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Three hundred and fifty delegates from all nine provinces descended on Mitta Seperepere Convention Center in Kimberley to witness the first South African Heroine Awards (SAHA) in the Northern Cape.

Hosted on Women's Day, the Convention Centre was filled with men and women dressed to the nines.

Thanks to the Mme Re Ka Thusa Trust Fund, the 14th edition of SAHA was the

Northern Cape's turn to host this prestigious event, queens such as Kediemetse Bogaleboile, Gladys Matshela, Kedidaletse Williams and Masego Job, to mention a few, were previously awarded in other provinces.

Participants are nominated in various categories and thereafter, the public is invited to vote.

On Women's Day, 35 recipients from different walks of life were awarded certificates of recognition. As tradition, five candidates who receive the highest

number of votes are honoured with black blazers.

The 1st Deputy Secretary of the ANC, Nomvula "Mama Action" Mokonyane, took the opportunity to educate the audience about the struggle that women went through and the significance of Women's Day. "Women's Day is what it is because of special women like Mittah Seperepere. When they returned from exile in 1991 at the ANC conference in Durban, they made a call that once we are in power, August 9 must be a holiday. It's not a holiday just to do laundry, it's a day to share and celebrate each other and our freedom, even though we are not liberated," she alluded.

"Of course, things are not that good yet in our country, but nobody said things would be done and dusted within 30 years when we have been oppressed for over 400 years. My motivation to you all is that today is better than 1956, and tomorrow will be better than 2025 because of all of us. We need to appreciate young South Africans. After your turn, mine will come. Let's celebrate Caroline, she is our Albertina Sisulu," she continued.

The current second lady of the country, Humile Mashatile, also took the stage and continued teaching delegates about the challenges faced by parents with autistic children. "People living with autism do not get the support they

deserve. The community needs to understand autism; they should know that an autistic child's brain is wired differently", she said.

SAHA was founded by Caroline Mosiamo in 2012. It is registered as a non-profit organisation. The organization's objective is to celebrate and support women. Since its inception, the NPO has annually acknowledged women across various spectrums throughout the country.

Mosiamo applauded the Northern Cape government, especially MECs Venus Blennis-Magage and Mase Manopole, for their involvement. "I've been presenting these awards for 14 years, and it was pleasant to receive a call from the MEC, ensuring that everything went well". She also thanked Gladys Matshela, CEO of Mme Re Ka Thusa Trust Fund, for initiating this collaboration.

Legal Aid saves family from eviction

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A significant victory was secured for a family in the Barrydale area in the Western Cape after they successfully opposed their eviction. On 5 August 2025, the Land Court in Cape Town handed down judgment dismissing an appeal by a landowner who sought to overturn the decision of the Swellendam Magistrate's Court which dismissed their application for an eviction against the occupiers.

The eviction was sought against a family comprising two main occupiers (husband and wife), their daughter who has a physical disability and two minor children. The wife was born on the farm while the husband started staying at the farm in 1989. With the exception of the husband, all other parties were born on the farm.

The married couple previously worked at the farm. The wife had to resign in 1998 to take care of their daughter who was living with

physical disability and the husband stopped working in 2020 as his employment was terminated.

The landowner's contention was that since the husband was no longer employed at the farm, the family's occupation must be terminated. The Extension of Security of Tenure Act allows landowners to terminate occupation of farm occupiers when they no longer work at the farm, provided employment was the sole reason for the farm occupier to live on the farm in the first place.

However, even in such instances, the landowner is required to not only rely on the absence of employment to terminate the residence of occupiers but must also consider all relevant factors such as conduct between themselves and the occupiers, the hardships each party will suffer in the instance of termination or lack thereof, the period of occupation, especially if there would be a reasonable expectation of extending the occupation, and agreements between the parties.

Before the termination is done, the farm occupier is generally given an opportunity to explain their circumstances in relation to their occupation and circumstances after termination. Both the Magistrate's Court and Land Court found that the landowner had not complied with the requirements above that justify termination.

The Land Court dismissed the appeal by the landowner without making any order as to costs.

From the Magistrate's Court to the Land Court, the occupiers were represented by Legal Aid SA's lawyers Mvuyisi Mjuda, Lelethu Mgedezi and Hilary Julius from the Stellenbosch Local Office. The Legal Aid SA Northern Cape/Western Cape Provincial Executive Nolitha Jali stated that this matter is one of many similar cases in the province where vulnerable occupiers such as women, people with disabilities and children face eviction despite having occupied farms for many years and having nowhere else to go.



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SAPS celebrate Women's Month in style



Beautiful ladies dressed in vintage

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The SAPS Women's Network in the Northern Cape celebrated Women's Month in style with a touch of vintage flair at the Upington SAPS Mess on Tuesday, 5 August 2025, under the

theme "For all women and girls: Rights. Empowerment. Equality"

This prestigious event featured SAPS women from all levels looking exquisitely glamorous in their vintage attire.

In a powerful display of unity, collaborated with other components within SAPS and a range of external stakeholders, including SAPS

Employee Health and Wellness Services (EHW), SAPS Gender Desk, the Department of Home Affairs, AVBOB, the Department of Correctional Services, Sanlam, Old Mutual, Metropolitan and Women's Health.

Lady Bishop Mohlauli officially opened with scripture reading from Proverbs 31.

Speakers from various institutions delivered messages of support, focusing on empowerment and covering all aspects of women's lives.

The District Commissioner of Zweletlanga Fatman Mgcawu (ZFM), Major General Monica Sebili, said, "I urge you to ensure that women are empowered in your workplace."

When addressing the audience, the Deputy Provincial Commissioner for Policing Major General Keagekae Besnaar, appealed to women not to forget the boychild because many problems start with boys. "Whenever we are having such events, we need to include the boy child", she pleaded with the

organisers.

The Deputy Provincial Commissioner for Corporate Services in the Northern Cape, Major General Thabo Mphuti, delivered the Keynote Address. She spoke on a variety of subjects and shared her life journey beginning with her childhood. She also urged women to prioritise themselves, advising her peers to start applying for promotional posts and not be afraid to relocate to other provinces.

The academic Dr Thabo Mphuthi concluded her speech by requesting her colleagues to improve their educational qualifications. "You will not be able to study until you tell yourself that studies are a priority. Start by putting money aside so that you can register for a degree and study."

Brigadier Irene Kopeledi, Provincial Head for Pro-Active and Champion of the SAPS Women's Network, as well as Brigadier Mashay Gamielien, Provincial Head of Corporate Communication in the Northern Cape, respectively, delivered the Purpose of the Day and Vote of Thanks.

Minister Motsoaledi commits to supporting the Northern Cape to address healthcare service delivery challenges

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Minister Motsoaledi has on Friday, 08 August visited the Northern Cape province following the release of the report by the Health Ombud on his investigation of treatment, complications and deaths of psychiatric patients at Northern Cape Mental Hospital and Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe Hospital.

On the 30 July 2025, the Health Ombud called a Press Conference to release a report about his findings on the investigations done at the Northern Cape Mental Hospital and Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe Hospital, also in the Northern Cape.

The investigation was prompted by the Minister of Health, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi, requesting the Health Ombud to do an investigation after the deaths of two mental health users at the Northern Cape Mental Health Hospital.

On the day that the Report was released, the minister promised that he would personally go to the Northern Cape to meet the management of the province, including the Premier Dr Zamani Saul, Health MEC Maruping Lekwene, Finance MEC Venus Blennies-Magage, management of the Department of Health to discuss some of these findings.

By and large, the findings have to do with issues of Human Resources (HR) issues, Procurement, Clinical Protocols and Practices, inside the Hospitals themselves.

In the report, some health workers including doctors and nurses, were fingered for not having performed certain professional clinical functions with diligence.

After the initial meeting, where the Minister met the Premier, the MECs for Health and Finance, the Director-General of the Province, with their officials, it was then agreed that all the Labour Unions had to be met.

The Minister therefore met five (5) Labour Unions including DENOSA, HORSPEA, NEHAWU, PSA and NUPSAW, and reported to them the

purpose of the trip and the findings of the Health Ombud, and what is going to happen going forward.

The Labour Unions pointed out that they are unhappy about the manner with which the Health Ombud has fingered some of their members, and they wanted the Minister to look into that. The Minister then informed them about the correct procedures in

terms of the Health Ombud Report, that the Minister is not an Appeals Authority of the Health Ombud and therefore he cannot review his Reports.

The Minister further indicated that the law prescribes that once a person lodges an appeal, he (Minister) must set up a three-member Tribunal to be

chaired by a retired Judge or a Retired Magistrate. The other two members may either be health professionals or legal professionals. Minister has therefore, advised labour unions that anyone who is not happy, this standard procedure must be followed.

Minister Motsoaledi also briefed the Labour Unions about what the health sector is going to do to improve issues of staffing, procurement of beds and linen, the hiring of health workers, etc.

The visit ended with a site-visit to the hospitals for the delegations to see for themselves some of the findings of the Health Ombud, and to acclimatise themselves in the shortest way possible, to try and implement the recommendations of the Health Ombud Report.



President Ramaphosa to announce a national cleanup day

SA News

President Cyril Ramaphosa will designate a specific day for a nationwide cleanup, with all South Africans, including Ministers, participating in community cleanup efforts, Deputy President Paul Mashatile said. "We'll dedicate time on the day that the President will indicate that at least on that particular day, for particular hours in the day, we work with our communities, and we clean," the Deputy President said.

This as he visited the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality in the Free State as part of the Clean Cities and Towns Campaign.

The Deputy President officially unveiled a comprehensive national cleaning initiative aimed at transforming community hygiene and infrastructure maintenance in the province.

The campaign is an integrated service delivery initiative that was officially launched in Kliptown, Soweto, in June of this year.

It aims to promote cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable environments in both urban and rural areas. The campaign encourages community involvement in cleaning their surroundings, working collaboratively with district and local municipalities.

The Mangaung leg of the campaign was held under the theme: "Bontle Ke Botho: A Free State that works for all – Building clean and sustainable communities."

The campaign emphasises a collaborative approach across national, provincial, and local government levels, highlighting the campaign's multifaceted strategy.

"We're not just picking up papers. This campaign is going to be combined with repairing and modernising things, dealing with challenges of potholes, fixing roads and repairing infrastructure," Deputy President Mashatile told the community.

According to the country's second-in-command, the initiative also includes several critical components, including weekly dedicated cleaning days and school engagement to instill a cleanliness culture.

"We also went to visit schools to encourage our young children to inculcate this culture of clean-up. So, it's going very well today," he said.

Meanwhile, the Deputy President said government plans to address municipal challenges, recognising that many local authorities struggle with limited economic resources.

"Some municipalities are not able to perform critical services because they

don't have an economic base." The campaign represents a "whole of government approach," aiming to create a unified responsibility for maintaining clean, functional urban and rural environments.

The initiative is expected to roll out across provinces to transform South Africa's approach to community maintenance and civic responsibility.

The Clean Cities and Towns Campaign seeks to revitalise urban areas, enhance service delivery, and combat environmental degradation.

"We used to have bins where people could throw stuff in, and then twice a week or so, a truck comes to take it because if we don't do that, they start throwing everywhere."

It is also part of South Africa's commitment to climate action to preserve the environment, support social cohesion initiatives and prioritise efforts for decent work, poverty eradication, and community resilience. –

Championing for quality foundation in Early Childhood Development

By Khumo Makame and Palesa Mofoti

The Northern Cape Department of Education hosted an Indaba focusing on Early Childhood Development (ECD) under the theme "Quality Foundational Learning". The gathering, which is a build-up towards the G20 South Africa Conference, was held at Sol Plaatje University's (SPU) 7- 8 August 2025.

Delegates included Deputy Minister of Basic Education Reginah Mhaule, MECs for Education Abraham Vosloo and Health, Maruping Lekwene, Executive Mayor, Martha Bartlett, Acting Vice Chancellor and Principal of SPU Prof Debra Meyer, and representatives from various Early Childhood Development Centers and community members.

The Deputy Minister said the purpose was to zone in on global education discussions on issues affecting South Africa. This also stood as a declaration of intent, signaling the government's commitment to access, equity, and excellence for learners.

Mhaule further added that South Africa has 6.5 million children under the age of 6 years, and only 2.3 million are enrolled in an ECD center, which is about 35%, an indication that there is still a long way to go.

MEC Vosloo said, "ECD is a crucial period that shapes a child's development, well-being, and success, so if we are serious about improving the quality of education in the Province, we must start at the foundation level. This requires a special focus on numeracy, literacy, and in particular reading with comprehension".

Executive Mayor Martha Bratlett emphasized that education is the cornerstone of any thriving society. "Recent reports have shown that over 4,000 learners in the Province dropped out of ECD Centers. This is not merely a statistic but a call to action", Bartlett commented.

In his closing remarks, MEC Vosloo urged everyone to work together towards one goal. "Let us join hands and ensure universal access to quality ECDs in our province. Let us build a future where every child, regardless of background and circumstance, has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive from the start".

The G20 Education Indaba's message was clear: "Building a better future for the Northern Cape starts with investing in the earliest years of a child's life. With the province's collective will and commitment, the vision of universal Early Childhood Development is not just a distant goal but a shared collective journey".

Celebrating Liturgy through music



Veterans; St Peter's Choir

picture Lehlohonolo Phakisa

Karabo Ntanzu

St Augustine's was on point when he coined the phrase, "singing is praying twice." Kimberley Deanery Catholic Choirs held their annual Liturgical Competition at St Boniface on 9 August.

The audience was revived and happily sang along to hymns and choruses rendered by St Peter's, Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, St Boniface, 14 Streams District Choirs, and the Kimberley Deanery Youth Choir under the baton of a young and talented Bradley Mankwe.

Secretary for Kimberley Deanery Catholic Choirs Peggy Kompe said: "The objective of the competition is to purify our liturgy and to rearrange our hymns. The competition is divided into two categories and is based on our Liturgical Calendar. For this year, we chose the Advent season, hence the first song is hymn 62 in our Hymn Books, followed by the confession and Our Father. The second category is Offertory, choirs are expected to sing one hymn and a chorus".

A popular chorister, who grew up in the choral music scene and graduated to the role of adjudicator, Kgololo a.k.a Mazaza Hlakudi, praised the Catholic Church for this initiative. He said competition makes a choir improve because it puts them under pressure. Hlakudi encourages other churches to follow the competition route to enhance the love of choral music.

St Peter's conductor, Perpetual Mogamisi, a veteran in choral music, shared some challenges, "Most choir members are between 70 and 85 years, especially the back line. This makes it difficult for me because sometimes they forget what we practiced. They also belong to other sodalities within the church, making it difficult to attend practice regularly."

Mogamisi also remarked that Choral Music is dying in the Province.

The day started with Mass conducted by Fr. Norman Mosito from St Boniface, whose responsibility was to ensure that choirs interpret the hymns correctly. Mosito was accompanied by Fr Molefe Koloi from Our Lady of Fatima Shrine.



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MEC Fufe Makatong
Northern Cape Department of Roads and Public Works



BUDGET ALLOCATION

- R2.282 billion total allocation for 2025/26
- R1.567 billion from the Provincial Roads

Maintenance Grant

- R717 million from the equitable share

ROADS & INFRASTRUCTURE

- 661 km of gravel roads re-gravelled
- 63,000 km of gravel roads bladed
- 30.38 km upgraded to paved/surfaced roads
- SANRAL partnership continues: 649.99 km of key economic roads to be transferred
- Roads support mining logistics, tourism, border connectivity & safety

MAJOR PROJECTS UNDERWAY

Education (13 Projects):

- Schools under construction include Franciscus Intermediate (R150m), Kalahari Secondary (R120.8m), and Oranje Oewer (R127.5m)
- Over 1,000 job opportunities created through these school projects

Health (9 Projects):

- Upgrades to Tshwaragano Hospital, Robert

Mangaliso Sobukwe Hospital, and new Schmidtsdrift Clinic

- Over 350 jobs created through health infrastructure

Libraries & Sports Facilities (4 Projects):

- New Galeshewe Library (R42.2m), Mayibuye Centre upgrades, and De Aar fencing

CLIMATE RESILIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Reprioritized budget to repair flood-damaged roads
- Use of nano-technology, climate-smart materials, and stabilizing agents to improve road durability

EPWP & JOB CREATION

- 10,977 work opportunities created in 2024/25
- Target: 3,433 new opportunities in 2025/26
- Municipal EPWP to grow to 21,523 opportunities backed by R1.264 billion

SKILLS & ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

- 170 training interventions planned for youth, women & persons with disabilities

- MERSETA & BANKSETA grants secured for EPWP skills and enterprise programs
- Entrepreneurship Program supports Grade 1 women contractors and new ventures for persons with disabilities

LAND & ASSET MANAGEMENT

- Revised Disposal Policy for inclusive land access
- ROT (Renovate, Operate, Transfer) model to unlock value from 33 derelict buildings
- Province owns 13,443 hectares of vacant land

FUNDING SHORTFALLS & COLLABORATION CALL

- R700 million in property rates arrears
- Urgent need for collaboration with SALGA, Treasury, and Municipalities for sustainable solutions

PARLIAMENTARY VILLAGE PPP PROJECT

- R10 million allocated for feasibility
- Project aims to create dignified housing precinct for Members of Provincial Legislature.



“Let us build not only roads and buildings, but bridges of opportunity and inclusion.”- MEC Fufe Makatong

Teachers playing with counterparts



The winning team

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Karabo Ntanzi

About 200 members of the South African Democratic Teachers' Union (SADTU) from Francis Baard, JT Gaetsewe, and ZF Mgcawu Districts gathered at Phatshimang FET College to select teams that will represent the Province at the Southern African Teachers Organisation (SATO).

According to Keitumetse Kwenampe, SADTU Provincial Sports Arts and Culture Desk Convener, the objective of these games is not only to prepare for the competition but also to offer teachers an opportunity to relax and network with their counterparts. "We are working under stressful conditions, which makes us prone to depression; having these types of activities helps us to release stress and have fun".

The Frances Baard ladies won against ZFM in the soccer game. Other sporting codes played on the day were netball, Pool, Volleyball, Table Tennis, and male soccer.

SATO games include countries such as Angola, Zambia, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, Botswana, and

Tanzania, will be held in Durban from 28 to 31 August 2025. The Northern Cape will participate in the Male Volleyball, Ladies Pool, and Table Tennis categories.

"In 2023, the games were played in Botswana. Team SA was represented by KZN, Mpumalanga, Free State and Northern Cape. Our province participated in the female soccer category, that's when we started having a female soccer team", Kwenampe stated.

Gloria Oratile Oliphant, Teacher and Coach for both boys and girls at Reneilwe Primary School, shared her excitement: "I'm happy because today I was on the field, playing soccer, not just coaching."

A sports enthusiast, Oliphant explained that she played in various positions, the defense, midfield and striker. "I also enjoy athletics and indigenous games, but my first love is soccer," she added.

"As a youngster, I used to represent Sol Plaatje Primary School in the 200m relay and started playing soccer at Dr E.P. Lekgela High School," she said, reflecting on how her passion for sports was honed from a young age.

SADTU advocate for teacher development and promote gender equality.

Africa's own Dr Phil



Karabo Ntanzi

A Congolese-born Doctor, Phil Mwenze, is Senior Medical Officer (Physician) at Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe Hospital and also running a private practice in Roodepan.

He came to South Africa 18 years ago. He worked in Johannesburg for eight years before relocating to Kimberley.

Dr Phil stated that in their country, many companies had their clinics or hospitals. He and his siblings used to visit his father's workplace, an entrepreneur.

"I was eight (8) years old when I decided to be a doctor. I liked the respect shown to the profession. There was this one particular Doctor who drew my attention. I liked how he was and his charisma was everything to me", said the only Doctor out of 13 siblings. Most of his siblings followed in their father's footsteps, going into business or managing the family's wealth.

He commented on the scourge of TB in the province. "Some illnesses are environmental or lifestyle oriented. The Northern Cape has a high level of TB" he remarked.

He said the reason for his relocation to South Africa is that he needed to practice his profession and serve people without any political interference. However, it was a struggle for him to obtain all the relevant documents that allowed him to work in the country.

His family later joined him. He is a husband to an entrepreneur, Aena and a father to four boys. He enjoys board games and spending time with his family

VOORGESTELDE VERVREEMDING VAN 'N GEDEELTE VAN BULTFONTEINPAD GELEË AAN DIE GRENS VAN DIE GROOT GAT, KIMBERLEY (ERWE 9329, 9332, 9446, 9452, 9456, 10818, 10850, 10851, 10858 EN 'N GEDEELTE VAN DIE OORSPRONG VAN DIE PLAAS VOORUITZICHT 81, KIMBERLEY)

Kennis geskied hiermee dat die Sol Plaatje Munisipaliteit besluit het om gedeeltes van Erwe 9329, 9332, 9446, 9452, 9456, 10818, 10850, 10851, 10858 en 'n gedeelte van die restant van die Plaas Vooruitzicht 81, Kimberley, Bultfonteinpad, geleë langs die Groot Gat, aan De Beers Groep te vervreem vir die bestuur van geologiese risiko's rondom die Groot Gat.

Volledige besonderhede rakende hierdie voorstel is gedurende kantoorure beskikbaar by die Waarnemende Bestuurder (Eiendomme), Kamer 8, Eerste Vloer, Nuwe Kompleks, Burgersentrum, Kimberley.

Besware, indien enige, teen die voorstel moet skriftelik, met volledige redes daarvoor, by die ondergetekende ingedien word om hom/haar te bereik op of voor **Vrydag, 5 September 2025**.

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PROPOSED ALIENATION OF A PORTION OF BULTFONTEIN ROAD SITUATED ADJACENT TO THE BIG HOLE KIMBERLEY (ERVEN 9329, 9332, 9446, 9452, 9456, 10818, 10850, 10851, 10858 & A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF THE FARM VOORUITZICHT 81 KIMBERLEY)

Notice is hereby given that the Sol Plaatje Municipality has resolved to alienate portions of Erven 9329, 9332, 9446, 9452, 9456, 10818, 10850, 10851, 10858 & A PORTION OF THE Remainder of the Farm Vooruitzicht 81 Kimberley, Bultfontein Road Situated Adjacent to the Big Hole to De Beers Group for management of geological risks around the BIG Hole.

Full particulars regarding this proposal can be obtained during office hours from the Acting Manager (Properties), Room 8, First Floor, New Complex, Civic Offices, Kimberley.

Objections, if any, against the proposal, must be lodged in writing, with full reasons therefore, to reach the undersigned on or before **Friday, 5 September 2025**.

15/3 – Portion of Bultfontein Road
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MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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NORTHERN CAPE LIQUOR ACT, 2008					
Notice is hereby given that it is the intention to lodge the above mentioned application, particulars of which appear hereunder, with the Northern Cape Liquor Board.					
1	2	3	4	5	6
Municipality	Full name, street and postal adress of applicant	Kind of licence applied for	Kind of liquor to be sold	Name under which business is to be conducted and full adress of premises	Extra items to be sold (section 4(5)(a)and (b))
SOL PLAATJIE	14249 Gerald Sekoto Street, Phutanang, Kimberley	Liquor Store	All kinds	Lapa Laka Liquor Store, 12450 Lerothodi Street, Phutanang, Kimberley,8345	Chips, cigarettes, biltong, etc.

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SOL PLAATJIE	Martin Radikae, 14248 Gerald Sekoto Street, Phutanang, Kimberley	Tavern	All kinds	Lapa Laka Tavern, 14248 Gerald Sekoto Street, Phutanang, Kimberley	Chips, cigarettes, biltong, etc.

Four arrested for property related crimes in Pixley ka seme



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Operation Basadi continues to intensify its efforts to combat property-related crimes across the Northern Cape, with increased police visibility during Women's Month 2025. In the Pixley Ka Seme District, members of the Public Order Police (POP) Unit in De Aar, while conducting patrols under Operation Basadi in the Sunrise area, acted on intelligence regarding the possession of suspected stolen copper by three foreign nationals at a local dumping site. Upon arrival, the suspects attempted to flee in different directions. Police officers gave chase and successfully apprehended

all three individuals. Copper cables, valued at approximately R3 428.10, were seized. The suspects were arrested and charged with damage to essential infrastructure and for contravening immigration laws. In a separate incident, Britstown police responded to a reported housebreaking and theft. Acting on information received, officers traced a suspect to a residence in Britstown. A search of the premises led to the recovery of a stolen television, electronic equipment, and groceries. A 26-year-old male suspect was arrested. All suspects will appear in their respective Magistrates' Courts in due course. The Pixley Ka Seme District Commissioner, Major General Nomana Mtukushe, reaffirmed the police's commitment to maintaining heightened visibility during and beyond Women's Month. She emphasized that community support is vital in enhancing police efforts to safeguard lives and property. The continued partnership between the community and the police remains instrumental in fighting crime. The SAPS appreciates the public's cooperation and encourage them to remain vigilant and proactive.

Marydale accused receive additional jail time for related offences

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Selby George (35), who was recently sentenced to two life terms for the brutal rape and murder of 21-year-old Thobeka Bosman in Marydale, has now received additional sentences for related crimes. The Kimberley High Court imposed a further seven (7) years for attempted rape and one (1) year for assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm in a separate incident. The additional charges stem from an incident on 02 March 2019 at approximately 22:00, when George attempted to rape a 37-year-old woman and severely assaulted her at a residence in Marydale. A female friend of the victim managed to escape and alerted the police. Officers responded swiftly and arrested George at the scene. The sentences for attempted rape and assault GBH were handed down on 01 August 2025 and will run concurrently with the existing life sentences. In a separate case, George was

acquitted of rape and assault charges involving a 36-year-old woman in Marydale on 22 December 2018. All the victims were known to the accused. The District Commissioner for Pixley Ka Seme, Major General Nomana Mtukushe, praised Detective Sergeant Riaan Van Wyk of the Prieska Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS) Unit for his exceptional investigative work. She also acknowledged the strong collaboration with Advocate Katrien Jansen and Advocate Ters Engelbrecht, whose prosecutorial efforts contributed to the successful conviction. This outcome sends a clear and strong message that Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) will not be tolerated in the Northern Cape — especially as we commemorate Women's Month. Let us continue to unite in the fight against the scourge of GBVF.



Galeshewe man sentenced for ten years for rape

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What was meant to be a safe refuge for a Galeshewe woman turned into a nightmare. On 25 September 2022, at approximately 08:00, a 34-year-old woman was in Tlhageng in Galeshewe, in the company of a male friend. The two received a lift and were dropped off at the male friend's residence in Tlhageng, where they spent the night. The next morning, the male friend informed the victim that she should continue resting while he went home to fetch his vehicle to take her back to her residence. After he left, the accused, who is a friend of the male companion, entered

the bedroom where the victim was sleeping and forcefully raped her. The victim opened a case, and the accused was subsequently arrested. The case was assigned to Detective Constable Beverly Matlhale of the Galeshewe Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS) Unit. The Galeshewe Regional Court recently convicted the accused, Boitumelo Isaac Mokhele (38), and sentenced him to ten (10) years' direct imprisonment for rape. The SAPS Northern Cape Management welcomes the conviction and sentence and commended Detective Constable Matlhale for her excellent investigative work, which led to the successful prosecution and removal of the perpetrator from society for a significant period.

Kagisho rapist sentenced to eight years' imprisonment

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The Galeshewe Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS) Unit has secured an eight-year direct prison sentence for 55-year-old Boitumelo Simon Mokomela, handed down by the Galeshewe Regional Court following the rape of a 26-year-old female victim on Sunday, 18 September 2022 in Galeshewe. According to court proceedings, the victim and her boyfriend were asleep when the victim awoke to find someone raping her. Upon opening her eyes, she recognised the perpetrator as her boyfriend's uncle. Realising that she was awake, the accused immediately fled into another room.

The victim alerted her boyfriend and subsequently reported the incident to the police. The accused, Boitumelo Simon Mokomela, was arrested, convicted of rape, and sentenced to eight years' imprisonment. The court further directed that the offender's name be entered into the National Register for Sex Offenders and declared him unfit to possess a firearm. The Frances Baard District Commissioner, Major General Charlotte Makgari, commended Detective Warrant Officer Tanya Serfontein for her dedication, expertise and professionalism in ensuring justice for the victim and reinforcing the fight against gender-based violence.

Men For Change talk with male offenders in Upington

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Representatives of Men for Change within the South African Police Service in the Northern Cape, held talks with the male inmates on Tuesday, 05 July 2025. The event commenced at 10:00 at the Upington Correctional Service facility in Upington. Chaplain Sekopane Mosele, opened the event with a moving scripture and prayer, while the Champion for Men for Change, Warrant Officer Mathews Mchlauli, outlined the purpose of the day. Talks with these men were mainly focused on Gender Based Violence and Femicide and other social ills that affect the society in general. The offenders were also enlightened about the different

ways in which they can avoid domestic violence and femicide with their spouses and any other women and vulnerable persons. The offenders received the messages well, more so from the guest speaker of the day, Mr Jack Mathukazi, who is an ex-offender himself. Sergeant Thabo Gomojong from Men for Change, sternly warned men against GBVF and advocated for them to change their behavior towards women, children and vulnerable people. Prior to the closure of the event, the structure donated toiletries to the offenders



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