

Simon Makua, EMLM Spokesperson, said the primary aim of the traditional leaders' consultation was to foster collaboration between local government and traditional leadership, ensuring that community voices are integral to the planning and budgeting processes.

"By involving traditional leaders, the municipality seeks to enhance transparency, accountability, and responsiveness to the needs of the community. This initiative underscores the local government's commitment to promoting inclusive governance and working closely with all stakeholders in shaping the future of the municipality," he said.

Makua indicated that the collaborative effort between the local municipality and traditional leaders does not only highlights the municipality's dedication to engaging with all stakeholders, however, it also sets a precedent for future initiatives aimed at creating a



EMLM Mayor, Cllr David Tladi, addressing the traditional leaders during the joint consultation for the 2025/2026 Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Budget, held at the EMLM Municipal Chamber in Groblersdal.

responsive and prosperous community.

Among dignitaries who attended the consultation included EMLM Council Speaker Cllr Junior Thethe, EMLM Council Chief Whip Cllr Elias Nduli, EMLM MMC responsible for Infrastructure Cllr Rhodes Msiza, MMC responsible for Economic Development and Planning Cllr Sibongile Nkosi, MMC responsible for Community Services Cllr Nkitseng Ramogoana, MMC responsible for Corporate Services Cllr Poppy Phetla, Cllr Ramphisa Motiba, EMLM Municipal Manager Regina Makgatha, as well as senior managers, ward councillors, and ward committee members.



PUBLIC NOTICE: DRAFT 2025/2026 IDP AND BUDGET

Notice is hereby given in terms of Chapter 4, Section 16(1)(a)(i) of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act No 32 of 2000, that the Council has adopted the Draft 2025/2026 IDP/Budget on the 31st March 2025 as per **Council Resolution No: SC 66/2025**

This Notice hereby invites the members of the municipal local community and interest groups to view/accessed the **Draft 2025/2026 IDP/BUDGET Resolution no SC 66/2025**. Copies of the document may be viewed and accessed during normal working hours, **07:30-16:00** at the **Main Offices in Burgersfort; Apel Regional Office; Ohrigstad Satellite Office; Mapodile Satellite Office; Praktiseer Satellite Office; all Tribal Offices; Atok Thusong Service Centre, all Municipal Libraries and the Municipal website www.ftlm.gov.za**

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NOTICE: 071/2024/25

NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 116(3) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT: MUNICIPAL FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT, 2003 (ACT 56 OF 2003) FOR THE VARIATION ORDER BEYOND 20% FOR MAEBE WATER SUPPLY PROJECT – SK8/3/1-43/2022/23 (WSIG).

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 116(3) (a) and (b) of the Local Government Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act 56 of 2003) that it is the intention of the Sekhukhune District Municipality to approve Variation Order beyond 20% for Maebe Water Supply Project.

Contract No: SK8/3/1-43/2022/23 (WSIG)

Council Resolution: SC 04/03/25

Consultant: Engineerex

Contractor: Ntshiana Trading

Reasons for the proposed VO: Due to the numerous extension of times granted to the Contractor which extended the period of supervision for the Consultant (Engineerex) and increased the cost of supervision and disbursement.

It is therefore not practical or cost effective for Sekhukhune District Municipality to appoint a new service provider for what is merely a continuation of the ongoing project.

Notice is hereby further given in terms of Section 21 and 21A of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000) that the local community and interested/affected parties are invited to submit comments or representations to the Municipality in respect of the above, such comments or representations must be received within 14 days of advertisement via electronic mail to the e-mail address provided below, or be delivered to the undersigned to the mailing address provided hereunder. Persons who are physically disabled or who cannot read or write but wish to participate in the process, may come during office hours to the Municipal Offices, **Supply Chain Department, Corner Chris Wiid and Van Riebeeck Street, Bareki Mall, Groblersdal**, where a staff member will assist that person to transcribe that person's comments or representations.

Comments and/or representations must be submitted to the following e-mail address: masemolav@sekhukhune.gov.za, with the subject line entitled **"SC 04/03/25 COMMENTS ON NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF VARIATION ORDER (VO) BEYOND 20% FOR MAEBE WATER SUPPLY PROJECT (SK8/3/1-43/2022/23 (WSIG))"**.

The closing date and time for the submission of representations and/or comments must be received within 14 days of advertisement which will be **Friday 25th April 2025 @12h00**. No comments or representations received after this time and date will be considered.

All enquiries regarding this intent can be directed to the following Official:

Voster Masemola, Manager SCM: E-mail: masemolav@sekhukhune.gov.za Contact: 013 262 7656

Physical Address: Sekhukhune District Municipality

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Bareki Mall

Groblersdal

0470

MUNICIPAL MANAGER:

Mr. MM KGWALE

Notorious suspects nabbed during police sting operation

LEEUFONTEIN/KOEDOESPOORT

Two notorious suspects, both aged 37, were arrested by the Sekhukhune Tracking and Investigation Team for various crimes ranging from armed robbery, carjacking, and kidnapping committed in different parts of Sekhukhune Villages. The duo was nabbed during a successful, intelligence-driven operation that also led to the recovery of four unlicensed firearms and a substantial quantity of live ammunition.

Brigadier Hlulani Mashaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the duo was arrested after the police conducted a high-impact operation, which unfolded over a three-day period, from Thursday 3 April 2025 at 06h00 until Saturday 5 April 2025 at 13h00, targeted suspects linked to multiple cases of armed robbery, carjacking and kidnapping within the Sekhukhune District.

"On Friday, the team apprehended the first suspect, aged 37, in Leeuwfontein within the Motetema policing precinct. The suspect was found in possession of three unlicensed firearms with obliterated serial numbers, along with several rounds of live ammunition, including rifle rounds. He has been positively linked to a January 2025 hijacking and kidnapping incident that occurred in Jane Furse," explained Mashaba.

He added that the operation was extended to Mpumalanga Province, where the second suspect, believed to be the mastermind, was located at his residence in Koedoespoort, under the Vaalbank SAPS precinct.

"Upon confrontation, the suspect attempted to flee but was swiftly apprehended. He was found in possession of a firearm and live ammunition. A thorough search of his premises led to the recovery of a significant cache of additional ammunition," he said.

Mashaba said the suspects are expected to appear soon before various magistrate's courts to face charges including, kidnapping, carjacking,

unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition.

"They will also be linked to additional cases currently under investigation by Motetema SAPS," concluded Mashaba.

Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has commended the police for arresting the suspects.

"These arrests have not only removed dangerous criminals from our streets but have also brought justice closer to victims of violent crimes. I commend the Sekhukhune Tracking and Investigation Team for their courage, discipline, and unwavering commitment to public safety,"



The firearms and ammunition recovered in possession of the suspects during their arrests.

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MEC for Education in Limpopo, Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya, emphasized that the 2025/2026 budget will focus on accelerating schools' infrastructure development for a conducive learning environment and essential academic success.

Education MEC prioritises infrastructure development in Budget Vote Speech

LEBOWAKGOMO

MEC for Education in Limpopo, Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya said the department is on track for the completion of 20 school projects that are currently under construction.

Lerule-Ramakhanya said when delivering her 2025/2026 Budget Vote Speech at the Limpopo Provincial Legislature in Lebowakgomo on Tuesday 8 April 2025.

The renovated schools include

Naledi Ya Meso Secondary School at Dikgalaopeng outside Groblersdal and St Paul Secondary School in Lukau Village near Tafelkop, which are set to be completed in the 2025/2026 financial year.

"We are replacing pit latrines and storm-damaged roofs to ensure that no child risks their health or dignity to learn," said Lerule-Ramakhanya.

The Education Department has been allocated R1.567 billion for infrastructure improvement in the current financial year.

"With R1.567 billion, we are erasing the indignity of learning and teaching under trees, the use of pit latrines and unbearable overcrowded classrooms, directly advancing inclusive, safe learning environments, and resilient infrastructure. This grant fuels the construction of new schools and the replacement of unsafe pit toilets. We recognize that a conducive learning environment is essential for academic success," said the MEC.

She announced that of the 391 schools identified for eradication of pit toilets, they are only left with one school that will soon be finalized.

"2023 was declared a year of Infrastructure and we have stretched ourselves to ensure that pit toilets are completely removed from our schools. We are still on course with the plan and currently finalizing the drawings for the state-of-the-art schools. The procurement of contractors will happen in the coming weeks, and we also expect construction to start this year," Lerule-Ramakhanya said.

She indicated that an additional R100 million was set aside for storm-damaged and disaster-affected schools.

"This amount is not just for constructing a structure, it is about restoring dignity, safety and hope to learners who have endured the indignity of learning under trees and unsafe environment. Furthermore, R2 million has been earmarked for head office maintenance from the equitable share," she said.

The MEC informed that over a thousand local jobs have been created through infrastructure projects, aligning with the government's priority of creating decent jobs.

Furthermore, Lerule-Ramakhanya said the department earmarked to operationalized special schools like Asiphumelele located at Saaiplaas in Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) and focus on disability needs upgrades at St Paul Secondary School in Lukau also located at EMLM, as per the United Nations (UN) Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities.

"The construction of Asiphumelele Special School is underway, a milestone in our commitment to inclusive education for learners with disabilities," she said.



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Cllr Junior Thethe
The Speaker of Council

Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality hereby invite Community members and stakeholders in terms of Section 16 and 17 of the municipal system act (act 32 of 2000 to attend

2025/2026 DRAFT INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) AND BUDGET FOR THE 2025/2026

financial year as per schedule below:

DATE	TIME	VENUE	STAKEHOLDER	WARD
08/04/2025	11H00	MUNICIPAL CHAMBER	MAGOSHI	Various Stakeholders
10/04/2025	09H00	MUNICIPAL CHAMBER	IDP REPRESENTATIVE FORUM	EMLM
10/04/2025	14H00	MUNICIPAL CHAMBER	STAFF	EMLM
16/04/2025	11H00	MOUTSE CENTRAL CIRCUIT	GENERAL PUBLIC JOINT WITH SDM	01-14 (excl.13)
17/04/2025	11H00	ROSSENEKAL	GENERAL PUBLIC	30
23/04/2025	18H00	MUNICIPAL CHAMBER	RATE PAYERS	13
25/04/2025	11H00	LUCKAU	GENERAL PUBLIC	15 - 31
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10/05/2025	11H00	ELANSDOORN	GENERAL PUBLIC	11
10/05/2025	11H00	TAMBO	GENERAL PUBLIC	09
10/05/2025	11H00	MONSTERLUS	GENERAL PUBLIC	20
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DA demands investigation into Tompi Seleka EPWP workers' contracts



The Democratic Alliance in Limpopo is calling for an investigation into contracts of Tompi Seleka Agricultural College EPWP workers.

PHETWANE - The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo seeks the departments of Agriculture and Rural Development and Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure to investigate complaints by Extended Public Works Programme workers attached to Tompi Seleka Agricultural College concerning the alleged coercion of the workers into accepting altered contract terms.

According to Marie Helm, DA Provincial spokesperson for the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, the party has received reports from EPWP workers contracted through the department to the college.

Helm said that the workers claim that they signed contracts for the period 25 February to 25 March at a daily rate of R250 – amounting to about R5 500 for 22 working days. However, Helm said multiple affidavits indicate that after work had commenced, the workers were pressured to sign a second contract.

“Under this new agreement, they would be paid R250 per day only until 13 March, and then, R140 per day from 14 to 25 March. Workers were told they would not be paid unless they signed the revised contract- a

move they rightly refused,” explained Helm.

She confirmed that the DA has seen a letter signed by the Director: Training Services at the Limpopo Department of Agriculture and Rural Development which proposed that the workers be remunerated at R140 per day for 21 days and be offered an extension of 17 working days – at the same R140 rate to ‘compensate’ for the R110 per day shortfall from the original agreement.

Helm said altering of the contract after it has been signed and implemented appears irregular and unlawful.

“Threatening to withhold payment unless workers sign a second and less favourable contract may amount to coercion and violation of basic labour rights – and is more heinous when targeting the most vulnerable in the society,” stated Helm.

She added, “If the department budgeted for R250 per day but only R140 per day was paid, then where did the remainder go? At best, the saga reflects gross mismanagement and unethical treatment of vulnerable workers. At worst, it points to potential fraud or corruption involving public funds.”

More illegal sand miners nabbed



Operation Vala Umgodi continues to crack down on illegal sand miners in various parts of the province.

NEBO/APEL - Operation Vala Umgodi conducted in Nebo and Apel led to the arrest of four suspects aged between 26 and 53 for illegal mining of sand on 2 April.

Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Thakeng, Limpopo Provincial Police spokesperson, said it is reported that the members were patrolling the identified illegal mining sites at the respective areas when three suspects were noticed busy loading sand onto a red truck in Nebo.

Thakeng stated that the suspects were approached and none of them was able to produce a permit to mine in the area.

He indicated that the three suspects were immediately arrested for mining sand illegally. “Meanwhile, at Mohlatsi in Apel, a 53 year-old man was also arrested for illegal mining of sand, contravention of Section 24F (1) (a) of NEMA Act 107 of 1998. The suspect was found busy mining sand illegally, operating a yellow TLB,” added Thakeng.

He said during both incidents, police confiscated shovels, pickaxes and a TLB. The suspects will soon appear before their respective local Magistrate’s Courts.

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION BY: MALCON CIVIL WORKS (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)

Malcon Civil Works (Pty) Ltd applied for a **Mining Permit** for mineral **Sand General Only**, in terms of Section 27 of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act 28 of 2002. The project will be following the Basic Assessment Report procedures in terms of regulation 41(3) (b) (i) of the NEMA: EIA Regulation, 2014. The project will trigger Activity 21 of Listing Notice (LN) 1 of the EIA Regulations “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, as well as any other applicable activity as contained in Listing Notice 3 of 2014, required to exercise the mining permit.”. The applications cover farms:

DAL JOSAPHAT 461 KS AND KOPPISKRAAL 475 KS
DMRE REF: LP 30/5/1/3/2/12771MP.

Located in the magisterial district of **Greater-Tubatse/Fetakgomo**. You can be involved in the Public Participation Process by:

- sending a fax, email or mail with your name, contact details and concerns/questions relating to the project.

- Providing us with the names of additional people that can be contacted.

All correspondence be received within **30 days from receipt of these notice** will be submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources & Energy (DMRE). All issues raised during the public participation process will responded to in writing to the Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs). I&AP include all parties concerned, who will be affected by the project and interested in the prospecting/exploration project.

CORRESPONDANCE MAY BE DIRECTED TO: VM Mafanele

EMAIL: info@mafanelegeo-enviro.co.za or michaelmafanele@mafanelegeo-enviro.co.za or mafanelevm@gmail.com or Postnet Suite 210

Private Bag x 5981

Polokwane North

0750

OFFICE: 26 Thabo Street (AL Smit Building), Polokwane, Limpopo

FAX: 0865 444 911

CEL: 072 395 9511/066 389 1021/078 174 4835

DATE OF NOTICE: 11 April 2025

Bahula leads delegation to mourn fatal taxi accident victims



SDM Executive Mayor, Cllr Minah Bahula, comforting the families of victims who passed away in a tragic taxi accident.

SEKHUKHUNE

The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), Cllr Minah Bahula, together with a delegation of councillors, officials, and local mayors, have on Thursday 3 April 2025 paid a courtesy visit to the families who tragically lost their loved ones in a recent taxi accident.

The incident, involving a minibus taxi from the Moganyaka Taxi Association outside Marble Hall, occurred on Sunday 30 March 2025 after a tyre burst and lost control at Mmatilu Village along the Ga-Rakgoadi Road, claiming five lives while one more victim succumbed to injuries at Matlala Hospital in Tsimanyane.

The visit, which also included leadership from the Moganyaka Taxi Association, was aimed at offering comfort and solidarity, reaffirming the municipality’s commitment to standing

with the affected families.

Bahula started by paying condolences at the Moropjane family in Mamphokgo and later visited the Mahlase family in Mmakgatle.

She then proceeded to visit the bereaved families of Mampa in Mamone Village, Matebane and Boshielo families in Mphanama to convey her heartfelt condolences.

She then concluded her visit at the Komane family in Maila Segolo Village to mourn with the family.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with the grieving families during this difficult time. As government, it is our duty to provide relief and necessary support, particularly in unexpected tragedies like this,” said the executive mayor.

In addition to the condolence visits, the executive mayor also visited the Makubung family in Mphanamaga, Magagamatala Section, following a case of kidnapping of an old man within the community, who He was later found dead in hospital.

Meanwhile, in a further commitment of solidarity, Moganyaka Taxi Association Chairman, Leonard Magaela, pledged the association’s commitment to providing transportation and other necessities for all families during the burial services.

Executive Mayor Bahula furthered joined the church congregation in a prayer service at the accident site, seeking to bring spiritual comfort and honour the departed.

Premier Ramathuba urges government employees to deliver

LIMPOPO

The Premier of Limpopo, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, has called upon all public servants in the province to reset their watches and actions as the new financial year for 2025/2026 begins this month.

The April month marks a significant milestone as it heralds the commencement of the financial year for both national and provincial governments.

As the province embarks on this new financial journey, Premier Ramathuba emphasised the urgency for public servants to “get the ball rolling.”

She highlighted the commitments made during the State of the Province Address (SOPA), as well as the recently presented R88 billion budget by the MEC for Finance, underlining the necessity for immediate action.

“The Executive Council has made it clear that all projects outlined in the 2025/2026 procurement plans must be advertised by the end of June 2025,” stated Premier Ramathuba.

She further stressed that any projects not awarded by the end of March 2025 must be included in the upcoming procurement plans.

“This is an ideal time to get our actions in order. There is no time to be lazy, no time to have projects stalled and certainly



Limpopo Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, has called all public servant to reset their priorities and actions to serve Limpopo residents as the new financial year begins.

no time to return funds. We have made a solemn undertaking to the people of Limpopo that we shall fulfil our mandate,” she affirmed. The premier reiterated the urgent need of the province, stating: “People need water, roads and jobs. These are not just objectives; they are necessities that we must address immediately. The time to act is now.”

Ramathuba’s indicated that her call to action serves as a clarion reminder to all government employees that their roles are pivotal in shaping the future of Limpopo.

The premier encouraged a collaborative effort to ensure that the resources and opportunities within the province are utilised effectively for the betterment of all residents.

Toddler’s death sparks probe into Praktiseer Clinic’s negligence

PRAKTISEER

The Limpopo Department of Health has stated that they have launched an immediate investigation following an alleged negligence incident occurred at Praktiseer Clinic outside Burgersfort, which resulted in the death of a two-year-old child.

It is alleged that on Friday, 28th March 2025, the two-year-old toddler, who was experiencing a nosebleed, was turned away by clinic staff due to the child’s medical file not being available.

Sadly, it was later reported that the toddler passed on before they could receive care in the next clinic, which is approximately five kilometres away.

The victim’s mother, Tebogo Padime, blames the Praktiseer nurses for negligence following the passing of her two-year-old daughter.

She said she rushed her child to the clinic after she notices the nose bleeding while at a nearby tuck shop.

“I immediately rushed her to Praktiseer Clinic because it was close-by. Despite the

long queues, the other people who were there for consultations agreed that I should skip the line and be attended immediately,” she said.

However, Padime said the on-duty nurse told her she cannot treat the child because there is no patients’ file available at the clinic.


Padime said the nurse told her to go to Ga-Motodi Clinic where the child has a file and unfortunately, the toddler succumbed on their way to Ga-Motodi Clinic, and she was certified dead on arrival.

Health Department Spokesperson, Neil Shikwambana, said the department expresses deep concern over this alleged incident and is committed to investigating the matter fully to determine the circumstances so that it can determine the next cause of action.

“In addition, the department seeks to reassure the public that it remains committed to ensuring that all citizens, regardless of their circumstances, receive quality healthcare they deserve,” he said.



Praktiseer Clinic.



MOGALAKWENA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

VACANCIES

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Mogalakwena Local Municipality hereby invites applications from experienced, qualified, innovative, committed, energetic individuals with vision for appointment to the following positions:

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES

ELECTRICIAN ASSISTANT

5 Posts

Duties:

Reporting directly to the Electrician, the incumbent will perform the following duties:

- Assist with manual labour tasks
- Clean vehicles and substations
- Assist electrician

Requirements:

N1 Electrical engineering certificate or Grade 10 academic result pass in Mathematics and Physical Science Subjects

1 year experience

Valid Driver's License added as advantage

Salary Scale:

R 167 463, 00 – R 184 257, 00 per annum

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

SUPERVISOR – STREET CLEANING

Duties:

Reporting directly to the Superintendent Waste Management, the incumbent will perform the following duties:

- Supervise staff in the unit
- Control equipment's, tool, machinery and materials
- Perform driver duties
- Street and Public Ablution Management

Requirements:

Grade 12, National Certificate in Waste Management will be an added advantage plus code 10 driver's license and public driving permit. 1 – 2 years' experience.

Salary Scale:

R 272 040, 00 – R 309 513, 00 per annum

Closing date: 22 April 2025 (NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE)

Mogalakwena Municipality subscribes to the principles of equal employment and affirmative action. We welcome applications from people with disabilities.

NB: The language policy of the Council is English

Appointments on the above-mentioned positions will be on the competency of the Municipal Manager and no canvassing will be allowed.

Due to high crime rate/fraud enquiries should strictly be directed to:

Ms. K Bontsi – (015) 491 9634 OR Ms. S S Baloyi (015) 491 9794

The compulsory Mogalakwena Municipality's application form (obtainable from www.mogalakwena.gov.za or from the Mogalakwena municipal offices) together with a comprehensive CV and certified copies of qualifications should be sent to The Manager: Corporate Support Services, P O Box 34, Mokopane, 0600 or hand deliver at the Frontdesk / Reception area of 54 Retief Street Mokopane.

ONLY CANDIDATES WHO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM IN FULL AND ATTACH CERTIFIED COPIES OF QUALIFICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED DURING SHORT LISTING.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FAXED, Z83 FORMS AND EMAILED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Should you not hear from us two months after the closing date you may assume that your application was unsuccessful. No further correspondence will be entered into with regard to this matter.

M.M MALULEKA
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

54 RETIEF STREET
MOKOPANE
0601

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MLM embarks on Smart ID application and collection drive



MLM has encouraged residents to come in numbers and take advantage of the Smart ID community outreach programme which is visiting various villages of the local municipality.

MAAKGWABE/MOGALADI

The Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM), in collaboration with the Department of Home Affairs, have recently launched a smart ID card application and collection outreach programme, set to reach-out to assist residents with new smart ID applications and collections at their respective places.

Led by Speaker of Council Cllr Judy Nkgadima, the initiative is aimed at ensuring that community members, especially young people, and those in remote areas, have access to essential identification documents.

The programme kicked off on Tuesday 1 April 2025 at Maakgwabe Community Hall in MLM Ward 29 and proceeded on Wednesday 2 April 2025 at Mogaladi Community Hall in MLM Ward 30.

MLM Spokesperson, Thomas Mashabela, said over the next few days, the initiative will continue at various locations, including Serageng Baithudi Mohlahledi Primary, Kantaan Community Hall, Enzaann Malebese Sports Ground, and tribal offices in MLM Ward 6, Ward 23, and Ward 30. Mashabela encouraged community members to come out in numbers and attend the initiative, advising that services begin daily at 09h00.

“The municipality urges all eligible community members to participate in this initiative and secure their official identification documents before the outreach concludes,” he said.

Mashabela encouraged Makhuduthamaga residents to take advantage of this vital service, as having a valid ID is essential for accessing government services, education, and employment opportunities.

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Limpopo athletes abandoned at SASA Championships in Bloemfontein



Some of athletes in Free state province.

LIMPOPO - The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo has called on MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture in the province, Jerry Maseko, to urgently investigate and account for the alleged ill-treatment of young athletes, who were representing the province at the South African Schools Athletics (SASA) Championship, which were taking place in Bloemfontein from Wednesday 2 to Friday 5 April 2025.

This is after the party received numerous reports from concerned parents, citing that athletes and their coaches were seemingly forced to sleep on buses overnight due to the complete failure by the department to secure proper accommodation and make adequate logistical arrangements.

The DA alleges that some children and managers went the entire night without food and had to endure unsafe and undignified conditions after long hours of travel.

Advocate Franco Marx, DA Spokesperson on Sport, Arts and Culture in Limpopo, said they were reported that the situation was so dire that some parents have taken the difficult decision to withdraw some Limpopo athletes from the tournament.

"They were citing the need to prioritise the safety and well-being of our learners, a decision we fully support under these circumstances," he said.

Marx added that it is incomprehensible that the same group of athletes, who were already subjected to appalling conditions during their training camp, where they reportedly had neither accommodation nor meals, were again left to fend for themselves en route to a national competition meant to showcase their talent and potential.

"This is not just a logistical failure, it is a betrayal of our province's young people. It robs them of opportunities and reflects ineptitude and a systemic lack of care and planning by those entrusted with supporting sport development in Limpopo," he said.

Marx said the party will call on MEC Maseko to launch a full investigation and ensure disciplinary consequences for all the officials involved.

"Our athletes deserve better, not only words of encouragement when they win medals, but consistent support and care behind the scenes. Enough is enough. The dreams and dignity of Limpopo's youth cannot continue to be trampled on by administrative incompetence. The DA is committed to supporting sport development that nurtures young athletes," he said.

Following the reports, MEC Maseko expressed deep regret over the withdrawal of some the learners from participating in the final stages of the competition, saying they take a full responsibility in the issue.



MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture in Limpopo province, Jerry Maseko

The withdrawal came on the last day of the tournament as Limpopo team members expressed the challenges they encountered with accommodation and related logistics during their week's stay in Bloemfontein.

The MEC has issued a heartfelt apology to the affected learners, parents, teachers and the nation at large for the distress and disappointment caused by the circumstances surrounding the unfortunate withdrawal of the Team Limpopo.

"As the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, we take full responsibility. I extend my sincerest apologies to every learner who was looking forward to seeing this opportunity to reach its conclusion. I would also like to extend our apologies to the parents who entrusted us with their



DA Spokesperson on Sport, Arts and Culture in Limpopo, Advocate Franco Marx, said the party will demand accountability from the department after Limpopo athletes were left stranded and vulnerable at the SASA Championships in Bloemfontein.

children, the dedicated educators and coaches. What happened is unacceptable as learners' safety and well-being remain a top priority for us as a department," said Maseko.

He said his department is in consultation with the Limpopo Department of Education and will launch a full-scale investigation to determine the causes of the challenges including training camp, accommodation issues and withdrawal of athletes.

"The necessary steps to remedy the situation will be implemented based on the outcome of the investigations to be conducted," said Maseko.