

Dialogue on gender-based violence

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ABOUT 1000 people are expected to gather for a dialogue session meant to bring out major factors driving gender-based violence in North West communities.

The dialogue will be held at the Ganyesa Community Hall on Saturday. Community safety and transport management MEC Mpho Motlhabane will lead the discussions.

He said the session was organised as part of the 16 Days of Activism for no violence against women and children and other vulnerable groups.

The launch is set as an official opening of district dialogues which are scheduled as build-ups for the provincial dialogue that will take place in February.

Motlhabane said the dialogue was informed by the escalating number of gender-based violence in the province especially against women and children.

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Proceedings start at 9am.

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MEC Motlhabane takes on Gender Based violence in Ganyesa

MAHIKENG MAIL- Mahikeng: As part of the 16 days of activist for no violence against women and children, the Community Safety and Transport Management MEC, Dr Mpho Motlhabane will launch the Dialogue on Gender Based Violence and Protection of Vulnerable Groups.

The launch on Saturday is set as an official opening of District Dialogues, which are scheduled as build-ups for the Provincial Dialogue that will take place during the February Safety Month.

The Departmental MEC Motlhabane says the dialogue is informed by the escalating number of gender-based violence in the North West Province especially against women and children.

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incidents of Femicide, Domestic violence, Rape, Child murders and Sexual Offences, therefore, we need to consult with all our internal and external stakeholders and implement our saamtrek-saamwerk philosophy to defeat these illnesses in our communities," says Motlhabane.

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Law enforcement searches vehicles in partnership with the Trans Kalahari Corridor management committee.

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A CORRIDOR TO RICHES!

By ZANELE SITHOLE
BOTSWANA Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Communications, Orapeleng Mosigi, has applauded the ongoing building of relations between South Africa, Namibia and Botswana.

He said such joint ventures have created positive outcomes for the country.

He was applauding the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in 2003 that aimed to boost relations and economic activity between the three countries. The result of the MoU was the Trans Kalahari Corridor (TKC) which was created in 1990.

The border-strengthening event was held on the N4 road near Waterfall in Rustenburg. It also aimed to improve cross border transactions and customs operations along the TKC.

As an inland country Botswana faced difficulties sending and receiving goods on ocean coastlines.

"This road transport infrastructure is important in the economies of our countries. For us as a land-locked country, this TKC is important to us as we are able to connect to sea ports as we transport our goods, and also receive goods from the sea ports. We are no longer land-locked but land linked," he said.

The joint venture looks to provide more than land linking. The countries stand to build strong economies through departments such as tourism. This will further create accessible markets, employment and increase investments.

North West MEC of Community Safety and Transport Management, Mpho Motlhabane, told the People's Paper: "Transport should be seamless, should encourage tourism, should encourage development and should encourage togetherness – as we are all Africans and for us that is central."

Suspects nabbed through Operation Fiela

Mahikeng Mail-Mahikeng- Police in the province nabbed a total of 881 suspects during "Operation Fiela 2 Reclaim" and "Safer Festive Season" operations in various parts of the province between December 1-3 (Friday to Sunday).

Of the arrested suspects, 463 were busted during "Operation Fiela" which is aimed at asserting the authority of the state and executed through integrated operations by the police together with role players including provincial and local municipal traffic officials as well as immigration officials.

The suspects were arrested for various offences such as rape, assault with intent to do Grievous Bodily Harm

(HRM), possession of drugs, drunken driving as well as different liquor and traffic related offences.

During the operation, six suspected illegal foreign nationals were taken in for processing by immigration officials.

It was during the operation that goods such as dagga, liquor and dangerous weapons were confiscated. The other 418 suspects were arrested in the same period through an

ongoing Operation Back to Basics: Safer Festive Season 2017/2018 operations that began in October when the operation was officially launched to ensure that all people are and feel safe in their localities. The operations are conducted to intensify police work done throughout the year.

The North West Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Baile Motswenyane commended

the members throughout the province for their commitment to ensuring the safety and security of the community within the province.

Consultative collaboration approach for festive season



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Mmabatho Policeman handing out informative pamphlets

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She emphasized that residents must not compromise their safety by withdrawing large amounts from the ATMs as they did not know who was looking or following them.

She further sensitized the shoppers of their general safety precautions especially the youth who often turn to be victims during this season.

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He said, "Mmabatho Police Station has domestic violence office which deals with all domestic violence".

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and theft out of motor vehicle as a result of shoppers leaving their valuable stuff negligently in their vehicles.

She advised them to make sure that the vehicles are properly locked before they leave and nothing valuable is left where it can easily attract criminals.

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