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FIRE ALERT! Arson Fury Hits Ramatshagalala Secondary AGAIN! Second Blaze in Just 3 Weeks!

“We urge the **community** to stand united against crime and to safeguard our schools, which represent hope and progress for our **learners**.”



Ramatsagalala Secondary School in Kgobokwane went up in smoke after it was allegedly set alight by unknown people.

KGOBOKWANE

A devastating fire has ravaged Ramatsagalala Secondary School in Kgobokwane Village, Sekhukhune Education District, for the second time in three weeks, causing extensive damage to classrooms, the administration block, and vital learning equipment. MEC for Education in Limpopo, Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya, condemned the incidents, described the destruction of educational infrastructure as “unlawful” and a threat to the province’s efforts to improve education quality.

According to reports, the fire, which was contained by emergency services, did not result in any injuries. However, the damage has dealt a significant blow to the school community,

with teaching and learning hanging in the balance.

“Schools are safe havens for learning, development, and opportunity. The destruction of educational infrastructure is not only unlawful but also undermines the collective efforts to improve the quality of education in our province,” said MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya.

The department commends emergency services for their swift response in containing the fire relieved that no injuries were reported.

The department said the matter has been formally reported to the police and a thorough and expedited investigation has been requested to ensure that those responsible are brought to justice.

The Limpopo Department of Education said it is working closely with the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM), school management, and stakeholders to assess the damage and implement contingency measures to minimize disruption to learning.

The MEC has also appealed to community members to work jointly to protect school infrastructure and to cooperate with law enforcement agencies by providing any information that may assist in the investigation.

“We urge the community to stand united against crime and to safeguard our schools, which represent hope and progress for our learners,” said MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya.

Mayor Tladi has appealed to

anyone with information to come forward and cooperate with law enforcement agencies to ensure that those responsible are held accountable.

The Mayor of EMLM, Cllr David Tladi, has voiced serious concern and disappointment on the serious events of repeat fire at the school, which is located in the municipality’s Ward 3, stating that these recurring incidents are a serious setback to education in the community and affect learners, educators, and parents.

Tladi emphasized that schools are centres of learning, safety, and hope, and any destruction of educational infrastructure is unacceptable.

“The municipality strongly condemns any act that undermines the future of our

children,” he said.

The mayor said the municipality calls on anyone with information that may assist the investigation to cooperate with law enforcement authorities.

“The municipality is working closely with the Limpopo Department of Education, school management, and relevant stakeholders to assess the full extent of the damage and to put contingency plans in place to ensure that teaching and learning continue with minimal disruption,” he said.

Tladi urges the community to remain calm and to support the school during this difficult time, adding that further updates will be communicated as more information becomes available.



Security personnel in some of Limpopo health facilities escorted by the police following the disruptive protests.

SEKHUKHUNE - The Limpopo Department of Health announced that it is dealing with the aftermath of protests that disrupted services at several healthcare facilities in Sekhukhune District, with smaller incidents also reported in Capricorn and Vhembe Districts.

According to Neil Shikwambana Department of Health Limpopo Spokesperson, groups gathered at certain facilities, temporarily halting operations.

"In a few instances, the situation turned confrontational, prompting the South African Police Service to step in and restore order and ensure the safety of patients, staff, and infrastructure. Luckily, no major injuries have been reported, and healthcare services are continuing

across the province. District management teams are keeping a close eye on the situation," explained Shikwambana.

He added that the department respects the constitutional right to peaceful protest, however, healthcare institutions are essential service facilities, and any actions that obstruct access to care place vulnerable patients at risk.

"We therefore, appeal to all concerned parties to engage through lawful and constructive channels that do not compromise patient safety. Our priority remains the uninterrupted delivery of healthcare services to the people of Limpopo," said Shikwambana.

He said the department further call on community leaders and stakeholders to support calm

and constructive engagement to ensure stability across all health facilities.

"The department will continue to monitor developments closely and provide updates where necessary," concluded Shikwambana.

The police in Limpopo said they have noted with serious concern information about potential instability and threats of disruption at various government health facilities across the province, following the appointment of a new security service provider by the Department of Health.

"The SAPS sends a stern warning that any form of disruption to essential government services, intimidation of healthcare workers, patients, or acts of

Health services disrupted as protests hit Sekhukhune facilities

violence and damage to property will not be tolerated. Such actions are criminal and will be dealt with decisively in accordance with the law," said Brigadier Hlulani Mashaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson.

Mashaba said the police have already deployed members to identified health facilities to ensure stability, maintain public order, and safeguard both healthcare personnel and members of the public who depend on these critical services.

Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, emphasized the importance of maintaining uninterrupted healthcare services.

"Healthcare facilities provide essential and lifesaving services

to our communities. The SAPS will not allow any individual or group to disrupt these services or threaten the safety of workers and patients. Anyone found to be involved in unlawful conduct, intimidation, or violence will be arrested and prosecuted," said Hadebe.

She said the police acknowledge the constitutional right of individuals to raise concerns through lawful and peaceful means.

"However, criminal conduct, including intimidation, trespassing, malicious damage to property, or any act that undermines public safety and service delivery, will be met with the full might of the law," Hadebe said.

Police arrest 810 suspects, recover seven firearms in Operation Shanela

LIMPOPO - The police in Limpopo have arrested 810 suspects and recovered seven firearms during Operation Shanela, a crime-fighting initiative conducted between Monday 23 February and Monday 2 March 2026.

The operation, which aimed to intensify efforts to combat crime in the province, resulted in a significant number of arrests for various serious offences.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the arrests include 247 illegal immigrants, 84 suspects for assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm (GBH), 45 suspects for illegal dealing in liquor, and 10 suspects for armed robbery, among other serious offences.

"Key arrests during the operation include 13 cases of burglary at residential premises, 12 cases of burglary at business premises, seven murders, four attempted murders, 13 rapes, and two thefts of motor vehicles and motorcycles," explained Ledwaba.

He added that other notable arrests include 16 cases of malicious damage to property, 91 contraventions of the Immigration Act, 59 cases of common assault, seven cases of illegal possession of firearms, and 31 cases of possession of dangerous weapons.

"Additionally, nine suspects were arrested for possession of drugs, 21 for driving under the influence of alcohol, and 22 for malicious damage to property," informed Ledwaba.

He said items confiscated during the operations include seven firearms, 66 rounds of ammunition, eight cellphones, 27

dangerous weapons, 2.571 kg of dagga, 58 959 packets of tobacco, and eight stolen vehicles.

"The police also conducted various operational actions, including the inspection of 1 575 liquor outlets, with 84 unlicensed premises closed, 748 second-hand goods dealers inspected, and 103 scrap yards searched," Ledwaba said.

He said furthermore, 6 700 informal businesses, including spaza shops, were inspected for compliance with labour legislation, 14 904 persons were searched, 13 070 vehicles were searched, and 2 295 stop-and-search operations were conducted.

"Some of the arrested suspects have already appeared before various magistrate's courts across the province, while investigations continue," said Ledwaba.

Lieutenant General Hadebe, Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, applauded members of the police force for their continued dedication and resilience, stating that the results reflect their tireless efforts and vigilance working day and night in ensuring safer communities.



Illegal firearms and ammunition were confiscated during the Limpopo Province-wide Operation Shanela.



The dagga that was recovered by the police during the operations.

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESSES GA-MACHACHA SOLAR PV CLUSTER AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR GA-NKOANA AND JANE FURSE, TUBATSE FETAKGOMO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

Applicant: Ga-Machacha Solar PV (Pty) Ltd

Activity: Development a cluster of four solar PV facilities with a total generation capacity of up to 900MW, with associated infrastructure including:

- Solar PV arrays, modules and mounting structures
- Inverters and transformers
- Cabling between the project components
- Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- On-site facility Substation
- Access and internal roads of up to 6m wide
- Temporary and permanent O&M and laydown area

Project Location: Portion 0 of the Farm Scheepersrust 771 KS, located ~11km south west of Ga-Nkoana, and 20km north west of Jane Furse, Tubatse Fetakgomo Local Municipality and Sekhukhune District Municipality, Limpopo.

Project Name	Capacity and Affected Properties
Ga-Machacha Solar PV 1	Capacity of 240MW with a development area up to 301ha • Portion 0 of the Farm Scheepersrust 771 KS
Ga-Machacha Solar PV 2	Capacity of 240MW with a development area up to 325ha • Portion 0 of the Farm Scheepersrust 771 KS
Ga-Machacha Solar PV 3	Capacity of 240MW with a development area up to 320ha • Portion 0 of the Farm Scheepersrust 771 KS
Ga-Machacha Solar PV 4	Capacity of 180MW with a development area up to 223ha • Portion 0 of the Farm Scheepersrust 771 KS

Scoping & Environmental Impact Assessment Process: Separate applications for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) and the Environmental Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, are submitted, with each application supported by a separate Environmental Impact Assessment report.

EIA Reports Available for Review and Comment: EIA Reports have been compiled for Ga-Machacha Solar PV1, PV2, PV3 and PV4, and the four reports are available for download from the Savannah Environmental website: www.savannahsa.com/PublicDocuments for a 30 day review period from **6 March 2026** to **9 April 2026**. The final date to submit written comments is **9 April 2026**. To register as an interested and/or affected party, submit your name, contact information and interest in the project to:

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SDM hosts 3 day strategic planning session



SDM's executive mayor Minah Bahula.



Some of the attendees at the meeting

SEKHUKHUNE

The Sekhukhune District Municipality commenced its 3-day Institutional Strategic Planning Session, aiming at amongst others, realigning the district's priorities and strengthening institutional performance.

The session brought together leadership, management, and key stakeholders to reset and refine the district's strategic direction.

Executive Mayor, Cllr Minah Bahula, opened the proceedings by highlighting the district's progressive systems and the accountability demonstrated across departments, emphasising the importance of community centred governance.

"This session must be led by a spirit of collaboration and innovation, merging administration and political components for the benefit of our communities.

It comes after the President, Cyril Ramaphosa has instructed the Water and Sanitation Ministry as well as CoGta department to urgently attend to water shortages in communities. As a water authority and water service provider we welcome this political instruction. We must also openly critique our own

performance here at home. This call also challenges us to wake up from our laurels, make necessary contributions and change the water shortages narrative in our own district.

There is nothing more noble or fulfilling than serving the people," said Bahula.

Bahula continued: "We have activated our rapid response team to make urgent interventions on water shortages. Although Borehole interventions are assisting in the interim, but they cannot serve as permanent solutions as some become dry during winter. Hence, we have now mobilised all our energies to revive our bulk water projects in the district."

Meanwhile the Municipal Manager Meshack Kgwale presented the 2020-2025 five-year performance overview, commending the Executive Mayor's leadership, the capability of Section administration managers, and the dedication of the Chief Financial Officer. He affirmed that the district's high calibre officials position it for continued development and enhanced service delivery.

DEM promotes literacy at Moteti schools

MOTETI - The Dennilton Educational Movement (DEM) has recently had the honour of participating in two significant school literacy events, aimed at promoting education and literacy in the community.

On Friday 20 February 2026, DEM joined Dibathuto Secondary School at Moteti Village in celebrating the Class of 2025 and recognising the outstanding achievements of deserving learners and educators.

The event served as a moment of reflection, appreciation, and encouragement, highlighting the hard work, dedication, and commitment demonstrated by both learners and teachers throughout the academic year.

DEM commends Dibathuto Secondary School for fostering excellence and creating a supportive learning environment that inspires academic success and personal growth.

"As an organisation committed to promoting education, literacy, and learner development, DEM remains dedicated to strengthening partnerships with schools and supporting initiatives that motivate learners to strive for excellence," said Joshua Mahlangu, DEM founding member.

In a separate event, DEM visited Tagane Primary School in the same village for the first time, with the purpose of encouraging learners and highlighting the importance of literacy, particularly at an early grade level.

Mahlangu said the visit was part of

DEM's commitment to strengthening literacy skills among young learners, as early reading and comprehension skills form the foundation for academic success and lifelong learning.

According to the South African Department of Basic Education, literacy rates among children in South Africa remain a concern, with many learners struggling to read and comprehend at their grade level.

DEM's efforts to promote literacy at Tagane Primary School are therefore timely and crucial in addressing this challenge.

Through its visit, DEM also aimed to motivate learners to develop a love for reading and to understand the value of comprehension in their educational journey.

Mahlangu said the organisation looks forward to building a strong and lasting relationship with Tagane Primary School and supporting initiatives that enhance literacy development.

"Early literacy skills are essential for academic success, and we believe that every child deserves access to quality education. DEM remains committed to empowering learners through education and fostering a culture of reading and understanding from an early age," he said.

Mahlangu indicated that the schools events demonstrate DEM's ongoing commitment to promoting education and literacy in the community, and its dedication to supporting schools and learners in achieving their full potential.



DEM motivated learners at Tagane Primary School as part of the organisation's aim to inspire academic success and personal growth.



DEM awarded hard working pupils at Dibathuto Secondary School in Moteti.



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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Cllr Radingwana secures better SARS services for community



Residents from Groblersdal and surrounding areas seated comfortably in the GTA Conference Hall waiting to get SARS services.

GROBLERSDAL - In a significant move to improve the delivery of essential services to the communities, Councillor Herbert Radingwana of the Bolsheviks Party of South Africa (BPSA) in Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM), has taken a broader approach, negotiating with the South African Revenue Service (SARS) to relocate their mobile office to a more suitable venue.

The SARS mobile office, previously operating at Groblersdal Mall, was a far cry from ideal, with residents forced to queue under the scorching sun and in heavy rains. Cllr Radingwana, representing the people of Groblersdal and surrounding villages, took it upon himself to address this issue.

His efforts culminated in an agreement with the Groblersdal Taxi Association (GTA) to utilize their Conference Hall as the new SARS mobile office location. The people can now look forward to accessing SARS services in a more dignified and comfortable environment.

According to Radingwana, who is also a taxi operator, the decision to approach SARS and GTA was motivated by a desire to improve the overall experience of accessing SARS services.

"Seeing community members getting services in the sun and sometimes in heavy rains was so painful when there was an accommodation that SARS could have used to render the services," he said.

Last month, Radingwana approached the SARS Head of

Department, highlighting the availability of the GTA Conference Hall as a more suitable venue. The GTA executive also responded positively to Radingwana's plea.

As a result of these efforts, the SARS mobile office now operates at the Groblersdal Taxi Office Conference Hall, providing a more comfortable and convenient service to the community.

This move is expected to benefit approximately 150 people daily, including residents from nearby villages, townships, and farm workers from Groblersdal and Marble Hall.

Radingwana expressed his gratitude to the GTA for their support.

"Thanks to GTA for allowing SARS Mobil Office to utilize our Conference Hall. I am glad they are no longer operating in bad weather conditions," Radingwana said. The relocation of the SARS mobile office is seen as a victory for the community, with many saying that this initiative is a precedent improvement in service delivery.

Zodwa Monareng, a local resident, expressed her satisfaction with the new arrangement.

"I'm happy with the new SARS services at the new location. The queue is faster, I have managed to rush home and get outstanding documents and was assisted in time. I am very happy. The service is improved at GTA Conference Hall. We no longer queue in the sun and windy conditions. We are also not worried about the rain because they now operate inside the building," she said.



Residents welcoming improved services after they were assisted at SARS mobile office at the GTA offices in Groblersdal.

Elias Motsoaledi Municipality takes to honours at SALGA Awards

Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) has taken top honours at the prestigious SALGA Municipal Awards, winning seven awards for its outstanding performance in local governance.

The awards ceremony, held at The Ranch Hotel in Polokwane on Thursday 26 February 2026, recognized municipalities that demonstrate exceptional financial management, accountability, and effective use of infrastructure grants.

EMLM received recognition in seven categories, including 100% spending of the additional 2024/2025 Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) allocation, 100% spending of the 2024/2025 Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) allocation, appreciation for not incurring unauthorised expenditure during the 2024/2025 audit cycle and achievement of an unqualified audit opinion for the 2024/2025 financial year.

The municipality furthered walked away with awards for appreciation for spending 100% of the additional MIG allocation, appreciation for achieving an unqualified audit opinion and appreciation for spending 100% of the Additional MIG allocation.

EMLM Municipal Manager, Reginah Makgatha, accepted the awards, stating: "I receive these awards with great honour and humility. These awards serve as a testament to our commitment to being a well-governed, effectively managed, financially viable, and sustainable institution."

Makgatha applauded the municipality's dedicated staff members and public representatives, saying they

deserve all the credit for these awards as it is a direct result of their diligent efforts and hard work.

"Without their commitment and dedication, such achievements would not have been possible," she said.

EMLM Mayor, Cllr David Tladi added: "These awards are a clear reflection of what can be achieved when a municipality prioritises accountability, transparency, and service delivery. I congratulate our Municipal Manager, staff, and council for their hard work and dedication, which continue to bring positive results for our communities."

Tladi was accompanied by the Council Speaker Cllr Junior Thethe, EMLM Chief Whip Cllr Elias Nduli and MMC responsible for Budget and Treasury Cllr Ndumiso Ndlovu.

The municipality said the remarkable achievements at the SALGA Awards underscore the institution's unwavering commitment to good governance, financial accountability, and service excellence.

"These accolades are not only a recognition of past performance but also a motivation to continue delivering quality services, improving infrastructure, and fostering sustainable development for all residents," said the municipality in a statement.

The municipality further assured that with a clear vision and dedicated leadership, Elias Motsoaledi remains committed to building a prosperous, transparent, and people-centred municipality that sets the standard for local government excellence.



EMLM entourage, led by Mayor-Cllr David Tladi (In blue suit), celebrating seven accolades received at the prestigious SALGA Municipal Awards held at The Ranch Hotel in Polokwane.

NOTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given, Marula Platinum Mine is applying for an Environmental Authorisation for the Proposed Sports Complex within the approved Mining Right area of the Marula Platinum Mine in terms of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) and Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002). The Sports complex is being applied on Portion 0 of Farm Clapham, in the Sekhukhune District Municipality, Limpopo Province.

Applicant: Marula Platinum Mine

Consulting Company: Marine Mountain Environmental Consultants

The Competent Authority: The Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources

The following listed activities are triggered:

Listing Notice 1: Activity 27 - The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation.

The centre coordinates to the affected property are:

- 24°30'24.18"S 30° 4'42.54"E

If you are interested in participating in this process, please register as an IAP by submitting your name, contact information, and interest in the project to the contact person below. This will allow you to have access to the reports and to get information about the public meeting. Please register as an interested and affected party, also please send any queries or comments with respect to the processes to the person below within the specified 30 days of publication of this advertisement, (06 March 2026 – 10 April 2026) this excludes public holidays.

Appointed Environmental Assessment Practitioner: Marine Mountain Environmental Consultants

Contact Person: Prudence Chuene

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GRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME 2026/27

The Mpumalanga Provincial Treasury in collaboration with the Finance and Accounting Services Sector Education and Training Authority (FASSET) offers a 12-month internship programme for unemployed graduates residing within the Province in the following fields of study for the 2026/2027 financial year.

REQUIREMENTS

- Be unemployed between the ages of 18 and 35 years.
- Be a South African Citizen.
- Have not previously participated in any youth developmental programme (Work Integrated Learning, Learnerships, and Internship Programme).
- Hold a completed National Diploma/Diploma (NQF 6), Advanced Diploma (NQF 7), Bachelor's Degree (NQF 8), or Master's (NQF 9) qualification in one of the fields listed below, obtained from Public Institutions of Higher Education and Training

STIPEND: R6 500 per month

Field of Study	Qualification	Station and Ref No.
Internal Audit	Internal Auditing	Head Office – MPT21/INT/2026
Financial Management/Accounting	Financial Management/or Accounting, Cost Management and Accounting/ Public Finance	Head Office – MPT20/INT/2026
Information Technology	Information Technology/Computer Science	Head Office – MPT22/INT/2026

DIRECTION FOR APPLICATIONS

- All applications must be submitted through the provincial e-recruitment portal at <https://erecruitment.mpg.gov.za>
- Applicants are required to register/create a profile and upload all mandatory documents on the portal to apply for these opportunities.
- Technical challenges related to the submission of applications should be directed to erecruitmentbpa@mpg.gov.za, and the email should include the username, identity number (ID), and contact details.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- The Mpumalanga Provincial Treasury is an equal opportunity, affirmative action Employer. The Provincial Treasury intends to promote retrospectivity in terms of (race, gender, and disability) through filling these posts, and all appointments will be made in accordance with the Employment Equity targets of the Provincial Treasury.
- Suitably qualified women and Persons with Disabilities remain the targeted group and are encouraged to apply.
- All appointments will be subjected to a personnel suitability check process, not limited to the following: - (criminal record, credit record, qualification verification, citizenship, employment reference, and social media).
- It is the applicant's responsibility to have foreign qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA).
- Successful candidates will be required to enter into a performance agreement.
- Successful candidates will be placed across the Mpumalanga Provincial Government Departments, Municipalities, and Public Entities.
- Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo a pre-entry assessment.
- Applications received after the closing date or those that do not comply with the requirements indicated above will not be considered.
- If you have not been contacted within three (3) months of the closing date of this advertisement, please accept that your application was unsuccessful.
- However, should there be any dissatisfaction, applicants are hereby advised to, within 90 days, seek reasons for the above administrative action in terms of section 5 of the Promotion of Administrative Justice, 2000 (Act No. 3 of 2000).
- Full details of advertised posts are placed on the Mpumalanga Provincial Government e-Recruitment system and the Mpumalanga Provincial Treasury website: <https://treasury.mpg.gov.za> and Facebook account @Mpumalanga Treasury
- The Provincial Treasury reserves the right not to make any appointment(s) to the advertised posts.

Closing Date: 13 March 2026 at 23H59

ENQUIRIES: Mr DJ Sibiyi at 013 766 4386/4478, Mr PM Nkambule at 013 766 4138/4435/ 4481



Dennilton residents take resolutions against load reduction



Residents of load reduction affected areas in Dennilton packed the Ndlovu Miracle Theatre in Elandsdoorn to take resolutions on the ongoing power cuts.

DENNILTON - from 19h00 to 21h00. Dennilton residents from various wards of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM), are outraged after Eskom senior management failed to attend a community meeting as agreed, leaving residents feeling frustrated and ignored.

The meeting, scheduled to take place at the Ndlovu Miracle Theatre in Elandsdoorn on Monday 2 March 2026, was set to address the ongoing load reduction affecting the area, with residents citing its impact on local businesses, safety, schools and households.

Residents insist that Eskom senior management was invited to the meeting and acknowledged their letters, but still failed to honour their promise.

Despite Eskom failing to attend the meeting, affected residents have taken a firm stance against an ongoing load reduction measures, unanimously adopting key resolutions.

The resolutions prohibit Eskom from conducting vetting visits, exempt residents found tampering with meter boxes or purchasing illegal electricity from paying fines, and limit Eskom's role in the villages.

Affected residents claim they have recently raised frustrations with Eskom's ongoing load reduction, which has been implemented in the area

Residents claim the power cuts have significantly impact their daily lives, businesses, and hinder community services, leading to widespread concern about the effects on local economic activities, safety, and overall quality of life.

"We are not begging, Eskom must come clean or face long-term community resistance. We are badly affected, load reduction contributes to high crime rates, affects network tower batteries, and damages household appliances. The people of Dennilton buy electricity, and Eskom is well aware of which households have bypassed their connections," said a resident who did not want to be named.

He said Eskom should have long time ago come to Dennilton and go house-to-house to check who the culprits are and disconnect their power supply instead of punishing the whole community.

The community has threatened to shut down Dennilton if Eskom doesn't address their concerns. "We need to know why load reduction is only implemented in rural areas," he asked.

Eskom Limpopo Regional Spokesperson, Matshdiso Phaladi, is yet to respond the publication's enquiries.

THLM IS



Thembisile Hani Local Municipality (THLM) invites suitably qualified applicants for the following vacant position(s):

Financial Services Department

- Deputy Chief Financial Officer

Municipal Manager's Office

- Communications Officer: Digital Content Creator

CLOSING DATE

13 March 2026

@ 16H00

Application must be submitted to www.thembisilehanilm.gov.za/e-Recruitment, applicants should register a profile to apply for any of the vacant positions and attach a detailed CV, identity document and qualifications and a driver's license where applicable.

Human Resources Enquiries: Ms. N.P. Tjia and/ or Ms. N.A. Mfiso at 013 986 9169 and/ or tjian@thembisilehanilm.gov.za and mfison@thembisilehanilm.gov.za respectively.

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“Go Loma Morula” Ceremony kick-started in Phokwane

PHOKWANE - The Sekhukhune District chapter of the Annual Go Loma Morula/Ku Luma Vukanyi Ceremony, took place at Phokwane Tribal Council Grounds outside Jane Furse on Sunday 1 March 2026, marking the beginning of the Morula fruit season in Limpopo.

The event, aimed at promoting social cohesion and preserving cultural heritage, brought together traditional leaders, traditional healers, cultural groups, municipalities, and sector departments.

The ceremony is an annual ritual performed in February across the province's five districts to officially open the Morula season. The Department of Sport, Arts and Culture in Limpopo (DSAC) has committed to reviving and preserving this cultural practice as part of its efforts to promote the province's cultural diversity and creative economy.

The event was a showcase of the district's rich cultural heritage, with traditional performances and displays.

The main aim of the celebrations is to market the province, boost the creative

economy, and preserve cultural wealth.

The marula fruit is a vital part of the local culture and economy, with various uses ranging from food and beverages to cosmetics and traditional medicine.

The programme is part of the Limpopo Marula Festival, which aims to empower local communities, particularly women, by promoting sustainable harvesting and utilization of marula products.

The festival displays the fruit's nutritional, medicinal, and spiritual significance, as well as its potential for economic growth.

Some of the activities associated with the Go Loma Morula programme in Phokwane included traditional marula beer brewing which was a significant part of the event, where locals brew traditional beer from the marula fruit.

Other highlights of the event were marula product exhibition with locals showcasing various products made from marula, such as jams, oils, and cosmetics.

The event was marked by cultural performances such as traditional music, traditional

dance, and storytelling performances.

Attending local communities were informed about community empowerment initiatives like workshops and training sessions focused on sustainable marula harvesting and entrepreneurship.

The programme also highlighted the importance of preserving indigenous knowledge and promoting fair trade practices.

Organizations like The Marula Company and MNP Community Development Facilitation are involved in initiatives that support local communities, particularly women, in benefiting from marula production

The successful event was made possible through collaboration between the DSAC, Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET), municipalities, traditional leaders, and civil society. The ceremony was attended by large numbers, indicating the community's commitment to preserving their cultural heritage. The Vhembe District Municipality (VDM) will host the next edition of the ceremony.



Limpopo's The Annual Go Loma Morula/Ku Luma Vukanyi Ceremony kick-started in Phokwane with locals showcasing traditional marula beer brewing.



Dozens of community members from different parts of Sekhukhune converged at Phokwane Tribal Council Grounds outside Jane Furse to mark celebrations of the Morula fruit season in Limpopo.



Police hunt down suspects for randomly firing shots at funeral service

KLIPHAVUL - The police in Elandskraal outside Marble Hall are searching for suspects who fired shots with firearms during a funeral service at Kliphavul Village under Elandskraal policing area on Saturday 21 February 2026.

The disturbing incident, which has sparked outrage, occurred at around 10:30 while mourners were gathered at the graveyard.

Following the incident, Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has noted with a serious concern a video circulating on social media platforms and has directed the Provincial Tracking Team to leave no stone unturned in tracking down the suspects responsible for the reckless act, contravening the provision of Firearms Control Act by firing shots randomly in public. According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the funeral service was

for a colleague involved in the towing industry, and it was during the burial when the suspects started discharging firearms.

"A case of negligence handling of firearm and ammunition has been opened, and investigations are underway to identify the suspects with a view to charge them and to also seize the firearms utilized in the commission of the crime," said Ledwaba.

He said members of the Provincial Tracking Team are hard at work unmasking these individuals with a view to have the suspects face the full might of the law.

"Anyone with information that can assist with the investigations is urged to come forward and contact the Investigating Officer, Captain Phaladi Makola on 082 749 2233, the crime stop number on 08600 10111, the nearest police station or MySAPSApp," said Ledwaba.



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Police arrest 810 suspects, recover seven firearms in Operation Shanela

Sekhukhune Volleyball Association elects new leadership

JERUSALEM - The Sekhukhune District Volleyball Association, has on Saturday 28 February 2026, held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Molapong Lifestyle in Jerusalem Village outside Monsterlus, where a new leadership was elected to steer the organisation forward.

The meeting saw the presentation of reports from the outgoing committee, followed by elections of the new leadership.

During the meeting, Katlego Mthombeni was re-elected as President of the association, Mareme Mahlong takes on the role of Deputy President, Tyson Mahlakwana has been elected as Secretary General, overseeing the association's administrative tasks and Innocentia Mnguni joins the leadership team as Deputy Secretary General.

Mam Prudence Mashifane takes the reins as Treasurer General, responsible for the association's finances, Caswell Serepong has been elected Technical Director, leading the technical aspects of volleyball development, Mam Phindile is the new Beach Director, focusing on promoting beach volleyball in the district and Refilwe Mmako is tasked with driving development initiatives as the association's Development Office.

Furthermore, Terrence Tshwana will oversee schools sport, promoting volleyball in educational institutions, Happy Macgaba has been elected as Media Officer, handling the association's communication and media relations, and Boikgantsho Morare takes on the role of Gender

Officer, promoting inclusivity and equality in volleyball.

The Department of Sports Arts and Culture in Limpopo congratulated the new leadership team and encouraged them to focus on increasing participation in volleyball across the district's local municipalities by establishing local associations.

In his acceptance speech, President Katlego Mthombeni expressed his delight at retaining his position and promised to take volleyball to new heights in the district.

He thanked Pudjie Phasha from the Limpopo Department of Sports Arts and Culture for attending the AGM and contributed first aid kits, trophies, and medals to the association.

"This gesture will serve as a huge motivation to our volleyball teams in Sekhukhune," Mthombeni said.

He also encouraged schools to join the volleyball sporting code in large numbers and applauded Marula Platinum Mine, Sekhukhune District Municipality, and Ndlovu Care Group for representing Sekhukhune with honour in the Limpopo Provincial championships league.

"The new leadership team has already committed to their tasks, with plans to establish local associations and increase participation in volleyball across the district. The association is looking forward to a successful term under the current leadership," concluded Mthombeni.



First aid kits, trophies, and medals, were contributed by the Limpopo Department of Sports Arts and Culture to Sekhukhune volleyball teams.



The newly elected Sekhukhune District Volleyball Association promises to take the sporting code to new heights.

Sekhukhune Regional Football League fixtures end in thrilling draws



Moganyaka Small Boys FC played two draws in their recent Sekhukhune Regional Football League encounters.

LEEUFONTEIN/MOGANYAKA - In a pulsating start to the Sekhukhune Regional Football League, supporters were treated to not one, but two thrilling draw games over the past two weekends.

The first match, played at the Leeuwfontein RDP Sports Grounds in Leeuwfontein Township, saw Thabang Nabo FC hosting Moganyaka Small Boys FC in a keenly contested encounter.

Despite a delayed kick-off due to late arrivals from matriculant players juggling football with studies, the teams eventually took to the pitch at 14:30pm.

The match ended in a 1-1 draw, with both teams sharing the spoils. However, the game will be remembered for the unfortunate injury suffered by one of Thabang Nabo's players, who was stretchered off with a serious upper leg

injury, but fortunately, reports indicate he is recovering well.

The following match, Moganyaka Small Boys FC hosted Rocks FC at Ditshweneng Sports Grounds in Moganyaka, with the match kicking off at 15:30pm.

In an enthralling encounter, the teams locked horns in a 2-2 draw. Rocks FC dominated the first half, scoring a goal, and doubled their lead in the second half. However, Moganyaka Small Boys FC mounted a spirited comeback, scoring two goals to salvage a point.

Referee performance was praised, with the official maintaining composure despite some heated moments from Moganyaka Small Boys FC players. As the league continues, all eyes will be on how these teams adapt and respond in their upcoming fixtures.