

Fright brought into Mahikeng CBD

MAHIKENG MAIL-MAHIKENG: Tensions in Mahikeng Central Business District continues following recent marches that have started last Friday and continued on Tuesday by the Mahikeng CBD Hawkers and Bua Morafe, an organization claiming to restore order in the CBD by removing stalls of foreign nationals and illegal drugs in town.

The group assembled at the Police Investigation Unit on Tuesday morning to take responsibility for cases that were opened against them from Friday's march, after which they headed off to Bradford taxi rank. Upon their arrival the group destroyed shacks and caravans who they believed belonged to foreign nationals. Steel, metal, goods were also looted from the shacks by some of the protestors that were involved in the march. The protestors left the scene after racking the rank to picket in front of the Mahikeng police station where Police dispersed the crowd with stun grenades, teargas and rubber bullets. I

was confirmed by the driver that police shot one taxi driver on the left leg, one taxi marshal was shot on the head whilst he was sitting down and arrested one taxi driver whom the police kicked and hit with a butt of a gun on his left eye.

One of the taxi drivers, Pabalelo Sera said "We were not part of this strike and I was busy there with marshal assisting the police to take out stones that were thrown on the road. Suddenly this constable by the name of Mokeretla shot the marshal on his head with a rubber bullet. I

was also shot on the leg, for what? I don't know as we were assisting the police and also telling them that we were not part of this. When we asked them why they were shooting us, they responded with saying we can do whatever we want, that where Tsholanang was assaulted by the police". The drivers made attempts to open a case but were denied by the police to open it. The marshal was admitted at Bophelong Provincial Hospital for the injuries he sustained from the gun shot.

During an interview with the Bradford executive council members on Monday they explained how their office was not informed and had no idea about the organised group that were removing people in the rank.

"We were shocked to see an unknown group of people invading people on their spot. We were not shocked as known members came to us explaining what they were intending to do. They just forcefully forced hawkers to close the stalls. It was carried out in manner that it had no sense or control. Previously we were informed about something of this but we had to have a meeting with the particular group that approached us before we don't know these people," said the Bradford rank members.

Mafikeng Mail is still waiting for a complete report from the police.

The Hawkers in town are still gathering together and shops are closed as they fear for their shops to be looted if they strike broke out.



Taxi driver Tsholanang known as Makempe pictured in front of the police station after he was released from jail after being assaulted by the police



Unknown protestor breaking the steel bars of a shop of a foreign national in front of the Mahikeng Museum



Protestors gathered around destroying shacks and caravans of foreign nationals



Police combi passing by as the protestors' loot the shop of a foreign national

2 men sentenced to life

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Police spokesperson Lieutenant-Colonel Pelonomi Makau said Joseph Mashava, 29, and Shimbuya Munjarazi, 28, were sentenced at the high court sitting in Mogwase on Monday after a house robbery at Waterfall near Rustenburg last year.

"The accused were further sentenced to five years for house breaking, 15 years for robbery with aggravated circumstances, five years for possession of unlawful firearm and three years for unlawful possession of ammunition," Makau said. - African News Agency (ANA)

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