

AfroVoice - National - Pg 2 - Neutra/ 11/04/13

Women officers 'must take a stand'

NATIONAL police commissioner, Gen Khele Sithole says women police officers must take a stand to ensure cases involving vulnerable groups and missing persons receive priority attention at police stations countrywide.

This in a bid to reduce the ongoing killing and gender-based violence. He was speaking during a three-day work session of female

senior management officers in the SAPS at major-general and lieutenant-general levels.

The session set up a task team to draft a five-year strategy to empower and develop women police officers at all levels to improve service delivery and reduce the incidents of crime involving vulnerable groups.

- Afro Voice Reporter



Rogue cops are being watched

Hawks in process of
cleaning up its act

By **Ngwako Modjadidi**

Plans are afoot to get rid of rogue cops within the Hawks to win back the people's trust.

This is expected to be one of newly appointed Hawks' boss Godfrey Lebeysa's priorities when he outlines his plan to fight crime.

Hawks spokesman Brigadier Hangwani Mulaudzi told Sowetan yesterday the priority crime investigation police unit wants to clean itself up.

"The SAPS continues to rid itself of corrupt members and the Ipid (Independent Police Investigative Directorate) is also playing a leading role. Some are still going to court and our mandate is to investigate to convict," he said.

This comes at the time when police have been linked to cash-in-transit robberies that have rocked the country.

"These concerns [about rogue cops] have been receiving attention. Those found to be in conflict with the law, their days are numbered," Mulaudzi said.

National Police Commissioner Lieutenant-General Khehla Sitole last month told Parliament's portfolio committee on police that lifestyle audits were underway to get rid of corruption within police ranks.

At a recent SACP central committee meeting in Johannesburg, SACP spokesman Alex Mashilo said that the entire criminal justice system had to win back the confidence of the people through the results of their work.

"It is absolutely crucial to deal decisively with state capture and the criminal gangs that had infiltrated the police. It is important for South Africans to know why the rot of corporate state capture and other forms of corruption prevailed as if these authorities were nonexistent," Mashilo said.

Sowetan
1 HAWKS-034-11/06/18-POS

Jail terms for rapists welcomed

ELFAS TORERAI

NORTH West police commissioner Lt-Gen Baile Motswenyane yesterday welcomed jail terms handed down to three men convicted of rape.

The Klerksdorp Regional Court sentenced a 43-year-old man to 20 years in prison for raping a six-year-old girl.

The incident happened in 2014 after the accused offered the victim and her friend food and instructed them to wash the dishes afterwards.

Col Adèle Myburgh said the victim

was then taken to the accused's room where she was raped.

"In the second incident in May 2016, Thabo Mōgomotsi, 26, assaulted and raped a woman, 18, who had been left with him," Myburgh said.

"Instead of taking care of the woman, the accused locked her inside his house, then assaulted and raped her. The accused was sentenced to 10 years in prison." Another man, 38, was also sentenced to 25 years in jail on two counts of rape. He preyed on a 16-year-old girl.

elfas@afrotone.co.za

Over 100 arrests in two-day police raid

A TWO-DAY police raid in the province resulted in the arrests of 100 people for assault, 18 for theft, 14 for robbery, 12 for malicious damage to property, nine for rape and seven for contravention of protection orders. Col Adèle Myburgh said 35 arrests were for crimes against women and children. "The suspects were arrested at all seven policing clusters in the province. Some have appeared in court but others will appear today," she said. — Eifas Torerai

Approved - Police - 17/11/18

Five arrested after car, home search

FIVE people, arrested for possession of unlicensed firearms and ammunition in Marikana, will appear in the Rustenburg Magistrate's Court today. They were arrested after their vehicle and home were searched.

"During the search, the police found three handguns, one air gun and 83 rounds of ammunition," Capt Elisabe Augoustides said. Further investigations revealed that some of the accused were linked to an armed robbery in 2016. - Elfas Torera

*APR 17 - 11/04/18
APR 17 - 11/04/18
FOS*