

30/01/18 TMA Pg 8 MLOSARS POS.



TOP COP: Lt-Col Arlen Kruger won investigator of the year. PHOTO: MLOSARS

Top cops lauded for their 'sterling work'

ELFAS TORERAI

NORTH West police commissioner Lt-Gen Baile Motswenyane has congratulated officers from the province who received awards at the national service excellence awards on Friday.

The awards were held at Durban's Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Conference Centre.

The North West team scooped two awards after coming tops in the family violence, child protection and sexual offences unit (FCS) and investigator of the year categories.

Capt. Butia Joseph Moela and Lt-Col Arlen Kruger were the respective winners.

Motswenyane said she was immensely proud of the exploits of Capt. Moela who is a detective at Mmabatho FCS.

"Among others, he investigated suspected serial rapist cases for the FCS unit. In one of the cases, a suspect was linked to 22 cases ranging from rape to housebreaking and robbery. He managed to secure 121 witnesses and ensured that they attended court. The perpetrator was ultimately sentenced to nine life plus an additional 287 years,"

Motswenyane said Moela and Kruger will be reference points of what hard work can bring and that fellow police officers should emulate the two

the commissioner said. On the other hand, Lt-Col Kruger who is the commander of the Klerksdorp FCS, also received praises for the

work done by her team. "During the 2016-17 financial year this team secured 15 life sentences and ensured that 10 accused were sentenced to 20 years imprisonment each," Motswenyane said.

She said it was good to have members who go the extra mile get acknowledgement for their sterling work.

Motswenyane said Capt. Moela and Lt-Col Kruger will be regarded as reference points of what hard work can bring and that fellow police officers should emulate their hard work.

elfast@thenevengge.co.za

Rapists convicted for separate incidents

ELFAS TORERAI

TWO Mahikeng men convicted on two separate rape cases received 10 and 15 year-jail sentences respectively.

The two were convicted by the Mmabatho Magistrate's Court for offences committed last year.

North West police welcomed the convictions and sentencing saying it was victory for their efforts in fighting against sexual offences.

Lt-Col Amanda Funani said: "In the first incident, a 26-year-old Onalenna Surprise Seitsang was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment after he raped a 20-year-old woman on April 7 last year. It was reported at the time of the incident that the victim was at a certain hotel when she went to the toilet. She was approached by the culprit who cornered and raped her inside the toilet. Seitsang was arrested after the incident was reported to the police."

She said in the second case, the perpetrator dragged his victim into bushes where he raped her.

"A 22-year-old woman was going back home from her aunt's place when she met Ompolokile Motshegare, 20, about 7pm on July 7, last year.

"Motshegare dragged the victim to the nearby bushes and raped her. The rape case was opened and he was arrested," she said.

He was sentenced to 15 years in jail for the attack.

Provincial police commissioner, Lt-Gen Baile Motswenyane congratulated the Mmabatho Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit for securing the sentences.

elfast@thenewage.co.za

30/01/18 TNA P98 MWSA PS POS



DEMOLITION. People watch the tearing down of an alleged brothel in Krugersdorp yesterday. Minister of Police Fikile Mbalula oversaw the demolition of several alleged drug dens and brothels in response to community protests. Pictures: Yeshiel Panchia

BALULA WATCHES DEMOLITION The Citizen 2011/2018 pgs SAPS (DOP) POS

Cities must shut drug dens, brothels - minister

Municipalities in South Africa must shut down buildings operating as brothels and drug dens, Police Minister Fikile Mbalula said yesterday.

"Rustenburg was burning and we needed to act. What I am saying is that let us not allow our townships, our areas, to burn down on things we can resolve. Let us resolve them," he said.

"When we bring down buildings like this, I expect every council to act. I expect our police officers, wherever they are, they must act."

Mbalula was on Gauteng's West Rand to report back to residents on what had happened since their

protest a week ago. Residents shut down parts of Krugersdorp in protest against prostitution and drug trafficking and they burnt down suspected brothels and drug dens.

Yesterday, one of the buildings allegedly used as a brothel was demolished. Mbalula said more houses would be closed down or demolished through the Mogale City municipality.

He later went to Munsieville to address the community, but his address was brief as it suddenly rained.

He then went to Kagiso to address the community at a hall.

- ANA



ON GUARD. A member of the Red Ants oversees the destruction of an alleged brothel in Krugersdorp yesterday.



Fikile Mbalula with officials after a house in Mogale City allegedly being used for criminal activities was demolished.

Photos by Christopher Moagi



30/01/18 - Daily Sun - Page 5 - National - pos

New police broom will sweep clean

By **CHRISTOPHER MOAGI**

MUNSVILLE residents cheered yesterday when Police Minister Fikile Mbalula announced he would deal with local cops who were corrupt.

Two station commanders from Kagiso and Krugersdorp in Mogale City have already been moved following an outcry from the community.

People took to the streets a week ago claiming local cops were working with criminals.

During his visit to the area, Mbalula promised the community he would take action as their concerns were genuine.

"We have changed two station commanders as there have been allegations that officers have been taking bribes from people who sell drugs.

"Through criminal intelligence we have found out that there is in-

deed a challenge."

Mbalula said over 100 people were arrested in the area for being in the country illegally. He said all the citizens of the world were welcome in Mzansi but they could not be here illegally.

Major-General Fred Kekana was yesterday appointed the new cluster commander in the area.

Mbalula said: "I'll be back in the area in three months."

He warned the community that illegal activities should not be fought with illegal acts.

A house that was allegedly used for illegal activities in Krugersdorp was demolished yesterday and the minister said more would be destroyed.

"These buildings must be sealed and closed down. A programme to retake buildings back from criminals is going to unfold here and in surrounding areas."

Tsoki Mongwelewa (44) said they had waited a long time for action to be taken. "Now we are hoping that things will start going in the right direction," she said.

New Hawks and spooks bosses soon

Mbalula's clean-up project in full swing

By Nico Gons

New heads of the police crime intelligence division and the Hawks will be appointed soon, Police Minister Fikile Mbalula announced yesterday.

"[Richard] Mdluli is out ... Morris Tshabalala and all other Morris Tshabalalas who are there [at crime intelligence] and who have been doing as they wish, whatever is the case, I think that the new broom will actually clean."

Former crime intelligence officer Morris "Captain KGB" Tshabalala allegedly defrauded the crime intelligence secret service account. He was dismissed at the weekend.

Mbalula, who was in Mogale City on the West Rand yesterday to meet residents and stood outside an old building, said: "Old, dilapidated buildings which are a general issue in South Africa in the municipalities, we said that those buildings must be destroyed."

Mbalula said similar buildings were closed down in Mogale City and that more than 100 of their residents - most of them without the legal documents to stay in SA - were arrested for drugs, being in possession of stolen vehicles and for being undocumented.

He said South Africa welcomed foreigners, if they were legally in the country, but police were addressing the "issue of our porous borders".

Mbalula said the clean-up was not a "helicopter approach" of dropping in and out.

"We are going to come back after three months, but the operation and the deployment is going to stay."

He said two local police station commanders in Mogale City were replaced after claims that they were being bribed by drug dealers.

Meanwhile, Major-General Fred Kekana has been appointed cluster commander in Krugersdorp. - TimesLIVE



Minister of Police Fikile Mbalula.

/PHILL MAGAKOE

30/01/18 - coxwellan - page 4 - National - press

SAPS The Star 30/01/18
Mbalula
 guns for corrupt top cops

SHLE MANDA
 shle.manda@nl.co.za

THERE has been a major police leadership shake-up in Krugersdorp after investigations implicated officers in serious crime, with some allegedly on the payroll of drug dealers.

Police Minister Fikile Mbalula removed two Krugersdorp station commanders from their positions as punishment for the prevalence of drug abuse, human trafficking and brothel syndicates in the town west of Joburg.

Next in Mbalula's firing line are the junior officers directly linked to the underworld.

Last week, Krugersdorp was engulfed in flames when angry residents torched properties they believed were drug dens and brothels. The protests started two weeks ago after the community alleged that a young woman had been kidnapped and found in a house owned by foreign nationals.

They alleged that girls were being fed drugs and turned into prostitutes, and they accused local police of taking bribes and protecting criminals when residents report illegal activities.

Mbalula last week addressed the community and promised to return in a week.

Some of the damaged houses were yesterday demolished by a bulldozer while Mbalula watched. He was accompanied by Mogale City mayor Patrick Lipudi and Gauteng police commissioner Deliwé de Lange.

Addressing the media, the minister said two station commanders had been replaced after investigations revealed officers in the area, under their watch, were "on the payroll or being bribed on a daily basis by people selling drugs in this area".

The identities of the commanders were not revealed, but Mbalula said one was the station commander of the Kagiso police station and the other a cluster commander.

"We have gone on the ground through crime intelligence and verified it ourselves. They have been shifted," he said.

He said police leadership in the area had had a "lacklustre approach" in dealing with crime.

"We are complicit, not being forceful in dealing with drug trafficking and illegal people occupying these places," he said.

Regarding junior officers, he said: "We know there are cops who are constables and all of that (involved), we are on top of them. We have to change them to ensure that there is stability"

Over the past week at least 100 people were arrested for illegal occupation of properties in Krugersdorp.

"Some were arrested for possession of drugs and some had illegal property such as vehicles. Some don't even have legal documents to be in the country. South Africa is a democratic country. You are welcome here, all citizens of the world, but you cannot be illegal. We are addressing the issue of our porous borders," he said.

Operation Fiela has made a return with Mbalula leading operations across the country in the past month.

"We are going to come back

'We'll flatten brothels'

SEVERAL houses in Gauteng's West Rand that have been identified as drug dens and brothels will be demolished as the police crack down on crime, Police Minister Fikile Mbalula said yesterday.

He said no one would be allowed to partake in illegal activities in the country. "Nobody (will) be allowed to roam around doing illegal things including drugs. It does not matter where they come from, we are sweeping them through Operation Fiela," Mbalula said.

He was in the West Rand to report back to residents in Munsiville and Kagiso about what had been done. - African News Agency (ANA)

30/01/18 Pretoria News Pg 2
National SA PS POS

Top cop should 'move faster' on corruption

DENNIS CRUYWAGEN

ALL of four months after having requested a copy of a report on disciplinary matters in the South African Police Service's crime intelligence unit and an HR account of more than 1400 members with criminal records, Parliament's police portfolio committee is still waiting.

In a statement the chairperson of the committee, Franscois Beukman, called on the national commissioner of police Lt-Gen Khehla Sitole to redouble efforts to deal with corrupt SAPS members.

"The national commissioner of police should move faster to deal with corrupt cops and those who are allegedly involved in criminal enterprises," Beukman said.

"The portfolio committee is concerned that several SAPS members have been arrested and there are serious allegations against high-ranking members before the courts but its management is not taking proactive and appropriate disciplinary steps."

Urging Sitole to ensure that SAPS's credibility was restored, Beukman said that the new management should work harder on all these matters to ensure that public confidence in their abilities did not falter.

Beukman said that the portfolio committee welcomed the recent break-



SAPS national commissioner Lt-Gen Khehla Sithole

throughs by the directorate of priority crime investigation (DPCI/Hawks) in the arrests of SAPS members allegedly involved in criminal activity.

"The committee commends the excellent work of the DPCI in this regard.

"The portfolio committee on police is still awaiting the Ledwaba report on disciplinary matters within crime intelligence and the HR report on more than 1400 SAPS members with criminal records, which it requested in October."

♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦