



Community urges accountability over shoddy road construction

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Two murdered, two injured in Tafelkop fatal shooting



The two victims after they were fatally shot by unknown suspects at Mashitaneng Section in Tafelkop Village.

MOTETEMA - The police in Motetema are investigating two counts of murder and two attempted murder incidents that took place at Mashitaneng Section in Tafelkop Village on Saturday 18 October 2025 at about 12:50.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the police received a complaint about a shooting incident and rushed to the vicinity and on arrival, they found a cream white VW Jetta motor vehicle parked on the side of the road with four male occupants who sustained severe gunshot wounds.

"Upon further investigation, the police noticed multiple bullet holes on the side of the motor vehicle and a firearm. The members of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were summoned to the scene and declared two males dead on arrival. The other two victims, aged 38 and 51, were transported to a local hospital to receive medical treatment," explained

Ledwaba.

He added that reports suggest that the victims were seated inside the motor vehicle when suddenly, a grey VW Polo sedan emerged and stopped from the opposite direction with four unknown male suspects.

"The suspects suddenly fired shots at the victims and immediately drove off from the scene with VW Polo motor vehicle without registration numbers," informed Ledwaba.

He said the motive of the incident is unknown at this stage and anyone with information that can assist with the investigations, is encouraged to contact the Investigating Officer, Constable Hulisani Belemo on 060 801 5141, Crime Stop number on 08600 10111, the nearest police station or make use of MySAPSApp.

Ledwaba said police investigations are continuing.



Police activate massive manhunt following Kliphuiwel Village house robberies

ELANDSKRAAL

The Limpopo Provincial Police Commissioner, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has directed the police in Elandskraal to leave no stone unturned in tracking down and arresting a group of male suspects involved in a series of house robberies at Kliphuiwel Village outside Marble Hall.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the suspects, believed to be part of a criminal syndicate, targeted the community of Kliphuiwel Section in three separate incidents on Saturday 18 October 2025.

"Looking at the modus operandi by these armed suspects it became obvious that the group targeted various communities in their houses at gunpoint in three separate incidents," he said.

Ledwaba said the first incident, occurred at about 02:00, five unknown male suspects with firearms allegedly entered a house of a female victim who was sleeping with her family.

"They kicked open a bedroom door and took valuables including a cellphones, schoolbag and also robbed the family of an undisclosed amount of cash," he said.

Ledwaba added that another incident of break in residence happened at about 03:00, when a female victim was pointed with a firearm by an unknown male suspect while outside her house.

"She was ordered to enter the house and two unknown males also followed and fired one shot. The suspects allegedly ransacked the house and took cellphones valued at more than five thousand rands

and undisclosed amount of cash before fleeing the scene," explained Ledwaba.

He further said the third incident happened at about 03:50, when a male victim was robbed of his cellphone at gunpoint point by three male suspects while sleeping at his residence.

"After the robbery, the trio fired a shot outside the house before fleeing the scene on foot," said Ledwaba.

He said a manhunt for the suspects is underway and the police request anyone with information that can assist with their apprehension to contact the Investigating Officer, Warrant Officer Cedric Monakedi on 082 414 6674, the Crime Stop number on 08600 10111, the nearest police station or make use of MySAPSApp.

Lieutenant General Hadebe assured that the police are working tirelessly to track and arrest the suspects.

"We will never allow our community to live in fear of these criminal elements," said General Hadebe.



The police in Elandskraal have launched a massive manhunt following a string of armed robberies committed at Kliphuiwel Village in one night.

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FRONT PAGE STORY



Aggrieved residents say they will demand Makhuduthamaga Municipality to authorize a full forensic audit of the roads tender project.

GLEN COWIE (New Stand) - The community of Glen Cowie(New stand) Village in Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM) Ward 09, expressed outrage over the substandard construction of a recently paved road in the area.

The newly built road, connecting Glen Cowie(New Stand) to Magapung, has already shown significant damage and is currently in need of repairs.

According to a community leader, Katlego Mnisi, residents raised concerns prior to construction, requesting that the road accommodate three critical access routes used daily by residents.

However, these requests were ignored, allegedly due to interference from certain individuals, who have significant influence in the community.

"The road, though newly constructed, is already damaged. Our community demands a forensic audit into the tender project for this road construction. We seek transparency and accountability regarding the procurement, construction quality, and decision-making processes," he said.

Mnisi has called on MLM Mayor Cllr Merah Mahlase to provide answers to several key questions, including what procedures were followed for this road

construction project, and can the full tender documentation, contractor details, and payment records be provided?

Mnisi furthered asked why were the community's requests to accommodate the three critical access routes ignored, and who authorized the final road design?

"We also want to know what quality control measures were in place to ensure the road's durability, and why is it already damaged shortly after completion. Was there any interference or undue influence from individuals during the planning and execution of this project?" he asked.

Mnisi indicated that the community will demand the municipality to authorize a full forensic audit of the tender project and make the findings publicly available.

"Residents are concerned about future infrastructure projects which raises questions on what steps will be taken to ensure that future infrastructure projects meet community needs and legal standards," he said.

Mnisi said he believes that investigative reporting on these questions will be vital in holding perpetrators accountable.

At the time of going to print, this publication was yet to receive responses from the MLM with relations to this matter.

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION BY: PHASH GENERAL TRADING CC

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)

Phash General Trading cc applied for a Mining Permit for mineral Gabro/Norite 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 farm:

BRAKFRONTEIN 464 KS
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- 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 Resources & Energy (DMRE). 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 at the Local Municipality. This information can also be requested via email.

CORRESPONDANCE MAY BE DIRECTED TO: VM Mafanele
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Private Bag x 5981
Polokwane North
0750

OFFICE: 26 Thabo Street (AL Smit Building), Polokwane, Limpopo
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DATE OF NOTICE: 24 October 2025

EFF Sekhukhune slams GNT for allocating old broken buses



The EFF in Sekhukhune raised a concern about the state of GNT buses allocated to the region.

SEKHUKHUNE

The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) in Limpopo has raised serious concerns over the Great North Transport's (GNT) acquisition of old buses for public transport, describing it as "another direct insult" to the rural community.

According to a memorandum addressed to the Special Investigating Unit (SIU), the EFF's Proportional Representative Councillor for Municipal Public Account Committee (MPAC), Cllr Ali Maloba, said the buses contracted for rural areas in Sekhukhune were old and poorly maintained, while those for urban areas like Polokwane were new and acceptable.

"The buses contracted for rural areas have exceeded 100,000 km, are poorly maintained, unreliable, and unsafe, which directly impacts on poor rural commuters who depend on them for work and essential services," Maloba said.

Maloba further stated that the GNT's actions contradict the government's stated goals to improve public transport through modern, integrated systems like Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) systems.

"The reliance on aging fleets by Great North Transport can be a symptom of systemic failure, poor decision-making, and a lack of strategic planning in the company," Maloba added. He also highlighted that the Limpopo Provincial Government had allocated R200 million for the 2025/2026 financial year to repair and maintain the existing fleet and acquire new buses, but instead, the GNT had contracted old buses.

Maloba highlighted that the GNT has a history of failed interventions,

including introduction of Fleet Renewal Plan by Limpopo Economic Development Environment and Tourism (LEDET), which failed in 2013 and in 2017, the board introduced a turnaround strategy utilizing external consultants, which also failed as well as the 2021/2022 turnaround strategy which was launched and failed.

"Now in 2025, an integrated strategy was implemented, but only contracted recycled buses were delivered," stated Maloba.

The EFF has also raised concerns about the role of the board, stating that they have "run out of ideas or are party to the crime," given that all their turnaround strategies have failed.

"We view this as a clear case of corruption and mismanagement. We demand that the SIU investigates the matter and holds those responsible accountable," Maloba emphasized.

He said the party has called for Limpopo Provincial Treasury to freeze non-essential spending and audit all existing contracts and deploy a Provincial Treasury Oversight Team to restore financial control.

"We also need establishment of forensic investigations on the recent contracted fleet," he said.

Maloba warned that without urgent intervention, Great North Transport would collapse like the North West transport system, devastating poor rural commuters and having serious political ramifications.

"The EFF will continue holding authorities accountable and fighting for good and clean governance," Maloba concluded.

LNW donates R200K to Leeuwfontein Centre



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LEEUFWONTEIN

Lepelle Northern Water (LNW) has officially handed over its R200 000 donation to the Leeuwfontein Centre for the Aged and People Living with Disabilities, located in Ward 08 of the Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality. The handover took place on 17 October. The funds were raised during LNW's recent Annual Charity Golf Day, hosted at the Polokwane Golf Club. This event is part of the entity's Corporate Social Investment (CSI) programme, which

is aimed at uplifting vulnerable groups and strengthening community development.

The donation was officially presented by LNW Acting Chief Executive Officer, Elias Moeng, to the management.

Moeng said their gesture will go towards constructing a new structure to replace the centre's deteriorating facilities. When it was first established, the Centre accommodated around 60 elderly residents, but due to limited funding and resources, it currently cares for only 18.

DA pushes for regulatory action over GNT pension scandal



LEDET Spokesperson, Jacques Smalle, says the party will demand urgent regulatory action over unpaid GNT former employees' pension fund.

LIMPOPO

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo has called for urgent regulatory action over the Great North Transport (GNT) pension scandal, which has left former employees without their pension benefits despite years of promises and political assurances.

The DA said it will lodge a formal complaint with the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA) and the Office of the Pension Funds Adjudicator, and has also called on the Auditor-General of South Africa to investigate the matter.

According to Jacques Smalle, DA Provincial Spokesperson for Limpopo Economic Development, the Environment, and Tourism (LEDET), the failure to pay over employee and employer pension fund contributions constitutes serious legal breaches and amounts to a criminal offense.

"Not only must GNT and its officials be

held accountable, but so too must GNT's Board and Tshireke Matibe, MEC for LEDET, who could also be held personally liable," he said.

Smalle indicated that the scandal dates back over 25 years, with a forensic investigation by BDO finding that GNT deducted pension contributions from employees but failed to remit both the employee and employer portions to the pension funds.

The report also found that the GNT Board failed to report this non-compliance as required under the Pension Funds Act, effectively allowing the abuse to continue unchecked.

"What makes this matter truly unconscionable is that it dates back more than 25 years. Recent funding intended to resolve the festering pension crisis, stabilise GNT, and recapitalise the company appears to have been misappropriated. It is as if GNT's dysfunction and its crises are being



deliberately manufactured and sustained to create yet another pot of public money to be looted," Smalle added.

He said the DA is calling for an independent and public commission of enquiry into the collapse of GNT to uncover how and why this vital public entity was captured, who enabled it, and how to prevent it from happening again.

"Only a transparent enquiry conducted in full public view will uncover the truth and ensure accountability," Smalle said.

The Limpopo Provincial Government has responded to the pension funds matter in a statement, provided an update on its efforts to resolve the outstanding pension and provident payments owed to former GNT employees.

According to the provincial government, a comprehensive intervention process was initiated in October 2024, resulting in a call for all former employees to submit their claims for processing.

As of the latest verified records, 787 claims have been processed by the liquidator, and 376 files have been transferred to the Fedgroup Unclaimed Benefit Fund.

An additional 214 claims have been processed by Fedgroup, leaving 162 files

remaining as unclaimed.

The Limpopo Provincial Government said it has established a Task Team to address all claimants, including the procurement of actuarial services to investigate missing data and quantify potential underpayments.

However, the appointed actuaries, Moremi Actuaries, have reported difficulties in obtaining historical data from financial institutions and the Make It Happen Foundation (MIHAFO).

"We sympathize with the cause of those who still haven't received their pension payouts, but it would be reckless of government to accede to the demand that R500 million be paid to MIHAFO's account without supporting data to justify same," said Premier Dr. Phophi Ramathuba.

The Provincial Government has called on all former GNT employees who have not yet submitted their claims to approach GNT offices directly for assistance.

"The government reiterates its commitment to ensuring that all legitimate claims are settled in a financially responsible manner, backed by evidence-based, procedurally sound, and verifiable calculations," said the Limpopo Provincial Government in a statement.



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2026

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Nkangala District Municipality offers a full bursary opportunity for deserving and qualifying applicants from historically disadvantaged backgrounds residing within the Nkangala District Municipality jurisdiction.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Only South African citizens (aged 17 - 35) residing within the Nkangala District Municipality jurisdiction pursuing full-time undergraduate studies (old/new) at:

- South African Public Universities;
- University of Technology, and
- TVET Colleges.

ENQUIRIES

Ms. Colleen Madlala 013 249 2065

Mr. Headman Skosana 013 249 2049

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14 NOVEMBER 2025 (TIME: 13:30)

FIELD OF STUDY

- Law
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NDM Bursary Application Forms can be downloaded on the municipality's website: www.nkangaladm.gov.za

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RFP REFERENCE: LEDA/ZCE/2025/26-3

APPOINTMENT OF A STRATEGIC INVESTOR FOR ZEBEDIELA CITRUS ESTATE

The Limpopo Economic Development Agency (LEDA), in partnership with the Limpopo Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (LDARD) and the Bjatlati Communal Property Association (BCPA), invites proposals from experienced local and international investors/operators to revitalise and manage the Zebediela Citrus Estate through an equity-based Joint Venture with the BCPA.

Minimum Requirements:

- 10+ years in commercial farming (with citrus experience)
- R100 million financial capacity (bank guarantee)
- Sustainable development & community upliftment plan
- Tax compliance & legal standing

Closing Date: 07 November 2025 at 14h00

Submission: Hard copy in sealed envelope

Delivery Address: Enterprise Development House, 1 Main Road, Lebowaqomo

Subject: Proposal – Zebediela Citrus Estate

Site Visit & Enquiries: Mr. Nyiko Mhinga – email: Nyiko.Mhinga@lieda.co.za

Terms of reference document available upon request:

Option 1: By Email Request – upon request via email: Nyiko.Mhinga@lieda.co.za

Option 2: From a website can be downloaded from www.lieda.co.za

LEDA reserves the right to cancel or amend the process.

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Court application dismissed, DUP vows to appeal

SEKHUKHUNE

The North Gauteng High Court has on Thursday 16 October 2025, dismissed the Democratic Union Party's (DUP) application to declare the 2024 National and Provincial elections unconstitutional.

The party had cited concerns regarding the constitutionality of the Electoral Act and the perceived irregularities surrounding the electoral process.

Before falling under ActionSA political organization's Green Umrella in a merger that occurred in September 2025, DUP boycotted the 2024 general elections, citing the unconstitutionality of the Electoral Act.

The party argued that the Act failed to provide adequate mechanisms for ensuring accountability, responsiveness, and openness by public representatives to voters.

Additionally, the Act does not provide procedures for voters to cancel the contractual relationship with elected public representatives through recall.

The DUP requested the court to allow South Africans to elect the President and Premiers directly through a separate ballot box.

The party asked the court to order the legislature to set limits on the size of the cabinet as part of its oversight exercise over the executive.

During the proceedings, Acting Judge De Vos dismissed the application, citing concerns that the relief sought by the DUP was too abstract and not based on specific facts.

The judge questioned why political parties were not cited as respondents, to which the DUP's legal representative explained that it would be impractical to do so given the widespread nature of political parties across the country.

Tonic Manchidi, former DUP President



Tonic Manchidi, former DUP President and current ActionSA Limpopo Provincial Treasurer deployed in Sekhukhune, has vowed that they will appeal the North Gauteng High Court decision.

and current ActionSA Limpopo Provincial Treasurer deployed in Sekhukhune, indicated his intention to appeal the judgment.

"We believe that the orders we sought are in line with the Constitution and necessary to ensure accountability and responsiveness in public representation," Manchidi said.

Manchidi stressed that DUP's application challenged various aspects of the Electoral Act, including the constituency-based electoral system, the right to recall elected representatives, and the IEC's failure to conduct adequate voter education.

"We believe that the orders we sought are in line with the Constitution and necessary for the country. The Constitution of the country is based on the values of human dignity, equality, and freedom, which are currently missing in South African public life," he said.

Elias Motsoaledi Municipality facing heat from SAMWU picket



Disgruntled members of SAMWU attached to EMLM during their demonstration at the municipality's entrance in Groblersdal.

GROBLERSDAL

Members of the South African Municipal Workers' Union (SAMWU) at Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) in Groblersdal, have taken to the streets to raise concerns about workplace conditions, fairness, safety, and professional development.

The ongoing picketing, which commenced on Tuesday 14 October 2025, sees demonstrating municipality employees gathering at the EMLM Office in Groblersdal every day at lunchtime, from 13:00 to 13:30 to raise their concerns.

They say they feel neglected by elected SAMWU leadership in the sub-region, specifically the Chairperson Steve Magaga, and the Secretary Puti Tau, who are allegedly perceived to be siding with management rather than representing workers' interests.

The workers' concerns include unfair labour practices, lack of tools of trade, unfair allocation of allowances, and safety concerns.

Specifically, they are demanding an open-led forum with elected SAMWU leaders and workers to review grievances and a clear, time-bound plan for addressing concerns raised by members.

They also want immediate provision of adequate PPE and work attire, including replacements at regular intervals, and a stock-and-service policy ensuring timely repairs and replacements.

They are aggrieved about transparent, criteria-based policy for all allowances, independent oversight of the allocation process, and regular communication on how decisions are made and who is eligible.

They say they need an urgent safety action plan, including enhanced security measures, incident reporting, and crisis response protocols, particularly for operators of yellow machinery who have faced multiple hijackings and criminal abuse incidents.

The workers are also demanding fair treatment and recognition for Traffic Officers and clear plans for integrating Traffic Wardens into the municipality's system.

According to Kenneth Maphopha, SAMWU Shopsteward in EMLM, workers are demanding immediate attention to their

grievances.

SAMWU members are calling for immediate intervention from regional and national leadership to address these concerns and restore proper leadership.

"Workers are angry and if there is no intervention, then they will have no option but lead themselves and confront management on their own," warned Maphopha.

The union has given management two weeks to convene a joint stakeholders' forum to discuss these grievances and provide a detailed action plan with timelines and responsible parties.

"We urge management, the elected SAMWU leadership, and relevant stakeholders to convene a joint stakeholders' forum within the next two weeks to discuss these grievances," Maphopha emphasized.

Simon Makua, EMLM Spokesperson, said the municipality has not received any formal grievances or official correspondence from SAMWU outlining their concerns.

"However, we are aware of a video circulating showing a few individuals affiliated with SAMWU picketing during their lunch time. While we respect the right of employees to express themselves, we encourage that all concerns be raised through the proper and recognised channels to ensure constructive engagement," he said.

Makua indicated that the municipality remains committed to fair labour practices, workplace safety, and professional development.

"We encourage organised labour and all employees to utilise the Local Labour Forum (LLF) for raising and resolving workplace-related matters. Regarding the request for a joint stakeholders' forum, the municipality has not received a formal proposal to this effect. Nonetheless, we remain open to dialogue and engagement, provided proper protocols are followed," he stated.

Makua conclude by saying that the municipality values the contribution of all its employees and are committed to fostering a safe, fair, and productive working environment.



Call for Applications for MQA Discretionary Grants (2025 – 2026): 6th Window

The Mining Qualifications Authority (MQA) is a Sector Education and Training Authority (SETA) for the mining and minerals sector in terms of the Skills Development Act of 1998.

The 6th application window for Discretionary Grants allocations, for the period 01 April 2025 to 31 March 2026, will open on Monday **20 October 2025 at 08h00**.

Applicants are invited to submit their applications for the following projects:

1. Learning Material Development

Accredited Skills Development Providers within the mining and minerals sector in the following provinces: Eastern Cape, Western Cape, Northern Cape, KwaZulu Natal, and Free State are encouraged to apply.

2. Small Business Support

This is a closed call targeting SMMEs only and not training providers applying on behalf of them.

Application forms and grants rules:

The Application form including the MQA Funding Policy are available on the MQA website at www.mqa.org.za; specific project information can be accessed via the hyperlinks on the forms.

Completed application forms must be submitted via e-mail **ONLY** to grants@mqa.org.za.

Hand-delivered application forms including those sent to other email addresses will not be accepted.

Please note:

- Terms and conditions will apply in accordance with the MQA Funding Policy and Allocation Criteria.
- The Application form is only available on the MQA website.
- The MQA may call for application for projects, but it is at the MQA's discretion to allocate the grants on these projects.
- The application form must be completed in full. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application form submitted is correct and completed in full.

Closing date: The window for applications will close on **Monday 10 November 2025 at midnight**.

Enquiries: Accredited Skills Development Providers are welcome to contact Ms Khensani Khumalo on tel. (011) 547 2600 or at e-mail: KhensaniK@mqa.org.za, if they have any queries or experience difficulties in completing the application form. Alternatively, please contact the following MQA persons for the Small Business Support Project:

- Ms Nomaswazi Malinga, tel. (083) 234 4623, e-mail: NomaswaziM@mqa.org.za
- Mr Sabelo Mavundla, tel. (011) 547 2850, e-mail: SabeloM@mqa.org.za



The SAPS confiscated dagga and drugs during the operation.

739 alleged criminals nabbed during Operation Shanela

SEKHUKHUNE

Following the recent launch of the Safer Festive Season Operations in Limpopo, the South African Police Service continues to intensify its crime-fighting efforts through Operation Shanela, which yielded significant results this past week.


Between Monday, 12 October and Sunday, 19 October, law enforcement teams across all five districts conducted simultaneous high-density operations that led to the arrest of 739 suspects and the recovery of 7 firearms.

The operations, aimed at enhancing public safety ahead of the festive season, involved roadblocks, stop-and-searches, vehicle checkpoints, compliance inspections at liquor outlets, tracing of wanted suspects, and monitoring of illegal activities such as drug dealing, illicit mining, and the contravention of the Immigration Act.

During these efforts, 7031 vehicles were stopped and searched, 1097 liquor premises were inspected, 4875 informal businesses, including spaza shops, were checked.

Police also confiscated 21 dangerous weapons, including 7 firearms and 43 rounds of ammunition. Alcohol, dagga, 185.75 grams of crystal meth and 27,42 grams of Nyaope were seized.

The arrests include suspects linked to serious crimes such as murder, attempted murder, rape, assault GBH and many more crimes. Provincial Commissioner of Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, applauded the positive outcomes and reaffirmed that Operation Shanela remains a key driver in ensuring a safe and secure festive period.



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MOGALAKWENA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

TENDER NOTICE

Mogalakwena Local Municipality hereby invites suitably qualified service providers to tender for the below mentioned project. The details of the project are as follows:

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PROJECT NAME	TENDER NUMBER	BRIEFING SESSION	ADVERT DATE	CLOSING DATE
APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR ONCE -OFF SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND OFF-LOADING OF ELECTRICIAN TOOL BOXES & KITS AND MAINTENANCE MATERIALS	12-2025/2026	None	16 October 2025	31 October 2025 @12:00pm

Mogalakwena Municipality will evaluate, adjudicate and award the bids in accordance with the PPPFA of 2022

Bid documents can be downloaded free of charge from the Mogalakwena Local Municipality's official website, www.mogalakwena.gov.za or the e-Tender Portal, www.etenders.gov.za

Procurement inquiries: Supply Chain Management

Telephone Number: 015 491 9647
supplychain@mogalakwena.gov.za

Technical inquiries: Electrical Services

Email: netshifhefhet@mogalakwena.gov.za

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Telephone Number:

Mr Netshifhefhe Thabelo (061 545 1500)

Mr Moabelo Kwena (073 124 3814)

Fully completed bid documents complying with conditions of bid, clearly marked "BID NO: 12-2025/2026" bearing the name and address of the bidder in a sealed envelope and must be deposited in the Tender Box on the Ground floor, Mogalakwena Local Municipality, 54 Retief Street, Mokopane, 0601, by no later than **12h00 on Friday, 31 October 2025** where bids will be opened in public. Quotations or tenders received by way of facsimile, e-mail, telegraph, telephone, and late, will under no circumstances be considered.

Bids will be evaluated in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022, of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, Act No. 5 of 2000, and other applicable legislation and will be based on an 80/20 preferential point system as defined in the Conditions of Tender, read with the Supply Chain Management Policy of Mogalakwena Local Municipality.

The municipality reserves the right to accept all, some, or none of the bids submitted, either wholly or in part, and is not obliged to accept the lowest bid.

Only prospective suppliers who are registered on the National Treasury's Central Supplier Database are eligible to bid.

M.M MALULEKA
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

54 RETIEF STREET
MOKOPANE
0601

NOTICE NUMBER
162/2025

Notice of Environmental Authorisation Process.

Environmental Authorization and public participation process for mining permit application for proposed borrow to outsource gravel materials for the construction of Eenzaam water supply phase one at Sekhukhune District Municipality, Limpopo province.

Notice is hereby given of a publication process for Environmental Authorization in terms of the: Section 16 of Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act No 28 of 2002) and regarding Regulation published in Government Notice GNR 327, 324 and 325 Amended and published in terms of Chapter 24(5) and (44) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No;107 of 1998). To this development the following Listed Activity is applicable:

Listing notice 1.GN .R 327, Activity 21 Any activity including the operation of the activity which requires a mining permit in terms of section 27 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act ,2002 (Act No.28 of 2002) ,including associated infrastructure and earthworks directly related to the extraction of a mineral resource ,including activities for which an exemption has been issued in terms of section 106 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act ,2002(Act No.28 of 2002)

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Bernice van Wyk
Veterinary Science Bursar

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Stakeholders extend support to matriculants during final exams



The Limpopo Provincial Government, collaborating with other stakeholders, conveyed message of support to the province's matric students who are sitting to write their final examinations.

LIMPOPO

As the matriculants in Limpopo started with their final exams on Tuesday 21 October 2025, the Limpopo Provincial Government, in collaboration with key stakeholders in education and other government sectors, extended heartfelt messages of support to the over 127 000 registered students across the province.

The virtual prayer session, attended by over 700 participants, emphasized the importance of collective support for matriculants to ensure their success.

During the prayer session, Premier Dr. Phophi Ramathuba highlighted the province's responsibility towards the students, emphasizing the importance of creating favourable conditions for their academic success.

"Throughout the year, we have strengthened the pillars that drive learning outcomes. We have delivered new classrooms and renovated existing ones. Additionally, our school nutrition programme continues to provide essential support to students attending school under challenging conditions," she said.

The Premier also noted the investments made in e-learning tools, weekend camps, and revision programmes, celebrating the achievements of fifteen educators at the National Teaching Awards, which showcase the high calibre of teaching in Limpopo.

Major General Jan Scheepers from Limpopo SAPS, reiterated the critical role of safety in education.

"Education is the gateway to transformation. A secure learning environment is essential for that transformation to take root. The SAPS, in collaboration with the Department of Education, remains committed to safeguarding learners and empowering school communities," he said.

Bishop Sikhwari of the South African Council of Churches also addressed the learners, encouraging them to place their trust in God as they enter the examination room.

Referring to Psalm 121:1-3, she reassured learners that their preparations have not been in vain and that divine oversight will guide them.

The theme of partnership resonated throughout the session, calling on parents, civil society, teachers, and traditional leaders to create a conducive environment for learners' success.

With last year's impressive 85.1% pass rate set by the class of 2024, the class of 2025 is expected to exceed these standards and further elevate the province's educational achievements.

The Limpopo Provincial Government urges all stakeholders to continue supporting the matriculants as they embark on this critical journey.

With the exams already commenced, the Limpopo Provincial Government is confident that the class of 2025 will achieve great success.

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Court application dismissed, DUP vows to appeal

Limpopo hosts National Public Servants Sports and Cultural event



Morabaraba was part of indigenous games played by the public to foster social cohesion among public servants.

LIMPOPO - Dozens of public servants from different parts of the country converged at the University of Limpopo Turfloop Campus, for the Annual National Public Servants Sports and Cultural Event (NPSSCE).

The two-day sporting event, which took place on Friday 17 and Saturday 18 October 2025, brought together participants from 28 different government departments

across the country.

The event aimed to promote healthy and active lifestyles among public servants, fostering social cohesion, unity, accountability, and national pride through sports and culture.

The participants competed in various sporting codes, including soccer, volleyball, netball, darts, morabaraba, chess, tug of war, table tennis, pool table, and a 5km fun



Football teams battling it out during the sporting event, aiming to promote healthy and active lifestyles among public servants.

recreational walk.

During the event, MEC for Limpopo Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, Funani Jerry Maseko, expressed his excitement about the event, highlighting its importance in promoting social cohesion and unity among public servants.

He was joined by the Limpopo Department of Cooperative Governance Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs

MEC, Basikopo Makamu.

The event started with a recreational fun walk, followed by aerobics, setting a lively tone for the competitions.

The NPSSCE is a significant initiative that promotes teamwork, healthy living, and camaraderie among public servants, ultimately contributing to nation-building and social cohesion.



MEC for Limpopo Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, Funani Jerry Maseko, leading by example taking part in aerobics during the sporting event.



Chess sporting code pulled attention of spectators during the NPSSCE at the University of Limpopo in Turfloop Campus.