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SASSA fires four Nebo officials over R33 Million social grant fraud scheme



NEBO

The South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) has confirmed that they have dismissed four officials from the Nebo local office outside Jane Furse, after an internal investigation found they were involved in a R33 million social grants fraud scheme carried out in collusion with external syndicates.

The agency said during the activities, the officials manipulated the social grants system, resulting in fraudulent activities amounting to R33 million.

Disciplinary proceedings were instituted and the sanction of dismissal was imposed. The four employees appealed the decision, but SASSA's Appeals Committee upheld the dismissals, citing the seriousness of the misconduct and the need to protect public resources.

SASSA Regional Executive Manager, Mmapula Pheeha, said the case highlights why the agency maintains a zero-tolerance approach to fraud and corruption.

"Fraudulent activities undermine the trust placed in SASSA and deprive vulnerable communities of much-needed support. We will continue to act decisively against any employee found guilty of misconduct," Pheeha said.

SASSA said fraud of this nature directly affects millions of South Africans who rely on social grants to buy food, pay school expenses and cover other basic needs.

The Nebo dismissals form part of a broader anti-corruption drive within the agency. According to SASSA, more than 40 employees have been dismissed nationally for fraud-related offenses, with several cases handed over to the South African Police Service and the Hawks for criminal prosecution.

The agency stressed that protecting public funds remains a priority, especially as more than 18 million people depend on social grants each month for survival.

To prevent similar incidents, SASSA said it is strengthening internal controls at local offices across the country. Measures announced include enhanced monitoring of grant approvals and beneficiary changes, stricter internal controls and system audits, and ongoing staff ethics training aimed at safeguarding the integrity of the social grants system.

The agency also urged members of the public to report suspected fraud. Tip-offs can be made anonymously via the SASSA Fraud Hotline at 0800 60 10 11 or the National Anti-Corruption Hotline at 0800 701 701.

SASSA reiterated its commitment to ensuring that grant funds reach the rightful beneficiaries who depend on them, and that accountability will be enforced at every level of the organization.

SASSA has confirmed that four staff members attached to the Nebo local office were expelled after they were found being involved in a R33 million social grants fraud scheme.

Limpopo Province-wide Operation Shanela nets 684 suspects



Some of the arrested suspects who were nabbed during the province-wide Operation Shanela conducted across Limpopo.

LIMPOPO

The police in Limpopo have arrested 684 suspects and recovered four firearms and more than 43 kilograms of dagga during a week-long high-density Operation Shanela, conducted from Monday 13 July 2026 to Sunday 19 July 2026.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the operation involved coordinated crime prevention activities across the province, including high-visibility patrols, roadblocks, stop-and-search operations, and the tracing of wanted suspects.

Ledwaba said of the 684 arrests, the most common charges were related to other offences with 301 suspects, followed by 199 arrests for illegal dealing in liquor.

"The police also arrested 84 illegal migrants, 58 people for assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, and 49 suspects for possession of drugs. Other arrests included 26 people

for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, 22 for common assault, 20 for possession of dangerous weapons, and 20 for malicious damage to property," he said.

Ledwaba said serious violent crimes also featured in the arrests, with one suspect arrested for murder, two for attempted murder, and five for rape.

"The police further arrested one suspect for business robbery, one for residential robbery, three for business burglary, and four for residential burglary," he said.

In terms of specific crime categories, Ledwaba said five suspects were arrested for illegal possession of firearms, four for illegal possession of ammunition, 14 for dealing in drugs, and one for possession of illegal cigarettes, with one suspect also arrested for contravention of the Second-Hand Goods Act.

"During the operation, the police confiscated four firearms, 46 rounds of ammunition, 16 dangerous weapons, and R1

100.00 in cash. The police also seized 43.45 kilograms of dagga, 0.61 grams of crystal meth known as Tik, and 3.901 grams of Nyaope, also called Whoonga or Wunga. In addition, 564.395 litres of alcoholic beverages were taken, along with 5.5 litres of prescription medicine and one packet of tobacco products," informed Ledwaba.

He said law enforcement officers also carried out compliance inspections at licensed and unlicensed liquor outlets, second-hand goods dealers, scrapyards, mines, farms, formal and informal businesses, and other identified crime hotspots.

"The police worked alongside multiple government departments and law enforcement partners. These included the Department of Home Affairs, Department of Health, Department of Social Development, Department of Correctional Services, SARS, COGTA, Traffic Police, Community Policing Forums, Emergency Medical Services, and other stakeholders. The aim was to strengthen crime prevention and ensure compliance with the law," he said.

Ledwaba said some of the arrested suspects have already appeared before various magistrates' courts across Limpopo, while others are expected to appear in court soon.

Acting Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Major General Jan Scheepers, commended all members and law enforcement partners for their dedication and coordinated efforts to prevent and combat crime across the province.



Unlicensed firearms and ammunition were recovered by the police during the operation.

Fourteen killed in two horror crashes in Sekhukhune



The remains of the vehicles involved in an accident which claimed lives of five people between Stoffberg and Roossenekal on 18 July.

SEKHUKHUNE

Horrific motor vehicle accidents left 14 people dead and six others injured after two separate crashes occurred in the Sekhukhune District on Saturday 18 July 2026.

Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety Spokesperson, Mashudu Mabata, said the first accident occurred along the R555 Road between Stoffberg and Rossenekal in the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM).

"The accident occurred when a VW Polo, a Toyota Quantum combi and a truck collided. Five passengers died at the scene. Investigations are underway and recklessness cannot be ruled out," she said. Mabata added that the second crash occurred on the D4370 Road from Phokwane to Mamphogo in the Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM), involving a VW Polo and a Toyota Tazz.

"Four occupants of the Polo and five occupants of the Tazz were killed instantly, bringing the death toll from this crash to nine. Preliminary findings suggest possible over-speeding may have been a factor," she said.

Mabata added that in total, six people were injured in the two accidents and were taken to nearby hospitals for treatment.

Limpopo MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Susani Violet Mathye, said she was saddened by the two tragedies that occurred within hours of each other.

"The dark cloud is hanging

over Sekhukhune District, and on behalf of the department and people of Limpopo, I wish to extend my sincere condolences to the families of those who lost their loved ones and wish the injured one a speedy recovery," said MEC Mathye.

She added that the department is urging motorists to be always extra careful, avoid reckless driving and take a rest after every two hours.

Mathye assured that traffic officers will be deployed to monitor accident hot spots in the district.

Limpopo Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, also conveyed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

"We are deeply saddened by the tragic loss of 14 lives in these two horrific accidents. Every life lost on our roads is a painful reminder of the devastating impact that road crashes have on families, communities and our province. On behalf of the Limpopo Provincial Government and the people of our province, I extend my deepest and most sincere condolences to the bereaved families," she said.

The Premier also wished those who sustained injuries a speedy and full recovery.

She indicated that the Limpopo Provincial Government will continue working closely with law enforcement agencies and all road safety stakeholders to strengthen efforts, aimed at reducing road fatalities and promoting responsible road user behaviour across the province.

Hlogotlou Police probe mob justice killing of 29-year-old man



The police in Hlogotlou are searching for suspects involved in the murder of a 29-year-old man who was killed during a mob justice incident.

NGWARITSI

The Police in Hlogotlou are searching for a number of suspects, following the murder of a 29-year-old man, who died in the early hours of Monday 20 January 2026 after he was allegedly assaulted by community members at the Ngwaritsi Sports Ground.

According to Brigadier Hlulani Mashaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the police were called to a local hospital in the Sekhukhune District where they found the man's body on a hospital bed.

"Preliminary investigations indicate the deceased was allegedly accused of livestock theft before the attack," he said.

Mashaba said the victim succumbed to injuries believed to have been sustained during the alleged mob justice incident.

"A case of murder has been opened and a manhunt for the unknown suspects is currently underway," he said.

Mashaba said the police are appealing to anyone with information about the incident to contact the Investigating Officer, Sergeant Lucas Mokwana, on 060 534 7986.

"Information can also be given anonymously via Crime Stop on 08600 10111, at the nearest police station, or through the MySAPS App," said Mashaba.

Acting Provincial Commissioner of the Police in

Limpopo, Major General Jan Scheepers, condemned the killing and instructed investigators to work around the clock to bring those responsible to justice.

"No person may take the law into their own hands or assault and kill a person suspected of committing a crime. Community members are encouraged to report any criminal activities to the nearest police station," said

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Limpopo bids farewell to healthcare stalwart, Dr Morwamphaga Nkadimeng



PHOKWANE – Dr Morwamphaga Nkadimeng, one of Limpopo's most respected healthcare leaders, was laid to rest on Saturday 19 July 2026 under Category Two Provincial Official Funeral held at Phokwane Village outside Jane Furse.

Dr Nkadimeng, who died on 8 July 2026, was honoured with the provincial official funeral by President Cyril Ramaphosa in recognition of his more than four decades of service to public health in South Africa and particularly in Limpopo.

Limpopo Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba welcomed the President's decision, describing it as a fitting acknowledgment of Dr Nkadimeng's contribution to building the provincial health system.

"As the provincial government, we welcome and view President Ramaphosa's approval of a

Provincial Official Funeral for Dr Nkadimeng as a token of recognition, and appreciation of a significant role he played in shaping Limpopo Provincial Health as we know it today and his struggle credentials," Ramathuba said ahead of the service.

Born and raised with a commitment to service, Nkadimeng trained at several institutions locally and abroad. He studied at the University of Natal before pursuing further training at the University of Oslo in Norway and the Sofia Medical Academy in Bulgaria. He later refined his surgical skills in Australia.

He served Limpopo Department of Health in senior leadership roles, including as Chief Director and Deputy Director-General, where he was instrumental in strengthening healthcare delivery across the province.



Limpopo Healthcare Stalwart, Dr Morwamphaga Nkadimeng, was laid to rest under Category Two Provincial Official Funeral held at Phokwane Village outside Jane Furse.

"Dr Nkadimeng played a significant role in shaping Limpopo's healthcare system as we know it today. It is a legacy from which we will continue to benefit for many years to come," a family spokesperson said during proceedings.

His funeral was attended by Members of the Executive Council, Ministers and Deputy Ministers, Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the Limpopo Provincial Legislature, Members of Provincial Legislature, dignitaries from Sekhukhune District Municipality, local mayors, councillor, Community members and health

professionals who came to pay their last respects.

MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, Jerry Maseko, delivered the eulogy on behalf of Premier Ramathuba.

In line with Category Two Provincial Official Funeral protocol, the South African National Flag draped over Dr Nkadimeng's coffin and was folded with full honours.

Acting Limpopo Provincial Commissioner of Police, Major General Jan Scheepers, handed the flag to MEC Maseko, who in turn presented it to Dr Nkadimeng's wife on behalf of

the Premier and the people of Limpopo.

Government leaders said Dr Nkadimeng's career reflected a lifetime commitment to accessible and quality healthcare. Officials noted that his work laid foundations still evident in clinics and hospitals across Limpopo today.

The funeral took place during Mandela Month, with the provincial government using the occasion to reflect on public service and sacrifice.

The proceedings concluded at the graveside where Dr Nkadimeng was laid to rest.

Praktiseer residents demand answers on library project spending

PRAKTISEER

The Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM) has handed-over yet another contractor to finish the long-delayed Praktiseer Library, but concerned residents say the move is just another chapter in a cycle of waste, secrecy and broken promises.

On Monday 20 July 2026, the municipality announced that a new contractor had been appointed on a turnkey basis to complete all outstanding work within four months, which FTLM Mayor, Cllr Eddie Maila, called it a fresh start and an investment in our future.

For residents who have watched the building sit incomplete for years, the announcement was met with anger, not relief.

Concerned community members say they are furious that FTLM is once again, coughing out millions of rands to finish a project that was already paid for once.

It is public knowledge that the municipality previously spent a staggering R16 million on the library project, yet the facility was

never completed. The previous contractor walked off site after what the municipality vaguely described as challenges during implementation. The project was set to be completed in 2023.

"What guarantees do we have that this won't happen again?" asked a Praktiseer resident who didn't want to be named. "We paid R16 million before and got nothing. Now they want more money and expect us to clap hands," he said.

Residents are also worried that history could repeat itself. There are fears that the newly appointed contractor could also vanish mid-project after receiving millions in municipal payments, leaving the community back at square one.

Allegations are mounting that sub-contractors who were brought in by the previous contractor were left unpaid when the contract was terminated. To date, the municipality has not clarified whether those debts were settled.

Worried community members are asking questions about the previous contractor that remain

unanswered, exactly how much was paid out before the contract was cancelled?

"The municipality refuses to disclose how much went to the previous contractor. If there was nothing to hide, they would publish the figures," said a concerned resident.

That lack of transparency extends to the current budget as well. Residents say budgets are not publicly disclosed, which raises serious questions about oversight and value for money.

The frustration goes beyond Praktiseer Library project. Residents say this is a pattern across FTLM where contractors abandon projects, no one is held accountable, and the municipality simply appoints someone new using more taxpayer money.

"They keep bringing in new contractors but never go after the ones who abandoned the work. It looks like these projects have become a milking cow for politicians and municipal officials because there are no consequences," continued the concerned resident.



Limpopo Healthcare Stalwart, Dr Morwamphaga Nkadimeng, was laid to rest under Category Two Provincial Official Funeral held at Phokwane Village outside Jane Furse.

People in Praktiseer argue that without consequence management and public disclosure, the library will remain a symbol of municipal failure rather than a place of learning.

During the hand-over of the contractor, Mayor Maila thanked the community for their patience and resilience and apologized for the inconvenience caused by delays. He said the municipality will monitor the project closely to ensure it is completed to standard and on time. But for many in

Praktiseer, apologies are no longer enough.

"We've been patient for years. What we want now is the truth about the R16 million, accountability for those who failed us, and a library that actually opens, not another promise," said a resident.

Once completed, the library is intended to provide books, digital resources and study space.

The FTLM couldn't respond to the publication's enquiries at the time of going to press.

EMLM welcomes 100 initiates after successful winter season

TAFELKOP
The Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) celebrated the safe return of 100 initiates on Saturday 18 July 2026, marking the official conclusion of the winter initiation season with ceremonies at Ngaka Mashiloane Maleke, and at the home of Kgoši Boleu Rammupudu II in Tafelkop Village.

Mayor of EMLM, Cllr David Tladi, joined EMLM Chief Council, Cllr Elias Nduli, led the municipal delegation in welcoming the initiates back to their families and communities, in a visit described by the municipality as a strong show of support, respect, and commitment to preserving cultural traditions.

The municipality said the occasion highlighted the Elias Motsoaledi Municipality's ongoing partnership with traditional leadership and its dedication to promoting cultural heritage, community values, and the responsible development of young people as they transition into adulthood.

Speaking at the event, Deputy Chairperson of the Limpopo House of Traditional and Khoi-San Leaders, Kgoši Boleu Rammupudu II, expressed appreciation for the successful completion of the season.

"We are pleased to welcome our initiates back safely after completing this important cultural journey. Initiation remains a vital part of preserving our heritage, instilling discipline, respect, and responsibility among young people," he said.

Rammupudu expressed appreciation to traditional leaders, families, and communities who supported the initiates throughout this period.

Nkgaka Maleka also addressed those gathered, noting the significance of the tradition.

"We are grateful for the safe return of our initiates and proud to witness the continuation of our cultural traditions. This journey plays an important role in guiding young men towards responsibility, respect, and their role within the community," he said.

Maleke applauded all those who contributed to ensuring a safe and successful initiation season.

Mayor Tladi congratulated the initiates and underscored the municipality's support for cultural practices, while also calling on young people to focus on education and community responsibility.

"The safe return of our initiates is a moment of pride and joy for our communities. As a municipality, we recognise the important role that traditional initiation plays in shaping responsible, disciplined, and respectful members of society," he said.

Tladi encouraged young people to prioritise education, stating that it remains a key foundation for empowerment, personal growth, and community development.

"We further urge them to become ambassadors of respect and responsibility and to take a stand against the abuse of women and children," said the Mayor.

He further extended appreciation to Kgoši Rammupudu, traditional leaders, families, and all stakeholders who ensured the initiation season was conducted successfully and safely.



Kgoši Boleu Rammupudu II addressing the graduation ceremony of the initiates.



Some of the initiates during their welcoming graduation ceremony held at Bakga-ga Ba Kopa Tribal Council in Tafelkop Village.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: 2026/2027 SMMEs AND COOPERATIVES SUPPORT FUND

Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) invites eligible SMMEs and Cooperatives to apply for support/funding. SDM has identified a need to provide support to SMMEs and Cooperatives within its jurisdiction. This is meant to create a conducive environment for sustainable growth and development of SMMEs and Cooperatives. To achieve the above objective SDM has incorporated a project called Support to SMMEs and Cooperatives in the 2026/2027 Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP). The primary objective of the support is provision of production infrastructure, equipment and inputs to enhance their production capacity.

Applications must be accompanied by the following documents: One(1) page motivation letter, fully completed Prescribed Application Form, Business Plan highlighting funding required(ranging from a minimum of R10 000.00 to a maximum of R50 000,00), Proof of Registration with CIPC, SARS Documents, Proof of address(for the business and key Director), Title deed, Lease agreement or any Proof of Land Ownership and previous Annual Financial Statements (if available) and a 3 months bank statement.

Criteria and other requirements are stated in the application form. Applicants should have never received any funding from SDM within the last two years. Applications in Tourism, Agriculture, Mining, Trade and Manufacturing sectors will be given priority. The municipality has developed an LED Funding Policy to guide administration of the application processes for funding and assessment of the applications for selection of eligible SMEs and Cooperatives. Copies of the prescribed application form can be downloaded from SDM website: www.sekhukhunedistrict.gov.za

Applications not meeting the set criteria will not be considered. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted to present their businesses to the adjudication panel virtually or in person should there be a need. The outcomes of the final selection process will be communicated to all selected applicants only and should applicants not receive communication, 2 month after the closing date, they should consider their application unsuccessful.

For further enquiries, kindly contact us on the following contact details: Email Address- nchabelengc@sekhukhune.gov.za or mahlakwanei@sekhukhune.gov.za; Cell Numbers: 083 345 7579 and 072 330 8447 respectively. Applications must be hand delivered to SDM Fire Station in the dedicated tender box marked "2026/27 SMMEs and Cooperatives Support Fund" on or before the **31st August 2026 by 11h00.**

Mr Meshack Kgware
Municipal Manager
Sekhukhune District Municipality



NOTICE:
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS OF AN APPLICATION TO AMEND THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AND ENIRONMENTAL MANAGMENT PROGRAMME:
BILA MINING (PTY) LTD

Notice is hereby given in terms of EIA Regulation 44(2) of the Regulations, under the Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Bila Mining (Pty) Ltd is applying to amend an existing environmental authorization (EA) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPR) to accommodate the exploration method which involves bulk sampling. This will ensure that the exploration activities are carried out in compliance with updated environmental regulations and standards. Amendment application reference number: **LP-00234 PR/102.**

The proposed bulk sampling will involve trenching and drilling on Remainder of portion 1 of the farm Kalkput 66 JS, within the Elias Motsoaledi Magisterial District, Limpopo Province.

Mafanele Geo-enviro Consulting and Projects Pty Ltd has been appointed by Bila Mining (Pty) Ltd as independent Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAPs) to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment process per environmental legislation for the proposed amendment of the environmental authorisation (EA) and environmental impact assessment report and related to the trenching and drilling on the granted and issued prospecting right. The proposed development will trigger the following listed activities in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended):

1. GNR 983 of 2014 (as amended) Activity 20: Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a prospecting right in terms of section 16 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, as well as any other applicable activity as contained in this Listing Notice or in Listing Notice 3 of 2014, required to exercise the prospecting right.
2. GNR 984 of 2014 (as amended) Activity 19: The removal and disposal of a mineral, which requires a permission in terms of section 20 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, as well as any other applicable activity as contained in this Listing Notice, in Listing Notice 1 of 2014 or Listing Notice 3 of 2014, required to exercise the permission.

An application will be lodged with the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (Limpopo). The Environmental Impact Assessment Report is available to the registered interested and affected parties (I&As) or upon formal request.

All interested and affected parties are invited to submit comments, objection, concerns and to register. Correspondence should be received within 30 days from receipt of these notice and will be submitted to the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMRE). All issues raised during the public participation process will responded to in writing to the Interested and Affected Parties (I&As). I&AP include all parties concerned, who will be affected by the project and interested in the mining project. The dates of meetings will be issued to the I&As.

CORRESPONDANCE MAY BE DIRECTED TO: VM Mafanele
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DATE OF NOTICE: 10/07/2026

EFF demands Treasury withholding notice, accuses FTLM Speaker of blocking oversight



The EFF in FTLM is demanding the municipality Speaker to release the Treasury Department's withholding notice document to opposition political organizations.



Cllr Tsheko Kahlolo Malepe.

BURGERSFORT

The Chief Whip of Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) in Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM), has called on national and provincial government to intervene after he was allegedly refused access to a National Treasury notice that triggered the temporary withholding of the municipality's equitable share.

Cllr Tsheko Kahlolo Malepe, accuses the FTLM Council Speaker, Cllr Vincent Shoba, of declining his written request for a correspondence of the Treasury Department notice issued in terms of section 216(2) of the Constitution.

Malepe has written to various Ministers and MECs, seeking their urgent intervention after his request for Section 216(2) document was allegedly denied by Shoba. Section 216(2), read with section 38 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, allows National Treasury to withhold funds from a municipality that commits a serious or persistent breach of financial measures. Treasury has publicly confirmed that Fetakgomo Tubatse Municipality is among the municipalities affected and that all affected municipalities were given written notice, an opportunity to make representations, and conditions for the release of funds.

According to Malepe, only opposition councillors were refused to access the Treasury Department notice. Malepe said the refusal leaves councillors unable to perform their constitutional oversight duties.

"The refusal to provide the written notice undermines the constitutional values of openness, accountability and responsive governance," Malepe said. He added that the Speaker's actions also frustrates Council's ability to understand the precise concerns raised by National Treasury, the remedial actions expected of the municipality, and the conditions attached to the restoration of the withheld equitable share allocation.

Malepe stressed that his request was not for personal reasons.

"Access to the National Treasury written notice is therefore, not sought out of personal interest, but because it is necessary for me to fulfil my public duties diligently, responsibly and in the interests of the residents whom I represent," he said.

As Chief Whip, Malepe argued he has a constitutional obligation to monitor the municipality's governance, financial affairs and executive accountability. Without the Treasury correspondence, he said, the council cannot properly assess the intervention or hold the executive to account. He noted that the Minister of Finance, Enoch Godongwana, has stated publicly that the equitable share withholding is intended to restore accountability, strengthen governance, reinforce the rule of law and improve financial oversight within local government, objectives Malepe said he fully supports.

"However, those very objectives cannot be effectively realized if elected councillors, who are constitutionally entrusted with exercising oversight over municipal governance and financial management, are denied access to the correspondence forming the basis of the intervention," he said.

Malepe is requesting that the Ministers and MEC use their offices to facilitate urgent access to the National Treasury written notice issued to FTLM.

The National Treasury confirmed recently that several municipalities across the country had equitable share transfers temporarily withheld following governance and financial compliance concerns. The funds can only be released once municipalities meet conditions set out in the section 216(2) notices.

The Fetakgomo Tubatse Municipality had not responded to requests for comment at the time of publication. The EFF said it will continue to push for transparency in the municipality's finances and will monitor whether the intervention leads to improved service delivery for residents.

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POLOKWANE MUNICIPALITY EXTERNAL/INTERNAL VACANCIES

POLOKWANE MUNICIPALITY, SITUATED IN THE CAPRICORN DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY OF LIMPOPO PROVINCE HEREBY INVITE APPLICATIONS FROM SUITABLY QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED PERSONS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS THAT EXIST AT ITS MUNICIPAL OFFICES IN POLOKWANE

Issued date: 21 JULY 2026

DIRECTORATE : ENERGY SERVICES

POSITION: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ENERGY SERVICES

REF NO: EXT/26/27/01

DURATION: PERMANENT BASIS (In line with the new Municipal Systems Amendment Act 3 of 2022 which came into effect on 14 June 2023)

ALL INCLUSIVE PACKAGE:

MINIMUM : R1,887,000 PER ANNUM

LOWER : R1,932,288 PER ANNUM

MIDPOINT : R1,978,663 PER ANNUM

UPPER : R2,026,151 PER ANNUM

MAXIMUM : R2,074,778 PER ANNUM

(as determined by the notice No.54505 of the 14 April 2026 on Upper Limits for the Senior Managers for a category 7 Municipality)

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering/B-Tech (NQF 7) or Equivalent qualifications as recognised by SAQA. Five (5) years of experience at senior and middle management level, or as programme/project manager of which at least 3-4 years must be at Professional/Management level engineering management experience. Registration with a Professional Recognized Engineering Technologist/Professional Engineer (ECSA) will be an added advantage. Must be in possession of a valid driver's license. Certificate in Municipal Financial Management Programme as prescribed by National Treasury, Government Gazette No. 29967 dated 15 June 2007 will be an added advantage. Candidates without MFMP or CPMD will be given 18 months to complete the competency in line with the regulation on exemption from minimum competency levels. Certificate of competency as required in terms of the General Machinery Regulations, 1988.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:

Extensive knowledge and understanding of Local Government administration. Good knowledge and understanding of local government transformation. Understanding of relevant local government legislation, the political landscape of South Africa and Municipal Legal Administration. Strong ethics, discipline, transparency, independent, accountable, motivated, outcome and results driven. Ability to work under pressure and meet tight deadlines. Must be a team player and diplomat. Strategic capability and leadership, program and project management, financial management, change management, knowledge management, service delivery, innovation, client orientation and customer focus, communication skill, accountability and ethical conduct, policy formulation and implementation, advanced strategic planning and people management skills.

KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS:

Provide strategic direction and monitor the implementation of the strategic objectives of the Directorate. Control electrical engineering contracts relating to new infrastructure, maintenance and upgrading of existing infrastructure. Plan, organise, lead and control energy services activities. Implement and maintain sound quality management system in line with legislation, policies, best practice and standards. Ensure cost effective management of the Directorate's budget and the timely implementation of resolution related to the Directorate. Advise Municipal Manager and council on all functions of the Directorate. Oversee the development and review of relevant policies and strategies on matters pertaining to the Directorate. Ensure that the activities of the Directorate are aligned to the IDP and facilitate performance management of the Directorate. Facilitate the establishment of the proposed Polokwane Energy/Electrical Entity and lead the operations until the appointment of Entity's Accounting Officer. EMAIL: DIRECTORENERGY@POLOKWANE.GOV.ZA

DIRECTORATE: WATER AND SANITATION

POSITION: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WATER & SANITATION

REF NO: EXT/26/27/02

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LOWER : R1,932,288 PER ANNUM

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UPPER : R2,026,151 PER ANNUM

MAXIMUM : R2,074,778 PER ANNUM

(as determined by the notice No.54505 of the 14 April 2026 on Upper Limits for the Senior Managers for a category 7 Municipality)

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering, (BEng; Bsc Eng; B-Tech) (NQF 7) or Equivalent qualifications as recognised by SAQA. Certificate in Municipal Financial Management Programme (MFMP) as prescribed by National Treasury, Government Gazette No 29967 dated 15 June 2007 will be an added advantage. Candidates without MFMP or CPMD will be given 18 months to complete the competency as contained in Notice 91 of 03 February 2017 and promulgated in government Gazette No, 40593. Five (5) years' experience at middle management level or as a programme manager/project manager; and 3-4 years must be at professional/management level and engineering management experience. Registration as a Professional Engineer or Technologist with ECSA will be an added advantage. Valid driver's license.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:

Must be able to negotiate at a high level with various stakeholders regarding water and sanitation and have a sound knowledge of water and sanitation planning, distribution, and construction. The incumbent will have to travel to attend meetings and congresses regarding water and sanitation. A thorough understanding and knowledge of the legislation regulating municipal governance. Extensive knowledge and understanding of local government administration. Understanding of local government transformation. Understanding of relevant local government legislation, the political landscape of South Africa, and municipal legal administration. Strong ethics, discipline, transparency, independent, accountable, motivated, outcome and results-driven, work under pressure and meet tight deadlines. Strategic capability and leadership, program and project management, financial management, change management, knowledge management, service delivery innovation, client orientation and customer focus, communication skills, accountability and ethical conduct, policy formulation and implementation, advanced strategic planning and people, management skills.

KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS:

Executing the constitutional mandate of portable water supply and sanitation provision for the water service authority. Develop, manage and implement maintenance plans for water and sanitation infrastructure. Identify projects, conduct feasibility studies and preliminary design, determine institutional and social development needs. Secure funding for capital projects and oversee capital projects as applicable legislations and frameworks. Manage the monitoring, forecasting and demand for water, and secure raw water extraction licenses from DWS through applications and negotiations to ensure sufficient supply capacity. Negotiate water supply with Lepelle Northern Water and Department of Water and Sanitation. Ensure compliance with Blue Drop and Green Drop requirements. Develop and implement Water Conservation and Water Demand Strategies to ensure compliance with No Drop requirements. Implement and maintain sound quality management systems in line with legislation, policies, best practice and standards. Secure funding for capital projects and oversee capital projects as applicable legislations and frameworks. Oversee and lead the budgeting process in compliance with National Treasury guidelines. Ensure cost effective management of the Directorate's budget and the timely implementation of resolutions related to the Directorate. Oversee CAPEX and OPEX budgets to ensure cost effective utilization thereof and institute cost control measures to ensure optimum benefit and maximum risk exposure. Advise the Accounting Officer/Municipal Manager and Council on all functions of the Directorate. Oversee the development and review of relevant policies and strategies on matters pertaining to the Directorate. Ensure that the activities of the Directorate are aligned to the IDP and facilitate performance management of the Directorate. Develop and oversee departmental policies and procedures in line with regulations and Municipality business model. Identify, develop, and implement innovative and new business opportunities to grow the business and increase revenue. Oversee the preparation and submission of monthly, quarterly departmental performance. Facilitate the establishment of the proposed Polokwane Water Entity as approved by council and lead the operations until the appointment of Entity's Accounting Officer. EMAIL: DIRECTORWATER@POLOKWANE.GOV.ZA

Applications for Senior Manager positions must be submitted on the **official application form** as prescribed in terms of **Government Gazette No 37245 - Regulations on Appointment and Conditions of Employment of Senior Managers** (obtainable on the municipal website as well as at the municipal offices)

NB: APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED ON THE OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Polokwane Municipality offers challenging opportunities, competitive packages, and fringe benefits (Pension, Medical Aid, Housing Allowance, etc).

Polokwane Municipality Recruitment policy as well as the Personnel Code as approved by the council will guide the process.

Preference will be given to candidates from designated groups in line with the provisions of the Employment Equity Act, and the council's employment equity plan or targets and goals. For this reason, we require that **Race, Gender, and Disability status be specified. NOTE: Suitable candidates will be subjected to a personnel suitability check (Criminal record, Citizenship, credit record, qualifications verification, and employment verifications). Where applicable candidates will be subjected to a skills/ knowledge test.**

The form must be accompanied by a detailed CV, certified copies (not older than six months) of qualifications, ID, any other supporting documents should be sent to the provided emails.

KINDLY NOTE THE FOLLOWING WHEN SUBMITTING THROUGH EMAIL:

✓ APPLICATION SIZE: 10 MG OR LESS

✓ PDF FORMAT ONLY

NB: STRICTLY EMAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!!

Closing Date: 13 August 2026

Late applications will not be considered. Should you not hear from us within four months of the closing date, please consider your application as unsuccessful. We thank all applicants for the interest shown.

Polokwane Municipality strongly warns the public to stay alert as scammers posing as municipal officials are deceiving unsuspecting individuals with false promises of employment opportunities. Don't be a victim, stay vigilant and never fall for these fraudulent scams.

Remember: If you pay a bribe for a job or tender, you are not just a victim, you are part of the corruption. If you receive any suspicious communication, report it immediately to the South African Police Service (SAPS).



Toll-Free Fraud Hotline: 015 290 2642/2628

Email: Fraudhotline@polokwane.gov.za

ENQUIRIES: HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER, MS. OUMA NAPO TEL NO. 015 290 2116/2004/2031

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Ms Thuso Nemugumoni
City Manager

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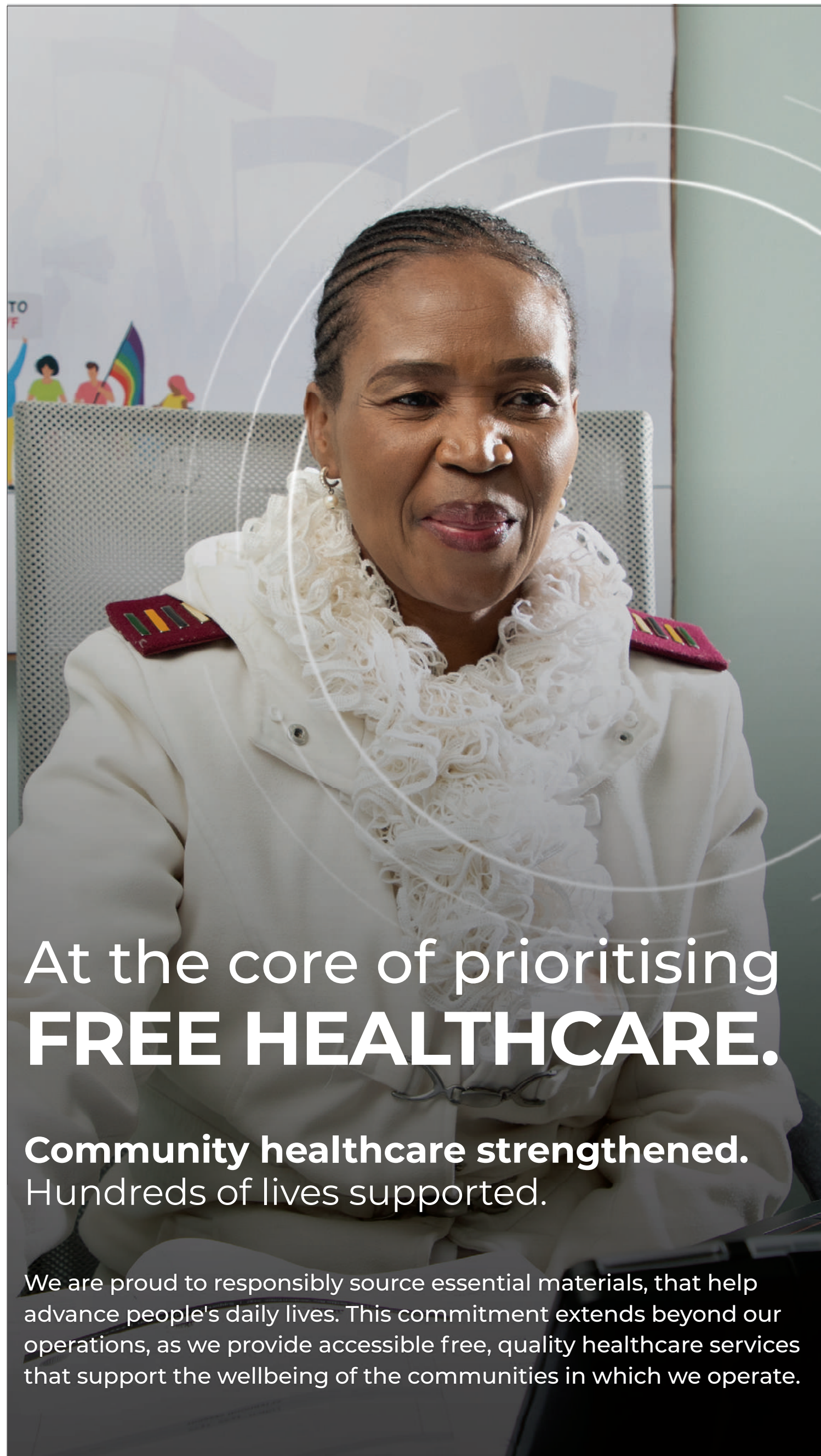
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GLENCORE

Elderly man found murdered, arrested suspect dies in mob attack



The police in Matlelerekeng outside Marble Hall have opened two cases of murder after an elderly man was found murdered and a suspect arrested for the murder attacked and killed in a mob incident.

RATHOKE

The Police in Matlelerekeng outside Marble Hall have opened two cases of murder and one of malicious damage to property following a violent incident occurred at Rathoke Village on Sunday 19 July 2026.

According to Brigadier Hlulani Mashaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the sequence of events began when a 77-year-old man left home with his cattle in the morning and did not return.

"His family and members of the community started searching for him at about 17:00. At about 21:50, the police received a complaint about the missing person and responded to the area. During the search, the family and community members told police they suspected a man in his 60s who lives nearby. They alleged the suspect had previously accused the 77-year-old of stealing his cow," explained Mashaba.

He added that the police, together with community members, went to the suspect's residence, and while inside the dilapidated house, police officers found the missing man lying dead in a pool of blood, sustained injuries to the upper body inflicted with a sharp object.

"The 60-year-old suspect was arrested at the scene for the murder of the elderly man. While the suspect was in police custody, community members allegedly attacked the police vehicle, broke the canopy door and forcibly removed him. The man was then severely assaulted by the mob," informed Mashaba.

He said additional police members and Rural Safety members were mobilized to the scene and managed to rescue the suspect from the mob.

"Emergency Medical Services were called and declared the suspect dead on arrival. Two cases of murder and one case of malicious damage to property have been opened. A manhunt for the unknown suspects responsible for the mob-justice attack is currently underway," said Mashaba.

He said anyone with information that can assist with the investigations should contact the Investigating Officer, Constable Kenneth Chiloane on 071 481 4269, the Crime Stop number on 08600 10111, the nearest police station or make use of MySAPS App.

Mashaba said police investigations are continuing. Acting Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Major-General Jan Scheepers, condemned both the killing of the elderly man and the mob justice incident.

"No one is allowed to take the law into their own hands. We urge communities to allow police to do their work and to report any information that can lead to the arrest of those involved in the second murder," he said.

Sports



INSIDE

Fourteen killed in two horror crashes in Sekhukhune

MEC Maseko leads 5km Walk Against GBV and Femicide



Elderly persons from Ga-Motodi and surrounding villages partake in the 5km Recreational Walk organized by the Limpopo Department of Sports, Arts and Culture.

NOTICE:
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS OF AN APPLICATION TO AMEND THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME:
BILA MINING (PTY) LTD

Notice is hereby given in terms of EIA Regulation 44(2) of the Regulations, under the Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Bila Mining (Pty) Ltd is applying to amend an existing environmental authorization (EA) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPR) to accommodate the exploration method which involves bulk sampling. This will ensure that the exploration activities are carried out in compliance with updated environmental regulations and standards. Amendment application reference number: **LP-00235 PR/102**.

The proposed bulk sampling will involve trenching and drilling on the farm Kwarrielaagte 69 JS, within the Elias Motsoaledi Magisterial District, Limpopo Province.

Mafanele Geo-enviro Consulting and Projects Pty Ltd has been appointed by Bila Mining (Pty) Ltd as independent Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAPs) to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment process per environmental legislation for the proposed amendment of the environmental authorisation (EA) and environmental impact assessment report and related to the trenching and drilling on the granted and issued prospecting right. The proposed development will trigger the following listed activities in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended):

1. GNR 983 of 2014 (as amended) Activity 20: Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a prospecting right in terms of section 16 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, as well as any other applicable activity as contained in this Listing Notice or in Listing Notice 3 of 2014, required to exercise the prospecting right.
2. GNR 984 of 2014 (as amended) Activity 19: The removal and disposal of a mineral, which requires a permission in terms of section 20 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, as well as any other applicable activity as contained in this Listing Notice, in Listing Notice 1 of 2014 or Listing Notice 3 of 2014, required to exercise the permission.

An application will be lodged with the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (Limpopo). The Environmental Impact Assessment Report is available to the registered interested and affected parties (I&APs) or upon formal request.

All interested and affected parties are invited to submit comments, objection, concerns and to register. Correspondence should be received within 30 days from receipt of these notice and will be submitted to the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMRE). All issues raised during the public participation process will be 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 mining project. The dates of meetings will be issued to the I&APs.

CORRESPONDANCE MAY BE DIRECTED TO: VM Mafanele
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DATE OF NOTICE: 10/07/2026

GA-MOTODI

The Limpopo MEC for Sports, Arts and Culture, Funani Jerry Maseko, has on Tuesday 21 July 2026, officially opened a 5km Recreational Walk at Ga-Motodi Stadium outside Burgersfort, aimed at raising awareness against Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBV-F).

According to the department, the walk formed part of the provincial celebrations for Mandela Month and places special focus on the elderly in the community.

Speaking at the event, Maseko said the initiative was meant to both remember the legacy of former late President Dr Nelson Mandela and to confront a social crisis that continues to affect families across Limpopo.

"We honour the contribution made by Dr Nelson Mandela in his fight for freedom which its fruits are witnessed by everyone today. This programme focused mainly on the elderly as the July month celebrates their fellow departed elder, Dr Nelson Mandela," he said.

Elderly participants led the opening stretch alongside MEC Maseko.

Organisers said choosing Ga-Motodi Stadium and centering the elderly was deliberate. July is recognized nationally as Mandela Month, a time for community service and reflection, and the department wanted to ensure older persons, who are often overlooked in awareness campaigns, were included in the conversation around GBV.

Maseko, who has represented the ANC in the Limpopo Provincial Legislature since 2019 and was appointed to the Executive Council for Sport, Arts and Culture in 2024, has roots in the Sekhukhune Region, Fetakgomo-Tubatse. The department has

previously partnered in similar outreach walks against GBV-F in Limpopo villages, combining sport with community education.

The walk comes amid ongoing provincial efforts to accelerate the response to GBV and Femicide. Earlier this year, the Limpopo government and NACOSA hosted a GBV Leadership Summit in Polokwane, preceded by a "Take Back The Night" walk to strengthen reporting and conviction rates.

The department notes that GBV affects communities across age groups. National data presented at recent awareness events show that most reported perpetrators of GBV and femicide fall between the ages of 18 and 35, while service providers continue to call for more shelters and skills programmes for survivors.

Limpopo SAPS has also urged residents to report all forms of domestic violence immediately and reminded the public of protections available under the Domestic Violence Act, including protection orders and victim support centres at police stations.

Maseko said sport and recreation provide a platform to bring people together and spark dialogue. Similar "walkabouts" against GBV have been held in other provinces, where government, law enforcement, and communities marched together, lit candles for survivors, and handed over memorandums to authorities.

The department said it will continue rolling out Mandela Month activities across Limpopo, with a focus on using arts, culture and sport to promote non-violence, social cohesion and the dignity of all citizens, especially vulnerable groups.



Elderly citizens from Ga-Motodi Village taking part during the Recreational Walk set to raise awareness against GBV-F, as part of Limpopo Provincial Mandela Month celebrations.