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Withdrawal of GBVF cases derails progress to curb the pandemic

More measures to deal with taxi violence in NW

Vehicle licence scam defrauds the State

Watch out for criminals during load shedding











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Editorial Comment



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The year 2023 is moving fast and so is Community Safety and Transport Management in its service delivery programs, activities and events whose sole intention is to change the lives of the ordinary citizens of this, the North West Province in general with a special focus on the poor, suffering, rural, unemployed and disadvantaged Communities in particular.

As a means of intervention and responding to the plight of the people in Mamokete informal settlement and Lekubu village near Zeerust, the department of Community Safety and Transport Management had to conduct a program focused on regressing the scourge of Gender-Based violence and Femicide, GBVF, especially in rural areas where

crime, alcohol abuse, poverty and unemployment that have been identified as the primary causes of the GBVF incidents.

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The Portfolio Committee of Public Works and Roads, Community Safety and Transport Management visited various police stations in the province including rural and widely reported about township stations of Mareetsane and Coligny respectively. This crucial exercise was meant to assess the conditions and the ability of these police stations to provide the much needed 'public safety services', since communities in these areas seems to be complaining about the lack off.

In Mahikeng, in one clampdown operation, the Provincial Traffic stopped a total of 501 vehicles during the 'stop and check/search operation' which was carried out by 54 officers. A total of 423 summonses issued for variety of infractions with a total monetary value of over R450.000.00. That some serious production indeed.

Meanwhile during the APP Strategic Planning Lekgotla a plea was made to all employees and communities to be more vigilant during loadshedding period as criminals are aware of Eskom Schedules and therefore use that period to commit crimes. In a case of car theft or hijacking, victims get calls from criminals claiming to be Members of the SAPS handling the case. Such often request the victim to pay a certain amount of money to release the vehicle.

Communities are warned to avoid sending money to anyone as the SAPS will never request money in that fashion. Parents were reminded to always observe their children's behaviour as well as monitor their activities between school and home as criminals are now targeting school going children for drug and human trafficking activities.

The end of the financial year 2022/23 sets, State of the Nation Address (SONA) and State of the Province Address (SOPA) came and went, so did the tabling of the 2023/24 Statement of Intent, Pronouncements and Budget as expected. Soon the National and Provincial Departments' budget speeches will follow.....













Withdrawal of GBVF cases is a rubber stopper against the efforts to curb the societal pandemic



The department of Community Safety and Transport Management is focused on regressing the scourge especially in rural areas; where crime, alcohol abuse and unemployment are the primary causes of the GBVF incidents.

As a means of intervention and responding to the needs of the people in Mamokete informal settlement and Lekubu village near Zeerust, the department recently conducted a series of activities to intensify victim empowerment programmes.

This was done with a partnership of Justice, Crime Prevention and Security Cluster (JCPSC), with relevant stakeholders through crime prevention initiatives, wherein key role players in government, civil society organisations, and religious groups mobilise communities with a concerted effort of reducing incidents against vulnerable groups.

According to the Director of Crime Prevention and Partnerships, Florence Nchoe, Lekubung and Mamokete have been identified as hotspot areas where work," said Prosecutor Steve Mongwe, from the GBVF and sexual assault cases are on a rise. "Subsequent to rigorous consultations and research in

the Zeerust policing precinct, our determination is to bring sustainable solutions to the scourge of GBVF. want our communities to be part of the solution, they too bring an important element as they play an active role in organising themselves to work together with us in the implementation of our programmes.

"We have also have a moral regeneration item, where we pray over these social ills and motivate our people through spiritual means, with the objective of changing the behaviour and mindset of our people for the greater good of their communities," said Nchoe.

Government has an obligation to protect victims from intimidation and tampering, this is done through the Service Charter for Victims of Crime. Therefore, to fuel the gains made against GBVF, victims are discouraged from withdrawing cases against perpetrators.

"In order to truly transform our society we must allow the justice system processes to unfold the way it is supposed to. We encourage people to give the police the necessary space and time to be able to do their National Prosecuting Authority (NPA).













Anti-gansterism campaign flag flies high in Klerksdorp-Jouberton



The Jourbeton Police Station together with the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management Crime Prevention and Partnerships and SAPS CPF recently held a Anti – Gangsterism campaign at Jourbeton community hall today.

A special guest, Vuyisile Peteni warmed the the program with gospel musical items and short speech encouraging young people to stay away from gansterism. Furthermore, Seargent Morakabi said the event is aimed at teaching the youth about the ills of gansterism and encouraging them to avoid being part of gangsters. "Let's hold on to the motto of "I'm not a gangster and I will never be" added Sergeant from the Jouberton police station.

The programme served as a way of reaching out to the youth to curb the issue of gansterism that is taking its toll in the area. Stakeholders who embraced the event were Department of Social Development, Correctional Services, SAPS Provincial Ati –Gansterism Unit,

WAMIMS youth Centre and Pupils from different schools in Jouberton.

The Department of Community Safety and Transport Management Crime Prevention and Partnerships Directorate, together with Kanana SAPS and CPF, undertakes the Anti-Gangsterism campaign to the community of Ward 26 Desmond Z section grounds in Kanana.

Community Policing Forum chairperson Mr Modiakgotla said crime in the Kanana area is a predicament and our children have turned themselves into monster. They have joined gangs to do all sorts of crimes as it has been experienced by the larger community. The CPF together with the police, are fighting this disturbing issue of our children who identify themselves with gansterism.

It has come to an extent that these gangsters even abuse foreign nationals' businesses to force them to











pay them a certain amount of money on a monthly basis, saying it's a protection fee.

Kanana station commander Colonel Selehelo gave an overview of crime statistics recorded by the station from October 2022. These include murder and being the highest, attempted murder, assault GBV, rape and burglaries at residential areas.

We urge the larger community to work hand-in-hand

with the police to help mitigate the issue of gansterism and high crime rate in Kanana," says Colonel

The stakeholders who graced and participated on the day's program were SAPS Kanana, Department of Correctional Services, Social Development, Kanana Youth desk, Kanana CPF, Ward 26 & 27 Councillors and the community members of Desmond Z section in ward 26.















MEC Lehari declares extra ordinary measures to deal with taxi violence in NW



The North West MEC for Community Safety and Transport Management, Sello Lehari has declared extraordinary measures to deal with an upsurge of taxi related violence in the Province.

These measures are in terms of the National Land Transport Act (NLTA) 5 of 2009 in terms of Section 91, which includes the invocation of the Section 79 of the NLTA. The focus areas are Madibeng, Rustenburg, Moses Kotane, Mahikeng, JB Marks, Matlosana and the Kgetleng River Local Municipalities.

Addressing the taxi associations from affected municipalities in Rustenburg, MEC Lehari said there had been relative stability which is now being threatened by the sporadic attacks.

"We are living in an era of instant judgment. Whatever we do, however correct it may be, we get judged – more often wrongly and unfairly. But as elected leaders of the society it is our responsibility to do what is right irrespective and in spite of all dis-approvals", said MEC Lehari.

"It is for this reason that we must be unwavering and resolute to do what needs to be done. We must do

what is right and we must ensure everyone is in compliance with the law.

Few who will be on the wrong side of the law will be unhappy but many law abiding citizen will express gratitude," emphasised MEC Lehari.

The recent spate of taxi related violence left three people dead. Among the fatalities are the executive members of local taxi associations in Stilfontein. The same challenges were experienced in Rustenburg were members of the local and long distance taxi associations have also been shot at.

In Mahikeng, the traffic flow was disrupted when local and long distance taxi drivers blockaded the entrance of the North West University at a particularly busy street.

The North West Public Transport Intervention Team chairperson Frans Vilakazi who accompanied the MEC at the meeting with taxi operators said that "if matters are left unattended they could stir instability in other areas and could spill to other Provinces as some of these operators travel to Gauteng, Eastern Cape and Limpopo", said Vilakazi.





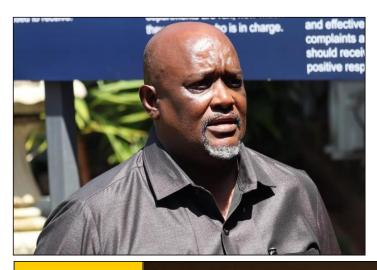






The invocation of the measures will ensure that all operators are within the prescribed routes and all those operating at illegal hiking spots will face heavy penalties.

"The law enforcement officers will take stringent steps against all non-compliant vehicles for taxi services such as those referred to as door to door and all other illegal operations," said MEC Lehari.













BE SAFE AT HOME DURING LOADSHEDDING

RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO BE VIGILANT DURING LOADSHEDDING, ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT AS CRIMINALITY TENDS TO BE RAMPANT.

- Become part of your local Community Policing Forum (CPF)
 & Safety Street Patrollers.
- Make sure your gates are locked during the night.
- · Make use of loadshedding App for updates on schedule times.
- Have a contact of your nearest Police Station on speed dial to report any criminal or suspicious behaviour.















NW reaches 21% reduction on road fatalities



Good conduct of motorists and road users in general combined with more visibility of law enforcement agencies on the roads has yield remarkable achievements in reduction of accidents and fatalities.

The statistics on road fatalities in the North West shows that the Province has reached a mark of 21 percent reduction during the last festive season recorded from the 1st December 2022 to 11th January 2023.

In his meetings with the Provincial Traffic Officers, the MEC for Department of Communities Safety and Transport Management, Sello Lehari send his appreciation to the men and women in beige for their determination and hard work.

He said the achievement came as a result of team work, intensified operations and campaigns and corporation from motorists and road users in general.

"This success came as a result of intensified road

safety education and awareness campaigns in communities and road users in general, increased visibility of law enforcement officers and stakeholder involvement," said Lehari.

The Department had joint law enforcement operations and road safety education campaigns across the province.

A number of default vehicles were discontinued, others impounded while drunken drivers were arrested and those found driving with high speed on restricted speed areas.

Road safety campaigns were primarily focused on lowering the occurrence of jaywalking, alcohol and speeding.

More engagements with motorists and road users were conducted requiring drivers to obey the speed limit, yield to pedestrians and cyclists, wear seatbelts, avoid drunk driving and use child restraints.













'Beware of criminals during load shedding' - NW communities warned



The North West Department of Community Safety and Transport Management advises residents and communities at large to be extra cautious during load shedding particularly at night as criminals are said to take advantage of the situation.

As the country faces a continuous power cuts, the situation seem to escalate the levels of criminal activities in the residential and business premises, especially at night.

The Department's Chief Director for Civilian Secretariat for Police Ms Mpho Maleme said it has recently became evident that power cuts have added to a significant increase in robbery categories and that leaves residents lives in danger."We have noticed the unfortunate elements of criminality where these thugs target the load shedding schedules to victimise our residents.

It is with this reason that we appeal to our communities to be extra careful during load shedding especially at night. Make sure that all your windows are closed and doors locked properly," said Maleme who further appealed and encouraged communities to establish street patrolling forums within their

residential areas.

"It is high time we approach this criminality on an integrated approach and put an end to victimisation by criminals. Let us patrol our streets collectively, our households and protect those women and children," Said Chief Director Maleme.

The Department of Community Safety and Transport Management continues to intensify the fight against crime in a purpose of creating safer environment for the communities.

Through this different programmes that are in place, such as Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), Community Safety Patrollers Programme, School Safety and Rural Safety, Anti Substance Abuse, Anti Gangsterism and Prevention of Violence Against Vulnerable Groups including Children, Youth, Women, Persons Living with Disabilities and Elderly, Vitim Empowerment programmes and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Plus (LGBTQI).

The Department has further forged partnerships with other Government Departments, Municipalities and key private stakeholders in the fight against crime.











Fraudsters continues to trick motorists and companies



The state continues to lose millions of rands while individual motorists and companies who own fleets of vehicles are being victimised by fraudsters presenting themselves as officials who are working at the vehicle licensing offices.

These fraudulent activities have been recently detected in the Province and being investigated by the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management through the Provincial NaTIS Security Officer in partnership with the Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC).

The officer said, fraudsters normally present themselves to the individual motorists and companies as the people working at the licensing offices and can assist them with reduction and/or scrapping of the penalties and arrears accumulated due to failure to renew licenses on time.

"The syndicates roam around the licensing offices undetected and lure those with large sums of license fees and promise them immediate reductions. The unsuspecting motorists end up appointing them as their proxy and give the fraudsters the amount of money they say should be paid to the licensing office, only to find later that they have been scammed," said

the Provincial NaTIS Security Officer.

He said, to date, following preliminary investigation they have conducted with RTMC, the Province has already lost more than R3 million of revenue that was supposed to be collected from the penalties and arrears on motor vehicle licenses, as a result of the alleged unlawful and criminal activities. At the national level, it amounts to billions of rands that have been lost due to these undesirable activities.

"We have already noticed the elements of fraud and scam in the Province, at which a number of motor vehicle owners have fallen victims. Successfully thus far two to three perpetrators have been arrested. It is unfortunate that the trend of the scam at some of our Registering Authorities and Driving License and Testing Centres involves our officials," outlined the officer.

It is regulated in South Africa that vehicle owners are required to pay an annual license fee for a car license as determined in the government gazette. The owners are renewing their vehicles at the Provinces they reside within. The vehicle license fee which is categorised per vehicle capacity and make differs by Province and the figure has to be gazetted.





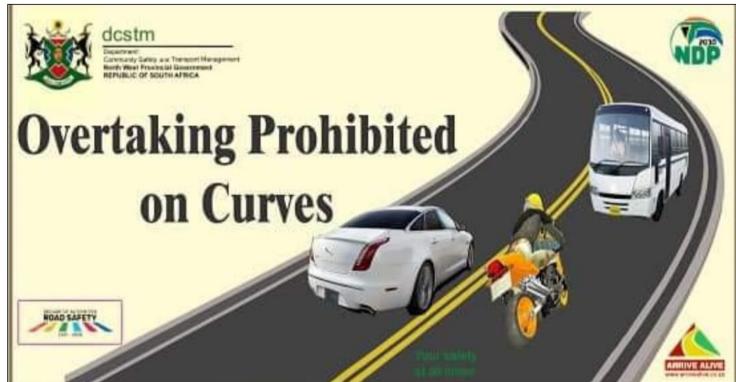






The Department of Community Safety and Transport Management in partnership with the RTMC are committed to dealing with fraud and corruption, and urges members of the public to report all suspicions of malfeasances, bribery, fraud and corruption by sending a WhatsApp message to 083 293 7989 Or sending an email to ntacu@rtmc.co.za.

















TKCNC-RSA continues to improve safety along the corridor



The Trans Kalahari Corridor National Committee in the Republic of South Africa continues to strengthen law enforcement compliance and road safety education through its key stakeholder participation.

This follows the first successful National Joint Law Enforcement Operation held recently in the year 2023 on the N4 near Brits on the borders of North West and Gauteng Provinces, which saw all key stakeholders in the law enforcement fraternity and road safety joining hands together to ensure safety along the corridor. The operation came three months later after the country hosted the Three Member State Joint Law Enforcement operation in Rustenburg late last year.

The South African National Committee Chairperson, Mr Suebel Mmono expressed his gratitude to all law enforcement agencies and stakeholders who jointly seen the importance of staging an operation of this magnitude, brought together necessary resources to see the success of the operation.

"The cleaning of criminal elements along the corridor remains our combined responsibility with all relevant stakeholders.

This will take us a long way in improving efficiency, promoting trade facilitation and harmonisation of Cross Border Transactions and Customs Procedures," said Mmono.

He outlined that the operation is part of the implementation of the signed Memorandum of Understanding between the Three Member States (Botswana, Namibia and South Africa).

"Our operations on this corridor are informed by the number of factors that continue to contribute to crashes and fatalities. The operations are preceded by strings of relay speed operations conducted along the stretch of the corridor, to ensure the reduction of crashes as a result of over speeding.

"This is in order for us to achieve the desired output and contributing to the tripartite agreement of enhancing trade and deepening social and economic integration, in the Trans-Kalahari Corridor.

National Committee Domestic Joint Law Enforcement Operation aimed to increase road safety awareness for road users along the Corridor and improve the level of













safety on the corridor, reduce crashes and increase compliance," said Mmono.

The National Committees in the Three Member States are set to facilitate and fast track the implementation of the MoU, and further mobilise communities living along the corridor.

During the four hour operation, 336 traffic fines were issued to defaulting motorists for various defects, having stopped more than 700 vehicles which are inclusive of private vehicles, taxis and trucks.

The Department of Home Affairs has also arrested five undocumented foreign nationals during the operation. The road safety education was further enhanced to motorists and general road users, having to engage with more than 180 drivers and passengers.

Mmono said the operation outcome clearly shows that there is still a lot more that needs to be done with non-compliance along the corridor. "We appreciate the patience shown by the motorists who had to go through a long checkpoint with the understanding that all vehicles used on the road including those operating them are compliant with necessary documentation and required standard.

We urge all road users to be vigilant at all times and ensure that they obey road rules and importantly respect our law enforcement officers who are out there ensuring their safety.

"Road safety is every motorists and operator's responsibility and should not only be cautious when seeing the law enforcement officers but adopt it as their driving behaviour at all times," he concluded.

The Trans Kalahari Corridor is a road network spanning approximately 1900 kilometres across the territories of Botswana, Namibia and South Africa. The corridor is a conduit for economic growth and development for the entire region in fulfilling the objective of SADC Protocol and African Union Vision 2063.

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Department joins Portfolio Committee on oversight visit to police stations



The Community Safety and Transport Management accompanied an oversight visit by the Portfolio Committee of Public Works & Roads, Community Safety and Transport Management visiting various police stations.

The committee was on a weeklong oversight in the Ngaka Modiri Molema District as part of its mandate to ensure effective service delivery and mitigate any challenges faced.

Representing was the Civilian Secretariat for Police Service Chief Directorate which has an oversight function over the South African Police Service (SAPS) in the Province. This includes monitoring the ability of SAPS to render services effectively and offer support where it is required.

The police stations visited by the Portfolio Committee include Zeerust police station, Mareetsane police station, Coligny police station to assess its conditions and their ability of provide the public safety services as improve provision of service delivery. one of their main role.

All these three stations are facing similar challenges such as shortage of tool of trades which includes police van's, SAPS personnel's and revamping of existing police stations to create a conducive environment for all staff and public at large to access the SAPS services. The department Civilian Secretariat for Police Services Chief Directorate, Chief Director Mpho Maleme cited that the department is working closely with Police Stations management in Ngaka Modiri district to come up with lasting solutions to overcome challenges facing the stations.

'The Police Stations management must ensure that they work together with all relevant stakeholders within the areas they service to ensure the reduction of high crime activities'. Said the acting Portfolio Committee chairperson, Freddy Sonakile.

He further plea to the department to act swiftly to equip the stations with manpower and tools of trade to













Overloading of goods and passenger safety targeted by Bojanala Law-enforcement operations



A total of 16 undocumented people have been arrested and taken to Majakaneng Police Station during the joint law enforcement operation and road safety awareness campaign on the N4 near Bapong Traffic Control Centre in Brits.

The arrested people who are said to be of different nationalities within the Continent were unable to produce the required documents when requested to do doing so, we are strengthening relations with these so by the law enforcement.

The area is known variety of criminality including spikes laid on the road causing punctures.

Thereafter vehicles owners have reported to have been mugged especially during the night.

The N4 arterial route is the Trans Kalahari Corridor that is being used by cargo operators to transport commercial goods from South Africa to countries up north through Botswana and Namibia.

Amongst the successes were four vehicles that were impounded vehicles and further four that were discontinued. A total of R10 000 worth of fines were issued for a variety of offences. Nineteen drivers were fined for driving without driver licenses. In total, over two thousand and four hundred trucks were stopped and weighed at the Bapong Weighbridge. Of these trucks, over one hundred and thirty were overloaded and operators were charged and some impounded.

Acting Director for Road Traffic Management of the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management, Zenzile Mtshengu said they will continue with such operations to ensure that there is compliance on the roads.

"It is our responsibility as law enforcement to ensure that goods are being transported safely and people from our neighbouring countries are also able to transit without having to fear for their lives in our country. By countries and contributing to the growth of our country's economy," said Mtshengu.

The operation was focused on passenger and goods overloading targeting trucks and taxis, driver passenger safety as well as dangerous goods.













Illegal taxis impounded in Mahikeng



North West Provincial Traffic embarked on Public Transport Operation this past weekend where in total 501 vehicles were stopped and checked in Mafikeng alone. The operations was carried out by 54 officers and of the vehicles stopped, only 78 vehicles were not charged.

This brings to a total of 423 summonses issued for variety of infractions with a total monetary value of over four hundred and fifty thousand Rands.

The Acting Director for Road Traffic Management in the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management, Mr Zenzile Mtshengu says this is part of a long term plan. Mr Mtshengu says there have been contraventions especially in the public transport where illegal operation was becoming rife. The operation which is to expanded to all districts of the Province aims to put measures in place for a better, efficient and reliable transport system.

"We began in Mahikeng this past weekend as noncompliance is becoming endemic including illegal operators. We are here as law enforcement to ensure that all operators comply and communities are served diligently," said Mtshengu who pleaded with commuters and residents in general to use legalized transportation and desist from waiting at hiking spots.

"We plead with all travellers to utilize legalized transportation so that we are able to protect and save their lives on the road by ensuring compliance of all public transport operators," said he concluded.

"The use of legalized transport will avoid such inconveniences that some of them went through over the weekend when no stone was left unturned on illegal transportation and unroadworthy vehicles," he added.

Having beefed up the team with Provincial Traffic Officers from other Districts for the weekend, public transport operation in Mahikeng, 11 unroadworthy taxis were discontinued. The infringements for which the summonses were issued were in relation to operating licenses, roadworthiness and drunken drinking.











Behind the Lens



































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