

OFFENCES: More than 300 people were arrested last weekend. MCTURE GALLO IMAGES

Hundreds arrested

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A FOUR-DAY police operation resulted in the arrest of 354 people for various offences.

The operation started on Friday and concluded on Monday morning.

North West police spokesperson Lt-Col Adéle Myburgh said: "Of the 354 arrests, 282 were arrested during day-to-day operations while 72 were arrested through an ongoing Operation Riela II that was launched in the province on Friday, February 2.

"It is aimed at maintaining law, order, peace, security and stability as well as to reclaim the space or areas controlled by criminals and to create a conducive environment for all people in South Africa to participate in social

and economic activities."

A total of 31 undocumented persons were taken in for processing.

"During the operation, the police confiscated counterfeit cigarettes as well as various drugs including 658 Mandrax tablets, nyaope, dagga and crystal meth. They also seized electrical equipment and dangerous weapons. It was also during the operation that a total of 92 fines were issued for traffic-related offences," she said.

Provincial police commissioner Lt-Gen Baile Motswenyane thanked all police members for their efforts that resulted in the arrests.

Those arrested have started appearing in different courts across the province.

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