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# Department of Education acknowledges Teachers



Acknowledging hard work

Lehlohonolo Phakisa

for the teachers. He applauded Teachers for changing the lives of learners despite the circumstances under which they work.

Llewellyn Aiken, Naptosa Provincial Chairperson, reiterated their support and the need to appreciate educators. "This ceremony is not just about awards, it is about acknowledging those who commit to the success of every learner," he said.

For 2025, 510 nominations were submitted compared to 90 nominations in 2024.

Teachers were awarded with cash prizes, tablets, modems with data and other goodies from: The South African Institute of Chartered Accountants, MTN and Vodacom.

ranked third place in Mathematics and Technology, said they were happy and vowed to encourage their 42 colleagues to enter next year.

Primary school teachers were also awarded including, Boitumelo Morolong, from St Peter's Primary, for Excellence in Teaching Social Sciences in Senior Phase.

The winners will represent the Province at the National Teachers Awards to be held in October in Gauteng.

- Guest were entertained with music by learners from Thabane and Tetlanyo High School.

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Palesa Mofoti and Khumo Makame

The Northern Cape Department of Education held the Provincial Teachers' Awards in Kimberley on 28 August 2025.

The prestigious event was attended by among others, Newrene Klaaste Speaker for the Northern Cape Legislature, Dipuo Peters Speaker for Sol Plaatje Municipality,

members from various teachers' unions, Abraham Vosloo MEC for Education and HODs from the Districts in the Province.

Wearing his Kimberley Boys High School uniform, Vosloo highlighted the purpose of "Love Your School" campaign, a need for learners and Teachers to take pride in their school. He reiterated that this was about remembrance, renewal and respect

The categories included, best Accounting Teacher, Excellency in Secondary School Leadership which went to Michael Ludig from Kimberley Technical High. Excellent Teaching in Physical Science went to Peteronella Makhata of Vuyolewethu High School.

Zolani Jack and Thabo Moilwa from Kimberley Boys High School both

## The joy of becoming a home owner



MEC Bentley Vass with a happy new home owner

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beneficiaries of the Dalton 100 Housing Project, in Douglas, in the Siyancuma Local Municipality, in the Pixley Ka Seme District, today, 25 August 2025.

The Dalton Housing Project is part of the 1 Billion Rand Housing Project, launched by President Cyril Ramaphosa and Northern Cape Premier, Dr Zamani Saul, in January 2024.

Engaging with the community of Dalton, in Douglas, MEC Vass said "The Northern Cape Provincial Government is committed to eradicating the housing backlog in the province, through the building and handing over of houses in all the districts. We are aware that there are many areas within this municipality and throughout the province, where we must build houses to address the backlog. We continue to urge all appointed contractors in the province to deliver quality housing at a rapid pace to allow beneficiaries to receive their houses as per completion. This is also part of our strategy to curb vandalism".

Seventy-four-year-old, Tina Jonas, said she was very happy that government has delivered on their commitment to provide proper shelter for her and her family. "Words cannot express my immense gratitude to this government. I have a proper roof over my head and will be eternally grateful for this house. I will take good care of it and will leave it as legacy for my grandchildren".

Furthermore, MEC Vass also delivered title deeds in Bongani, in the Siyancuma Local Municipality, as part of his visit.

"A title deed provides legal ownership of property and can be used as leverage for other economic benefits. The Department, working with all municipalities in the province, will be stepping up efforts to deliver available title deeds throughout the province", said MEC Vass.

The title deeds restoration programme is geared to ensuring that the government reaches out to the communities and housing beneficiaries to dispatch title deeds.



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# NC Farmers to be assisted through Blended Finance



MEC Mase Manopole addressing Farmers *Supplied*

Karabo Ntanzi

MEC Mase Manopole successfully hosted the Northern Cape Blended Finance Roadshow, at Flamingo View in Kimberley, in collaboration with the National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD), Land Bank, Industrial Development Corporation (IDC), and Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), under the theme “Unlocking Inclusive Agricultural Development in the Northern Cape.” Over 600 farmers from all five districts of the Northern Cape attended the roadshow, welcoming it with open arms as a gateway to unlocking financial opportunities. The event provided a platform to raise awareness of blended finance opportunities to farmers. From improving access to affordable and

sustainable finance, fostering meaningful engagement between policymakers and explore innovative financing mechanisms aimed at addressing persistent challenges in the agricultural sector. Manopole emphasised that blended finance, combining public funding with private sector investment, was a strategic tool to bridge the agricultural financing gap. She mentioned that smallholder and emerging farmers often face barriers such as limited collateral, climate-related risks, and high production costs, making access to affordable credit difficult. She highlighted recent achievements including, 1,000 producers who received training, 1,300 subsistence farmers were supported with garden establishment packs. According to Stats agriculture contributed R11 billion to the provincial GDP in 2023 and new jobs were created during Quarter 3 and 4 of 2024. The department plans to increase agriculture's GDP contribution from 7% to 10%, support 60 land reform farms, train another 1,000 producers and create 750 additional jobs in the sector. “The road to agricultural prosperity is long, but it is not out of reach. When resilience meets opportunity, transformation follows. Through blended finance, we can unlock not only funding but the full potential of the Northern Cape's agricultural sector,” she continued. The Roadshow ended with a call for partnership and accountability. It was also reinforced to famers that blended finance is not a handout but a collaborative investment in sustainable agricultural growth and rural economic empowerment.

# Dept of Transport Official arrested for fraud and corruption

Correspondence

The Northern Cape taxi permits saga has once again reared its ugly head following the arrest of the Department of Transport, Safety and Liaison official at his work place in the Namakwa District. He was arrested by the Northern Cape Provincial Organized Crime Investigation Unit and the Springbok Police Task Team this week. He is accused of allegedly issuing fraudulent taxi permits to members of the community at a fee. Police say the arrest was the culmination of an operation by the Provincial Organized Crime Investigation Unit into the alleged fraudulent activities by the official. SAPS Provincial communication office said the suspect was found in possession of cash that was exchanged during a transaction on 26 August 2025 in Springbok and was subsequently arrested.

The suspect was charged for Fraud, Corruption and defeating the ends of justice. The Following his arrest the department issued a statement saying they will cooperate will law enforcement agencies in their investigation.

Spokesperson Rennie Andrias said: "The Department of Transport, Safety and Liaison in the Northern Cape notes the arrest of one of our colleagues in the Namakwa District in Springbok on 26 of August 2025. The Department respects the rule of law and we are extending our cooperation to law enforcement agencies in their current investigations. The department assure the public that we will do everything in our power to root our wrong doing in our ranks. We continue to request our stakeholders and the public to report suspicious behaviour by our employees to the relevant law enforcement agencies. The Department cannot comment further on the investigation until process has taken its cause." Meanwhile traffic was brought to a standstill once again in the in the Kimberley CBD when some taxi operators barricaded roads with their minibus taxis. The disgruntled operators were complaining about some taxi operating illegally. They demanded illegal operators be removed and their taxi be impounded as they are killing their business.

By Thursday afternoon taxi officials were still locked in a meeting to try and resolve the matter. No one has been arrested during the barricading of a number of roads in the CBD.

Last year the Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Protector released damning report on their investigation about rampant corruption in the issuing of permits in the province. The two organizations recommended that action be taken against some officials within the Department of Transport, Safety and Liaison.

# DCS to lead overdose and drug awareness day in Limpopo



The Department of Correctional Services (DCS) is expected to host the annual International Overdose Awareness Day on Friday. The event will be held in partnership with the South African National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (SANCA) Limpopo at Mmakgabo Secondary School in that province. “This year's event is focused on

empowering learners with knowledge, life skills, and emotional resilience to guard against the dangers of drugs and substance abuse - one of the most pressing social challenges facing young people today,” the department said in a statement. The day is expected to kick off with a march led by learners at the school, stakeholders and a brass band. “[Following that] the main programme will commence, featuring parolee testimonies sharing first-hand experiences on the devastating effects of substance abuse, and engagements with learners on mental health and prevention strategies. “By working closely with schools and community partners, Correctional Services seeks to raise awareness, spark dialogue and inspire action against substance abuse,” the department said

# DSD host career exhibition and substance abuse programme in Douglas

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The Northern Cape Department of Social Development (DSD) hereby held the Career Exhibition and Substance Abuse Awareness Programme on 28 August in Douglas, was led by the MEC for Social Development, Nontobeko Vilakazi.

The programme seeks to empower young people by exposing them to diverse career opportunities and providing guidance on career pathways. It will also raise awareness about the dangers of substance abuse, which continues to be one of the major social challenges affecting youth in our communities.

As part of the programme, there will be various exhibition stalls, including the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), Sol Plaatje University (SPU) and the Premier's Bursary Fund, among others, to provide valuable information on opportunities available to the youth.

The event will bring together government departments, educational institutions, community organisations, and professionals to offer mentorship, support and practical information to young people.



# 'Safety, dignity and futures' of SA youth are not for sale



SA News Agency

Deputy Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development (DJCOD), Andries Nel, has called for a united approach to fight human trafficking and the exploitation of young women.

This after the circulation of social media videos – through prominent South African influencers – of controversial and possibly illegal job opportunities in Russia.

The videos circulated by the influencers are targeted at young women between the ages of 18 and 22.

“Let me be clear: these offers are not endorsed by the Government of South Africa. Never rely solely on social media promotions or unsolicited social media advertisements. Always cross-check and verify job opportunities through official channels,” Nel

said.

The Deputy Minister acknowledged the “desperation created by high levels of youth unemployment, particularly among young women”, which could lead to dangerous situations.

“These vulnerabilities must not be exploited. Government remains committed to creating safe and sustainable employment pathways through initiatives such as the Presidential Employment Stimulus, the National Youth Service, and skills development programmes,” he said.

Nel emphasised that a ‘whole of society’ approach is required to protect young lives.

“We call upon all sectors of society – government, civil society, business and communities – to work together to protect our youth from predators who seek to profit from their hopes and dreams.

“The safety, dignity and futures of our young people are not for sale. Human trafficking is a scourge that we must confront with unity, vigilance, and unshakable resolve,” Nel said.

Echoing the Deputy Minister's sentiments on the dangers of human trafficking, the department relayed the example of some 23 South Africans who were rescued and repatriated from Myanmar in

March.

“Before leaving South Africa in 2024, they were lured to the Kingdom of Thailand under false pretences by an employment agency that promised them lucrative jobs that were advertised on various social media platforms. These adverts promised the victims good salaries, free accommodation, comprehensive travel expenses and other lucrative benefits.

“Once in Thailand, they were transported to Myanmar against their will. The victims were held captive for more than four months in a cybercrime compound in Myanmar. They were subjected to brutal treatment, intimidation, physical torture and forced labour. They were also compelled to engage in illicit activities, including online scams that targeted individuals worldwide,” the department said.

Before accepting any international offer, use the following channels to verify its authenticity:

- The Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO).
- The Department of Employment and Labour (DoEL).
- The Department of Home Affairs (DHA).

- The South African Police Service (SAPS).

“It is also imperative that any person taking up a job offer or opportunity overseas must first enquire from the country where the employment is offered as to what the legal travel and legal working requirements are, in respect of that country.

“Trafficking in persons is a reality, with South Africa being regarded as a source, transit and destination country for trafficking in persons. Recent data from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime has documented a 25% global increase in detected trafficking of victims, with children accounting [for] 38%.

“The department... working with the National Intersectoral Committee on Trafficking in Persons (NICTIP), provincial task teams, and rapid response units established under the Prevention and Combating of Trafficking in Persons Act, 2013 (Act 7 of 2013), continues to strengthen South Africa's collective response to trafficking in persons.

“Our work includes enhancing investigations and prosecutions of trafficking offences, building cross-border partnerships with international counterparts and expanding public awareness campaigns to alert communities to the methods used by traffickers,” the department said.



## SOL PLAATJE MUNICIPALITY / MUNISIPALITEIT

### DRAFT TUCKSHOP POLICY

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sol Plaatje Municipality intends to commence with the draft Tuckshop policy as per C68/06/2025 and the public participation process will start on the 1 – 10 September 2025.

Further details regarding the Draft Tuckshop policy may be attained from the Sol Plaatje Municipality (Telephone 053 830 6458/6474) during normal office hours (Monday to Friday 07:45 to 12:45 and 13:30 to 16:30)

Any person who cannot read or write may, during office hours, come to the Municipality City Hall where the relevant official will assist such persons by transcribing their objections, comments and representations.

Objections, if any, against this application must be lodged in writing with full reasons therefore, to reach the municipality the above on or before **Friday 10 October 2025**

Kennis geskied hiermee dat die Sol Plaatje Munisipaliteit beoog om te begin met die publieke deelname van die hersiening van die konsep “Tuckshop” beleid te raadsbesluit C68/06/2025 vanaf 1 – 10 September 2025.

Besonderhede aangaande hierdie beleid is verkrygbaar gedurende kantoor ure (Maandag tot Vrydag 07:45 tot 12:45 en 13:30 tot 16:30) vanaf Sol Plaatje Munisipaliteit, (telefoon 053 830 6458/6474) Persone wat nie kan lees of skryf nie kan gedurende kantoorure na Munisipaliteit se Stadsaal kom waar die betrokke amptenaar aan die persone hulp sal verleen insake hulle besware, kommentare en vertoe.

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# Woman caught for fraud and illegal SASSA card loan scheme

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The South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) in the Northern Cape welcomes the arrest of a 61-year-old woman in Groblershoop, under the ZF Mgcawu District Municipality, who was allegedly found in possession of multiple SASSA and bank cards suspected to be used in an illicit loan scheme exploiting social grant beneficiaries.

According to the South African Police Service (SAPS), the suspect was apprehended during a joint operation on Tuesday, 5 August 2025. She was found at an ATM with SASSA and bank cards, along with a substantial amount of cash. Preliminary investigations indicate that the suspect was unlawfully

retaining the social grant cards of beneficiaries for loan repayments and withdraws the cash from different accounts during payment cycles.

She is facing charges of fraud and contravention of the National Credit Act and is expected to appear in court soon.

SASSA Northern Cape's Acting Regional Executive Manager, Karabelo Mojanaga, applauded law enforcement for their swift and effective response. "We strongly welcome the arrest and trust that it will send a strong message that fraud and exploitation of our beneficiaries will not be tolerated. The long arm of the law will catch up with those who prey on the vulnerable. SASSA maintains a strict zero-tolerance

stance on fraud and corruption. The illegal retention of social grant cards and identity documents by unscrupulous moneylenders is not only a criminal offence, but morally reprehensible," said Mojanaga.

She further urged beneficiaries and the public to report any withholding of SASSA cards. "We call on beneficiaries and members of the public to report any such conduct to the SAPS, or the SASSA toll-free number at 0800 60 10 11 .

We remain committed to working closely with law enforcement and other partners to protect the dignity and rights of our beneficiaries."

Mojanaga explained that SASSA has

a Fraud Management Unit, which includes skilled investigators and analysts who act both pro-actively and reactively.

"We don't only wait for complaints. Our team actively uses data analysis to identify suspicious trends and irregularities. We also rely on community tip-offs and whistle blower reports, which are treated with strict confidentiality. All reported cases are thoroughly investigated to establish facts and gather credible evidence," she said.

SASSA urges all beneficiaries to safeguard their personal information — including SASSA cards and identity documents — and remain alert to insurance scams, fake news, unscrupulous loan sharks, and fraudulent activity.



## SOL PLAATJE MUNICIPALITY DRAFT SPAZA SHOP POLICY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROGGAM

Stakeholder Engagements				
Date	Forum / Ward	Venue	Time	Groups
01.09.2025	Ward 29	Riverton Presbyterian Church	17H00	Group 1
	Ward 1 & 2	Platfontein Combined School	17H00	Group 2
	Ward 14 & 28	Colville SwedishHall	17H00	Group 3
02.09.2025	Ward 9	Lekhela High School	17H00	Group 3
	Ward 26 & 27	Rietvale	17H00	Group 1
	Ward 05 & 06	St Peters Primary School	17H00	Group 2
03.09.2025	Ward 04 & 06	Soccer Ground behind Motswako	17H00	Group 1
	Ward 17 & 31	Pastor Grace Church	17H00	Group 2
	Ward 20,21,23,24	Kimberley City Hall	17H00	Group 3
04.09.2025	Ward 10 & 11	Isago Primary	17H00	Group 1
	Ward 3	Homelite Swedish Hall	17H00	Group 2
	Ward 25 & 28	Beaconsfield Library Hall	17H00	Group 3
08.09.2025	Ward 30	Mayos Open Space	17H00	Group 1 & Group 3
	Ward 01 & 02	Roman Catholic	17H00	Group 2
09.09.2025	Ward 33	Bantu Hall	17H00	Group 1
	Ward 22 & 26	Greenpoint High School	17H00	Group 2
	Ward 8,18,19	Housing Support Centre	17H00	Group 3
10.09.2025	Ward 12,13 &18	Recreation Hall	17H00	Group 1
	Ward 15, 16 & 32	Vuyolwethu High School	17H00	Group 2
	Ward 29	Roodepan Pastor Moses Church	17H00	Group 3



# Kimberley SAPS sealed Women's Month with a church service



Guest Speakers



Law enforcement agencies

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The Kimberley SAPS hosted a Women's Month closing church service under the theme "Empowered by Faith, United in Purpose."

The service was held on 25 August 2025 at the Kimberley Police Station Gymnasium, and attended by representatives from various government departments, including Provincial Traffic, Sol Plaatje Municipal Traffic, and the Department of Home Affairs.

The programme was honoured with the presence of Frances Baard District Commissioner, Major General Charlotte Makgari, and Kimberley Station Commander, Brigadier Nicholas Mtongana.

The Programme Director, Warrant Officer Kelebogile Khabeni from Employee Health and Wellness, encouraged women to remain prayerful and to speak out against Gender-Based Violence (GBVF) and Femicide, reminding them to always make use of available support services.

The opening prayer was delivered by Sergeant Vuyelwa Rammokho, followed by Colonel Keamogetse Makobo, who welcomed guests and outlined the purpose of the day.

She emphasized the importance of women taking action and honouring the contributions of others by standing firm against Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF).

Chaplain Nozingaze Geco delivered a message of support, citing Isaiah 43:17-19, and reminded women not to be held back by the past but to move forward together in unity.

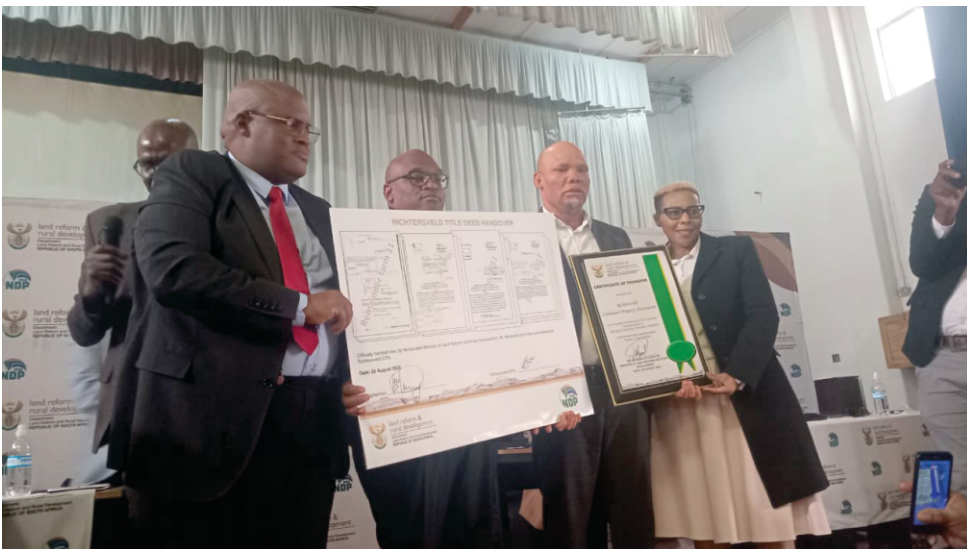
Pastor Ramasedi expanded on the theme "Empowered by Faith, United in Purpose," reminding women of the divine strength within them and encouraging them to remain steadfast in prayer.

Chaplain Volgraaf shared a devotion from 2 Corinthians 4:8, highlighting the message of "Crushing Produces Capacity," and how challenges strengthen one's ability to become an influencer.

In her address, Major General Makgari encouraged women to always recognize their worth, reminding them that "a strong woman stands up for herself, but a stronger woman stands up for others." She urged unity among women as a source of strength.

The event concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by Kimberley Head of Detectives, Colonel Nadia Kika.

# Land Reform Minister to dissolve problematic CPAs



Correspondence

The Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development Mzwanele Nyhontso said the Restitution and Transformation of Certain Rural Areas Act projects will bring back the dignity of Richtersveld communities. Nyhontso, Acting Northern Cape Premier Bentley Vass and Northern Cape MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development Mase Manopole handed over title deeds to land reform beneficiaries in the Richtersveld area in the Namakwa District Municipality. This will restore the

399 hectares of their land. The handover is part of the Restitution Programme facilitated by the Department of Land Reform and Rural Development. The beneficiaries included those who suffered dispossession under past discriminatory land and property laws. Minister Nyhontso explained that the land claims were lodged under the Restitution of Land Rights Act, 1994 (Act 22 of 1994) and were verified and processed in line with the legal framework governing land restitution in South Africa. Among the communities who formed part of the beneficiaries included The Tatie Newman CPA and the Vioolsdrift

CPA. In addition the projects will form part of the Richtersveld CPA, Pella CPA, Concordia CPA, Kamiesberg Local Municipality, Lieliefontein and Eksteenskuil individual farmers.

Minister said the handover is as a result of Patriotic Alliance Member of Parliament who asked for intervention of the Transformation of Certain Area Rural Areas in the Namakwa District.

"We worked hard to ensure that we issue the title deed to ensure we restore the dignity of the people of Richtersveld. Title Deed means dignity it means restoration of your land. It also means opportunity of generational wealth. I can assure you we have been crisscrossing the country even next week we will be restoring land in the Western Cape. We want to fast-track the land reform programme we want the beneficiaries to wait until they die," said Nyhontso.

"It pains all of us when we are in meetings when we are told that someone has died. It gives us a problem in the identification programme because those who understand are no longer with us. So we are trying to fast-track this process and make sure that we settle early so

that we give people their land and restore their dignity."

When asked about the non existence of the Communal Property Association who are often at loggerheads with communities Minister Nyhontso said CPAs must comply with the law. He said all CPAs that are not complying will be dissolved.

"All CPAs that are not complying will be dissolved. We listened to communities and we will assist them throughout the country. In some CPAs its not three years its ten years and they cannot held elections. Once you stay your welcome we call an AGM to elect a new CPA.

Meanwhile 78 year Willem De Klerk who was part of the beneficiaries said he is excited

"We are excited that our dignity is back because this is our land. I will celebrating my birthday and this means my birthday came early. We say thank to the government to listen to the voices of indigenous communities. But there is so much to be done. We hope the land as far as agriculture is concern will benefit our communities and children economically."



# Operation Shanela nets 399 suspects



Kimberley – 25 August 2025: Operation Shanela II remains steadfast and intentional in its efforts to combat crime through high-density policing operations

conducted across all five districts of the province.

The week-long actions, which took place from Monday, 18 August to Sunday, 24 August 2025, focused on priority crimes in identified hotspot areas.

During this period, multi-disciplinary teams affected 399 arrests, including several wanted suspects who had been evading the police.

The majority of arrests were linked to possession of dangerous weapons, drug dealing and possession, illegal liquor trading, murder, attempted murder, assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, burglary, and malicious damage to property.

Police conducted numerous actions, which included roadblocks, vehicle checkpoints, and high-visibility patrols. A total of 14 442 persons and 7 582 vehicles were stopped and searched.

Compliance inspections at second-hand goods dealers, firearm dealers, informal businesses, and liquor outlets resulted in the closure of 19 unlicensed liquor outlets.

To enhance rural safety, high-visibility patrols were carried out in farming and mining areas.

These disruptive actions led to the confiscation of significant quantities of liquor, drugs, dangerous weapons,

and copper cables.

In addition, several awareness campaigns were hosted, including Women's Month programmes focusing on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF). These engagements highlighted personal safety and awareness initiatives aimed at protecting women, children, and other vulnerable groups.

Northern Cape Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Koliswa Otola, commended all SAPS members and stakeholders for their commitment and acknowledged the vital role of communities in supporting these initiatives. She encouraged continued collaboration between law enforcement and the public to ensure safer communities across the province.

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## Fifteen years jail term for Klipfontein murder

A 25-year-old man, Juandre Smith has been sentenced to 15 years of direct imprisonment for the murder of 39-year-old Quinton Makatees in the Garies Regional Court.

The accused was convicted on Tuesday, 26 August 2025, for an incident that occurred on 26 June 2024.

Investigations revealed that the victim and the accused had been drinking together at a residence in Smith's location when an argument broke out. The victim left to return home, but the accused followed him and fatally stabbed him with a screwdriver.

The accused was arrested shortly after the incident and charged with murder.

The case was thoroughly investigated by Detective Sergeant Garth Klaase and successfully prosecuted by Mr. Basil Kock.

Namakwa District Commissioner Brigadier Schalk Andrews commended Sergeant Klaase and Mr. Kock for their outstanding efforts in ensuring justice for the victim and his family.

This conviction underscores the SAPS's commitment to pursuing justice for victims of violent crime and ensuring perpetrators are held accountable for their actions. End

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## Drug operation results into arrest and significant confiscation

Springbok – 27 August 2025

A coordinated drug operation conducted by the Springbok Public Order Police and the Springbok Stock Theft and Endangered Species Unit on Tuesday, 26 August 2025, resulted in the apprehension and arrest of one person in two incidents, as well as the seizure of illegal drugs with a combined value of approximately R18 000-00.

The team successfully executed the operation, resulting in the first arrest for Dealing in Drugs and confiscation of Tik and Mandrax with an estimated street value of R1 313-00 and cash believed to be the proceeds of crime.

During the second execution of the search and seizure warrant at a residence in Mountain Valley, Bergsig an adult male, aged 34 years, was arrested for Dealing in Drugs.

Drugs with an estimated value of R17 498-00 and an undisclosed amount of cash was also confiscated at the second premises.

The suspect who was arrested in connection with incidents is expected to appear in court soon.

The South African Police Service in the Namakwa district remains committed to combating drug-related crimes and protecting our communities from the scourge of illegal substances.

The District Commissioner, Brigadier Schalk Andrews, commended members of POPS and STESU for their relentless efforts in eradicating and dismantling the drug trade. End

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## Kuruman SAPS FCS Unit secures further GBF convictions



Kimberley, 27 August 2025: The Kathu Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS) Unit has successfully secured two additional convictions in Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) cases involving women, children and other vulnerable groups.

The first incident occurred on 21 December 2021 at approximately 01:10, when a 21-year-old woman was accosted on her way home by 58-year-old Tshepo Bagweng, who overpowered and raped her. Bagweng was later arrested and, on 25 August 2025, the Mothibistad Regional Court sentenced him to eight

years' imprisonment. He was also declared unfit to possess a firearm.

In a separate case, on 31 July 2024 at approximately 21:30 in Batlharos, a 58-year-old husband returned home and raped his 55-year-old wife. On 7 August 2024, he sexually assaulted her again, but the complainant managed to escape and report the matter. The accused was arrested and sentenced in the Mothibistad Regional Court to two years' imprisonment, wholly suspended for five years.

The Acting District Commissioner for John Taolo Gaetsewe, Brigadier Kenneth Baloyi, commended Investigation Officer Detective Sergeant Keitshwaretswe Tshikedi for her dedication and thorough investigative work that resulted in these convictions. He emphasised that the SAPS remains resolute in ensuring that perpetrators of such heinous crimes face the full might of the law, particularly during Women's Month.

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# Teachers awards ceremony

