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The multi-million rand Elandskraal Stadium in EPMLM has been abandoned and left to ruin.

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Residents of Ephraim Mogale are crying foul over the abandoned Elandskraal Stadium.

**ELANDSKRAAL** - The Elandskraal Stadium, a sports facility meant to serve the communities of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality (EPMLM), lies in a state of disrepair, which residents describe it as a stark reminder of EPMLM's failure to deliver on its promises.

Despite concerns and pleas from community members, the project was left incomplete, and the stadium has been reduced to a symbol of neglect and poor planning.

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in EPMLM

has repeatedly raised complaints about the stadium's condition, but their voices have fallen on deaf ears.

"The Elandskraal Sports Facility is an example of poor planning and bad service delivery by Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality. Millions have been spent on these stadiums, yet they're at risk of becoming rundown and being repurposed as animal shelters," said a DA Councillor in EPMLM Flip Jacobs.

He added that lack of maintenance, budget, and

# FTLM Mayor honours top performing matric pupils, schools and circuits



The FTLM's mayor seen with the top pupils.



FTLM's mayor Eddie Maila.



The matric class of 2025 during the event.



FTLM's mayor Eddie Maila handing Thabo Mathake his gifts

## BURGERSFORT

Top-performing matric pupils, best-performing schools, and educational circuits from Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM) were honoured with certificates and laptops by Mayor Eddie Maila on Friday, January 23. The mayor hosted the Mayoral Top Achievers Lunch, a celebratory luncheon, at the Thaba Moshate Hotel, Casino and Convention Resort. The event recognised top performers from the Sekhukhune East District and celebrated the district's improved matric results. It was attended by circuit managers, 2025 matriculants, parents, and representatives from the Sekhukhune East District. In his keynote address, Maila congratulated the Class of 2025 for contributing to Limpopo's overall matric pass rate of 86.15%, with Sekhukhune East achieving 86.7%, earning recognition as the most improved district in the province for the second consecutive year.

He described this achievement as a milestone reflecting sustained improvement and a decisive shift from the district's historical challenges in matric performance. Maila further emphasised that the FTLM will intensify engagement with education circuits to start academic support and preparations earlier in the year, proactively addressing challenges before matric examinations. Maila also congratulated Bogwasha Circuit, recognised as the most improved circuit in Limpopo, commending the circuit managers,

principals, educators, parents, and learners for their collective efforts in improving academic outcomes. Special recognition was extended to schools that achieved a 100% pass rate, with Maila calling for sustained excellence and a stronger focus on the quality of passes, particularly in key gateway subjects such as mathematics, physical science, technical science, and accounting.

The district's top 14 learners were also celebrated for their exceptional performance, which continues to inspire current and future matric candidates. Particular recognition was given to Mathake Thabo of Leolo Secondary School, the national overall best performer in technical science, and Moime Jasean of Mogale wa Bagale Technical High School, the top learner in Limpopo in engineering and graphic design.

Maila reaffirmed the municipality's commitment to education, highlighting the importance of basic service delivery, including roads and electrification, as key enablers of teaching and learning. Since 2021, the Office of the Mayor has donated school uniforms to more than 400 primary school learners, while the Mayoral Bursary Fund has supported over 80 deserving learners with full bursaries. "We will also assist some of these top-performing pupils with bursaries. We cannot congratulate them for achieving these milestones and then neglect them," Maila said. The Mayoral Top Achievers Lunch forms part of FTLM's broader commitment to promoting a culture of excellence and investing in the future of young people.



Sekhukhune East Director JF Malatji.

# Elias Motsoaledi youth gets academic boost



Primrose Mobbie, Dimakatso Sereku, Karabo Tshehla, and Bridget Mokoana received a once-off contribution of R17,000.00 towards their tertiary education fees.

GROBLERSDAL - In a significant academic boost to the youth of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM), MaxProf, together with EST-Sourcing, have awarded bursaries to four students from disadvantaged families to pursue higher education.

The bursary award ceremony, held on Monday 26 January 2026 at EMLM offices in Groblersdal, saw Primrose Mobbie, Dimakatso Sereku, Karabo Tshehla, and Bridget Mokoana receiving a once-off contribution of R17,000.00 towards their tertiary education fees.

The beneficiaries are pursuing various courses, including a Diploma in Grade R Teaching, Postgraduate Diploma in Public Development, Advanced Diploma in Technical and Vocational Education, and Bachelor of Education in Foundation Phase.

Speaking on behalf of the recipients, Karabo Tshehla expressed gratitude about the gesture.

"This bursary has relieved a huge financial burden on my family and allows me to focus fully on my studies. We are truly

grateful to MaxProf, EST-Sourcing, and the municipality for believing in our potential and investing in our futures," said Karabo.

This is the second consecutive year that MaxProf and EST-Sourcing have invested in the municipality's youth, securing placements at tertiary institutions and reflecting their commitment to sustainable skills development and long-term empowerment.

EMLM Mayor, Cllr David Tladi, praised the initiative, encouraging other corporate entities to support similar educational development programmes.

Tladi said the initiative reinforces the importance of collaborative efforts between corporate partners and local government in creating opportunities for South Africa's youth.

He indicated that by continuing to invest in education, MaxProf, EST-Sourcing, and the Elias Motsoaledi Municipality, are not only supporting individual students, but also contributing to the development of skilled, empowered young leaders who will drive positive change in their communities.



The Mayor of EMLM, Cllr David Tladi, encouraged corporate entities to support educational development programmes in the municipality.

## FRONT PAGE STORY



plans for revenue collection has led to the stadium's current state.

Residents are outraged, and rightly so. "We residents deserve better. We have been let down by the municipality, and it is unacceptable. They need to take responsibility and fix this stadium," said a resident, Mpho Mothupi.

"It is a shame, because this stadium could have been a hub for sports and community activities. Instead, it is a monument to the municipality's incompetence," he added.

Mothupi said the situation is dire, and residents are fed up and demanding action. "We need

answers, and we need them now. Why was this project abandoned? Who is responsible? And what will be done to fix it?" he asked.

The concerned community member called on the EPMLM councillors and officials to exercise their duties and respond to the concerns of their residents and take concrete steps to address the situation.

"The people of Ephraim Mogale deserve better than to be let down by their municipality. It's time for accountability and action," he said.

EPMLM Spokesperson, Life Nape, could not respond to the publication's enquiries.

# Over 900 suspects arrested in Operation Shanela



The police in Limpopo have intensified a fight against crime with intensified Operation Shanela conducted across the province.

**LIMPOPO** - The police in Limpopo have intensified a fight against crime in the province, arresting 923 suspects and recovering 4 firearms and 103 rounds of ammunition during Operation Shanela, conducted between Monday 19 and Sunday 25 January 2026.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the operation, conducted across all five districts in the province,

also resulted in the seizure of 560 counterfeit goods, 1,135 kg of dagga, and 0.004g of crystal meth.

"During the operations, the police inspected 1 152 liquor premises, 274 second-hand goods dealerships, 57 scrapyards, and searched 13 045 persons and 6 179 vehicles," informed Ledwaba.

He added that among the arrests were suspects wanted for murder, attempted murder, robbery, rape, and possession of



The recently conducted Operation Shanela has led to the recovery of unlicensed firearms and ammunition.



Dagga and other illicit drugs were seized by the police during the operations.

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The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, praised the teams' ongoing efforts.

"These arrests and recoveries are a clear indication that Operation Shanela is yielding results. We are unwavering in our resolve to eradicate crime from communities and guarantee everyone's safety in Limpopo," said Hadebe.

# DA demands answers over alleged unlawful R10m municipal land sale

**MARBLE HALL** - The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Sekhukhune Region has slammed the Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality (EPMLM) for selling municipal land valued at over R10 million to a private company, Twin City Trading, for just R4 million, citing concerns over transparency and fairness.

The sale, approved at a Council Meeting on Friday 23 January 2026, has sparked outrage, with concerns that the municipality is disposing of public assets through opaque and unlawful processes.

The party said it is going to demand full access to the valuation reports, the justification for bypassing a competitive process, and the legal opinions relied upon by the municipality.

"The sale of this land is not only reckless, but unlawful. The DA will not allow this matter to pass unchecked. If necessary, legal action will be pursued under the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act to review and set aside this decision," said Nico Pienaar, DA Sekhukhune Region Political Head.

"The direct sale without a public auction or competitive process raises serious red flags regarding value for money, maladministration, and potential corruption," he added.

Pienaar insists that Section 217 of the Constitution clearly states that when an organ of state disposes of assets, it must do so through a system that is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive, and cost-effective.

"The direct sale of municipal land to a pre-selected company without a public auction or competitive process, and without a lawful and rational basis, is fundamentally inconsistent with these requirements," informed Pienaar.

He said the alleged unlawful property sale was also in contravention of the Municipal Finance Management Act and the Municipal Asset Transfer Regulations of 2008, which further require that municipal land may only be disposed of if it is declared

non-essential, sold at fair market value, and in compliance with the municipality's Supply Chain Management policy.

"None of these safeguards appear to have been met. Of particular concern is that one valuation reportedly valued the property at over R10 million, yet Council approved its sale for just under R4 million," Pienaar explained.

He went on to say even more troubling is an indication that the developer was conditionally appointed before public participation and due process were concluded, effectively placing the outcome before the process.

"This lack of competition raises serious red flags regarding value for money, maladministration, and potential corruption. Public land does not belong to the ANC, it belongs to the people of Ephraim Mogale. At a time of collapsing infrastructure, failing service delivery, and severe budget constraints, it is unconscionable for municipalities to dispose of public assets through opaque and unlawful processes. Public land must serve the public interest, not political insiders," he urged.

Pienaar said the party will escalate the matter to the Auditor-General, National Treasury, and relevant oversight bodies.

"We will not allow this matter to pass unchecked. Public land belongs to the people of Ephraim Mogale, not the ANC. We will pursue legal action if necessary to review and set aside this decision," he said.

EPMLM Spokesperson, Life Nape, denied claims that the municipality unlawfully sold the land.

"It is misleading to say the municipality sold land because we did not sell land to anyone. The municipality had property valuers to determine the property value brought to their determinations. The council took a resolution to go back to negotiate the price and so far, we can safely say there's no price which the municipality took" he said.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE: ALIENATION OF PROPERTY BY MEANS OF AN UNSOLICITED BID

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 36 of the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality's Supply Chain Management Policy of 2025/2026, and Section 79 (18) of the Local Government Ordinance, Ordinance 17 of 1939 (as amended), read together with Sections 14, 21 and 90 of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act, Act 32 of 2000 (as amended), Section 113 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, Act 56 of 2003, Regulations 5 to 8 of the Municipal Asset Transfer Regulations of 2008 and Regulation 37 of the Municipal Supply Chain Management Regulations published in terms of Notice 868 of 30 May 2005 (as amended). The Council intends to dispose of the below mentioned property:

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Queries in respect of the above can be directed to Senior Manager Planning: Mr. B Sethojoa at the Elais Motsoaledi Local Municipality, 2 Grobler Avenue, Groblersdal, tel 013-262 3056 or e-mail bsethjoa@emlm.gov.za. The relevant documentation which supports the above may be perused by interested citizens at the municipal offices, 2 Grobler Avenue, Groblersdal between the hours of 07:30 and 16:00. Please note that certain proprietary information may be regarded as confidential. Written comments may be provided to the Municipal Manager at P.O. Box 48, Groblersdal 0470 by 28 February 2026.

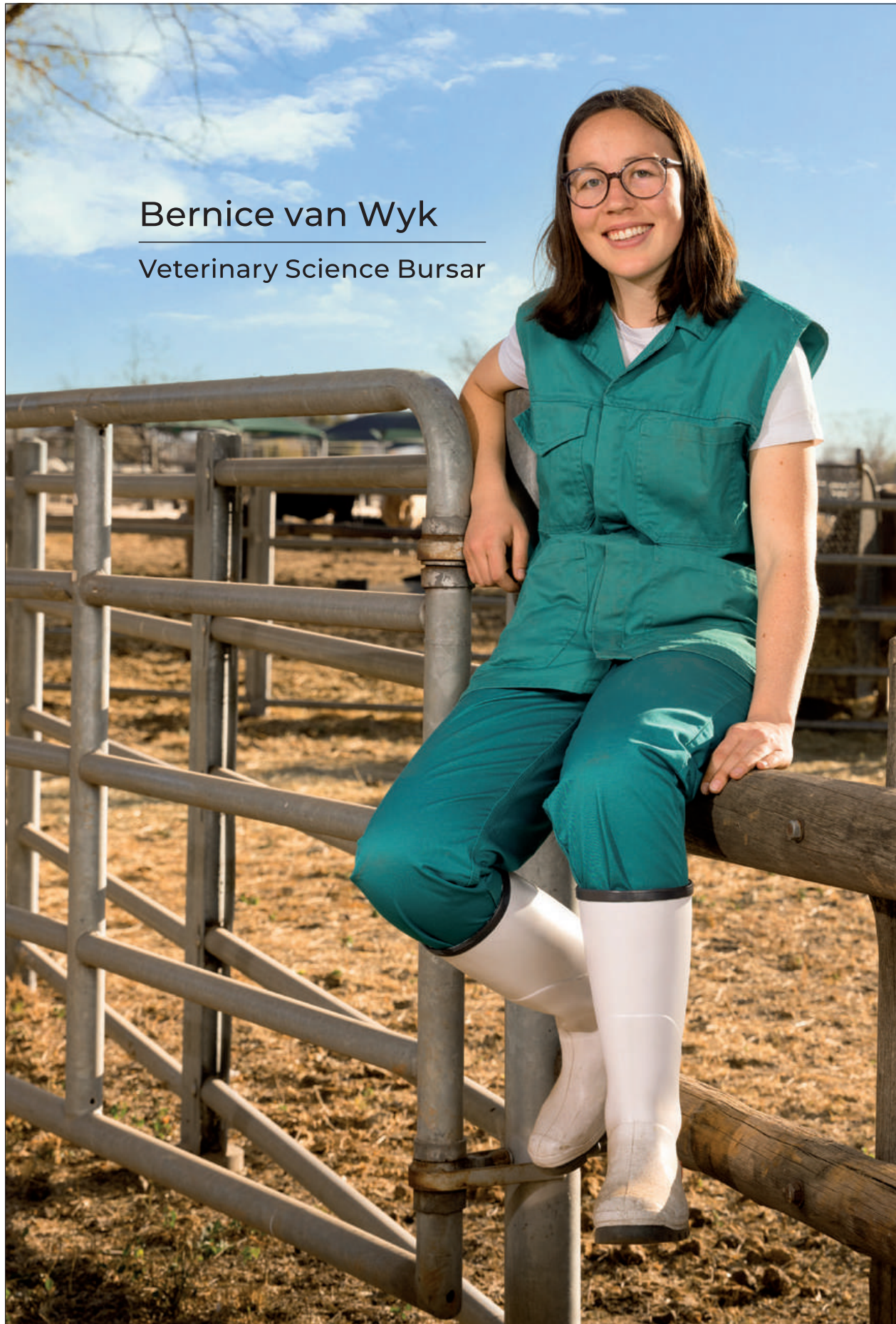
Any person who cannot read and write may visit the offices during office hours, before 28 February 2026 where such person access to the documents referred to in this notice, explain the contents of this notice and the said documents to such person and also assist such person to transcribe his/her comments or representations to the intention of the Municipality, if any.

Ms. NR MAKGATA, PR Tech Eng.  
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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The DA in Sekhukhune demands accountability from EPMLM Council for selling municipal land valued at over R10 million for just R4 million.



## Bernice van Wyk

Veterinary Science Bursar

## Residents furious over abandoned road project

### GA-MASEMOLA

Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM) is facing the wrath of furious residents in Molebeledi, Magate, and Mamatjekeng Villages, who are outraged over the alleged abandoned road project in their area.

The 5 km phase 1 of the Molebeledi-Mohloding to Masemola Moshate Access Road, meant to improve connectivity and ease travel, has been left unfinished, sparking accusations of neglect and broken promises.

Residents blame MLM Mayor Merah Mahlase, saying she visited the area and assured them the project would be completed without hindrances.

"Earlier last year, the mayor came here and promised us the world, but nothing has happened. We are tired of empty promises. We need roads, not excuses," said a local resident who did not want to be named.

According to residents, the contractor allegedly abandoned the project due to payment disputes with the municipality, leaving workers unpaid for months.

"It is heartbreaking to see our community suffer like this. Workers were promised jobs, and now they are not being paid. It is a shame," he added.

The concerned resident said the community is seething with anger, feeling betrayed by the municipality's failure to deliver on its promises.

"We are not asking for much, just basic infrastructure. But it seems like the municipality doesn't care about us. The abandoned project has left the community feeling isolated and frustrated. We are forced to travel on dusty roads, and during the rainy season, it is a nightmare. The municipality needs to take responsibility and finish this project," he said.

He indicated that MLM officials have remained tight-lipped about the issue, failing to respond to repeated pleas from the affected communities.

The silence has only fueled the community's anger, with residents demanding answers and action.

"We won't back down until this project is completed," said the defiant resident.

The Makhuduthamaga Municipality is yet to respond to the publication's enquiries.



## 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.

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# SANDF Owethu Project launched in Mashwanyaneng Village



MEC for Health in Limpopo, Dieketseng Mashego, with SANDF members during the Owethu Project event held at Mashwanyaneng Village outside Jane Furse.

**MASHWANYANENG** - In a significant move to bridge the service delivery gap in rural areas, the Limpopo Provincial Government, led by MEC for Health Dieketseng Mashego, officially opened the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) Owethu Project at Mashwanyaneng Village outside Jane Furse on Monday 26 January 2026.

The week-long humanitarian outreach aims to provide essential services to underserved communities, restoring dignity and hope to residents.

The event marked a historic moment in the province's efforts to bring government services directly to the people.

The outreach, running from 26-30 January 2026, brings together various government disciplines, including Home Affairs, to serve the community holistically.

"This initiative is a testament to our commitment to people-centred service delivery and meaningful intergovernmental collaboration," said MEC Mashego.

During the launch, the MEC and delegation conducted a walkabout of exhibition stalls, engaging with service providers and community members.

Furthermore, the outreach is part of the Limpopo Provincial

Government's efforts to address the challenges faced by rural communities, including poverty, unemployment, and lack of access to basic services.

The SANDF Owethu Project is a significant step towards achieving the province's goals of improving service delivery, promoting economic development, and enhancing the quality of life for its citizens.

The community has welcomed the initiative, with residents expressing hope that it will bring much-needed services to the area.

"This is a great opportunity for our community to access essential services without having to travel long distances," said a local resident.

In addition, the Limpopo Provincial Government's efforts to improve service delivery are part of its broader strategy to promote economic development and reduce poverty in the province.

The government has implemented various initiatives, including the Limpopo Youth Month Programme, aimed at empowering young people and promoting economic growth.

The SANDF Owethu Project is expected to have a positive impact on the community of Sekhukhune.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Agreement on the Modalities for the establishment of the sekhukhune District Joint Municipality Planning Tribunal

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section (2)34 and (3)34 of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 (Act 16 of 2013), read with Sections 7 of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Regulations: Land Use Management and General Matters, 2015 that Sekhukhune District Municipality and all the four local municipalities within its area of jurisdiction (Makhuduthamaga, Ephraim Mogale, Elias Motsoaledi and Fetakgomo Tubatse) entered into an agreement and signed modalities to establish a District Joint Municipal Planning Tribunal to receive and dispose of land development and land use applications within the district municipal area.

The said agreement is enclosed hereto in terms of section (3)34. The Sekhukhune District Municipal Planning Tribunal shall commence its operations after the date of publication of the Provincial Gazette for its Readiness in terms of Section (4)37 and (5)37 of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 (Act 16 of 2013).

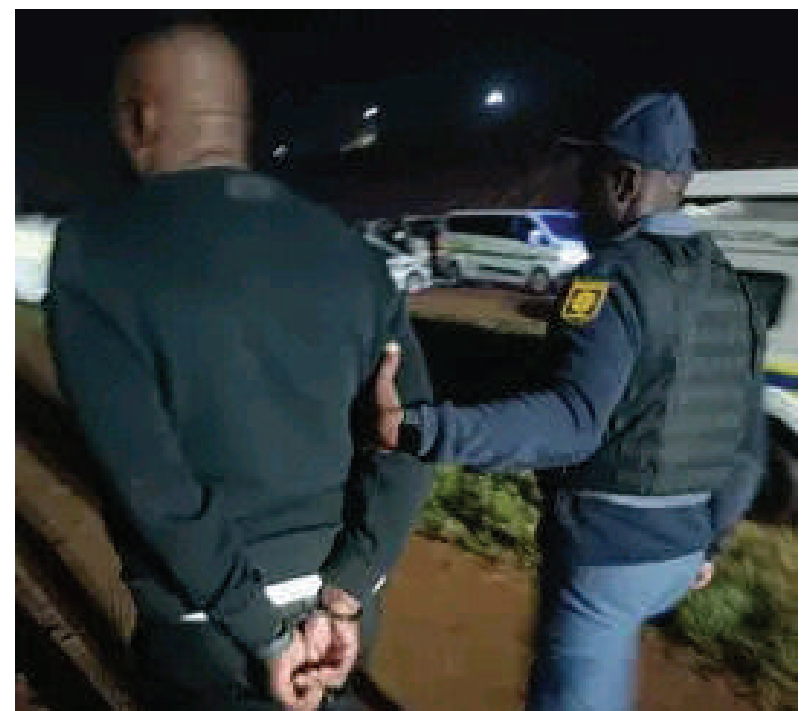
All enquiries relating to the agreement on the modalities of the tribunal shall be directed to **Mr. Eric Masindi at masindie@sekhukhune.gov.za or cell 0766080000/ Tell: 7407 262 013 and Ms. Rebotile Makgati at makgatir@sekhukhune.gov.za or cell 0645158732 between 08h16- 00h30 (Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays)**. Postal Address: Private Bag X8611, Groblersdal 0470 or Cnr Van Riebeeck and Chris Wild, Bareki Mall, Groblersdal.

**MUNICIPAL MANAGER:**  
**Mr. M.M KGWALE**

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## Dennilton man arrested for raping his niece



The police in Dennilton have arrested a 52-year-old man for allegedly raping his niece.

**DENNILTON** - The police in Dennilton have arrested a 52-year-old suspect in connection with the rape of his 39-year-old niece. The suspect was arrested on Sunday 24 January 2026 at Ntwane Village in Dennilton.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said according to a preliminary report, the victim was walking home when she encountered her uncle, who asked her to accompany him to a local tavern.

"After their drinking session, they decided to return home, but along the way the suspect became aggressive. He dragged her to the side of the road, strangled her, and raped her," explained Ledwaba.

He added that the suspect then left the victim at the scene, where later the incident was reported to the police, and a case of rape was opened at Dennilton Police Station.

"Members of Crime Prevention launched an extensive search, leading to the arrest of the suspect the same night. The case has been transferred to the Groblersdal Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS) Unit for further investigation," said Ledwaba.

He said the suspect is expected to make his first court appearance before the Moutse Magistrate's Court soon, facing rape charges. Ledwaba said police investigations are ongoing.

# Groblersdal ambulance dispatch system leaves community at risk



The Groblersdal Hospital emergency response is criticised with its new "broken" ambulance dispatching system.



Ambulances stationed at Groblersdal Hospital cannot respond immediately to emergencies because of the new LDoH centralised system.

## Drowning incident claims lives of two children in Luckau

**LUCKAU** - The community of Luckau Village in Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) is in mourning following the tragic drowning of two young boys, Kutlwano Ratau and Lehlogonolo Makena, both Grade 1 learners at Phakgamang Primary School.

The incident occurred on Saturday 24 January 2026 when the two boys unfortunately drowned in the Mabilibilwane River between Luckau and Legolaneng, respectively. On Monday 26 January 2026, EMLM Council Chief-Whip, Cllr Elias Nduli, together with Ward 24 Councillor, Frank Lehungwane, Carpos Matjamela Ngobeni, who was representing the Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) Cllr Minah Bahula, members of the Ward Committee, teachers, SGB members, and other local stakeholders, visited the grieving families to offer support and condolences. Speaking during the visit, Cllr Nduli emphasized the importance of child safety, particularly during the rainy season.

"Parents and guardians are advised not to leave their children crossing or swimming unsupervised," he said.

He called on the community to remain vigilant and to look out for the wellbeing of all children, especially near rivers, streams, and other hazardous areas.

The visit served as a reminder of the municipality's commitment to protecting children and raising awareness about safety in the community. The loss of Ratau and Makena families has sparked concerns about the safety of children in the area, particularly in Luckau, where residents have been pleading with the municipality to construct a bridge linking Posa and Luckau. The community stated that it is deeply worried and concerned about the municipality's failure to construct the bridge, which they believe could have prevented this tragedy. The Bolsheviks Party of South Africa (BPSA) has also expressed its condolences, calling for the Elias Motsoaledi Municipality to strengthen child safety measures.

"The loss of two young

children is not only a family tragedy but a collective wound to our community. No child should lose their life due to preventable dangers in their environment," said Herbert Radingwana, Councillor in EMLM. The party called upon the municipality to urgently strengthen child safety measures, including securing and rehabilitating borrow pits, fencing off dangerous areas, and establishing safe recreational spaces for children.

The municipality urged parents, guardians, and caregivers to check on their children regularly, particularly in adverse weather conditions, and to teach them about potential dangers in their surroundings.

"The loss of Ratau and Makena is a tragedy that resonates across Ward 22, Ward 24, and the entire Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality. The municipality extends its deepest condolences and prayers, hoping the community can unite to support the families during this extremely difficult time," the municipality said in a statement.

**GROBLERSDAL** - Herbert Radingwana, a Councillor in Elias Motsoaledi Municipality (EMLM) representing the Bolsheviks Party of South Africa (BPSA), has raised a concern about the ambulance dispatch system in the region, describing it as a "life-threatening matter".

In a letter addressed to the MEC for Health in Limpopo Province, Radingwana highlights the urgent need for reform, citing instances where emergency services were delayed due to a centralized system that requires calls to go through the Jane Furse call centre.

The councillor's allegations are supported by a recent incident, where an emergency ambulance was needed urgently in Groblersdal, but dispatch was refused because the call did not originate from Jane Furse. The call centre subsequently failed to respond in time, leaving the community in a state of distress.

According to Radingwana, ambulances stationed at Groblersdal Hospital are unable to respond directly to local emergencies, resulting in precious minutes being lost and putting human lives at risk.

Radingwana has criticized the system for being "not user-friendly", "not responsive", and "not suitable for emergencies".

"The communities of Groblersdal, Moutse, and Tafelkop are bearing the brunt of this broken system. The MEC for Health's attendance at events in Philadelphia Hospital is a stark reminder of the government's priorities. Communities cannot breathe through press briefings

and photo opportunities. We need action, not rhetoric," he said.

Radingwana demands immediate action to address the issue. The situation is dire, I have personally had to intervene in medical emergencies, only to be told that ambulances cannot be dispatched directly. It is a broken, unfriendly system that is costing lives," Cllr Radingwana stated.

The councillor said it makes no sense that ambulances stationed locally cannot respond immediately to emergencies. "Every minute lost is a risk to human life," he said.

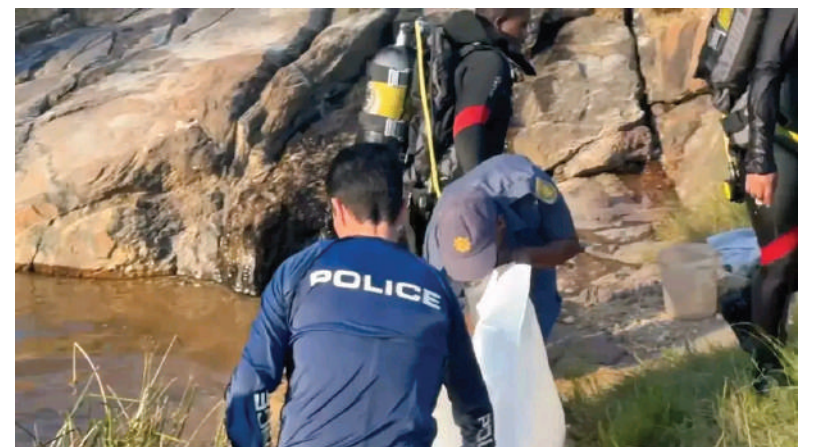
Radingwana's letter comes amid concerns about the province's emergency medical services, with reports indicating a shortage of ambulances and paramedics.

The councillor is calling for an immediate review and decentralization of the ambulance dispatch system, authority for Groblersdal-based ambulances to respond directly to emergencies, and accountability for the non-responsive Jane Furse call centre.

"History will judge those who were warned and chose to ignore the suffering of the people," warned Radingwana.

LDoH Spokesperson, Neil Shikwambana, said the reason for the new centralised dispatch system is to improve efficiency of service, which is what the department is focusing on.

"This is a new system and it will obviously have teething problems which we are focusing on addressing instead of throwing out the baby with water. We will look into this issue on a case by case basis," he said.



Bodies of Kutlwano Ratau and Lehlogonolo Makena were retrieved from the local river after the unfortunate drowning incident.



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Elias Motsoaledi youth gets academic boost

## T20 FC nurturing young football talent in Dennilton



Determined T20 FC players are setting sights to win the EMLM LFA and gain promotion to the Sekhukhune Regional Football League.

**NTWANE** - In 2015, Matikane Mokone founded T20 FC with a clear vision, to produce and promote young football players from the grassroots level to professional teams.

Located in the heart of Ntwane Village in Dennilton, Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM), the football club has been making waves in local football circles.

According to Mokone, who is also the club's head coach, the team was established with an aim to create a platform where talented young boys can develop their skills and chase their dreams of becoming professional footballers.

"We have been working tirelessly to nurture talent and provide opportunities for our players to showcase their abilities," he said.

Currently, T20 FC is participating in

the EMLM Local Football Association (LFA) League, with aspirations of gaining promotion to the Sekhukhune Regional Football League.

The team's efforts have not gone unnoticed, with two biggest local tournament championships under their belt. Although they have faced tough competition and become runners-up in other bigger tournaments, the team remains determined to reach new heights.

T20 FC boasts a strong youth development programme, with teams in the Under 13, Under 15, Under 17, and senior squad categories.

"Our focus is on developing well-rounded individuals, both on and off the pitch. We believe that football can be a powerful tool for social change and personal growth," said Mokone.



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