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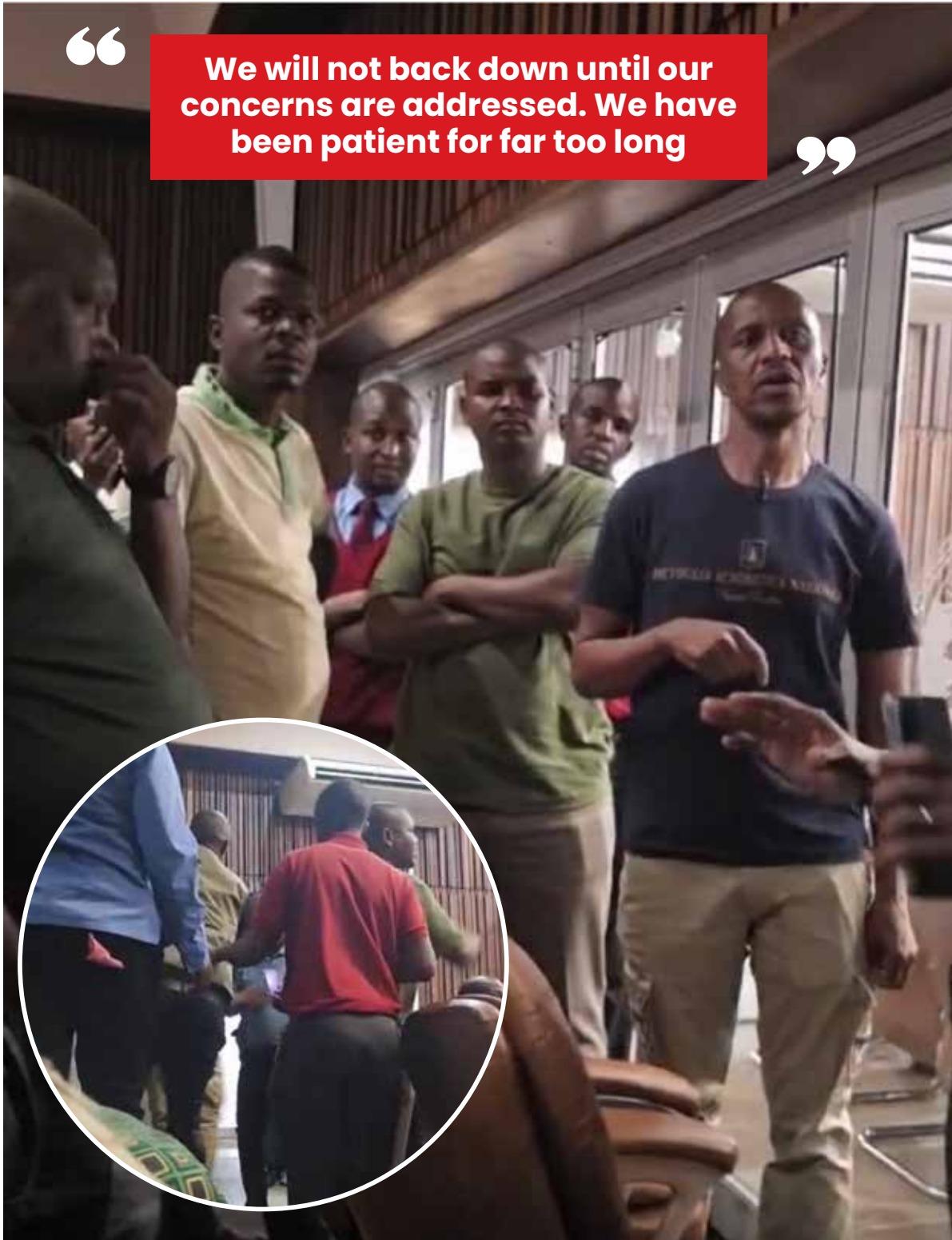
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# Protesters invade Elias Motsoaledi Council Meeting, cite poor services

**“ We will not back down until our concerns are addressed. We have been patient for far too long ”**



Disappointed residents of Luckau Village after they were prevented from raising their poor service delivery issues during the Elias Motsoaledi Municipality Council Meeting.

## GROBLERSDAL

Tensions ran high during the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) Council Meeting in Groblersdal, as members of the EMLM Ward 24 Development Task Team (WDTT), joined by concerned community members from Luckau Village, invaded the council meeting on Thursday 29 January 2026 to seek answers to their long overdue poor service delivery concerns. According to WDTT Chairperson, Mike Mokoana, the group invaded the council meeting because they wanted to raise their poor service delivery grievances directly to the council and EMLM Mayor Cllr David Tadi. They were demanding urgent intervention from Elias Motsoaledi Municipality to address key service delivery issues, including lack of proper internal roads infrastructure, lack of progress in the electricity project, construction of V-Drain storm-water control system and a construction of a low-level bridge to ease school children crossing the nearest river.

However, council Speaker Junior Thethe refused to give them a platform, leading to an altercation between EMLM security and the community.

It is alleged that one resident was reportedly assaulted by Tladi's bodyguard, prompting a case of assault to be opened at Groblersdal Police Station.

“We will not back down until our concerns are addressed. We

have been patient for far too long, and it is time for the municipality to listen to us. We need better services, and we need them now,” said Mokoana.

The situation was eventually calmed after Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) Minah Bahula, intervened and promised to meet the complaining community.

“We appreciate Mayor Bahula's willingness to meet with us. We hope she will bring concrete solutions to our problems. We are not just fighting for ourselves, but for the future of our children and the entire community,” Mokoana said.

Mokoana warned that if their concerns are not addressed, they will escalate their protests.

“We are not bluffing, we will do whatever it takes to get the services we deserve. We have been raising our issues in IDP meetings for over 15 years. We had different delegations engaging the Elias Motsoaledi Municipality. They chose to ignore us whilst other wards have been getting budget allocations. We are tired, the people of Luckau have spoken, and the municipality must listen,” he said.

Mokoana indicated that the aggrieved residents will further demand accountability from their ward councillor, Frank Lenungwane and an intensive investigation into the assault incident with their case at Groblersdal Police Station.

The EMLM could not respond to the publication's enquiries.



Community of Luckau being forced out of the Elias Motsoaledi Municipality Council in Groblersdal.

## Premier Ramathuba leads road rehabilitation efforts in Sekhukhune



Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba participated during the Dikgerekgere Programme, aimed at rehabilitating roads damaged by recent heavy rains in Rostok Village outside Burgersfort.



The Dikgerekgere service delivery initiative team rehabilitating dilapidated roads affecting four villages of Fetakgomo-Tubatse Municipality.

**ROSTOK** - In a significant move to address the pressing issue of damaged roads infrastructure due to recent heavy downpours, Limpopo Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, has on Tuesday 3 February 2026, led the Dikgerekgere service delivery initiative at Rostok Village along the D4126 Road within the Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM).

The event, aimed at rehabilitating roads damaged by recent heavy rains in December 2025 and January 2026, saw the participation of MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure in Limpopo, Ernest Racheone, Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), Cllr Minah Bahula and the Mayor of Fetakgomo-Tubatse Municipality Cllr Eddie Maila.

The road rehabilitation efforts were carried out by seven graders and EPWP personnel, with the aim of improving access to essential services, including education and healthcare.

The initiative also included the distribution of food parcels to needy families in Mahlabeng, Rostok, and other neighboring villages.

In a show of corporate social responsibility, Vodacom seized the opportunity to strengthen its network in the area, partnering with the provincial government

to enhance communication infrastructure.

Addressing community members, Premier Ramathuba highlighted the plight of FTLM villages where learners and educators were unable to access schools due to dilapidated road infrastructure.

"There are four villages of which the learners and educators cannot go to school due to dilapidated road infrastructure," she said.

Premier Ramathuba assured the community of Rostok Village that the Limpopo Provincial Government is committed to intensifying its efforts to strengthen internal capacity and improve service delivery.

"The Limpopo Provincial Government will intensify its efforts to strengthen the internal capacity of government in order to improve service delivery and effectively respond to community needs," she said.

The Dikgerekgere initiative is part of the government's broader efforts to address road infrastructure challenges and promote economic growth in the province.

The community welcomed the initiative, with many expressing hope that the improved road infrastructure will enhance their quality of life and economic opportunities.

## Eighteen injured in R579 accident, Mayor wishes speedy recovery

**GROBLERSDAL** - The Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM), Cllr David Tladi, wishes a speedy recovery to 18 people injured in a motor vehicle accident on the R579 Road outside Groblersdal. The accident occurred earlier on Thursday 29 January 2026.

According to reports, eighteen people from two vehicles were injured after a truck collided with a light motor vehicle and later overturned on the R579 Road between Leeuwfontein Crossing and Corner Stone outside Groblersdal. The truck was transporting 17 farm workers.

The injured, including 17 passengers from the truck and one occupant from the light motor vehicle, were treated at the scene and transported to Groblersdal Hospital for further treatment.

"I am deeply concerned by this unfortunate accident and wish all 18 injured individuals a speedy and full recovery. Our thoughts and prayers are with the injured, their families, and everyone affected," said Mayor Tladi.

The Mayor extended his thoughts and prayers to the injured and their families and further commended the emergency and law enforcement services for their swift response at the scene.

The circumstances surrounding the accident are under investigation by the relevant authorities.



# MEC Rachoene leads Dikgerekgere Team in Masoyini Village



MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure in Limpopo, Ernest Rachoene, addressing Masoyi residents during the programme.



The Limpopo Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure team rehabilitating the P62 Road, a 12-kilometre stretch linking Sehlakwane and Masoyini Villages.

**MASOYI** - MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure in Limpopo, Ernest Rachoene, has on Thursday 29 January 2026, led a team of officials from the Dikgerekgere initiative to Masoyini Village in Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality Ward (EMLM) 15. The initiative was part of the province's response to the recent floods that battered the region, causing widespread damage to the road infrastructure network.

The Dikgerekgere team, accompanied by local government officials, focused on the P62 Road, a 12-kilometre stretch linking Sehlakwane and Masoyini Villages. This critical road provides access to essential services, including schools, clinics, and other vital facilities.

"We are here to support the municipality and the local community in making this road drivable, while we continue to work towards long-term plans to upgrade strategic roads across the province. This operation forms part of the first wave of interventions being implemented following the heavy rains," said MEC Rachoene.

The programme was attended

by prominent local leaders, including EMLM Chief Whip, Cllr Elias Nduli, Acting EMLM Mayor, Cllr Ndumiso Ndlovu, Cllr Sibongile Nkosi and representatives of the Mahlangu Royal House.

The Dikgerekgere initiative is part of the province's commitment to delivering services to its communities, at this period, particularly in the aftermath of natural disasters.

The Limpopo government is working tirelessly to restore and upgrade the province's infrastructure, ensuring that all citizens have access to essential services.

After the recent heavy rains, the Dikgerekgere team is working to make provincial roads drivable, with long-term plans to upgrade strategic roads across the province. MEC Rachoene said his visit to Masoyini Village demonstrates the province's commitment to supporting local communities and addressing the impact of the recent floods.

He assured that Dikgerekgere team will continue to work with local stakeholders to identify and address infrastructure needs across the province.

## Tubatse police urgently seek public's help in tracing missing man



The police in Tubatse are requesting the public to help in locating the missing Kgotlelelo Joseph Monareng who has been missing since last Christmas.

**ALVERTON** - The Police in Tubatse are making an urgent appeal to the public for assistance in locating Kgotlelelo Joseph Monareng, a 23-year-old man who has since left home on Christmas Day, 25 December 2025. According to Sergeant Maphure Manamela, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the victim was last seen at a local tavern in Alverton Village at approximately 3:00am on 26 December 2025, wearing a blue T-shirt and black trousers.

"Members of the public who may have information that can assist in locating Kgotlelelo Joseph Monareng are urged to come forward," said Manamela.

She added that his family has been searching for him at places he frequently visits, but to no avail and subsequently reported the matter to the police.

"The police are investigating the matter and are urging anyone with information to contact the Tubatse Police on 079 889 5531, the investigating officer Lieutenant Colonel David Twala on 072 908 7545, Crime Stop on 08600 10111, or submit information via the MySAPSApp," concluded Manamela.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

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

### ERRATUM

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 34(2) and 34(3) 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 34(3).

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 37(4) and 37(5) 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](mailto:masindie@sekhukhune.gov.za) or cell 0766080000/ Tell: 013 262 7407 and Ms. Rebotile Makgati at [makgatir@sekhukhune.gov.za](mailto:makgatir@sekhukhune.gov.za) or cell 0645158732** between 08h00 -16h30 (Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays) until the 20th of February 2026. Postal Address: Private Bag X8611, Groblersdal 0470 or Cnr Van Riebeeck and Chris Wild, Bareki Mall, Groblersdal.

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

# Mayor Maila meets taxi associations to address challenges



Members of the taxi association during the engagements.



FTLM Mayor, Cllr Eddie Maila, interacting with taxi associations during the meeting.

## PUBLIC NOTICE: PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT BY-LAWS, POLICIES & STRATEGY

Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of Section 12, 13, & 21 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 that the Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality invites the members of the public and all interested stakeholders to the public consultation sessions on the presentations of the following draft by-laws, policies and strategy;

- **Draft Property rates bylaw and policy.**
- **Draft Credit and debit control bylaw and policy.**
- **Draft LED Strategy.**

The public consultations are scheduled as follows;

(all to start at 10:00)

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**10 February 2026 @ Ga-Morwe Community Hall**

**11 February 2026 @ Nokaneng Community Hall**

**12 February 2026 @ Libangeni Community Hall**

For more information, contact Mr BS Magoele  
072 162 5014 and magoeleb@moroka.za.



**BURGERSFORT** - The Mayor of Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM), Cllr Eddie Maila, met with the leadership of the Eastern Leolo Taxi Association, BULLTDA, and DRUTA on Monday 2 February 2026, to discuss challenges affecting taxi operators in the area.

The meeting provided a platform for the taxi associations to present their operational challenges and engage the municipality on practical interventions to sustain and grow the local taxi industry.

A key concern raised was the need for municipal intervention to facilitate business opportunities related to transporting workers from surrounding villages to mining operations and other sectors.

The taxi associations had previously attempted to engage mining houses directly, but without success, leading to sustainability concerns.

They further highlighted that limited access to such transportation opportunities has negatively affected the sustainability of their operations.

Discussions also emphasised the importance of creating a conducive operating environment while prioritising the safety of passengers and

stability within the transport sector.

Mayor Maila acknowledged the critical role played by the taxi industry in promoting mobility, economic activity, and social stability within the municipality.

"We welcome the initiative to engage the municipality on matters of mutual interest and local economic development," said Maila.

He committed that the municipality will initiate engagements with relevant stakeholders to address the concerns raised and convene all affected parties to discuss the matter.

The Mayor appealed for calm and constructive engagements, emphasizing that heightened tensions would undermine stability and economic activities.

He reaffirmed the Municipality's commitment to ongoing engagements with the taxi industry, with regular meetings to be convened to provide updates, monitor progress, and address emerging issues.

"Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality remains committed to working collaboratively with the taxi industry to promote stability, economic growth, and the safety of all passengers," said Mayor Maila.

## Nkgetheng Maabane

Re-Kaofela Consortium



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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.

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## Local youth benefit from MYF and Nyda funding



Mamogobo Poultry, owned by Thoko Donald Mamogobo.

### JANE FURSE

The Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM) has encouraged local business to prosper. The MLM through the Makhuduthamaga Youth Fund (MYF) in partnership with the National Youth Development Agency (Nyda), continues to demonstrate its commitment to youth economic empowerment through ongoing post-disbursement monitoring and support initiatives. MLM and NYDA officials are hitting the ground running, conducting on-site visits to youth-owned enterprises that previously benefited from financial assistance. These visits form part of the municipality's oversight process aimed at assessing the utilization of funds, measuring business progress, ensuring accountability, and identifying areas where additional support and mentorship may be required. Among the businesses already visited was Mamogobo Poultry, owned by Thoko Donald Mamogobo (26) from Ga-Marishane, an agricultural enterprise specialising in the growing and selling of day-old chicks. The business received financial support amounting to R9,614.94, which was used to purchase essential stock and equipment. The support has contributed to improved production capacity and the continued supply of quality products to the local market. Also visited was Alex Business Enterprise (Pty) Ltd, owned by Alex Thobejane (29) and operating in Jane Furse. Established in 2018, the business focuses on catering and food services, offering affordable African cuisine to the local

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Lahlwa Thokoane owns CIA the Cookest

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# Over 800 suspects arrested, firearms recovered during Operation Shanela



The multidisciplinary police teams conduct stop-and-search during the Limpopo Province-wide Operation Shanela.

**LIMPOPO** - The Police in Limpopo has intensified its crime-combating efforts, resulting in the arrest of 803 suspects and the recovery of five firearms, including a rifle, and two rounds of ammunition during the province-wide Operation Shanela, which ran between Monday 26 January and Sunday 1 February 2026.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the operation targeted various serious crimes, including murder, attempted murder, robbery, rape, and malicious damage to property.

"The arrests include suspects linked to 14 murder cases, 11 attempted murder cases, 7 residential robberies, 6 business robberies, 16 rape cases, and 32 cases of malicious damage to property," Ledwaba said.

He added that the operation also led to the arrest of 140 individuals for contravening the Immigration Act, 73 for assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, and 56 for common

assault. Additionally, five suspects were arrested for illegal possession of firearms and one for illegal possession of ammunition.


"During the operations, the police recovered various items, including 2 rounds of ammunition, 16 dangerous weapons, 2,741 kg of dagga, 0.335 g of crystal meth, 17.15 g of crack cocaine, and 57.15 g of nyaope. Operational actions included inspecting 1,230 liquor outlets, searching 21 scrap yards, and inspecting 10,264 informal businesses," explained Ledwaba.


Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, commended the visible policing approach adopted by members and emphasized accountability.

"Operation Shanela demonstrates our commitment to taking policing directly to the communities we serve. Through consistent roadblocks, stop-and-search operations, and inspections, we are disrupting criminal activities and reinforcing the rule of law," Hadebe stated.



The police in Limpopo gearing-up for the intensified Operation Shanela that resulted in the arrest of 803 suspects across the province.








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## DIARRHEAL DISEASES ALERT IN MPUMALANGA PROVINCE


Floods can cause serious health problems such as cholera, typhoid and diarrheal diseases, which could in turn result into dehydration and death, as flood water often carries sewage and waste that contaminate drinking water.

**PREVENT DIARRHEA WITH CLEAN WATER AND GOOD HYGIENE PRACTICES**

- 1. Make water safe**
  - Boil water and let water bubble for one minute to make it clean and safe
  - Store safe water in a closed container
  - Pour (filter) water through a clean cloth
- 2. Prepare safe food**
  - Wash or peel fruit and vegetables
  - Cook food well
  - Store food in a clean and cool place.
- 3. Wash your hands**
  - Wash your hands with clean water and soap before you eat and after:
    - using toilet
    - throwing away rubbish
    - changing a baby's nappy
- 4. Keep toilets clean**
  - Use and keep toilet clean
  - Keep toilet seat clean
  - Keep door closed to stop the spread of germs through flies
- 5. TREATMENT OF DEHYDRATION RESULTING FROM DIARRHEA**
  - Add 8 teaspoons of sugar and half a teaspoon of salt into a litre of boiled water
  - Mix well, cool it and drink small amount often
  - Visit your nearest health facility immediately

**MEC for Health Ms S.J Manzini**



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community. Through a grant of R50,000.00, the enterprise was able to acquire equipment that has strengthened its operational efficiency and service delivery. The monitoring team further visited Cia the Coolest (Pty) Ltd, a traditional African food outlet based in Jane Furse and owned by Llahlwa Thokoane (30). The business received financial boost valued at R39,781.22 in financial support, which was utilised to purchase equipment and materials. The visit confirmed visible growth and a strong commitment to quality,

customer satisfaction, and business sustainability. The outcomes of these post-disbursement visits highlight the positive impact of youth funding in enabling young entrepreneurs to build sustainable enterprises, create employment opportunities, and contribute meaningfully to local economic development. The municipality, together with NYDA, remains committed to investing in youth-led businesses as a strategic pillar for building a resilient and prosperous local economy. Plans for the launch of the second phase funding are underway and the big announcement will be made soon.

# Sekhukhune District Tracking Team wins top prize at SAPS National Awards



Limpopo police winning teams showing off their accolades at the 11th SAPS National Excellence Awards, held at Lemo Green Park in Bloemfontein, Free State Province.

**SEKHUKHUNE** - The Sekhukhune District Tracking Team, led by Captain KC Papudi, obtained the first position as National Visipol Team of the Year at the 11th SAPS National Excellence Awards.

The awards ceremony, held at Lemo Green Park in Bloemfontein, Free State Province, on Monday 26 January 2026, saw Limpopo SAPS distinguishing itself nationally, with 14 members, including three teams, securing championship titles and runner-up positions across multiple categories.

Constable Thinawanga Philjonce Mashaku, from Burgersfort POP, was recognised as the Sportsman of the Year, further adding to the province's impressive haul.

Sergeant JR Mathebula, from Provincial Pro-Active Policing, was a first runner-up in the Sports Woman of the Year category, while Ohrigstad SAPS, led by Captain TO Nkuna, was a first runner-up in the Station of the Year category.

Lieutenant Colonel MI Mahlane, from Tzaneen FCS in Mopani District, was a first runner-up in the FCS Investigator of the Year Level 8-12 category, and the Mopani District Tracking Team, led by Captain MD

Mabunda, was a first runner-up in the Detective Team of the Year category.

Brigadier J Espach, Provincial Head: Crime Investigation Services, was a first runner-up in the Senior Operational Manager of the Year Level 13-15 category.

Constable RN Mathosi, from POP Burgersfort, was a second runner-up in the Sportswoman of the Year category, while Sergeant PP Mei, from Beitbridge ORS, was a second runner-up in the Operational Member of the Year Level 5-7 category. Lieutenant Colonel MO Mokame, from Provincial Pro-Active Policing, was a second runner-up in the Visipol Member of the Year Level 8-12 category, and Lieutenant Colonel AH Netshivhumbe, from Mokopane, was a second runner-up in the Admin Employee of the Year Level 8-12 category.

The Tzaneen FCS Team, led by Captain NL Shingwenyana, was a second runner-up in the FCS Team of the Year category, while Brigadier IM Mhlongo, Provincial Head: Pro-Active Policing, was a second runner-up in the Senior Operational Manager of the Year Level 13-15 category.

Brigadier HB Mashaba, Provincial Head: Corporate Communication, was a second runner-up in the Senior

Administration Manager of the Year Level 13-15 category.

The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, praised the winners.

"These achievements demonstrate that Limpopo SAPS is delivering excellence across the board, from frontline crime-fighting operations to administration, community policing, and the protection of the most vulnerable in our society. Our members are confronting criminals head-on, strengthening trusted partnerships with communities, and intensifying the fight against Gender-Based Violence and Femicide with urgency, compassion, and zero tolerance. I am immensely proud of their discipline, sacrifice, and unwavering professionalism," she said.

The ceremony was attended by the Deputy Provincial Commissioner for Support Services, Major General Frengy Sebola, and the provincial management team, and was further enhanced by the participation of Warrant Officer TG Shai, who served as one of the programme directors and demonstrated professionalism and excellence in facilitating the proceedings.



Thinawanga Philjonce Mashaku from Burgersfort POP was recognised as the Sportsman of the Year during the 11th SAPS National Excellence Awards.



Captain KC Papudi from Sekhukhune District Tracking Team receiving the National Visipol Team of the Year at the 11th SAPS National Excellence Awards in Bloemfontein.

## Burgersfort man sentenced to 20 years for raping 13-year-old girl



Constable Mildred Mabotja from Burgersfort Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit, conducted a thorough investigation that led to the successful conviction and sentencing of the suspect.

**BURGERSFORT** - A 40-year-old man, Godfrey Mokebi Ndebele, was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment by the Burgersfort Regional Court on Thursday 29 January 2026, for raping a 13-year-old girl. The incident occurred on 13 September 2024, at Praktiseer River in Tubatse.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, Ndebele lured the victim to the river under the pretext of meeting her friends.

"He told her that her friends were at the local river busy swimming. He managed to convince the victim to join them, and they proceeded to Praktiseer River. He was also swimming separately, and the victim's friends suddenly decided to depart to their

residence, and they left the duo inside the river. While busy swimming, the accused suddenly dragged the victim out of the river and immediately raped her," Ledwaba said.

Ledwaba informed that the court heard that Ndebele raped the victim while they were alone at the river.

"The victim's friends were suspicious about the accused, and they informed their elders who mobilized the members of the community and headed to the river. The mob met the victim, who informed them that she was raped and they immediately searched for Ndebele, who was eventually found and assaulted," explained Ledwaba.

He said the police were alerted and rushed to the vicinity and managed to

rescue the accused who sustained minor injuries and they placed him under arrest on the spot.

"He was charged with rape and made numerous court appearances and was later granted bail in January 2025 but absconded until his re-arrest in June 2025," Ledwaba said.

He said the case was transferred to Burgersfort Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit and it was allocated to Constable Mildred Mabotja for further investigations.

"Sergeant Mabotja fought tooth and nail in ensuring that Ndebele remained in police custody until the 20 years imprisonment was meted out by the court," Ledwaba said.

# Sports

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Jane Furse Blackpool FC is a formidable force in the Sekhukhune Regional Football League.

## Jane Furse Blackpool aims for greatness

**JANEFURSE** - In the heart of Sekhukhune Region, lies Jane Furse Blackpool, a football team that has emerged as a beacon of hope and pride for the community of Mmashadi area.

Affectionately known as "The Eagles", the team has been making waves in the local football scene since its inception in 1998.

Founded by former Mokwete Morning Stars FC players, the team started as a social club and quickly turned into a force to be reckoned with.

Registering with Jane Furse Soccer Association in the 1998/1999 season, they stormed to the league championship and earned promotion to the Sekhukhune Soccer Association's Super League.

However, the journey was not without its challenges. The team faced financial constraints, operating on a shoestring budget, and lost key players to arch-rivals, Jane Furse Highlanders.

Despite these setbacks, The Eagles persevered, driven by the passion and dedication of its players and officials.

In 2000, SAFA National restructured football associations, merging them according to local and district municipalities.

This led to the formation of Makhuduthamaga Local Football Association and Sekhukhune Regional League.

Jane Furse Blackpool FC was one of the first teams to participate in the regional league under the presidency of Milton Mashifane.

Today, the Eagles are a formidable force in the Sekhukhune Regional Football League, coached by seasoned campaigner Mandla Matsomane, a Level D qualified coach.

"We are a hard nut to crack. We have a talented team, and we're committed to making a mark in the league," said the team's Presidents Milton Mashifane.

Despite their success, the team faces a significant challenge, financial sustainability. Chairman TF Maredi is leading the charge to secure sponsorship. "We are running the team out of our own pockets, and it is tough. We need support to take our team to the next level," said Maredi.

The team's story is one of resilience and determination, inspiring the community and beyond.

As they continue to soar, they invite potential sponsors to join their journey. For more information, potential sponsors are advised to contact TF Maredi on 079 257 7690, 071 561 5503, or 072 235 3046.

The Eagles' motto is clear, "The sky is the limit". With the right support, Jane Furse Blackpool FC can achieve greatness, bringing pride to Mmashadi area and beyond.

FORM 8

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENCE IN TERMS OF SECTION 28(1) ( C)

Limpopo Liquor Act, 2009 (Act No. 5 of 2009)

Regulation 8

I, the undersigned applicant hereby give notice in terms of S28(1)( c) that an application for liquor licence will be lodged with the Capricorn District Local Liquor Authority.

In terms of S28(1) (b) of the Act, you may lodge an objection to the application.

The objection form is obtainable from the above -mentioned Liquor Local Authority. Objections must be submitted to the aforesaid Local Liquor Authority within 21 days from the date of lodgement of the application.

1. Full names of Applicant: **Mabane Girly**

2. Intended Trading name: **Motsemotala Pub & Grill**

3. Identity number of applicant: **930331 1023 088**

4.1. Full address and Location of the premises: **Stand no. 20197 Thoto village, Farm: Goedgedacht no. 878 KS, Nebo.**

4.2. Global positioning system(GPS) coordinates of the property where the retail operations are to be carried out.

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**LONGITUDE: degrees, minutes, seconds**

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5. Type of licence applied for: **On consumption -Food provision**

6. List of Schools, places of worship etc. within a radius of 500m from the premises listed in paragraph 4.

School: **None**

Place of Worship: **None**

Public Transport Facility: **None**

Buildings where the public have access to public services: **None**

Filling Station: **None**