



DA calls on DWS to intervene in Limpopo's water losses

SEKHUKHUNE

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo says it will formally request the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) to intervene in municipalities across the province, citing shocking water losses and collapsing billing systems.

Releasing Provincial Treasury data for the first six months of the financial year on Monday 13 July 2026, DA Provincial Spokesperson for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs (COGHSTA) Jacques Smalle, said the figures show the water value chain in Limpopo is no longer sustainable.

"The report paints a grim picture on the lack of sustainability of water supplies across the province," Smalle said.

According to the Treasury report quoted by the DA, several municipalities recorded major discrepancies between water purchased and water sold.

Thabazimbi Local Municipality stands at 78%, an increase of 2% from the previous financial year, Lephalale Local Municipality with 40%, an increase of 40.5% while Capricorn District Municipality recording 38%, an increase of 9%.

Sekhukhune District Municipality follows with 37%, Bela-Bela Local Municipality also recorded 37%, with Mopani District Municipality with 22% and

Vhembe District Municipality and with 74% in 2024/2025 financial year. A reported -612% for the current year, indicative of non-existing reconciliation procedures.

Smalle linked the losses to years of under-investment in maintenance. He said Limpopo municipalities spend on average just 3% on repairs and maintenance, far below the 8% norm. Only Lepelle Nkumpi exceeded it at 11%.

"Blouberg, Sekhukhune and Waterberg municipalities spent 0% followed by Maruleng, Mopani, Collins Chabane and Lephalale municipalities who spent 1% on maintenance and repairs," Smalle noted.

The DA also flagged municipal billing. "The dire situation is exacerbated by dysfunctional billing systems, only 5% of municipal income is derived from water billing," he said.

Smalle blamed years of neglect, blatantly ignoring minimum standards and inexperienced officials for leaving communities without water and forcing water load reduction in areas with unreliable systems.

He criticized the MEC for COGHSTA for not acting under Section 139(5) of the Constitution.

"Despite various requests from the DA over the last decade, the MEC for COGHSTA failed to execute the mandate in terms of Section 139(5) of The Constitution to intervene in municipalities facing financial distress, unable to deliver services, and instead, side stepped the escalating crisis through meaningless political rhetoric and empty promises," Smalle said.

The DA is now asking DWS to initiate

a comprehensive turnaround plan that includes, restructuring local service delivery and deploying technical engineers to fix boreholes and restore bulk water pipelines, deploying experienced officials to put systems in place to improve and maintain billing and tracking national municipal performance audits, accessing the DWS Integrated Regulatory Information System (IRIS), and enforcing corrective measures.

"We cannot allow the provincial government to disregard the basic right of access to water," Smalle said.

With Local Government Elections scheduled for 4 November 2026, the DA also urged DWS to prioritize existing projects and to discourage any vanity projects and promises by ANC politicians in the run up to the LGE.

Lebowakgomo constable arrested for corruption

SEKHUKHUNE

A 34-year-old police constable attached to the Lebowakgomo Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS) Unit appeared before the Sekhukhune Magistrate's Court on Tuesday, 14 July 2026, on a charge of corruption.

The suspect, Constable Chuene Leeto Lucia Ramadimetja, was arrested by members of the Limpopo Provincial Anti-Corruption Unit after the execution of a warrant of arrest in connection with an ongoing corruption investigation.

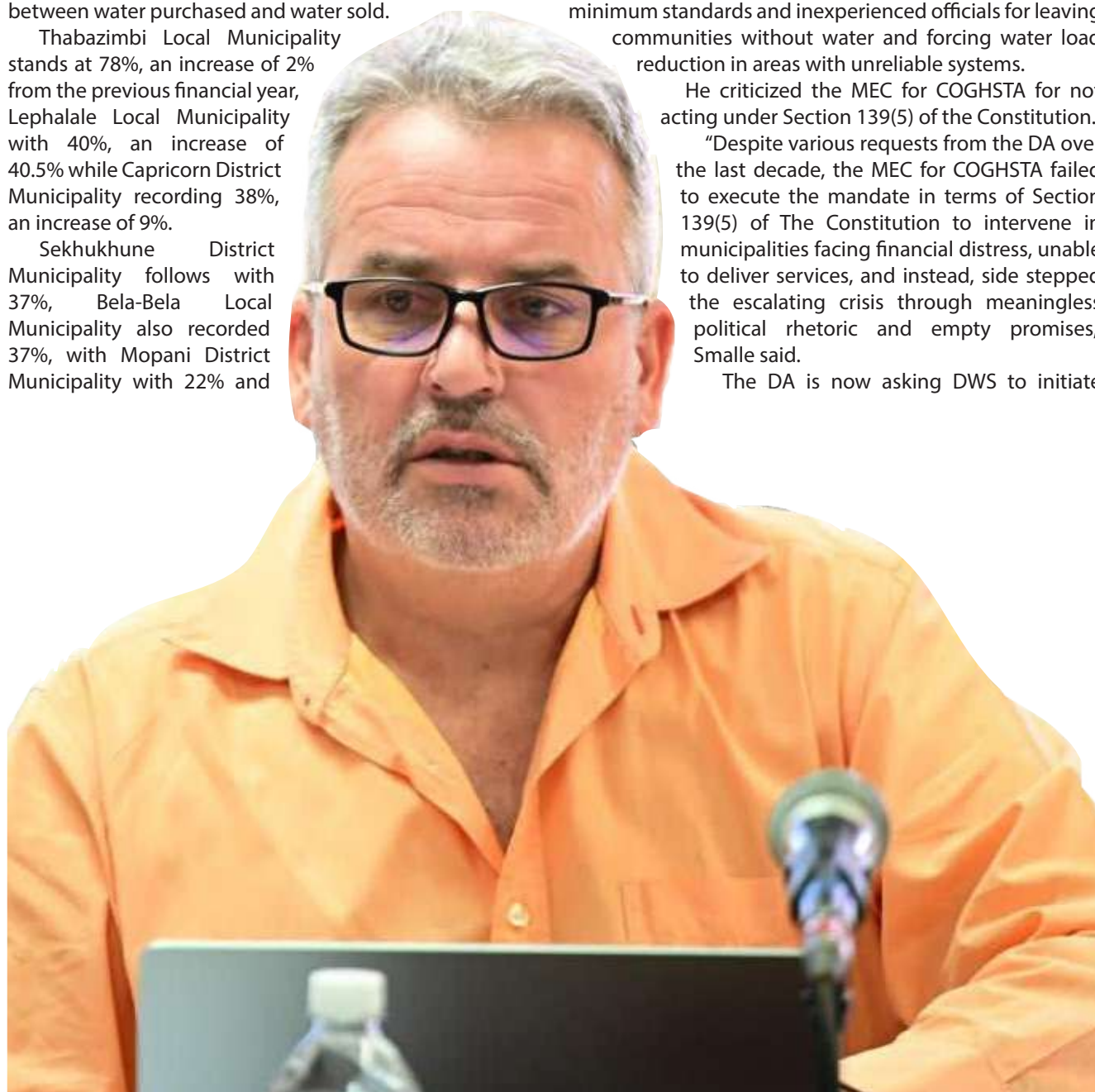
The investigation stems from allegations that the police constable acted as an intermediary in a scheme to solicit money from a complainant whose rape case was pending before the Sekhukhune Magistrate's Court. The matter was uncovered following a complaint reported to the Provincial Anti-Corruption Unit, which subsequently conducted an intensive investigation.

The investigation previously led to the arrest of a prosecutor, who allegedly solicited R3 000 from the complainant in exchange for facilitating the withdrawal of the rape case. Following further investigations and a directive from the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), the police constable was also charged for her alleged role in the commission of the offence.

The accused was granted bail of R10 000, and the matter was postponed to 28 August 2026 for her case to be joined with that of the co-accused, the prosecutor.

The Acting Provincial Commissioner of Police in Limpopo, Major General Jan Scheepers, has reaffirmed the South African Police Service's commitment to rooting out corruption within the organisation.

"Corruption undermines public confidence in the administration of justice and will not be tolerated. We remain committed to ensuring that anyone who abuses their position of trust is brought before the courts to account for their actions," said Major General Scheepers.



DA Provincial Spokesperson for COGHSTA, Jacques Smalle, says the party will seek DWS to intervene in shocking water losses across Limpopo municipalities.

Over three hundred suspects arrested during Operation Shanela



In the largest single category, the police have made 126 arrests of illegal migrants during the latest Operation Shanela conducted across Limpopo.

LIMPOPO

The police in Limpopo have arrested 319 suspects and confiscated more than 3 000 tobacco products during a week-long high-density Operation Shanela.

The operation ran from Monday 6 July 2026 to Sunday 12 July 2026 and involved coordinated activities including high-visibility patrols, roadblocks, stop-and-search operations, vehicle checkpoints, tracing of wanted suspects, and compliance inspections at second-hand dealerships, scrapyards, and spaza shops.

Colonel Malesela, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said working with Home Affairs, Transport and Community Safety, Social Development, and Correctional Services, police made significant seizures.

"The police confiscated 3 handguns, 49 rounds of ammunition, 16 explosives, and 25 dangerous weapons. Drug takings included 3,207g of crystal meth, 5.74kg of dagga, and 6.54g of nyaope," he said.

Ledwaba added that liquor and tobacco enforcement also

featured during the operation, with 968.28 litres of alcoholic beverages, 3,047 packets of tobacco products, and 420 counterfeit goods seized.

"The police also arrested 44 people for illegal liquor dealing and 3 for possession of illegal cigarettes. Serious crimes accounted for several arrests, with 2 murders, 3 attempted murders, 11 rapes, 44 assault GBH cases, and 28 common assaults. Property crimes included 13 residential burglaries and 13 cases of malicious damage to property. Traffic enforcement led to 21 DUI arrests," Ledwaba informed.

He said the largest single category was 126 arrests of illegal migrants.

"Some of the arrested suspects have already appeared before various magistrate's courts across the province, while others are expected to appear soon," said Ledwaba.

Major General Jan Scheepers, Acting Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, praised the multi-department effort for their continued commitment to combating crime.



Unlicensed firearms and ammunition were recovered by the police during the ongoing Operation Shanela activities.

Poor roads leave Taung and Mafarafara Villages isolated in FTLM



Residents of Taung and Mafarafara in Fetakgomo Tubatse Municipality opted to fix their internal roads after they were not included in the municipality's IDP since the dawn of democracy.



TAUNG/MAFARAFARA

In Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM), two of the oldest villages in Ward 22 are still fighting for basic service delivery. At Taung and Mafarafara Villages, crumbling gravel roads and asbestos contamination have turned everyday life into a health and safety risk.

For the communities of the two villages, getting to work, school, or other places means navigating potholes, dust, and

roads that disappear in the rain.

Community leader, Fannie Mzimba, says the two villages have been left behind by the municipality.

"The roads are deplorable and inaccessible. The municipality doesn't include the villages in the IDP budget. It's like we don't exist," he said.

According to Mzimba, the neglect has been consistent since 1994. "No one listens to our communities regarding service

delivery ever since the dawn of democracy. The villages are very old but without government intervention for services," he said.

The poor road conditions are not just an inconvenience. Mzimba says they are making people sick.

"There were asbestos mines in the area. Our roads are full of asbestos and many are suffering from asbestoses," he said.

Access to healthcare is also limited in the area. Taung only has a community clinic. Mafarafara, just across the river, still does not have a healthcare facility at all.

Residents needing medical care often have to travel on the bad roads, or cross the Tubatse River on makeshift structures when bridges and crossings are impassable.

Frustrated by years of waiting, residents have tried to take matters into their own hands.

"Residents opt to fix the roads themselves but they don't have proper resources because the roads are very bad. Without graders, gravel, or funding, the community patchwork does little to fix the wider network," Mzimba said.

Mzimba also raised concerns about local representation.

He said FTLM Ward 22 Councillor Lentle Rachoshi never convened a community meeting since was elected by the community.

The lack of meetings, he added, means service delivery complaints from Taung and Mafarafara never make it into municipal planning discussions.

"Thirty years later we are still asking for tar and a clinic at Mafarafara. How long must we wait?" asked Mzimba. The FTLM could not respond to the publication's enquiries at the time of going to press.

Dennilton Police seek public help to find missing Songy Johannes Kabini

DENNILTON

The police in Dennilton are appealing for assistance in locating 54-year-old Songy Johannes Kabini, who went missing in the early hours of 3 July 2026 after leaving for work at a mine in Mpumalanga.

According to Warrant Officer Marobo Seabela, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, during his disappearance, Kabini left his Dennilton residence at about 03:30, en route to his workplace at a mine in Mpumalanga Province and he was never seen again.

"Later that same day, at approximately 16:34, he contacted his daughter to say he was on his way back to Dennilton. He did not arrive home," said Seabela.

Seabela added that when family members tried to reach

him, his cellphone went straight to voicemail.

"On Sunday 5 July 2026, the family was contacted by a tracking company with news that Kabini's silver Toyota Fortuner had been found stripped and abandoned near Orange Farm in Gauteng. Efforts to trace the victim at the homes of friends and relatives, and in surrounding areas, have so far not yielded results," said Seabela. Anyone with information that can assist in reuniting Songy Johannes Kabini with his family is requested to contact the Investigating Officer, Sergeant Ramolokoane Leshaba on 083 555 7319, the Crime Stop number on 08600 10111, the nearest police station or make use of MYSAPSApp.

Seabela said police investigations are continuing.



The police in Dennilton appeal to the public to assist in locating the whereabouts of the missing Songy Johannes Kabini.

COGHSTA hosts Readiness Engagement ahead of 6th Term Local Government transition

GROBLERSDAL

The Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (COGHSTA) in Limpopo, has moved to tighten coordination across municipalities, as the province prepares for the transition to the 6th Term of Office for Local Government Councils.

In partnership with key local government stakeholders, COGHSTA recently convened a Secretariat Support Team Readiness Engagement, held at the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) Council Chamber in Groblersdal.

The session was aimed at assessing preparedness and aligning processes ahead of the dissolution of current councils and the inauguration of new ones.

The engagement focused on four critical areas, the formal conclusion of the current municipal councils, the

establishment of new councils, the induction of incoming councillors, and the formation of council committees.

Opening the programme, Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) Municipal Manager, Meshack Kgwale, stressed the need for unity and forward planning.

"Collaboration, effective planning, and coordinated support among all stakeholders are essential to enable a smooth transition while ensuring continuity and stability in municipal governance," Kgwale said.

Stakeholders then tabled detailed presentations on their respective mandates.

Wilson Mohlala from Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM) outlined the administrative and legislative steps required to conclude the current term of councils.

Masebati Bilankulu from COGHSTA followed with a briefing

on the processes for establishing new councils for the incoming term, including compliance requirements and timelines.

Dr Dan Raseluma from South African Local Government Association (SALGA) Limpopo addressed transition management and councillor welfare. He emphasised that supporting newly elected councillors was key to effective governance and improved service delivery in communities.

The discussions ended with a joint resolution from all participants to work together to ensure a seamless handover and to strengthen effective local government administration across Sekhukhune District Municipality and the broader Limpopo Province.

The readiness engagement forms part of COGHSTA's provincial programme to support municipalities during election and transition periods.



SDM Municipal Manager, Meshack Kgwale, addressing the Readiness Engagement preparedness and aligning processes ahead of the dissolution of current councils.



Various stakeholders attending during the Readiness Engagement on transition to the 6th Term of office for Local Government Councils, held at EMLM offices in Groblersdal.

EFF demands urgent Council Meeting in FTLM over withheld equitable share



The EFF in Fetakgomo Tubatse Municipality has requested an urgent Extraordinary Council Meeting to address the withholding of the municipality's July 2026 equitable share allocation by National Treasury.

BURGERSFORT

The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) in the Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM), has written to the Office of the Speaker, calling for an urgent Extraordinary Council Meeting to address the withholding of the municipality's July 2026 equitable share allocation by National Treasury.

The EFF Caucus said the decision by National Treasury points to a grave breakdown in financial governance and compliance and now threatens the municipality's ability to deliver essential services to residents.

The party argued that the funding freeze puts the municipality at risk of failing to meet its financial obligations and its constitutional mandate. It warned that any delay in convening council would be contrary to the interests of the people of Fetakgomo Tubatse.

EFF Chief Whip and Caucus Leader in FTLM, Tshepo Malepe, said council

must act immediately to restore accountability.

"Council has both a legal and constitutional responsibility to exercise oversight over the Executive and the Administration. We cannot allow a financial crisis of this magnitude to unfold without answers and decisive action," Malepe said.

He indicated that the party is requesting five key items be placed before council at the extraordinary sitting. First, a comprehensive report from the Mayor and the Municipal Manager explaining the circumstances and compliance failures that led to National Treasury withholding the funds. Second, a detailed report on the municipality's compliance with the Municipal Finance Management Act, including all directives and correspondence received from the National Treasury Department.

Third, the EFF wants a full report

on unauthorized, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure, together with updates on the implementation of audit recommendations and consequence management against responsible officials. Fourth, council must be presented with an urgent financial recovery and compliance plan outlining corrective measures to secure the immediate restoration of the equitable share allocation.

Lastly, the EFF is calling for council to consider further oversight interventions to safeguard municipal finances, ensure accountability and protect service delivery.

According to Malepe, the party has asked the Speaker to urgently confirm the date, time and venue for the meeting. The municipality has not yet responded to the publication's enquiries on whether they acknowledged the correspondence from the EFF.

DIKGALAOPENG

The Ipopeng Cultural Group has hired 204 young people from nine villages in the Sekhukhune District, under a new learnership programme run with the Charisma Music Foundation, a major push to fight youth unemployment through arts, education and community work.

Learnership participants come from Dikgalaopeng, Tafelkop, Sterkfontein, Bloempoot, Moteti, Magakadimeng, Mpheleng, Leeuwfontein and Ga-Matlala Ramoshebo. They will be deployed to assist with community projects, schools, Early Childhood Development centres and arts centres across Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) Ward 25.

Speaking on the programme, Ipopeng Cultural Group Founder, Selina Tlaka, said the main objective is to create jobs while giving young people skills and capacity building that can lead to long-term employment.

"We want our youth to

earn, to learn and to serve their communities at the same time. This is about more than a stipend. It's about skills, discipline and giving back," she said.

According to Tlaka, a second intake of about 250 youth will be taken on in September 2026. "That cohort will be placed under both the Charisma Music Foundation and the Youth Life project," she added.

The expansion builds on earlier work at the Dikgalaopeng centre. In previous phases, Ipopeng ran three projects simultaneously, ASSITEJ SA with 20 employees, Charisma Music Foundation with 18 youth, and Youth Life with 90 youth stationed in Dikgalaopeng and Mpheleng.

Charisma Music Foundation, a registered NPO based in Roodepoort, focuses on youth development and the empowerment of artists. Through the National Youth Service, it engages participants in schools through sports, creative arts and

after-school programmes, with activities running in Limpopo and other provinces.

The Bakgaga Ba Kopa Traditional Council in Tafelkop, has backed Ipopeng's community upliftment initiatives. Kgoshi Boleu II Rammupudu visited the group's centre in Dikgalaopeng recently to monitor projects and explore support.

He praised Ipopeng for creating opportunities for women, children and youth, calling community projects vehicles for job creation and development. Rammupudu also urged businesses and government to assist the group with infrastructure so it can operate properly.

Tlaka welcomed the visit, stating that the support gives the centre hope to prosper. Tlaka further noted that Ipopeng also grooms young girls through cultural performance and heritage programmes, including participation in events like Maebana.

204 youth gets learnership boost from Ipopeng Cultural Group



Some of the young people who were absorbed in the Ipopeng Cultural Group Learnership programme.

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Deputy Minister Masemola leads DDM follow-up engagement in Sekhukhune



Deputy Minister for CoGTA, Dr Namane Dickson Masemola, interacting with stakeholders during the DDM Ministerial Oversight visit at SDM offices in Groblersdal.



Acting Executive Mayor of SDM, Cllr Kukie Sefala-Makgolane, addressing the delegates during the Ministerial Oversight visit engagement.

GROBLERSDAL - The Deputy Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA), Dr Namane Dickson Masemola, led a Ministerial Oversight visit to Sekhukhune District on Tuesday 14 July 2026 to monitor progress on service delivery commitments made earlier this year under the District Development Model (DDM). The follow-up meeting brought together national, provincial and local leadership, including Limpopo MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs Basikopo Makamu, Deputy Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development Stanley Chupu Mathabatha, Acting Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality Cllr Kukie Sefala-Makgolane, political management teams from local municipalities, and representatives from the Department of Water and Sanitation, Eskom and other sector departments.

The focus was on turning budget allocations and DDM resolutions into visible results for communities. Deputy Minister Masemola said the visit was specifically aimed at monitoring how government grants are being used by municipalities.

"The purpose of the oversight visit was to monitor the effective utilization of government grants allocated to municipalities and to ensure that these investments translate into improved service delivery for communities," Masemola said.

He singled out water as an urgent

priority, calling for all water schemes and related infrastructure across Sekhukhune to be fully operational to guarantee reliable access for residents.

Acting Executive Mayor Sefala-Makgolane welcomed delegates and highlighted collaboration as central to the DDM approach.

"The District Development Model calls on all of us to work together, share expertise and innovation, and collectively build prosperous and resilient communities," she said.

Deputy Minister Mathabatha urged faster rollout of critical infrastructure, particularly roads and water services. He also linked infrastructure to jobs and skills, calling on schools and training institutions to align programs with the demands of the evolving economy to improve graduate employability and drive growth.

Progress reports were presented by key partners. Eskom updated the meeting on the status of electricity supply in the district, while the Department of Water and Sanitation outlined ongoing support to the Sekhukhune District Municipality to improve water and sanitation services.

The oversight engagement formed part of government's broader effort to strengthen intergovernmental coordination and accountability under the DDM, with the goal of delivering tangible improvements in daily life across Sekhukhune.

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Man, 43, found shot dead on Letebejane Black Aloe Road

LETEBEJANE

The police in Rakgoadi outside Marble Hall have launched an intensive manhunt after a 43-year-old man was found shot dead along Letebejane Black Aloe Road on Thursday 9 July 2026.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, police on patrol responded to a complaint of a lifeless body on the roadside at about 09:50 following a gruesome discovery by community members.

"On arrival, police officers found the body of the man with four gunshot wounds to the upper body and left hand. A black cellphone, a silver firearm covered with black tape, two magazines and a large quantity of ammunition were recovered at the scene. The police also found keys for a Honda Civic motor vehicle," explained Ledwaba. He said preliminary police investigations revealed that a silver Honda Civic with Mpumalanga registration plates, believed to belong to the deceased, had been found abandoned less than one kilometre from the crime scene on the evening of Wednesday 8 July 2026.

"The deceased has been positively identified by next of kin as Judas Mathunyane, 43, from Tafelkop Village in the Motetema policing area. The motive for the killing is not known at this stage. A case of murder has been opened and investigations are continuing," informed Ledwaba. He said the police are appealing to anyone with information to contact the investigating officer, Sergeant Lesetja Mahlobogane, on 066 480 4091, the Crime Stop number on 08600 10111, the nearest police station, or through the MySAPS App.



The police in Rakgoadi have activated a massive manhunt following the discovery of the lifeless body of Judas Mathunyane along the Letebejane Black Aloe Road.

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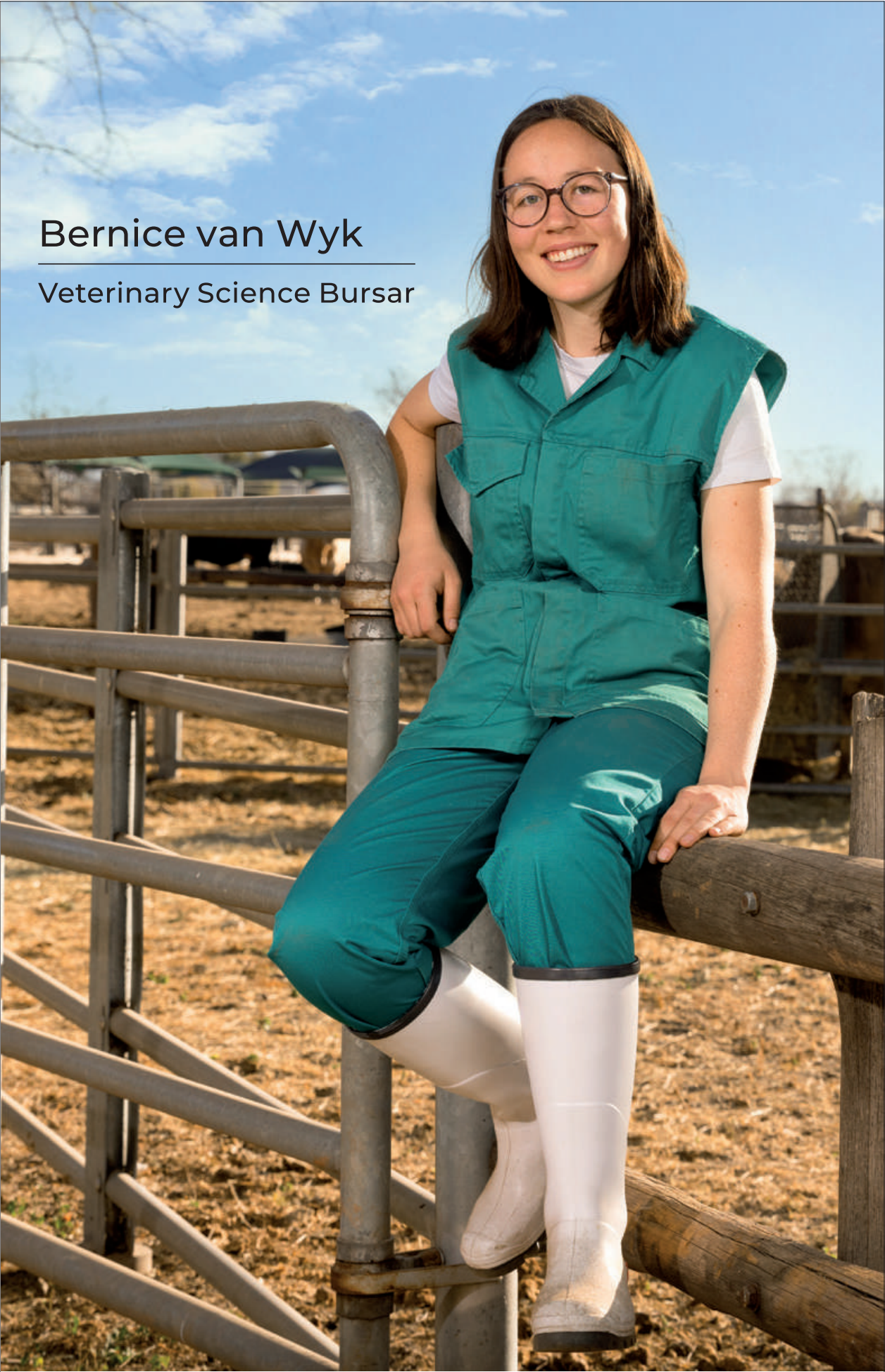
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Bernice van Wyk
Veterinary Science Bursar

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Moloto granted
R50 000 bail



Phillimon Tsebe Moloto in court

POLOKWANE

The National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) welcomed the decision of the Polokwane Magistrates' Court to grant bail of R50 000 to Tsebe Phillimon Moloto (51), a businessman and owner of the Limpopo Anti-Drug Gangsterism and Crime (LADGAC) Rehabilitation Centre.

On July 14, Moloto faced two counts of malicious damage to property. He also made a brief, appearance in the Seshego Magistrates' Court in connection with one of the charges.

It is alleged that Moloto and the complainant were previously involved in a romantic relationship and were business partners at the LADGAC Rehabilitation Centre in Seshego. Following the breakdown of both their personal and business relationship, the complainant allegedly established her own rehabilitation centre.

The State alleges that, on 28 June 2026, Moloto poured a flammable substance onto a Toyota Hilux belonging to the complainant while it was parked at her parental home in Seshego Zone 3.

In a separate incident, it is further alleged that Moloto set alight a signage board advertising the complainant's new rehabilitation business in Ladanna. The matter was postponed to 22 September 2026 for further police investigations.



The burning vehicle allegedly torched by Phillimon Tsebe Moloto

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Limpopo Volleyball Team delivers historic performance at Winter National School Championships



The Limpopo U/17 Girls Volleyball Team emerged victorious during the 2026 Winter National School Sports Championships clinching the gold medal at KuGompo City in Eastern Cape.



Limpopo's Khutso Mamabolo, Kgothatso Mamabolo, Tlotliso Malebye, Kemo Otsweleng and Baholo Mokhomu walked away with individuals' awards during the 2026 Winter National School Sports Championships.



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Limpopo made history at the 2026 Winter National School Sports Championships held from 11 to 13 July 2026 in KuGompo City, Eastern Cape, with outstanding performances in volleyball that put the province in the national spotlight.

The Limpopo U/17 Girls Volleyball Team clinched the gold medal after defeating Western Cape 2:1 in a tense final. The victory was celebrated with pride as the team declared, "We Meant Business!"

The Limpopo Team did not only win the championship, they also dominated the individual awards. Khutso Mamabolo was named Best Setter, Kgothatso Mamabolo took Best Blocker, Tlotliso Malebye was awarded Best Defender, and Kemo Otsweleng received Best Opposite. Baholo Mokhomu was crowned Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

In the Junior Boys category, Nkhensani Shirindi was recognised as Best Setter, adding another accolade to Limpopo's impressive tally.

These awards reflect the hard work, discipline, and talent of the players, coaches, and technical staff who have worked tirelessly to raise the standard of volleyball in Limpopo.

The success was not limited to volleyball. In football, the Limpopo U/17 Girls won bronze after beating Free State 3:0, while the U/15 Girls beat Eastern Cape 2:0 to reach the final and will compete for bronze.

The U/15 Boys suffered a heartbreaking 2:1 loss to KwaZulu-Natal on a last-minute free kick, and the U/17 Boys faced tough defeats against Mpumalanga and Western Cape.

Limpopo volleyball leadership expressed heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the campaign. They thanked the players, coaches, managers, technical officials, and the broader volleyball community for their commitment and passion.

Special appreciation was extended to sponsors including Mothapo Royal House and Pesta Shiburi for their support, as well as to the Limpopo Department of Sport, Arts and Culture for backing the teams throughout the tournament.

Officials said this achievement belongs to everyone who believed in the teams from the start.

