

# Operation Fiela nets scores

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Police conduct early morning crime intelligence raids leading to the arrest of dozens for various crimes

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DOZENS of people were arrested for various crimes in the Matlosana area as police in North West marked the launch of Operation Fiela II on Friday.

Police conducted early morning crime intelligence-driven raids leading to the arrest of four people for drug-related crimes and three others for illicit mining.

A total of 26 other people were held for various offences during a swoop that preceded the operation.

At a roadblock mounted on the Klerksdorp-Ventersdorp road, 190 vehicles were stopped and searched while 18 traffic fines worth R20 900 were issued to motorists.

Four second-hand goods businesses were closed for operating without licences while one shebeen was also shut down.

Police also apprehended 30 undocumented persons who were taken in for processing. During the operation, various drugs were confiscated together with three cellphones, 821 tyres, 243 mag rims, spades and an undisclosed amount of cash.

Community safety and transport management MEC Dr Mpho Motlhabane launched the operation in the presence of political leadership from the Matlosana city council.



**ON TOP:** Community safety MEC Mpho Motlhabane tells the police to up their game in defeating crime.

In his keynote address, MEC Motlhabane said: "It is the responsibility of all roleplayers to ensure that the authority of the state is reasserted

through integrated operational plans focusing on the six-pillar approach that among others include communication mobilisation and social services, safety

and security, legal and regulatory frameworks." Motlhabane called on police to be on top of their game in making sure that

crime is nipped in the bud.

He used the opportunity to hand over a mobile community service centre (GSC) to the Klerksdorp cluster commander.

Motlhabane said that the GSC would be used to take policing services to remote areas within the cluster.

North West police spokesperson Brig Sabata Mokgwabone said: "The operation is aimed at addressing 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."

He said that the operation was launched through a multidisciplinary parade formed by various joint law enforcement role players including provincial and local government structures.

In her welcoming address, the North West provincial commissioner said that the operation commenced just after the end of Operation Back to Basics: Safer Festive Season and that it would continue until the end of July.

Lt-Gen Brenda Motswenyane said that the operation would continue in other parts to stamp the authority of the state and ensure that members of the community feel safe and free.

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