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SDM launches War Room to tackle water crisis

GROBLERSDAL

Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) is turning the tide against its long-standing water and sanitation challenges in the district, with the establishment of a dedicated Water and Sanitation War Room.

The War Room was established by Limpopo Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, and has been welcomed as a decisive intervention to strengthen coordinated action across the district.

SDM Executive Mayor, Cllr Minah Bahula, welcomed stakeholders to the inaugural meeting of the War Room on Friday 2 October 2026 at the SDM Offices in Groblersdal.

The inaugural sitting brought together a high-powered delegation of stakeholders tasked with finding lasting solutions.

Among those present were the MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA), Pule Shayi, Deputy Minister for Land Reform and Rural Development, Chupu Stanley Mathabatha, as well as representatives from Lepelle Northern Water, Eskom, and the Department of Water and Sanitation.

The current state of water provision in the district was presented by the Acting Municipal Manager and Chief Financial Officer, Hendrick Nkadimeng, who detailed the status of supply and interventions being rolled out across the district's four local municipalities, Fetakgomo Tubatse, Ephraim Mogale, Elias Motsoaledi and Makhuduthamaga.

During the engagement, Bahula said water must be treated as more than just a municipal function.

"Water is not merely a municipal service, but a basic human right, a necessity for public health, economic activity, education and community development. Similarly, sanitation remains fundamental to healthy communities and the protection of our environment," said Bahula.

Executive Mayor Bahula furthered used the platform to outline key interventions undertaken by her administration since assuming office.

These include the devolution of water operations and maintenance functions to local municipalities through signed Memoranda of Understanding to improve response times, the drilling of new boreholes in several traditional authority areas to augment supply, the rehabilitation and drilling of boreholes in communities hardest hit by shortages, and a focused operation to address illegal water connections within the Flag Boshielo Water Scheme.

To ensure communities see tangible progress, Bahula announced that she will, over the coming weeks, visit villages across the district to officially hand over completed borehole projects and engage directly with residents on water provision.

Deputy Minister Mathabatha commended the district's approach of using boreholes to provide immediate relief while pursuing sustainable bulk water solutions. He called for stronger intergovernmental coordination, noting that water challenges cannot be solved by one department alone.

At its core, the newly established Water and Sanitation War Room, seeks to bring all relevant stakeholders under one roof to integrate efforts, strengthen collaboration, improve institutional relations and accelerate practical interventions that will bring water to taps and dignity to communities.

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SAPS members promoted as Limpopo Provincial Police strengthen leadership

LIMPOPO

The South African Police Service (SAPS) in Limpopo has strengthened their leadership with the promotion of 167 members during a rank-conferring ceremony, held at Capricorn High School in Polokwane on Saturday 03 October 2026.

The ceremony was presided over by the Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Jan Petrus Scheepers, alongside Deputy Provincial Commissioners Major General Fredinah Sebola, Major General Lesiba Mashilo and Major General Willy Mashava, as well as District Commissioners.

Also in attendance were provincial heads, families of recipients, representatives of Organised Labour and other key stakeholders.

According to the police statement, the promotions are aimed at strengthening leadership within the service, enhancing service delivery and ensuring members are better positioned to contribute towards the fight against crime in the province.

A total of 167 members received new ranks, comprising 20 Colonels, 52 Lieutenant Colonels, 66 Captains and 29 Warrant Officers. The promotions provide opportunities for both men and women to advance professionally and make a greater contribution to the mandate of the service.

In his welcoming remarks, Major General Mashilo congratulated the newly promoted members, commending them for responding positively to the call of duty and demonstrating commitment towards improving service delivery within their respective environments.

During the ceremony, Major General Sebola highlighted that the occasion was not only about celebrating the growth and development of SAPS members but also about recognizing their dedication as they assume greater responsibilities.

Delivering the keynote address, Lieutenant General Scheepers emphasized that the conferment of ranks is about far more than recognition and celebration. He said it represents an opportunity to build trust, accept responsibility and strengthen leadership within the SAPS.

He reminded the newly promoted members that rank is an advancement towards greater responsibility, adding that the true meaning of rank lies not in the insignia itself, but in the responsibilities, discipline and accountability that accompany it.



The newly promoted Limpopo SAPS members during the rank-conferring ceremony, held at Capricorn High School in Polokwane.

Scheepers further described the SAPS Reset Agenda as an invitation to rediscover the purpose of policing and to return to the reason members wear the uniform. He said this requires restoring discipline, strengthening command and control and improving operational effectiveness to ensure that communities receive a professional and effective policing service.

The Provincial Commissioner also cautioned the newly promoted members against allowing their positions to create barriers between themselves, their colleagues and the communities they serve. He urged them to remain approachable, grounded and committed to building relationships based on mutual respect and trust.

"Colleagues, do not measure your success only by what you achieve personally. Measure it by the people you develop. Mentor younger members. Correct them without crushing their confidence. Recognize excellence. Deal decisively with misconduct. Create an environment where an honest member does not feel foolish for doing the right thing," concluded Scheepers.



Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Jan Petrus Scheepers (Left), conferring new ranks to SAPS members.

TSEBIŠO YA MMASEPALO WA SELEGAE WA FETAKGOMO TUBATSE

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Parents shut-down Hlabi Secondary over sexual abuse allegations against teacher



Protesting parents blockading entrance at Hlabi Secondary School in Mogaung Village, demanding the removal of a male teacher accused of sexually abusing boy learners.



Parents and concerned residents demonstrating at Hlabi Secondary School in Mogaung.

MOGAUNG

Learning was brought to a standstill at Hlabi Secondary School in Mogaung Village, after parents staged a shut-down demanding the removal of a teacher accused of sexually abusing learners.

The demonstration, which taken place on Tuesday 6 October 2026, was joined by around 60 parents and concerned community members who blockaded the school entrance, preventing access to the premises until officials from the Limpopo Department of Education intervened.

The protest was ignited by serious allegations levelled against a male teacher known to the publication, who is accused of molesting boy learners since March 2026.

According to a community leader who did not want to be named, seven learners, aged between 13 and 15, have come forward as alleged victims since March 2026.

It is alleged that the educator, who resides in neighbouring Luckau Village, lured learners with promises of money and expensive gifts and invited them to his rented room.

"We were shocked to learn that the male teacher lured learners with promises of money and expensive gifts, invited them to his rented room in Luckau Village and sexually abuse them. He would send explicit videos of himself to the targeted learners," he said.

He said the matter was reported to the school principal, but parents allege that she sided with the teacher. He said the SGB had reportedly raised the matter with the same principal on several occasions during meetings without resolution.It is further alleged that a case was opened at Hlogotlou Police Station in April 2026, but has not been attended to. Around June 2026, it is alleged that the controversial teacher announced his intention to resign, but the resignation was reportedly not accepted by the principal, a move that has raised further questions among parents.

During the shutdown, angry parents submitted a memorandum demanding the permanent removal of the teacher and suspension of the school principal, calling on police to finalise the investigation.Parents had vowed that the school would remain closed if both are not removed immediately.

After hours of protest, a resolution was reached on site. It was resolved that both the principal and the teacher will remain at home until the police investigation is finalised. The SGB will also engage with circuit management to try and resolve the matter.

The Limpopo Department of Education and the SAPS had not yet commented on the matter at the time of publishing.

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Foreign national nabbed with unlicensed firearm and stolen copper cables in Masakaneng



The Renault vehicle that was allegedly being used to steal and transport copper cables around the Sekhukhune District.



The suspected stolen copper cables which was confiscated in possession of the foreign national at Masakaneng settlement outside Groblersdal.

MASAKANENG

A 39-year-old Zimbabwean national has been arrested for possession of an unlicensed firearm, ammunition and suspected stolen copper cables in Masakaneng settlement outside Groblersdal, the police said.

According to Brigadier Hlulani Mashaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the arrest was made on Thursday 1 October 2026, by members of the Sekhukhune District Tactical Response and Investigation Team together with private security services.

"The team was following up on information about a white Renault motor vehicle that was allegedly being used to steal and transport copper cables around the Sekhukhune District. The vehicle was spotted during an operation in Masakaneng and was stopped and searched. Upon searching the boot of the vehicle, police discovered a firearm, ammunition and copper cables," explained Mashaba.He said the driver failed to produce a valid firearm license, ammunition license and documentation to possess second-hand goods as required in terms of the Second-Hand Goods Act."He was arrested on the spot and charged with possession of an unlicensed firearm, possession of ammunition and possession of suspected stolen copper cables. The suspect is expected to appear before the Groblersdal Magistrate's Court soon. Police investigations are continuing," concluded Mashaba.



Executive Mayor Bahula issues urgent roads safety warning after deadly R574 crash



The deadly car crash between a minibus taxi and a private vehicle claimed the life of a motorist on the R574 at Motetema outside Groblersdal.



MOTETEMA

The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), Cllr Minah Bahula, has issued a stern warning to motorists and pedestrians to exercise extreme caution on the roads following a fatal accident on the R574 at Motetema outside Groblersdal.

The accident occurred on Wednesday 30 September 2026, after a sedan and a minibus taxi collided near the petrol garage along the R574 in Motetema.

The driver of the sedan was reportedly killed on the scene, while several other people sustained multiple injuries. Emergency personnel were dispatched to the scene.

"Motorists are urged to approach the area with caution and, where possible, use alternative routes," the municipality warned at the time.

Mayor Bahula has linked the tragedy to the current inclement weather that has been pounding Limpopo and much of the country.

The Executive Mayor appealed to all motorists and pedestrians to exercise extreme caution, particularly during the current rainy weather conditions, which are expected to continue.

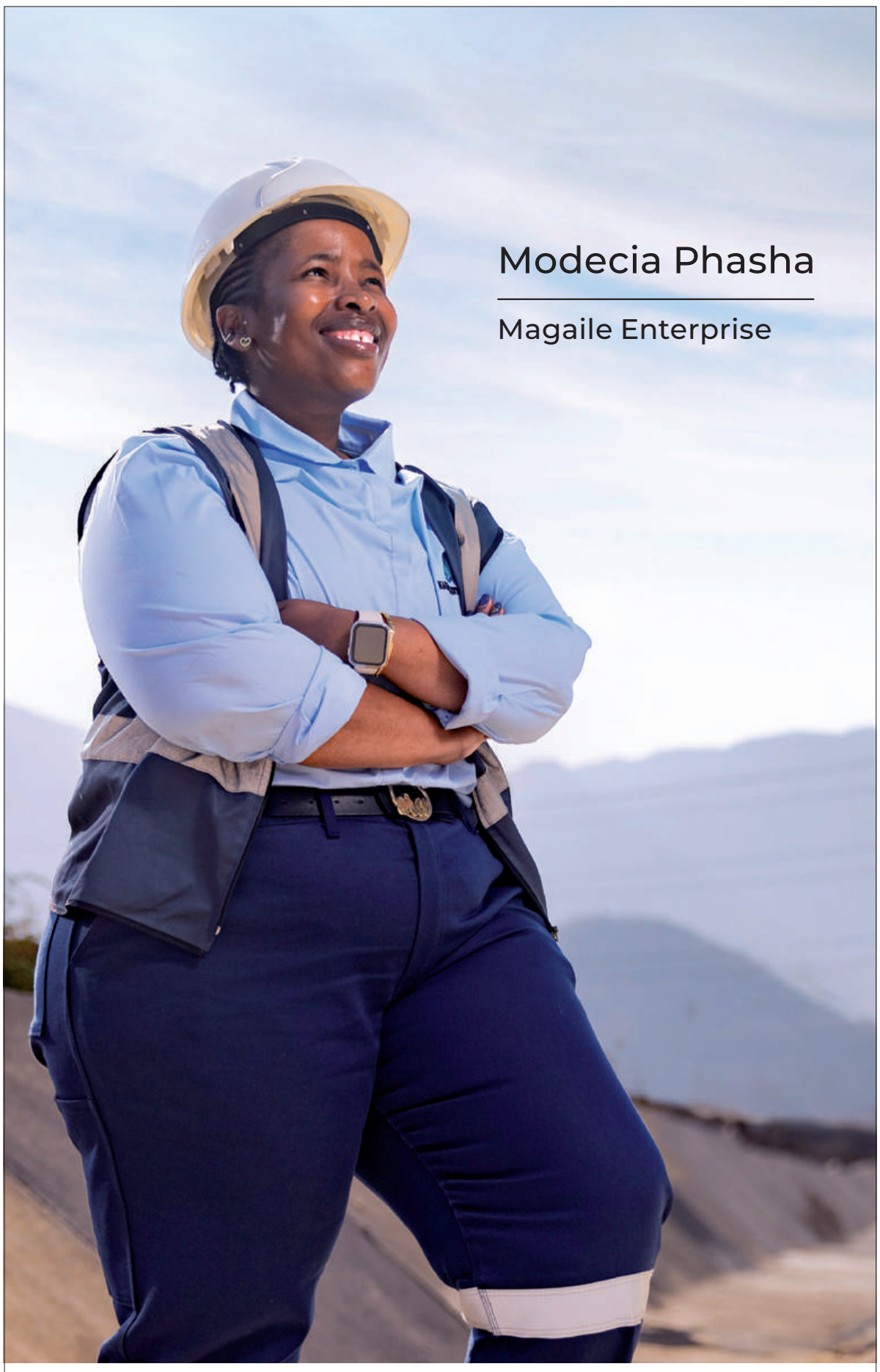
"Please drive responsibly, reduce your speed, maintain a safe following distance, and remain vigilant on the roads," said Bahula.

Executive Mayor Bahula said the District will continue to monitor the situation together with emergency services and traffic authorities.

The Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety, which is mandated to oversee road safety, has repeatedly urged motorists during such conditions to reduce speed, keep headlights on, ensure vehicles are roadworthy in terms of tyre treads, wipers and brake systems, and to avoid crossing flooded rivers and bridges.

Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Minister Velenkosini Hlabisa has also urged communities in Sekhukhune, Vhembe, Mopani, Waterberg and Capricorn Districts to exercise increased caution as persistent heavy rainfall continues.

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Relief for Schoonord residents as D4190 Road rehabilitation completed



Rehabilitation of the D4190 Road has been completed providing much-needed relief to communities of Schoonord and Tshehlwaneng.



SCHOONORD

For the community of Schoonord area, under Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM), travelling to Jane Furse is no longer a nightmare.

The Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, through its implementing agent Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL), has completed critical maintenance work on D4190 Road, marking an important infrastructure intervention for the area.

The road was previously riddled with potholes, making travel to Jane Furse difficult, unpleasant and dangerous for residents and motorists. Taxis struggled, vehicles were damaged, and access to economic and social services was severely hampered.

That is now history. The completion of the maintenance work has significantly improved the condition of the road, providing much-needed relief to those who rely on this important route daily.

Communities in Schoonord, Tshehlwaneng and surrounding areas have welcomed the intervention.

Residents say the smoother road will contribute to safer travel, improved mobility, reduced vehicle maintenance costs, and better connectivity between communities and key areas of economic and social activity, including Jane Furse, which is one of the economic hubs of Sekhukhune.

MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Tonny Ernest Rachoene, has welcomed the progress made on the road and its positive impact on communities.

"The completed intervention is already making a positive difference for motorists and communities who rely on the D4190 for daily travel and connectivity," he said.

Through its entity, RAL, the department has responded to calls from communities, particularly motorists, for this important road to be repaired and brought back to a safer and more reliable condition.

The intervention forms part of the provincial government's ongoing commitment under the "DikgerekgereWednesdays" campaign to maintaining and improving road infrastructure across Limpopo, ensuring that communities have safer and more reliable roads that support access, mobility and local development.

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Limpopo police arrests 1 774 and seize 16 firearms in Operation Shanela II



Suspected stolen cellphones were confiscated by the police during Operation Shanela II conducted across Limpopo.





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

LIMPOPO

The Police in Limpopo have arrested 1 774 suspects and confiscated 16 firearms during the latest week-long Operation Shanela II across the province.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the high-density operation was conducted from Monday 28 September 2026 to Sunday 4 October 2026, across all five districts.Among the key arrests, the police recorded 6 apprehensions for murder, 6 for attempted murder, one for robbery with aggravating circumstances, 29 for rape, 7 for sexual assault, 21 for sexual offences, 175 for assault GBH and 109 for assault common.

Other arrests included 13 suspects arrested for common robbery, 11 for robbery with weapons other than a firearm, 4 for burglary at business premises, 21 for burglary at residential premises, 2 for stock theft, 45 for malicious damage to property, 30 for shoplifting, 11 for fraud, 44 for theft, 109 for drug-related crimes and 54 for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

A further 13 suspects were nabbed for illegal possession of firearm and ammunition, 31 for transgression of the Domestic Violence Act, 23 for possession of suspected stolen property, 135 undocumented immigrants, 455 for public drinking and 108 for illegal dealing in liquor.

Ledwaba said during the operation, the police also confiscated 2,257,226 counterfeit cigarette sticks, 21 dangerous weapons, 1,820.049 grams of dagga, 123.17 grams of crystal meth, 12 grams of heroin / Thai white, 65.73 grams of nyaope, 16 firearms, 209 rounds of ammunition, 994,203.75 ml of liquor, 19 knives and 6 stolen or robbed motor vehicles.He said the police activities during the operation included 3,716 compliance inspections at liquor premises, 736 inspections at second-hand goods dealers, 1,010 crime prevention operations, 51 drug operations, 300 liquor control operations, 7,763 stop and searches, 256 protection orders served, 100 shebeens closed, 13,783 vehicles searched, 1,302 spaza and tuck shops searched, and 772 awareness campaigns.

"Some of the arrested suspects have already started appearing before their respective magistrate's courts," Ledwaba said.

Limpopo Provincial Police Commissioner, Lieutenant General Jan Scheepers, commended police members for their sustained efforts."Operation Shanela continues to yield positive results because of the dedication and teamwork displayed by our members across all districts. We will not rest until all criminals are brought to book and our communities feel safe. I commend all members involved for their hard work in making Limpopo a safer province," said Scheepers.



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FTLM mayor switches on street lights



Mayor Ngwakwana Dorah Mphethi switched on 180 street lights at Ga Nkwana Mashung Section



The bright street lights were switched on.

APEL

The Mayor of Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM) Cllr Ngwakwana Dorah Mphethi switched on 180 street lights at Ga Nkwana Mashung Section and Ga- Tebeila villages.

The lights were switched on for the first time during the evening of October 5. The two villages are in the FTLM's Ward 36. The two communities had been in darkness as the street lights were incomplete and not in good condition.

Mphethi took upon herself to respond to the concern of safety as raised by the community. The switching on, of the lights brought relief to the residents as they applauded the mayor.

When switching on the lights, the Mphethi thanked the community for their patience displayed during the period when the street lights were not working. She indicated that the municipality has considered the safety of the community and reduction of criminal activities.

"We call upon the community of take care of this investment and to guard against those who are stealing cables as this tendency set the municipality back.

We will continue to light up other street lights which are not functional in other parts of the municipality", concluded Mphethi. She was joined in the switch on activities by the Speaker of Council Cllr Makgalema Shoba, members of the Executive Committee and councilors from neighbouring wards.

MEC Maila activates 24-Hour services at Phasha and Manganeng Clinics



MEC for Health in Limpopo, Eddie Maila Right), preparing to cut the ribbon to officially activate Manganeng Clinic into an officially 24-hour operational facility.

GA-PHASHA/MANGANENG

Residents of Ga-Phasha and Manganeng Villages in Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM) and Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM) went to sleep on Thursday 1 October 2026, with a new assurance, 'healthcare will now be available to them day and night'.

This is after Limpopo MEC for Health, Eddie Maila, spent the day criss-crossing Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) on a mission to bring quality healthcare closer to the people, officially activating two clinics for 24-hour healthcare services, Phasha Clinic and Manganeng Clinic.

The day began at Phasha Makgalanoto Village in FTLM Ward 32, where MEC Maila officially activated Phasha Clinic for 24-hour operation.

The activation marks an important step towards improving access to healthcare, ensuring that community members of Ga-Phasha and surrounding villages can access essential health services both day and night, closer to where they live.

MEC Maila was joined by Moshate wa Phasha led by Kgoshigadi Nareadi a Nape, Mayor of FTLM, Cllr Dorah Mphethi, FTLM Council Speaker, Cllr Vincent Shoba, Councillors, DEM Ralefe, the Phasha Clinic Acting OPM, clinic staff and community members.

"The Clinic is activated from now on. Our people will access services day and night," said MEC Maila to loud applause from residents.MEC Maila concluded his day in Makhuduthamaga Municipality, where he activated Manganeng Clinic to also provide 24-hour healthcare services.

At Manganeng, the MEC was joined by Moshate wa Tau Nkadimeng, Acting Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality Cllr Kanana Leokana, Acting Mayor of MLM Cllr Rankwe Tabane, MLM Chief Whip Cllr Mosedi Thamaga, District Director, Jane Furse Hospital CEO Dr Muamba, Local Area Manager Ms Maila, OPM Mme Ramaube, and Councillors.

Speaking during the activation, MEC Maila emphasized that extending operating hours is about dignity and responsiveness.

"Healthcare must be accessible to our people when they need it, not only during convenient hours. We are taking services closer to communities and ensuring that our facilities respond to the needs of our patients," said Maila.

The Department of Health said it continues to strengthen healthcare access by bringing services closer to communities and ensuring that facilities are responsive to the needs of the people they serve.

The department said the dual activations are part of the 7th Administration's commitment under Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba to build sustainable healthcare services in the province.





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Mapungubwe Warriors make history, clinch fourth national title in a row



Defending champions Mapungubwe Warriors retained their trophy after winning the 2026 Paravolley National Championships for the fourth time.

LIMPOPO

Limpopo's Mapungubwe Warriors have once again, proven why they are the kings of South African Sitting Volleyball, defending their national title for a fourth consecutive year at the Paravolley South Africa National Sitting Volleyball Clubs Championships.

The three-day showdown, held from 2 to 4 October 2026 at Middleburg in Mpumalanga, saw Paravolley Limpopo field three teams, the defending champions Mapungubwe Warriors, Baobab, and the Marula Women's Team.

In a tournament filled with power, precision and heart, Mapungubwe Warriors dominated proceedings to clinch gold once again, making it four national championships in a row, a feat never achieved before in the modern club era.

Baobab put up a spirited fight to finish in a respectable 4th position, while the Marula Women's Team finished 6th in a highly competitive field, showing great promise for the future of women's sitting volleyball in the Limpopo Province.

The National Championships also served as trials for the provincial teams, with selectors picking the Men's and Women's squads that will compete at the Interprovincial Sitting Volleyball Championships set for 12 to 13 December 2026 in the Western Cape Province.

Speaking after retaining the trophy, the Mapungubwe Warriors camp said defending was harder than winning it the first time, but their discipline and hunger kept them ahead.

"We knew everyone was targeting us. We are the team to beat, but we came prepared to defend our province and our badge," the team said.

Paravolley Limpopo has extended heartfelt gratitude to all partners who made participation possible.A special acknowledgement went to the Limpopo Department of Sport, Arts and Culture for their unwavering support in ensuring Team Limpopo made it to the competition. The support is highly appreciated by the Paravolley Limpopo Executive and all athletes.

The Executive also thanked the District Academy of Sport, Vhembe, for providing strength and conditioning during the one-day training camp as well as crucial warm-up and cool-down sessions during the championship itself.

Appreciation was also extended to the Limpopo Academy of Sport for providing catering during the one-day training camp, and to J & R Accountants from Polokwane for accommodating Team Limpopo during the camp.

Masia Funeral Parlour Top 16 Tournament reaches semi-final stage



Barcelona FC is one of the teams eliminated in the first round of the tournament. They are aiming to return in the next edition of the competition to do better this time.



Mashadi City Stars FC is among teams set to battle-it-out in the Masia Funeral Parlor Top 16 Tournament semi-finals.

JANE FURSE

The race for the Masia Funeral Parlor Top 16 Tournament crown will be decided this Sunday on 11 October 2026 at Maredi Sports Ground in Jane Furse, as the Makhuduthamaga Local Football Association (LFA) hosts the semi-finals and final.The tournament, organised by the Makhuduthamaga LFA which falls under the SAFA Sekhukhune Region, is specifically for development and zonal league teams. The association has emphasized that it is not open to senior Hollywoodbets Regional League sides, in order to give young and upcoming players a platform to showcase their talent.

This year's edition carries R10 000 in prize money, plus medals and trophies for the champions. Such LFA tournaments play a critical role in grassroots football in Limpopo, providing a pathway for players from villages around Jane Furse and Makhuduthamaga Municipality to be scouted for higher divisions. The four teams that have booked their place in the semi-finals are Madibong Sweepers FC, Mashadi City Stars FC, Jane Furse FC and Riverside United FC.

The first semi-final will see Riverside United take on Jane Furse FC at 10:00. This will be followed by the second semi-final at 12:00 between Mashadi City Stars and Madibong Sweepers. The two winners will then battle it out in the final at 15:30 to determine the 2026 Masia's Funeral Parlor Top 16 champions.

The LFA has called on the community to come in numbers to support local development football and to maintain discipline at the venue.