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# DA rejects Ephraim Mogale's R68 Million deficit budget

**MARBLE HALL**

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality (EPMLM) has formally objected to the municipality's proposed 2026/2027 budget, citing a projected operating deficit of more than R68 million alongside over R110 million in own-funded capital projects.

DA Councillor in EPMLM Ward 7, Flip Jacobs, said the numbers raise "serious questions about the credibility, affordability and sustainability of the budget."

"A municipality cannot present a deficit budget while committing to large own-funded capital expenditure unless it can clearly demonstrate that the budget is properly funded, cash-backed, and capable of being implemented without further weakening service delivery," Jacobs stated.

He indicated that the party is demanding urgent answers on the R14.8 million Municipal Disaster Recovery Grant allocated to Ephraim Mogale Municipality by National Treasury and published in Government Gazette No. 54100.

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The DA in EPMLM has rejected the municipality's R68 million deficit of the proposed 2026/2027 budget.

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The DA in Limpopo raised grave concerns over the escalating illegal mining crisis, which they say is devastating farming and rural communities in the province.



## DA demands decisive action against illegal mining crisis in Limpopo

**STEELPOORT** - The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo is demanding urgent, coordinated government intervention to stop what it calls an "escalating illegal mining crisis" that is devastating farming and rural communities across the province.

DA Provincial Spokesperson for Limpopo Economic Development, the Environment and Tourism (LEDET), Jacques Smalle MPL, said the party demands urgent action to catch the criminals driving illegal mining in Limpopo.

"Our message is blunt, catch the criminals. Convict the syndicates. Clean up, restore law and order, and rehabilitate the environment," he said.

Smalle indicated that the DA reaffirmed its ongoing call for immediate and multi-disciplinary enforcement operations, prosecution of all parties involved including complicit officials, and rehabilitation of damaged land, rivers, roads and community infrastructure.

"Syndicates, buyers, financiers and complicit officials must be convicted, not protected. Government must clean up by restoring law and order and rehabilitating damaged land, roads and communities," Smalle said.

Smalle singled out the Limpopo Provincial Government and LEDET for failing to act despite sustained and repeated calls by the DA to protect rural and farming communities, agriculture, water resources, and the environment.

According to Smalle, illegal mining in Limpopo has evolved into organised criminal activity operating with crass impunity.

"The province is now facing widespread

illegal sand mining, zama-zama style gold mining, unlawful industrial-scale chrome extraction, and illegal coal mining, often using heavy machinery in full view of authorities and with little fear of consequence," he stated.

Smalle informed that rampant illegal chrome mining has devastated parts of the Atok Village in Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality, Steelpoort area.

"Excavators, loaders and trucks reportedly operate openly near residential areas while ground subsides, roads collapse, and homes stand dangerously close to or on top of excavation sites," he said.

Smalle added that in the same Steelpoort area, industrial-scale excavators are openly operating between Lion Smelter and the Tubatse Ferrochrome Plant, while similar issues have been reported in Bergnek and Eerstegod area between Mokopane and Polokwane

"Farming communities live amongst ongoing unlawful mining, infrastructure damage, fence cutting, land invasions, veld fires and intimidation," he said.

Smalle claims the police appears unable or uninterested in curbing it. He referenced testimony from the Head of the Hawks in Limpopo, Major General Gopz Govender, who told eNCA's Checkpoint that "politicians and business people are complicit in the illicit mining industry in Limpopo and that these enterprises must be dismantled from top to bottom".

"Limpopo cannot be permitted to drift further into a de facto lawless mining corridor. Our farming and rural communities deserve protection, not abandonment," Smalle said.

## Police Vimpire Operation nets garage safe-bombing syndicate

**DRIEKOP** - An intelligence-driven, meticulously coordinated 'Operation Vimpire', conducted by the police in Driekop outside Burgersfort, has led to a major breakthrough in the fight against organised crime, with five suspects arrested and linked to a brazen garage safe-bombing in Driekop.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the arrests follow weeks of investigation into a robbery that took place on 1 May 2026, when a group of heavily armed suspects attacked a fuel station in the Driekop policing area.

"The suspects allegedly used explosives to blast open a safe before stealing an undisclosed amount of cash and cigarettes. They fled the scene in three vehicles," said Ledwaba.

He added that during the commission of the crime, one suspect reportedly sustained a gunshot wound after accidentally shooting himself with a shotgun. His accomplices allegedly removed him from the scene.

"Following relentless leads, police received information on Wednesday 3 June 2026 that a patient with a suspicious gunshot wound had been admitted to a hospital in Middelburg, approximately 350 kilometres from the crime scene. Further investigation revealed the patient's right leg had been amputated and that he had already been discharged," Ledwaba informed.

He said acting swiftly, members of the Provincial Organised Crime Unit, Provincial Investigation Unit and Provincial Tracking Team followed the information to Makgemeng Village in

Riba Cross, where the injured suspect was located and positively linked to the Driekop robbery.

"Subsequent operations across Steelpoort, Jane Furse, Nebo and Motodi resulted in the arrest of four additional suspects. The five suspects, aged between 23 and 49 years, are believed to have played various roles in planning and executing the robbery," explained Ledwaba.

He said during the operation, the police recovered and seized two handguns with live ammunition, one shotgun with live ammunition, explosives, balaclavas and gloves believed to have been used during the commission of the crime.

"The suspects are expected to appear in the Nebo, Sekhukhune and Tubatse Magistrates' Courts facing charges of robbery with aggravated circumstances, malicious damage to property, possession of prohibited firearms, possession of explosives, and possession of unlicensed ammunition," said Ledwaba.

Limpopo Provincial Police Commissioner Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe commended the team for their determination and professionalism in dismantling organised criminal syndicates in the province.

"This breakthrough demonstrates that no criminal can evade justice indefinitely. The dedication of our members, supported by quality intelligence and coordinated operational execution, continues to yield positive results in the fight against violent and organised crime," said Hadebe.



An intelligence-driven coordinated Operation Vimpire resulted with five suspects arrested and linked to a brazen garage safe-bombing in Driekop.



Unlicensed firearms with ammunition were seized by the police during the arrests of the suspects.

# Premier Ramathuba opens new Public Works Cost-Centre in Marble Hall



Limpopo Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba urged public servants to render quality of services from the newly opened Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure's new Cost-Centre in Marble Hall.

**MARBLE HALL** - Limpopo Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, has on Monday 8 June 2026 officially opened the Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure's new Cost-Centre in Marble Hall, calling it a concrete demonstration of the Seventh Administration drive to build a capable, developmental state.

The multi-million rand state-of-the-art facility replaces the department's old corrugated-iron offices that housed Sekhukhune District officials for years.

Ramathuba said the move was about more than bricks and mortar. It was about giving public servants the tools and dignity needed to serve communities better.

"We cannot ask officials to serve the people with excellence if

we do not give them the tools and environment to do so. Today is a significant day in the journey of building a capable developmental state and a prosperous Limpopo," Ramathuba told a crowd of councillors, traditional leaders, faith leaders, government officials and residents who gathered outside the modern building.

For years, Public Works staff in Marble Hall worked from temporary structures described by officials as cramped, unsafe and ill-suited to modern project management. The new Cost-Centre provides open-plan offices, boardrooms, improved amenities and secure storage for project files and equipment.

MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Ernest Rachoene, joined Ramathuba for the ribbon-cutting. He said the facility would significantly enhance coordination, strengthen project management and improve turnaround times on roads, schools, clinics and government buildings across Sekhukhune.

Ramathuba framed infrastructure as the foundation of economic growth. "Every great economy is built on the strength of its infrastructure. Roads connect communities to opportunities. Public buildings bring government services closer to the people. Infrastructure unlocks investment, stimulates economic activity, creates jobs and lays the foundation for sustainable development," she said.

She stressed that the Seventh Administration views infrastructure spending as an investment, not an expense. "It is the bridge between where we are today and the prosperous society we seek to build tomorrow," the Premier said.

The Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure remains one of the province's key drivers of that agenda. Ramathuba noted the department's responsibility for constructing, maintaining and managing public facilities that enable other departments to deliver services.

Ramathuba used the platform to challenge both officials and residents as well as employees

moving into the new building, she said: "Regard this facility as a centre of excellence. Let the quality of services rendered from these offices match the quality of the infrastructure we are opening today. Let professionalism, accountability and dedication define the work that takes place within these walls."

She also urged staff to take ownership. "Keep it clean, protect its assets and maintain the high standards it represents. A clean and well-maintained workplace reflects pride, discipline and respect for public resources."

To community members, the Premier made a direct appeal for protection of public assets.

"This facility belongs to the people of Ephraim Mogale and the broader Sekhukhune District. It was built using public funds and stands as an investment made on behalf of our communities. We cannot allow a few criminals to destroy infrastructure that has been built to serve our people. This is our facility. This is our investment. This is our future," she said.

The Marble Hall Cost-Centre opening forms part of a wider provincial push to modernize government infrastructure and phase out temporary and corrugated-iron offices. Ramathuba said similar upgrades were planned across Limpopo to ensure public servants work in safe, functional and conducive environments.

"As government, we are not stopping here. We remain committed to expanding infrastructure investment across Limpopo because we know that infrastructure development remains one of the most effective drivers of economic growth and social transformation. Through infrastructure, we create jobs. Through infrastructure, we attract investment. Through infrastructure, we improve service delivery. Through infrastructure, we build thriving communities," she said.

The event closed with a tour of the new facility, where staff showed off workstations, meeting rooms and project tracking systems that officials say will speed up delivery of public works projects in the district.



Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba (Wearing orange jump-suit), officially opening the Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure's new Cost-Centre in Marble Hall.



The newly opened Marble Hall Cost-Centre forms part of a wider provincial push to modernize government infrastructure.

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According to Jacobs, residents deserve to know whether the money was received, which disaster-recovery projects were funded, how much has been spent or committed, whether any funds remain unspent and why there is no clear disclosure in the budget presentation.

"At a time when residents face deteriorating roads, infrastructure failures and ongoing service-delivery challenges, every rand must be transparently accounted for," Jacobs said.

He stressed that the party

argues that municipal budgets must be funded, credible and transparent, as required by law.

"Budgets are not political wish lists. They are financial commitments to residents and must be backed by realistic revenue, proper planning and clear implementation," Jacobs said.

Jacobs said the DA will continue to fight for clean governance, transparent finances and better services for all residents of Ephraim Mogale.

At the time of going to press, the Ephraim Mogale Municipality could not respond to the publication's enquiry.



The newly installed Kgošigadi Malegobe Maserumule pledged to strengthen government-traditional ties to drive community development.

## Kgošigadi Maserumule inaugurated, pledges stronger government-traditional ties

**PHOKWANE** – The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), Cllr Minah Bahula, has lauded Kgošigadi Malegobe Maserumule on her official inauguration, vowing to deepen collaboration between government and traditional leadership for better service delivery. The inauguration ceremony took place Friday 5 June 2026 at Thosoleng Sports Ground in Phokwane Village, Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM), drawing a host of dignitaries and community members.

Among those in attendance were Queen Mother Manyaku Thulare, Member of Parliament

Keamotseng Ramaila, Acting Mayor of Makhuduthamaga Municipality Cllr Eric Mosoane, and Mayor of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality (EPMLM) Cllr Given Moimana. Several traditional council authorities also witnessed the proceedings.

In her inaugural address, Kgošigadi Maserumule committed to working hand-in-hand with all stakeholders. She emphasized that unity and cooperation would be central to driving community development and shared prosperity.

Mayor Bahula welcomed the new traditional leader and reaffirmed the district

municipality's commitment to strengthening relations with traditional authorities.

"In pursuit of sustainable development and improved service delivery," Bahula said, government and traditional leadership must move forward together.

Traditional councils play a constitutional role in local governance, particularly on land use, customary law and community mobilization.

Mayor Bahula's commitment aligns with national policy that recognizes traditional leaders as partners in development planning and IDP consultations.

## Sterkfontein residents demand clarity after Ga-Maguduza Road Phase 2 vanishes from IDP

### STERKFORTEIN

Confusion and disappointment are growing at Sterkfontein Village in Elias Motosoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) Ward 29, after the municipality had allegedly removed the second phase of a promised paved road construction project from its 2025/2026 Integrated Development Plan (IDP), despite calling it a multi-year project just months earlier.

According to residents, the road development promise was made during EMLM Mayor Cllr David Tladi's IDP and budget presentation at Ramogwerane Community Hall in 2024.

During the consultation, Tladi told residents the municipality had budgeted for a two-phase road construction project in Sterkfontein.

He informed that Phase 1 would run from Mokumong to Seroka Bus Stop. Phase 2 was earmarked from Good Hope to Ga-Maguduza Section in Sterkfontein Village. He stressed the project was multi-year and would span the 2024/2025 financial year.

However, when the draft IDP 2025/2026 was tabled, Phase 2 had disappeared. Residents of Newstand Ga-Maguduza say there is now no mention of the Good Hope to Ga-Maguduza stretch, and the next reference to Phase 2 only appears in 2031 projections.

"It is like planning a journey without telling passengers where the bus is going," said Herbert Radingwana, Bolsheviks Party of South Africa (BPSA) Councillor in Elias Motosoaledi Municipality.

Speaking during a recent Municipal Council sitting, Radingwana said he directly questioned Mayor Tladi on why Phase 2 was being listed without

a clear destination.

"I want the Mayor to clearly indicate that Phase 2 of the road construction is going to Ga-Maguduza, not just 'Phase 2,' Radingwana told council.

He added that when council approved the 2024/2025 IDP budget, the document did not specify that Phase 2 was headed to Ga-Maguduza. Now in the 2025/2026 draft, that phase has been removed entirely with no new timeline until 2031.

"Residents are now disappointed because they were hoping Phase 2 of the road was planned for Ga-Maguduza and now it was removed from the IDP," he said.

As the 2025/2026 budget cycle continues, Sterkfontein Ga-Maguduza residents are demanding that council reinstate Phase 2 with a clear endpoint.

Elias Motosoaledi Municipality has faced repeated criticism over poor road conditions. A DA oversight visit to Sepaku Village in Ward 23 found roads so neglected that residents could physically stand inside what was once a street, with entire sections collapsed into trenches. The DA called on Premier Ramathuba to intervene, saying roads had not been maintained for more than a decade.

The municipality itself lists "Performance on Roads" under service delivery in its 2024/2025 Draft Annual Report, and recent tenders include repairs and maintenance of intersections in Groblersdal. However, large rural road upgrades remain a sore point for villages like Sterkfontein.

EMLM Spokesperson, Simon Makua, highlighted the gap between what Ward 29 residents asked for and what was finally approved in the IDP.

According to Makua, residents made their priorities clear during the public participation process.

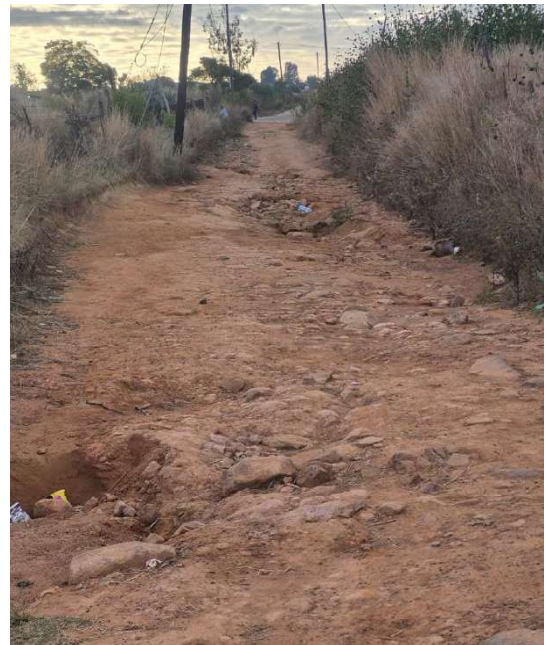
He added that the community requested paving of the road from Mokumong to Maguduza via Mashabela Road to Seroko Taxi Rank. That submission reflected the Ward 29 community's main infrastructure needs and was recorded as part of the planning inputs.

"However, the project adopted by Council is different. Chapter 6, page 288 of the approved 2024/2025 IDP lists the formally registered project as 'Upgrading of Mokumong Access Road to Marateng Taxi Rank 5.2 km. That is the description used for budgeting and implementation. The approved allocation stands at R10,989,800 for 2024/2025 and R16,710,200 for 2025/26," Makua said.

Makua stated that Cllr Radingwana, who serves on the Section 79 Infrastructure Services Committee, is noted as having oversight access to municipal reports and project information through that role.

On the specific question of any planned upgrades to Ga-Maguduza Road, Makua said there is currently no upgrade underway.

"The municipality is currently re-gravelling the road as a temporary measure because there is insufficient budget for full upgrading," Makua explained.



Full of trenches and dongas, the inaccessible Ga-Maguduza Main Road in Sterkfontein Village was allegedly removed from the Elias Motosoaledi multi-year IDP programme.



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## Over eight hundred arrested across Limpopo in week-long Operation Shanela

**LIMPOPO** - The police in Limpopo have arrested 836 suspects for a range of offences during a high-density Operation Shanela, conducted across all five districts of the province from Monday 1 June until Sunday 7 June 2026.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the operation was executed in partnership with various law enforcement agencies and stakeholders.

"The suspects face charges including illegal possession of firearms and ammunition, possession of dangerous weapons, illegal dealing in liquor, drug-related crimes, rape, assault of both GBH and common assault, malicious damage to property, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and contravention of the Immigration Act," informed Ledwaba.

He added that suspects arrested during the week-long operation include five nabbed for illegal possession of firearms, 3 for illegal possession of ammunition, 16 for possession of dangerous weapons, 6 for dealing in drugs, 94 for illegal dealing in liquor, 2 for car-hijacking, 4 for robbery at residential premises, 69 for common assault, 2 for burglary at business premises.

"Further 8 suspects were arrested for illicit mining, 8 for rape, 6 for murder, 5 for attempted murder, 195 for being illegal migrants, 8 for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, 5 for robbery with aggravating circumstances, 14 for malicious damage to property, 7 for burglary at residential premises, 1 for theft of or from motor vehicles, 102 for assault GBH, 1 for theft of a motor vehicle and motorcycle, and 210 for other crimes," he said.

Ledwaba said during the operation, the police also recovered several items including five firearms, 147,152 litres of alcoholic beverages, R1,270.00 in cash, 6 cellphones, 26 rounds of ammunition, 16 dangerous weapons, 1.813kg of dagga, 0.001 grams of nyaope, 17 dagga plants, 0.28 grams of crystal meth, 2,052 packets of tobacco products, and 4 motor vehicles.

"The arrested suspects have already started appearing before various magistrate courts across the province, and police investigations are continuing," he said.

Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, commended the arrests and applauded the police together with the stakeholders involved for ensuring the safety and security of Limpopo residents, visitors and the business communities.



Unlicensed firearms and ammunition were recovered by the police during the Limpopo Province-wide Operation Shanela.



The Limpopo Police Operation Shanela conducted across the province has resulted in arrests of suspects for various criminal offences.

## 30-Day ultimatum issued over Ga-Motodi water crisis

**GA-MOTODI** - The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), Cllr Minah Bahula, has given its water officials 30 days to fix supply problems in Ga-Motodi Village, warning that delays will not be tolerated.

On Thursday 4 June 2026, Bahula, accompanied by Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM) Mayor Cllr Eddie Mola, met the Marota a Bogwasha Traditional Council led by Kgoshi MR Sekhukhune to address the urgent water challenges facing Ga-Motodi residents.

As part of a short-term intervention, the Executive Mayor officially handed over a contractor who will begin drilling a borehole in the traditional authority area to improve immediate access to water.

Bahula instructed officials from Water Services and Infrastructure to conduct a full assessment of all available water sources in the village. The audit will include infrastructure from the Lebelelo Bulk Water Project, which terminates near the Motodi Sports Complex.

She then issued a 30-day ultimatum to the relevant department to implement practical interventions and improve water supply in Ga-Motodi.

Executive Mayor Bahula also appealed to community members to cooperate with the municipality and refrain from illegal connections to the main water pipeline,

warning that such activities undermine municipal plans and efforts to provide sustainable water services to the people of Sekhukhune.

Later during the day, Bahula, and her team, including the MMC for Infrastructure and Water Services, Cllr Kokie Sefala-Makgolane, visited Ga-Kgosi Makofane in Ga-Makofane to assess the status of water supply in the area. Several interventions were undertaken to improve water provision and address existing challenges.

"Officials must come back with solutions, not excuses," Bahula said during the engagement.



SDM Executive Mayor, Cllr Minah Bahula, issued a 30-day ultimatum to the municipality's water department to improve water supply in Ga-Motodi Village.

## GENERAL NOTICE

PROPOSED CONSENT-USE IN TERMS OF SECTION 74 OF THE ELIAS MOTSOALEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY SPLUM BY-LAW, 2016  
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Contact details of the Authorised Municipal Employee: Mrs. K. Mapulane: 013 262 3056/7/8

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RENTANT VAN DIE PLAAS LEEUKRAAL No. 46 - JS

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## Child rapist sentenced to life imprisonment

**GROBLERSDAL** - The Groblersdal Regional Court has sentenced a 22-year-old man to life imprisonment after he was convicted him for repeatedly raping a 10-year-old relative in the Motetema policing area two years ago.

The suspect, who could not be named to protect the identity of the victim, was sentenced on Tuesday 2 June 2026 for offences took place between October and December 2024.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the conviction stems from incidents that occurred between October and December 2024, during which the accused repeatedly raped the victim who is his relative.

"The matter was reported to the police after the victim eventually disclosed the ordeal to her aunt. The matter was reported to the police and a case of rape was opened," said Ledwaba.

He informed that the Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS) Unit in Groblersdal, swiftly took over the investigation.

"Through meticulous investigative work, the Investigating Officer, Sergeant Tsheola Lethuba, successfully traced and arrested the accused. Following the conclusion of the trial, the court found the accused guilty on a charge of rape and sentenced him to life imprisonment. The accused be declared unfit to possess a firearm," explained Ledwaba.

The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, commended all role players involved in securing the conviction and sentence against the perpetrator.



Investigating Officer Sergeant Tsheola Lethuba of the Groblersdal FSC conducted thorough information that led to the successful conviction and sentencing of the accused.



## Nkgetheng Maabane

### Re-Kaofela Consortium

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

My name is Nkgetheng Maabane, representing Re-Kaofela Consortium established in Limpopo in 2018. We are a leading service provider in installing underground secondary support in Steelpoort.

Born from ambition and united by a shared vision, my team is made up of individuals from diverse backgrounds, driven by a common goal: to carve our path in the mining industry together.

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Today, Re-Kaofela Consortium stands tall, empowered to gaze toward the future with confidence and optimism.

#### NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS (BASIC ASSESSMENT)

In terms of Regulation 982 of the regulations published in Government Notice No. 38282 of 2014 under Section 41 read with section 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), and Section 27 of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002) notice is hereby given that Department of Public Works Roads and Infrastructure is of the intention to carry out the following activity:

**Project Description:** Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure intends to do an application of borrow pit mining for the purposes of road maintenance activities on Road D1184 Tondelbos Village on Portion 2 of the Farm(s) Mapochsgronde 800 JS within Elias Mtscoaledi Local Municipality, Greater Sekhukhune District in the Limpopo Province. **The method to be implemented is a very basic form of Open Cast Mining.**

**Location:** Farm Mapochsgronde 800 JS within Elias Mtscoaledi Local Municipality of Greater Sekhukhune District in Limpopo Province.

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 Tel: 015 065 0731  
 Email: [info@khera.co.za](mailto:info@khera.co.za)
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 43 Church Street, Polokwane  
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#### NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS (BASIC ASSESSMENT)

In terms of Regulation 982 of the regulations published in Government Notice No. 38282 of 2014 under Section 41 read with section 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), and Section 27 of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002) notice is hereby given that Department of Public Works Roads and Infrastructure is of the intention to carry out the following activity:

**Project Description:** Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure intends to do an application of borrow pit mining for the purposes of road maintenance activities on Road D4127 at Shushubung village on Portion 0 of the Farm(s) Jaglust 418 KS within Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality, Greater Sekhukhune District in the Limpopo Province. **The method to be implemented is a very basic form of Open Cast Mining.**

**Location:** Farm Jaglust 418 KS within Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality of Greater Sekhukhune District in Limpopo Province.

**Coordinates:**  
 Id, Lat Long  
 S 24° 15' 14.63" 29° 15' 14.63" E

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# DSAC supporting local authors in preserving heritage



The attendees at the event.



Some of the books on display

### LIMPOPO

The Limpopo Department of Sport, Arts and Culture supported the launch of seven Sepedi books authored by Mazui Tumisho Elliot in Ga-Mphahlele, Majaneng on Saturday, 6 June 2026.

The event celebrated not only the publication of seven books, but also Mazui's remarkable contribution to the promotion of indigenous languages and cultural heritage. Having written approximately 40 books, with seven already published, he announced plans to launch another

seven books next year.

Representing the Department, officials from Library and Information Services and Language Services reaffirmed the Department's commitment to supporting local authors.

Rendering a message of support on behalf of the Department, Director Language Services, Mr Netshifhefhe highlighted that Limpopo has more than 100 libraries and emphasized the Department's goal of ensuring that local authors' works are accessible in libraries across the province.



**RE A LEBOGA! RE A RETA! THANK YOU! BAIE DANKIE! HAKHENSA! SIYATHOKOZA!**



The President of the De Hoop Dam Governance Assembly (DH-GA), **Mr Mahlagaume Kgwale**, extends sincere gratitude to community representatives surrounding De Hoop Dam for their passionate participation and constructive engagement; to our political principals MMC Makoaya Alfred Matlala, MMC Kanana Leokana and Cllr Thabo Kgagara; and to all presenters for their outstanding knowledge-sharing, insights, and commitment to strengthening governance capacity and stakeholder empowerment.



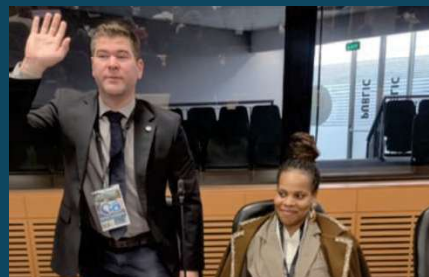
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THE PRESIDENT OF DE HOOP DAM GOVERNANCE ASSEMBLY (DH-GA), MR KGWALE, DECLARED THE INAUGURAL (FIRST) SITTING OF THE DE HOOP DAM GOVERNANCE ASSEMBLY A SUCCESSFUL MILESTONE IN PEOPLE-CENTRED GOVERNANCE. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DE HOOP DAM GOVERNANCE ASSEMBLY:

- 1 Consensus was successfully reached on the adoption of the credentials of the Governance Assembly.
- 2 The Executive Mayor's Address was duly delivered on behalf of the Executive Mayor by MMC Kanana Leokana.
- 3 The Draft Terms of Reference was presented, circulated for further refinement, and scheduled for formal adoption during the Second Governance Assembly in July 2026.
- 4 The stakeholder mapping and stakeholder management lessons from the Fetakgomo Tubatse Special Economic Zone, presented by Mr Mphahle Geoff Nkadimeng, were fully embraced by the Assembly.
- 5 The SALGA Blue Economy Programme and Localisation Framework, presented by Mr Petrus van Niekerk, "Monare 'a Hunadi", received overwhelming support and were adopted by the Assembly.
- 6 The resolutions presented by the SDA Company Secretary, Ms Maseilane Mahlatji, were adopted with amendments and broad consensus from Assembly Members.



# Sports



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**Premier Ramathuba opens new Public Works Cost-Centre in Marble Hall**



## Sekhukhune football coaches to get D License training boost



SAFA Sekhukhune Region in partnership with SDM will conduct SAFA D License course to promote the development of football in Sekhukhune Region.

**SEKHUKHUNE** - Sekhukhune football coaches are set to level up their qualifications as the SAFA Sekhukhune Region announces a SAFA D License course for local clubs and schools. The course will be conducted by SAFA Sekhukhune Region in partnership with Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM).

SAFA Sekhukhune Regional Secretary, Matsebe Thipane, confirmed that the region will host training sessions for coaches from Local Football Association (LFA) clubs and school teams across the district.

"This is part of our development programme to improve coaching standards at grassroots level," he said.

Thipane indicated that the course will run from 27 June 2026 at the Sekhukhune District Municipal Chamber in Groblersdal and it is opened to school sport coordinators and selected municipal workers across the region.

"All interested participants must pay a R500 participation fee before 20 June

2026 and produce proof of payment before the commencement of the course. We will provide you with the regional account details. Any logistics will be made known to you," he said.

Thipane urged LFAs to act promptly to secure spots to avoid inconvenience. "Let's keep contact," he added.

The SAFA D License is the entry-level coaching qualification in South Africa. It focuses on basics: planning sessions, understanding the laws of the game, player development for ages 6-13, and coaching methodology. It's a prerequisite for C License and is required for coaches working with junior teams in SAFA leagues.

Thipane urged clubs to meet registration deadlines with their LFAs to avoid missing out, as spaces are limited per association.

For bookings and payment details, Thipane advised coaches to contact their respective LFA offices in the Sekhukhune Region.

### NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION BY: PAYPORWAX (PTY) LTD

Notice is hereby given in terms of EIA Regulation 41(2) (c) of the Regulations, under the Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998)

Payporwax (Pty) Ltd applied for a Mining Permit for mineral Sand General Only, in terms of Section 27 of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act 28 of 2002. The project will be following the Basic Assessment Report procedures in terms of regulation 41(3) (b) (i) of the NEMA: EIA Regulation, 2014. The project will trigger Activity 21 of Listing Notice (LN) 1 of the EIA Regulations "Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a mining permit in terms of section 27 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, as well as any other applicable activity as contained in Listing Notice 3 of 2014, required to exercise the mining permit.". The applications cover farms:

**JAGDLUST 418 KS (PORTION OF THE FARM)  
KOEDOESKOP 408 KS (PORTION OF PORTION 3)  
DMPR REF: LP 30/5/13/2/13380MP.**

Located in the magisterial district of Lepelle-Nkumpi/Greater-Tubatse/Fetakgomo. You can be involved in the Public Participation Process by:  
- sending a fax, email or mail with your name, contact details and concerns/questions relating to the project.

- Providing us with the names of additional people that can be contacted. All correspondence be received within 30 days from receipt of these notice will be submitted to the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR). All issues raised during the public participation process will responded to in writing to the Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs). I&AP include all parties concerned, who will be affected by the project and interested in the prospecting/exploration project. The Basic Assessment Report & Environmental Management Plan (EMP & BAR) and Background Information Document (BID) is available upon requested via email.

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CEL: 072 395 9511/066 389 1021/078 174 4835  
DATE OF NOTICE: 12 June 2026**

*Thembisile Hani*  
**Farmers Market**

**CALL TO BOOK STALLS FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> INSTALLMENT OF THE THLM FARMERS MARKET**

Thembisile Hani Local Municipality (THLM) hereby invites Micro, Medium and Small Enterprises (MSMEs) in the Agricultural Sector who are selling fresh produce to book stalls at the 4th Instalment of the Thembisile Hani Farmers Market event that is scheduled to take place on the 26th of June 2026.

Limited stalls will be available, and they will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

**The closing date for submissions (stall bookings) is Friday the 19th of June 2026.**

Municipal Offices, Mthombomuhle

26 June 2026 10:00

CONTACT US  
Local Economic Development Manager, Mr. Morwape Nchabeleng, through [nchabelengm@thembisilehanilm.gov.za](mailto:nchabelengm@thembisilehanilm.gov.za) and/ or 013 986 9106 or Local Economic Development Officer Ms. Ntombi Ndala, through 013 986 9146/ [ndalan@thembisilehanilm.gov.za](mailto:ndalan@thembisilehanilm.gov.za)

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