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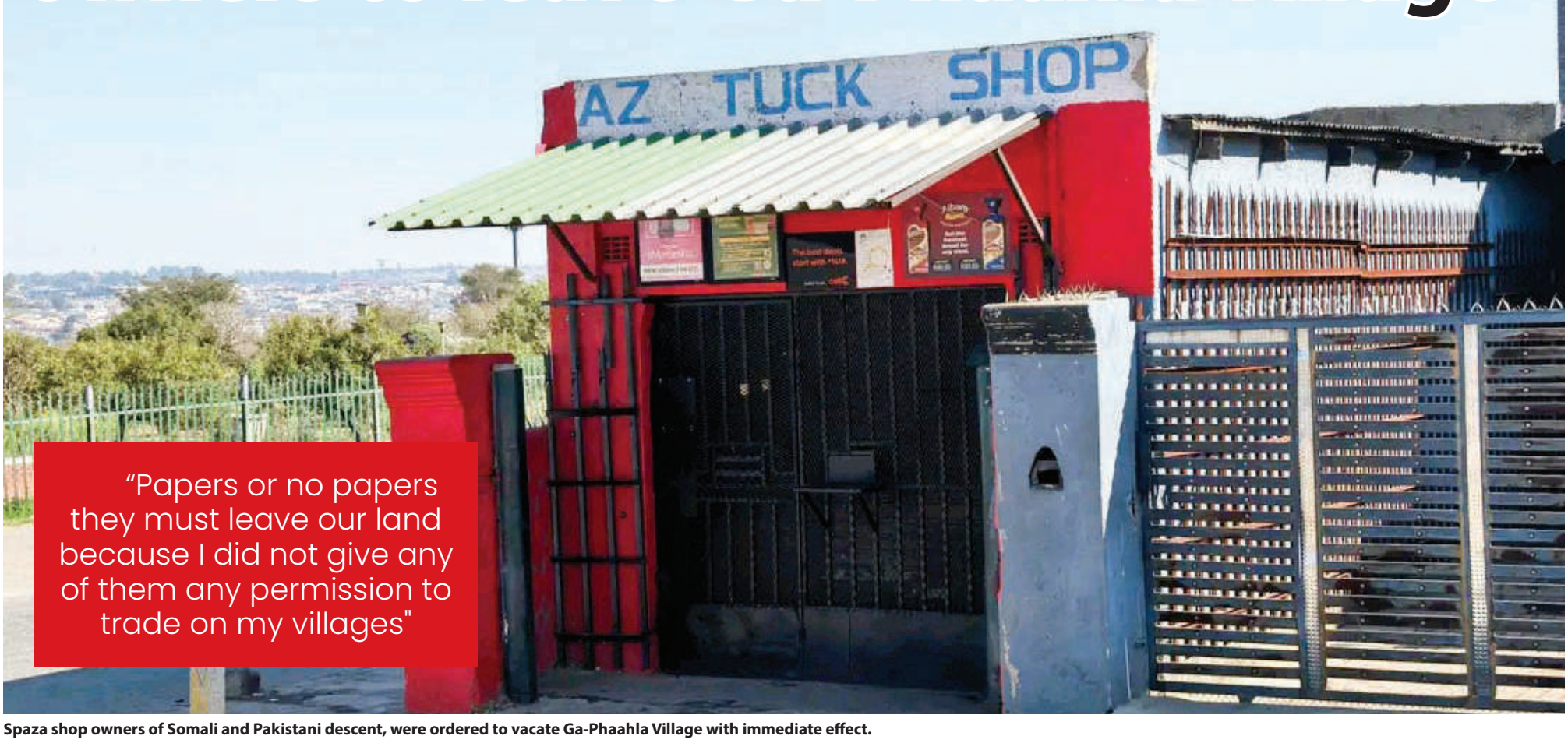
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Kgoshi Phaahla orders foreign shop owners to leave Ga-Phaahla Village



"Papers or no papers they must leave our land because I did not give any of them any permission to trade on my villages"

Spaza shop owners of Somali and Pakistani descent, were ordered to vacate Ga-Phaahla Village with immediate effect.

GA-PHAAHLA

Ga-Phaahla Village in Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM), was plunged into controversy last week after Kgoshi Letsiri Phaahla, traditional leader of Ga-Phaahla, ordered foreign nationals operating shops in the village to vacate with immediate effect.

The operation took place on Friday 9 October 2026. On his Facebook page, Kgoshi Phaahla posted a night-time video showing vehicles loaded with goods, indicating that the departure of the shop owners was in progress. The removal was reportedly executed by the traditional leader together with community members.

Kgoshi Phaahla told the publication that he had called a community meeting at his royal kraal after the foreign shop owners allegedly defied his order to leave by 30 September. He claimed almost half the community attended and resolved that the shop owners must be removed by force.

"The community visited all the shops and ordered the tenants to pack their stocks and get out of the village," Phaahla said.

He further alleged that the foreigners called private security who threatened to shoot community members.

Phaahla said the operation would continue as hardware shops with building materials would need up to three days to move their stock.

"This was not a March and March event but a community initiative, also in defiance response to the constitutional judgment that allowed illegal foreigners to stay in our country illegally," he said.

The removal follows another formal ultimatum issued by Kgoshi Phaahla in August 2026, in which he gave all undocumented foreign nationals in his jurisdiction until 31 August 2026 to leave the village, which was extended to 30 September 2026.

Phaahla said the decision was part of ongoing countrywide demonstrations against the influx of undocumented immigrants, following incidents of food poisoning linked to spaza shops and broader concerns about undocumented immigration.

He stated that community members had complained that foreign nationals were trading without valid documents, selling expired goods, and operating on community-owned farmland without proper lease agreements.

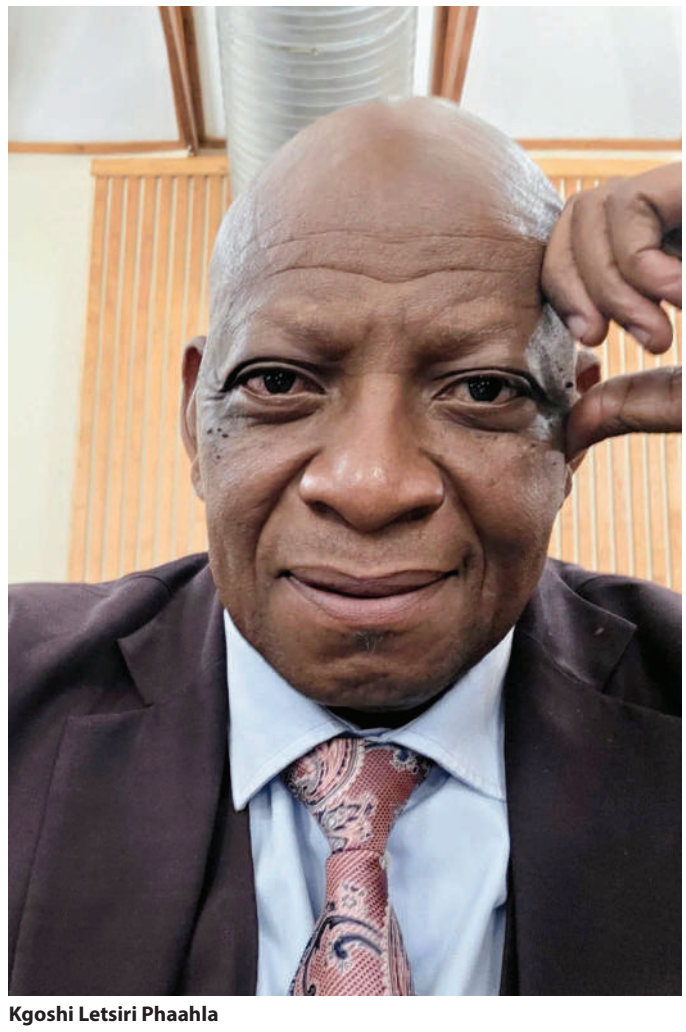
He further claimed that although some of those removed had documents, including the Bangladeshi nationals who he said had South African IDs after being naturalized, they were still ordered to leave.

"Papers or no papers they must leave our land because I did not give any of them any permission to trade on my villages," he said.

This is not the first time Ga-Phaahla has made national headlines over foreign shop owners.

In September 2019, Kgoshi Phaahla instructed foreign-owned tuck shop owners to vacate the village, citing complaints from residents that some businesses were selling expired food and counterfeit products.

During that incident, he issued written notices giving at least six foreign shopkeepers seven days to leave, followed by a verbal notice through his council giving them one additional day to pack up.



Kgoshi Letsiri Phaahla

Joint political front demands justice for GBV victims at Motetema SAPS

MOTETEMA

A joint political front made up of the South African Communist Party (SACP), Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF), Mayibuye and the Bolsheviks Party of South Africa (BPSA), have on Friday 9 October 2026, marched to Motetema Police Station to call for urgent police intervention, accountability and justice for victims of gender-based violence (GBV) in communities served by station.

The call comes amid growing concerns from residents about the handling of GBV cases at the station.

In a joint statement, the parties declared zero tolerance for gender-based violence, physical abuse, sexual violence and femicide."We condemn all forms of gender-based violence. Women and children deserve to live free from fear, intimidation and abuse. Every allegation must be handled seriously, victims must be treated with dignity, and survivors must have access to appropriate protection and support," the statement read.The front also demanded accountability and effective investigations from the leadership of Motetema SAPS.

Commenting on behalf of the joint front, BPSA Leader, Seun Mogotji, said police cannot be seen to be failing victims who seek protection from the state.

"We cannot allow a situation where victims of GBV go to a police station seeking help and justice, but they do not receive the protection they deserve. The police have a constitutional duty to protect women and children, to investigate cases promptly and professionally, and to treat every complainant with dignity," said Mogotji.



Score of joint political parties' structures from SACP, EFF, Mayibuye and the BPSA, protesting against unattended GBV cases at Motetema Police Station.

"We are calling for accountability wherever there is negligence or misconduct. Decisions on arrest, prosecution and bail must follow the law and must respect the rights of victims. GBV is not a favour, it is a crime that must be acted upon," he added.Mogotji said the unity of the different political formations shows that GBV goes beyond party politics.

"Our parties recognize that gender-based violence is a community-wide crisis that cannot be addressed by one organization alone. No political differences should stand in the way of protecting human life and human dignity. We are committed to working with community structures, civil society and law-enforcement to ensure that no survivor is isolated and no credible complaint is ignored," he said.

The joint front further urged police leadership to engage directly with affected communities, address their concerns and provide progress updates on GBV cases while protecting the identity of victims and the integrity of investigations.

"Our position is clear, gender-based violence must be confronted through decisive lawful action, effective policing, community solidarity and justice for survivors. We stand united in demanding safety, dignity, accountability and a future in which women and children can live without violence," Mogotji said.



Six years later, Hawks arrest three in Colonel Seroka murder case

GROBLERSDAL

Six years after the murder of Colonel Lebyane Jeffrey Seroka, former Station Commander of Groblersdal Police Station, the Hawks have made a major breakthrough with the arrest of three suspects.

Hawks Spokesperson in Limpopo, Colonel Avele Fumba, confirmed that the three suspects, two women aged 51 and 41, and a 56-year-old man, were arrested on Friday night, 9 October 2026, in the Nkoana area of the Sekhukhune District.

Fumba said the arrests mark a significant breakthrough in the long-running investigation, with the Hawks indicating that more arrests are imminent.

Colonel Seroka was fatally shot by unknown assailants outside his residence in Maganagobuswa Village, within the Dennilton policing area, six years ago. Following the shooting, the perpetrators allegedly fled with his motor vehicle, which was later recovered abandoned along the Dennilton-Matlerekeng Road.

According to Fumba, the breakthrough follows sustained investigative efforts by the Serious Organised Crime Investigation teams in Polokwane and at Head Office.

"The three suspects are facing charges that include conspiracy to commit murder, murder, vehicle hijacking, robbery with aggravating circumstances, possession of an unlicensed firearm and possession of ammunition," Fumba said.

The three suspects appeared before the Moutse Magistrates' Court on Monday 12 October 2026.

"The matter was postponed to 20 October 2026 for a formal bail application. The case remains under investigation," said Fumba.

Fumba said the Hawks appeals to anyone with information that could assist with the investigation to come forward.

Provincial Head of the Hawks in Limpopo, Major General (Adv) Gopz Govender, commended the investigation team for its persistence.

"Six years may have passed, but justice has no expiry date. Colonel Seroka dedicated his life to serving this country and his killing will not be forgotten. Our investigation continues, and we will follow every credible lead to ensure that those implicated are brought before the courts to answer to the allegations against them," said Govender.

Jane Furse Comprehensive School holds Grade 12 pledge ceremony



Jane Furse Comprehensive School learners paying attention during the solemn pledge as they prepare to sit for the 2026 NSC final examinations

JANE FURSE

The Grade 12 learners of Jane Furse Comprehensive School took a solemn pledge on Friday 9 October 2026, as they prepare to sit for the 2026 National Senior Certificate (NSC) final examinations.

The ceremony was led by the School Principal, who guided the learners as they reaffirmed their commitment to discipline, integrity, dedication and academic excellence.

The pledge marks a significant milestone for the Class of 2026 as they enter the final chapter of their schooling journey. The school management said the ceremony was aimed at motivating learners to approach their examinations with focus, honesty and determination.

Speaking during the proceedings, the principal, Pakeng Ntake, encouraged learners to remain disciplined and to uphold the good name of the school throughout the examination period.

As the Class of 2026 prepares for their final examinations, the school has wished all candidates strength, focus and success, expressing confidence that their hard work will yield outstanding results.The 2026 NSC final examinations are expected to commence soon across the country.

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A week-long NSFAS roadshow outreach empowered 111 learners across Elias Motsoaledi Municipality.

NSFAS Roadshow empowers 111 learners in Elias Motsoaledi

ELIAS MOTSOALEDI

The Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) has concluded a week-long NSFAS roadshow outreach that empowered 111 learners across the municipality.

The outreach was led by the municipality's Youth Section and focused on bringing essential education support services closer to learners at local secondary schools.

According to the municipality, the initiative provided direct assistance with National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) applications and registration support for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges.

The municipality said the programme forms part of the institution's commitment to expanding access to education, skills development and opportunities for young people, particularly those who require assistance navigating post-school education opportunities.

A total of 111 learners from four secondary schools benefited from the outreach, with are Lekala Secondary School, Sekhosana Secondary School, Mohlamme Secondary School and Dithamaga Secondary School.

The municipality said the direct engagement approach ensures that learners in rural areas are not left behind when it comes to accessing higher education funding and placement opportunities.

Elias Motsoaledi Municipality has reaffirmed its commitment to empowering young people by connecting them with opportunities that contribute to their education, skills development and future participation in the economy.

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SDA announces De Hoop Dam Management Committee

GROBLERSDAL

The Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), through its entity, the Sekhukhune Development Agency (SDA), has announced 20 assembly members who will form part of the De Hoop Dam Management Committee.

The announcement was made during a meeting held on 9 October 2026 at the SDM headquarters in Groblersdal.

Cllr Alfred Matlala, MMC responsible for Planning and Economic Development, was representing the Executive Mayor of SDM. The administration was represented by the Municipal Manager, Meshack Kgwale.

The district municipality said the establishment of the committee is aimed at strengthening community participation in the management and protection of the dam.

According to the municipality, the committee was formed to address long-standing concerns that people from outside the surrounding villages benefit more from the dam's resources than local communities.

The committee is expected to work alongside government to promote responsible management of the dam for the benefit of surrounding communities.

The municipality said the names of the 20 selected members will be communicated through relevant structures.



The De Hoop Dam Management Committee is set to address long-standing concerns from surrounding villages to benefit more from the dam's resources.



Acting SDM Executive Mayor, Cllr Alfred Matlala, addressing stakeholders during the announcement of the De Hoop Dam Management Committee.



SDM Municipal Manager, Meshack Kgwale, represented the municipality's administration during the announcement of the De Hoop Dam Management Committee.

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The proposed project is located on the farm Nooitgedacht 227 KT at Ga-Moraba Village located within Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality of Sekhukhune District. The site coordinates are as follows 24º 28' 51.95" South and 30º 38' 20.67"East.

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Mecklenburg police investigate murder after 18-year-old killed in mob attack



The police in Mecklenburg are investigating a murder case after an 18-year-old man was allegedly killed in a mob justice attack in Rostock Village.

ROSTOCK

The police in Mecklenburg have opened a murder case following the death of an 18-year-old man, who was allegedly killed in a mob justice attack in Rostock Village on Sunday evening 11 October 2026.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the police were busy with patrol duties when they received a telephone call from a local hospital, informing them about a male victim who was allegedly assaulted by members of the community and died on arrival at the facility.

"It is alleged that family members had received information that the deceased had allegedly attempted to rob a foreign national shop in the village. Community members reportedly mobilized and attacked and assaulted the victim with various objects including sticks, stones and cables," explained Ledwaba.

He said the family managed to retrieve him from the scene while he was still breathing and rushed him to hospital, where he died on arrival.

"The police have opened a case of murder and a manhunt for the unknown suspects is underway," Ledwaba said.

The Provincial Commissioner of Limpopo, Lieutenant General Jan Scheepers, strongly condemned the act of mob justice and urged community members to refrain from taking the law into their own hands.The police appeal to anyone with information that can assist with investigations to contact the Investigating Officer, Sergeant Boitumelo Mashishi on 072 250 9075 or Crime Stop on 08600 10111, or contact the nearest police station or use the MySAPSApp.

ActionSA Makhuduthamaga holds successful Imbizo



MLM ActionSA Mayoral Candidate, Tonic Manchidi Centre), expressed gratitude to the people following a successful Mayoral Imbizo held at Mogorwane Village outside Jane Furse

MAKHUDUTHAMAGA

ActionSA Makhuduthamaga Mayoral Candidate, Tonic Manchidi, has expressed gratitude to the people of Makhuduthamaga, following a successful Mayoral Imbizo held on Friday 9 October 2026 at Mogorwane Village outside Jane Furse.The Imbizo provided a platform for engagement, bringing together community members and ActionSA supporters around a shared vision for the future of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM).

Manchidi said the community's turnout demonstrated a clear desire for accountable leadership, improved service delivery, economic opportunities and a municipality that puts residents first."I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the people of Makhuduthamaga for rallying behind me and placing their hopes and trust in my leadership. The support demonstrated during our Mayoral Imbizo has strengthened our determination to work towards a better future for our municipality," said Manchidi.

He continued: "This is about more than an individual or a political position. It is about the people of Makhuduthamaga, their aspirations and their desire to see meaningful change in their communities. We have listened to our people, and we understand the responsibility that comes with the trust they have placed in us."

Manchidi said ActionSA's vision for Makhuduthamaga is centred on improving access to basic services, addressing water and electricity challenges, strengthening accountability, creating opportunities for young people and supporting local businesses.

Manchidi further stressed that public resources must be managed responsibly, municipal leadership must be transparent, and communities must be treated fairly regardless of where they live.

"The message from our communities is that they want leadership that listens, takes responsibility and works towards practical solutions. We are committed to building a municipality where every village matters, every resident is treated with dignity, and public resources are used for the benefit of the people," he added.

He indicated that the party is currently strengthening organizational team that is preparing to take responsibility for the future of Makhuduthamaga.

"We believe that through ethical leadership, accountability and effective service delivery, we can build a municipality that serves its people," Manchidi said.

He called on community members, volunteers, supporters and all those who share the vision of a better Makhuduthamaga to remain united and actively participate in shaping the municipality's future.

Manchidi maintains that the party remains committed to its campaign message throughout Makhuduthamaga Municipality and beyond.

Elias Motsoaledi Concludes last Speaker's Outreach Programme, ahead of elections

DENNILTON

Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) has concluded its last Speaker's Outreach Programme for the current council term.

The programme was held at Afro Sport Ground in Tayereni, Dennilton, EMLM Ward 6, and was led by EMLM Council Speaker, Cllr Junior Thethe.The outreach brought together municipal leadership, councillors, traditional leaders, representatives of government departments and entities, stakeholders, community partners, civil society and faith-based organizations, the business community, youth and women's organizations, as well as residents.

According to the municipality, the programme reaffirmed its commitment to public participation, accountability and community engagement.

With the Local Government Elections approaching, residents were encouraged to verify their voter registration details, familiarize themselves with the electoral process, make informed choices and participate peacefully in the democratic process.

Addressing the community, Cllr Thethe emphasized the importance of responsible participation in strengthening democracy.

"Democracy does not end on election day. I urge residents to make informed choices, reject misinformation and violence, and participate peacefully in the upcoming Local Government Elections. Let us respect our differences and protect our democracy through unity and responsible participation," said Thethe.

The municipality encouraged all eligible voters to get informed, get ready, get involved and exercise their democratic right to vote peacefully and responsibly.



EMLM Council Speaker, Cllr Junior Thethe, addressing the outreach programme at Afro Sport Ground in Tayereni, Dennilton.

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Kingborn FC march on in Nedbank Cup preliminary knockout



Kingborn FC have booked their place in the next round of the Nedbank Cup preliminary playoffs, after claiming victory at Maredi Sports Ground in Jane Furse.



Jane Furse Blackpool succumbed to a 3-1 defeat in an encounter against Kingborn during the Nedbank Cup preliminary playoffs.

JANE FURSE

Kingborn FC have booked their place in the next round of the Nedbank Cup preliminary playoffs after clinching victory at Maredi Sports Ground in Jane Furse on Saturday 10 October 2026.

The Limpopo provincial qualifiers, which serve as the pathway for ABC Motsepe League and SAFA Regional League clubs to reach the prestigious Nedbank Cup Last 32, continued on the past weekend across the province.

The preliminary round is contested by clubs from the province's two streams, with winners advancing through district and provincial playoffs before the final provincial champion joins clubs from the Motsepe Foundation Championship and Betway Premiership in the national draw.

In the first match of the day at Maredi, Kingborn FC were awarded a 2-0 walkover against Mohunoto after Mohunoto failed to honour the fixture. According to SAFA competition rules, a walkover in the Nedbank Cup preliminary round results in a 2-0 scoreline in favour of the present team.

The second semi-final produced goals as Milan FC defeated Jane Furse Blackpool 3-1 in an entertaining encounter to set up a final against Kingborn.

The final, played later in the afternoon, was a tightly contested affair. Kingborn FC held their nerve to edge Milan FC 2-1 and secure progression to the next round of the qualifiers.

Kingborn will now wait to learn their next opponents as the Limpopo SAFA Nedbank Cup preliminary round continues. The provincial winners are expected to be submitted to SAFA National by 30 October 2026, ahead of the national Nedbank Cup which is scheduled to begin on 27 January 2027.

The Nedbank Cup remains South Africa's premier knockout competition, famous for giant-killing acts where amateur sides upset professional clubs.

SAPS Limpopo 'Blue Machines' sprint to glory ahead of National Championships



Constable Sindy Nkuna from Burgersfort SAPS (Right), delivered outstanding performance, securing third position in the women's 10km overall category.



Brigadier Gift Kekana taking part during the SAPS Limpopo Marathon Club provincial race.

LIMPOPO

Members of the SAPS Limpopo Marathon Club, affectionately known as the 'Blue Machines', have demonstrated top form ahead of the SAPS National Half Marathon Championships.

The team participated in two provincial races on Sunday 11 October 2026, as part of their final fitness assessment for the nationals scheduled for Saturday 17 October 2026 in Potchefstroom, North West.

In Polokwane, the Limpopo Blue Machines took part in the 2026 Seshego Race, competing in the 10km, 21km and 50km categories. They were joined by members of the SAPS Head Office Marathon Club, strengthening camaraderie among police athletes.

Beyond competing, the members also showed community spirit by manning a water hydration station, providing runners with water and fruit throughout the race.

Grounds man Ronny Mabotja from the Lebowakgomo Garage SAPS, achieved an impressive third position in the men's 40–49 age category of the 10km race. The club also secured third position in the club category for having one of the highest numbers of finishers on the day.

Meanwhile, other Blue Machines members competed in the Amangcamane Race held in Burgersfort in the 10km and 21km distances.

Constable Sindy Nkuna from Burgersfort SAPS delivered an outstanding performance, securing third position in the women's 10km overall category, while Constable Kgashane Selepe from Groblersdal SAPS achieved first position in the men's 40–49 age category of the 10km race.

Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Jan Petrus Scheepers, congratulated the members on their achievements.

"I commend our members for their discipline, determination and commitment to physical fitness. Their participation and achievements are a source of pride for SAPS Limpopo. As they prepare for the national championships, I wish them strength, endurance and success. May they continue to represent the province with distinction," said Scheepers.

The national championships will see police athletes from across the country compete in Potchefstroom next weekend.



Constable Thinawanga Mushaku from Burgersfort POP was among the marathon participants.