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### Bantwane mourns the passing of Kgoshi Mathebe

The Bantwane community is mourning the death of Kgoshi Mohlamme Piet Mathebe (Mohlamme III), who passed away on Monday 24 August. The Bantwane Royal family in Ntwane Village, Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality, announced the sad news on Tuesday 25 August. "It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that the Bantwane Royal family announces the passing of Kgoshi Mohlamme Piet Mathebe of Bantwane tribe and Moutse residents. Kgoshi Mohlamme III departed on Monday 24 August at the Midmed Hospital in Middleburg after a short illness," reads the statement released by the family. The late Mathebe was serving as both Kgoshi of Bantwane and also special advisor to Limpopo Premier Stanley Mathabatha, on traditional affairs and economic development since 2014. Mathebe joined the liberation struggle in the 1970s and spent the better part of his life fighting for the freedom of his people. He is part of the June 16 detachment and was also founding









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Youth Congress, launched in the 1980s. Whilst operating underground and following hot pursuit by apartheid security police, Kgoshi Mathebe was advised by the ANC to leave the country and go into exile. This was at the time when he was doing his final year of studies at the University of the North in 1987. He underwent military training with fellow Mkhonto we Sizwe (MK) guerillas in Angola, where he became the first camp commander of the Peter Nchabeleng Unit when it was established. In 1989, Kgoshi Mathebe returned back to South Africa. Following 1994 democratic breakthrough and the first democratic elections, Mathebe was deployed to serve the people of South Africa in Parliament. In 2011, the President of South Africa Jacob Zuma appointed Kgoshi Mathebe as ambassador of the country to Zambia. In 2014, Premier Mathabatha appointed Ambassador Mathebe as his special advisor where he served until his untimely death. Premier Mathabatha said he has learnt with shock the passing of Mathebe. "He served his people with honor and distinction before his departure. May the spirit of Ambassador Kgoshi Piet Mohlamme Mathebe rest in peace," he said. Sekhukhune District Municipality released a statement sending their heartfelt condolences to family and friends of the late Kgoshi Mathebe. "A dark cloud has befallen Sekhukhune District Municipality, a leader par excellence, a refined soldier who fought against apartheid, a senior traditional leader, a stalwart and a true combatant. We are saddened to hear the passing of Kgoshi Piet Mohlamme Mathebe," reads the statement. Sekhukhune District Municipality Executive

chairperson of the Federation of Moutse



Mayor Cllr Stanley Ramaila said the district has lost a leader, activist and veteran of the people's struggle. "Sekhukhune mourns his passing and wishes to send its deepest condolences to the family, relatives and friends of Kgoshi Mathebe." he said.

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### **Fire destroyed OR Tambo Comprehensive School**

OR Tambo Comprehensive School in OR Tambo Village, Dennilton, suffered serious damage when a mysterious fire ravaged two classrooms and two staff rooms in the administration block. The unfortunate incident occurred at night between Friday 14 and Saturday 15 August. According to Chris Malope, who is School Governing Body (SGB) member and also member of the Safety and Security Portfolio Committee, said he was informed by the security guards about the fire. "I received a call from the security personnel around 11pm that the school building was on fire. I rushed to the scene along with some of the teachers to find the double storey administration block burning. We immediately called the police and fire fighters while trying to put out the fire using fire extinguishers. Unfortunately the blaze was too strong and the fire kept on burning," he said. According to Malope, a quick response by fire fighters and the police, managed to save the whole school from the blaze, that was about to burn the entire building to the ground. "They just arrived on time and put out the fire. Unfortunately two classrooms and two staffrooms on the first floor burned down. We would have been talking another story if fire fighters and police could not arrive on time; the whole school would have been burned to the ashes as we speak. It looks like an electric fault is the cause of the fire but we are still awaiting the outcomes of forensic investigations to determine the exact cause of the incident," he said. Malope added that important documents and school furniture were burned to ashes. Malope indicated the incident has badly affected the school after the phasing in of other grades on 24 August, amid the Covid-19 pandemic. He said the school has informed the provincial department of Education for their immediate intervention to restore normal operations in the school. A docket of arson is under investigation at the Dennilton Police Station.

### **Education MEC visits Moutse Schools**

MEC for Department of Education in Limpopo Polly Boshielo visited Nala Secondary and Mothibedi Primary Schools in Dennilton. Boshielo visited the schools on Monday 24 August to monitor preparedness and compliance during the phasing in of other grades in the schools, amid the Covid-19 pandemic. Boshielo emphasized that she was impressed by the readiness of the two schools. The MEC added that prior to the phasing in of learners; she had a meeting with circuit managers a day before to report about progress made. "Yesterday I have met all the 141 circuit managers representing 3773 schools". Boshielo added that she visited Moutse, which is the furthest, to experience the challenges raised so that she could be able to personally address problems faced at schools in the province. Boshielo assured that all schools in the province are ready and the department is doing all its best to provide best services to ensure that schools are running smooth. "Today as the learners are coming back the teachers will be able to assess whether the new rotational lesson type with differentiated time tables affected them or not. We will be able to arrange extra lessons



if needed and some are still busy with weekend lessons as we speak. We will arrange for learners to be fed at least twice a day so that we can also do afternoon classes and transported home by scholar transport,' she said. The MEC slammed those who disrupt schools and said they deny children their right to education. "I will never support any programme that disrupts the schools and those who engage in such acts should be dealt with accordingly. We can't allow that, we must join hands to help our learners as they need education. Some of them are very poor and only education can get them out of that situation," she said.





### New online payment method for Sekhukhune rates payers

The Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDSM) has introduced a new online payment system for rates payers. The municipality adopted the new payment to rid the long queues standing by rates payers during this time of the Covid-19 outbreak. He added that this new method provides rates payers with optimal convenience as they will henceforth pay for services



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### Undisclosed amount of money stolen after ATM bombing in Tafelkop

The police in Motetema have launched a manhunt for a number of unknown suspects who allegedly bombed two ATMs at Nonyane Filling Station in Tafelkop Village. The incident occurred just after midnight on Tuesday 25 August at about 00:50. According to eyewitnesses, about six armed men arrived at the filling station, threatened petrol attendants and other staff members with firearms before blasting the ABSA and Nedbank ATMs. "They locked the staff members in the waiting room, after just a few minutes, three very loud bang followed and that is when they were blasting the ATMs. It sounded like very powerful explosions were used to bomb the two ATMs," he said. He said a number of vehicles were damaged in the process but no injuries were sustained in the incident. Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo,

said the police are still in search of the suspects. "It is alleged that six suspects arrived at the said filling station which situated in Tafelkop Village and threatened the victims with firearms. They then blasted the ABSA and Nedbank ATMs, took an undisclosed amount of money and fled," he said. Mojapelo said no one was arrested so far

and the police appeal to members of the public with information that can lead to the arrests of the suspect to contact the nearest police station of the Crime Stop Number on 08600 10111.



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**Public schools** 

registrations to open

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The Limpopo Department of Education has

announced the registration process of learners

for the admission in public schools for the 2021

academic year. According to the department,

registrations will be open from 1 to 23 Sep-

tember 2020, for children who will be going

to school for the first time or moving to a new

school next year. Tidimalo Chuene, Limpopo

Department of Education Spokesperson, said

the schools have been identified as designated

areas for collection and submission of forms.

The dates for collection and submission of

application forms are as follows: Grades R &

1 from 1 to 4 September 2020, Grade 8 from 7

to 11 September 2020, Grades 2, 3, 4, 9, & 10

from 14 to 18 September 2020 and Grades 5, 6,

7, 11 & 12 from 21 to 23 September 2020. "In

the case of secondary admissions, preference

will be given to learners from feeder schools. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the

application by end of October 2020. In terms

of the South African Schools Act (ACT no

84 of 1996) SASA, as amended, children for

Grade 1 can only be registered if they are 5

years old turning 6 on or before 30 June 2021.

She added that to register, parents must take

the birth certificate or acceptable proof of birth

date, immunization card, transfer card, last

report card and proof of residence. She said the

department will monitor the learner admission

process very closely to ensure that the rights

of learners are always protected.



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### SAFA pleads with government for the resumption of amateur football

The South African Football Association (SAFA) has confirmed that a request has been submitted to the government for amateur football to resume under Covid-19 Lockdown Level 2. In a statement released on Thursday 20 August, the association reassured their commitment to ensure that two clubs be promoted to the GladAfrica Championships, as per the football regulations. The Minister of Health Dr Zweli Mkhize has given a green light to the resumption of PSL, but prohibited amateur football leagues to continue. "The South African Football Association (SAFA) has submitted a request for the resumption of amateur football under Level 2 to the government in line with regulations gazette on 17 August 2020," reads the statement. SAB SAFA Sekhukhune Regional League Coordinator, Frank Maredi, said they are happy about the effort by SAFA and hoping for the resumption of amateur leagues soon. However, Maredi indicated that they are still worried about their players' participation in illegal tournaments around the villages. Maredi sends a stern warning to those who are participating in the tournaments that they will be suspended to take part in the Regional and LFA football leagues. During the meeting which took place two weeks back, the football committee made the following recommendations. This includes that the ABC Motsepe League clubs should start training on 1 September to prepare for their 1 October restart, Regional and LFA leagues should wait until Lockdown Level 1 to resume, all women's leagues should wait until Lockdown Level 1 from Local Football Association (LFA) to national level suspended or cancelled for 2020 and all development leagues are cancelled in 2020 and will start afresh in February 2021.

### Manyoni Legacy to host Football **Excellence Awards**

Manyoni Legacy Sports and Development will be hosting 2019/2020 Football Excellence Awards for local teams. The awards will be aiming to award and motivate soccer stars coming from Lukau and other surrounding villages. Awards organizer, Donald "Manyoni" Rakgalakane who is the owner of Manyoni Boys FC, said about 14 teams will be benefiting from the awards. "This is part of the Manyoni Legacy's effort of giving back to the community and motivate young talented football players in rural communities," he said. Rakgalakane added that preparations are right underway and the criteria to crown winners will be based on individual and team performance. "The awards will be rewarded based on teams' performances in the tournaments we held during 2019 and 2020; this will be in basis on the overall performances in the matches played. Players will be walking away with individual awards such as player of the season, goalkeeper of the season and the other categories. Team management including coaches will also be awarded," he said. Rakgalakane said the awards are expected to take place around October. "Currently I'm busy with preparations; probably they will take a bit longer because I am a sole sponsor of the event. The date and venue will be announced, which will be about two months from now," he said. Rakgalakane said the next step after the awards will be to introduce young talented football players to academies and professional football clubs. "Communications have already started with some of the academies and soon some of the boys will be going there for trials to try their luck in professional football level. We have many talented boys here and hopefully, they will make it and become a part of our pride to shine in bigger football teams one day," he said. Rakgalakane first founded his team, Manyoni Boys in 2012. He have managed to recruit many boys from Lukau and surrounding villages to take them off the streets and encouraged them to partake in sporting activities. Rakgalakane is known for organizing big tournaments during the Easter and Festive holidays around Lukau, Mogaung, Kgaphamadi and Sterkfontein Villages.



SAB SAFA Sekhukhune Stream A participants, Ngwaabe City Motors, are eager to return to the field of play as soon as the government gives a green light for the resumption of amateur football





### **FNB ATM bombing at Moutsiya Mall**

The police in Dennilton are investigating a docket of malicious damage to property, following an ATM bombing incident at Moutsiva Mall in Kgobokwane Village. According to the police, the incident occurred on Tuesday 18 August along the R573 Road at about 01:00. "It is alleged by the security guards that four African males carrying riffles approached Capitec, First National Bank (FNB) ATMs and later a loud blast was heard. The suspects were then seen collecting something from the damaged ATMs and putting into the bags they were carrying," said Bridgadier Motlafela Mojapelo, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson. Mojapelo



added that an undisclosed amount of money was reportedly stolen according to the police preliminary investigations. "An undisclosed amount of money was taken from the blasted FNB ATM and nothing was taken from the Capitec Bank ATM. The damages are estimated at R200 000. The suspects are unknown at this stage, the police are investigating and appeal to anyone with information that can lead to the arrest of the suspects to come forward," he said.



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