

# Hawks arrest 13 in drivers licence scam crackdown



**NABBED:** North West Hawks arresting some of the traffic licence examiners in Potchefstroom during a raid on Monday. IN THE HAWKS

four traffic examiners, three driving school owners and three driving school instructors in Potchefstroom. THIRTEEN people were arrested after the Hawks in North West swooped on a drivers licence scam in Potchefstroom and Mogwase yesterday.

The arrests followed extensive investigations by teams from the serious commercial-crime investigation unit deployed to the two areas. Provincial Hawks head Maj-Gen Linda Mhama said they arrested

which will only be seen by the person who paid a certain amount of money. "These arrests are testimony that those who commit fraud and corruption have little room to run because our officers will get you. We cannot have a situation where people get drivers licences without the process because we are dealing here with people who would drive on public roads where they already have too many people dying,"

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# Four bogus doctors nabbed in Mahikeng

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FOUR bogus doctors were arrested in Mahikeng after they were found offering abortion services yet they could not produce proof that they were trained in the field.

The four were held during a crackdown carried out by police as part of Operation Fiela II that started on Friday and ran until yesterday.

For a long time, Mahikeng residents have complained their town had been taken over by people promising pain-free abortions among other so-called services advertised in graffiti and on posters pasted on every street pole and other structures, including buildings around town.

Through the crackdown, police said the aim was to reassert the authority of the state back in society.

Community safety and transport management MEC Mpho Motlhabane launched Operation Fiela II on February 2 in Klerksdorp.

North West police spokesperson Lit-Col Adèle Myburgh said: "The operation is aimed at addressing maintaining law, order, peace, security and stability and 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."

She further said various counterfeit goods were confiscated during the numerous raids conducted.

"A total of 204 suspects were arrested for various crimes ranging from liquor related offences to serious crimes like murder and robbery. Included in these arrests are 45 undocumented persons," she said.

Myburgh further said that at a road-block between Mahikeng and Bray, a suspicious truck was stopped and searched, leading to the arrest of nine illegal immigrants.

"The nine men were found hiding in the back and in the Mahikeng CBD another 14 illegal immigrants were also arrested.

"They were all detained and processed," she said.

The operation also led to the confiscation of various drugs, 22 cellphones, electrical equipment, four cattle, copper pipes, 11 vehicles, a toy gun, perishables and fuel.

Myburgh said the operation was conducted through a multidisciplinary approach by various joint law enforcement role players including provincial and local government structures.

Operation Fiela II will continue until the end of July and will be carried out throughout the province.

Police commissioner Lit-Gen Bale Motswenyane said the operation would continue in other parts in the province in order to stamp the authority of the state in the community and to ensure that members of the public are and feel safe.

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**HELD:** The four failed to provide proof that they were trained doctors.