

# 18 October 17 JNA P98 NWSARS McTrew Municipality set to improve service delivery after violent protests

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11 of 27 people were arrested after service delivery protests brought Delareyville to a standstill on Monday.

A group of people from Geysdorp to the R507 from Vryburg to the N14 from Sanniesville with burning tyres and objects in protest over lack of service delivery in Delareyville. West police spokesperson, Makhosi Makhosi said the other vehicles from Vryburg to the N14 from Sanniesville with burning tyres

disturbed the flow of traffic on these roads monitoring situation. According to the community also looted national shops at Extension 3, as well as in town. Information we received is that the community is protesting for the lack of service delivery.

27 people (18 women and 9 men) were arrested and charged them for public order. The perpetrators were

expected to appear at the Delareyville Magistrate's Court yesterday," Makhosi said.

Tswaing local municipality mayor Mangie Malwane said: "The community uses lack of service delivery as scapegoat. They submitted memorandum last week and claimed that our electricity tariffs were high. They also demanded 500 RDP houses at Senthumule informal settlement outside Delareyville.

"The community also alleged that there was lack of water in the area. However, water challenge is all over across South Africa. We are working firmer as the municipality to ensure that our people receive water constantly."

Malwane said the electricity tariffs are approved by the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (Nersa).

She said that Nersa was the regulatory authority established as a juristic body in terms of Section 3 of the National Energy Regulator Act, 2004 (Act No 40 of 2004). "Nersa's mandate is to regulate the electricity, piped-gas and petroleum pipelines industries in terms of the Electricity Regulation Act, 2006 (Act No 4 of 2006), Gas Act, 2001

(Act No 48 of 2001) and Petroleum Pipelines Act, 2008 (Act No 60 of 2008). So it is inaccurate that our tariffs are high.

"The mandate of Nersa is to derive from legislation governing and prescribing the role and functions of the regulator. The municipality was also marred by cable theft recently. We were forced to replace a cable cost R500 000 twice in a short space of time because of theft."

Malwane said that people occupied the land illegally and the municipality could not accept that behaviour.

"We cannot have illegal informal settlements mushrooming and people demand houses afterwards. The municipality is guided by policies and regulations and we need to be wary about that. There are lot of service delivery taking place within Tswaing local municipality.

"We still believe that this is a smear campaign orchestrated by disgruntled individuals against municipality.

"They want to disrupt the smooth running of the municipality. We are presently constructing a sewerage system at Ward 14. The municipality is also building internal roads to make them accessible," she said. - Newsnote



**DISTURBANCES:** Delareyville protesters brought the town to a standstill with violent service delivery protests.