

The National Police Commissioner visits Mahikeng cluster

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The National Police Commissioner General Khehla Sitole and his entourage (Divisional Commissioner Lieutenant General Masemola) visited Mafikeng cluster to restore peace and stability following the recent unrests that took place in Mahikeng.

The national commissioner briefed the North West Provincial Management about their roles and responsibilities regarding the government's implementation of section 100 of the constitution.

He further thanked members who have been deployed since the eruption of violent protests for their tireless efforts in bringing back peace and stability in the province. He said "the commitment of members is a showcase that the police will never tolerate barbarism," said General Sitole.

The North West Provincial Commissioner Lieutenant Baile Motswenyane acknowledged and appreciated the visit of the National Commissioner.



The Police Officers of Mafikeng Cluster addressed by the Police Commissioner Khehla Sitole



Police Commissioner Khehla Sitole at the TTA offices on his arrival

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Ikageng man to appear for drugs

ELFAS TORERA

A 34-YEAR-OLD man will appear in the Potchefstroom Magistrate's Court today after he was arrested for possessing drugs.

The accused was apprehended on Tuesday evening in Ikageng's Extension 12 on the outskirts of Potchefstroom.

North West police spokesperson, Lt-Col Amanda Funani said police arrested the man after receiving a tip-off from concerned community members.

"After receiving information, the

police decided to conduct a search at a house that was suspected of dealing in drugs at Extension 12.

"During the search, the police found plastic bags containing dagga with a street value of about R5 000. They also found another small plastic bag with an illicit substance suspected to be Mandrax worth about R3 000," Funani said.

She said the man was then arrested and he is expected to appear in the



Baile Motswenyane

Potchefstroom Magistrate's Court facing charges of possession of drugs. North West police commissioner, Lt-Gen, Baile Motswenyane thanked community members who tipped off the police.

Motswenyane said their cooperation with the police resulted in the arrest and confiscation of the drugs. "This arrest should send a strong message that drug trafficking will be dealt with decisively."

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Life terms for serial rapist

ELFAS TORERAI

A SERIAL rapist was sentenced to two life terms by the Klerksdorp Magistrate's Court on Tuesday.

Goitsemodimo Johannes Phukuntsi, 34, was found guilty on three counts of rape and two of housebreaking with the intent to commit an offence.

He was found guilty for raping a 14-year-old girl in Jouberton township in November 2010.

Two years later, the accused raped a 23-year-old woman inside a toilet in March 2012. He forcefully took the victim to his father's house in Khuma where he threatened her with a knife before he repeatedly raped her.

In the third incident in July 2013, Phukuntsi broke into a house of a 57-year-old woman in Jouberton. He then took the woman's clothes before raping her in front of her children.

After, he left with the victim's cellphone.

The court slapped him with two life sentences for the first two rape cases.

He got 12 years for the third one.

On the two counts of housebreaking, the court sentenced him to five years imprisonment for each.

The sentences will run concurrently with the main sentences.

Phukuntsi was also declared unfit to possess a firearm in terms of Section 103 of the Firearms Control Act of 2000.

The court ordered that his particulars be included in the national register for sex offenders.

The North West police welcomed the sentence, saying it would work as a deterrent to would-be offenders.

Provincial police commissioner Lt-Gen Baile Motswenyane commended the Klerksdorp Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit in ensuring that the accused received a hefty sentence.

"With this sentence, we are once more sending a clear message to criminals out there that those who commit crime will be shown no mercy," Motswenyane said.

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Mayor's Koster house torched

Kgetlengrivier mayor Kim Medupe's house and guesthouse were set alight during a service delivery protest in Koster in the North West yesterday.

Residents in Reagile went on the rampage, barricading roads with rocks, burning tyres and logs. The small farming town west of Rustenburg was locked down as protesting residents torched the mayor's house, her guesthouse and four vehicles at her home.

A van at the guesthouse was also torched, while some shops were looted. Protesters also looted appliances from the mayor's house and the guesthouse.

Police used rubber bullets to disperse the crowd.

Community leader Israel Matsile said residents were unhappy about service delivery in the small farming town.

"This protest is about very poor service delivery. We have been sidelined for far too long. When we speak the municipality does not hear us. When we ask for meetings with people from infrastructure they tell us they have their own meetings to attend," he said.

"We don't have roads, our educated young people don't have jobs ... we want services and where do we ask for services if our municipality that is supposed to serve us refuses.

"We are humans too. We cannot and we won't stop because we are also people and have needs."

Rustenburg police spokesperson Sergeant Ofentse Mkgadi said no arrests had yet been made.

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MAHIKENG MAIL - MAHIKENG: Potchefstroom: Police in Mahikeng request the community to assist them in tracing two teenagers, Nobuhle Sizane (18), and Thembiswa Saul (17) who were reported missing earlier this month in Mahikeng.



Thembiswa Saul (17)



Nobuhle Sizane (18)

According to the information received, the first teenager, Sizane was last seen on Friday, 5 May 2018 in Lonely Park, Mahikeng. She was wearing a maroon t-shirt and a maroon pair of jeans. She was walking home from Mahikeng Mall. The second teenager, Thembiswa was last seen on Tuesday, 08 May 2018. She is from Imperial Reserve, Mahikeng and was last seen going to the Montshiwastad Clinic. She was wearing a red top inside and a black t-shirt. She was also wearing a pair of blue jeans and black shoes.

Anyone with information that could lead to successful tracing of the two teenagers can to contact Lieutenant Colonel Dihemo on 082 773 0630 or 018 397 531 or Lieutenant Colonel Pelonomi Makau: 082 496 9642.

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