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When do you think a strike turns into a riot?



I can't answer your question, but I'll tell you one thing...



I also would like an 18% wage increase if I was the one who had to clean up this mess.



18% Or... Strike Season



no reports of damaged property. In other cities such as Cape Town, some of the protesters have displayed violent behaviour. According to reports, two municipal workers who showed up for work were kidnapped by the protesters while others had the windscreens of their cars smashed by angry mobs. Numerous protesters have also been arrested. In a statement to Platinum Weekly, Tlokwe City Council Communications Manager Mr. Dilindile Maphosa said that critical services in the city would not be disrupted by the strike. "We have set up contingency measures. There have been no serious cases so far, but we are concerned about the collection of refuse which has ended due to the strike," he said.

Executive Mayor of the Rustenburg Local Municipality, Cllr. Mpho Khunou, in response to the national municipal strike said, "We have to keep a balance between not breaking down our service delivery standards as well as taking into account the plight of our employees during the strike season. I commend all our employees for not flaring an already tense situation, but striking orderly whilst still bringing their message across."

Continued from Pg1... We are happy that the striking workers have not been violent while voicing their concerns. The union [SAMWU] and Salga should reach an agreement soon so that everyone can go back to work. We have to reach an agreement as soon as possible," he said.

In Potchefstroom, striking workers from the Tlokwe City Council emptied garbage bins on the streets while singing revolutionary songs in protest. An area outside the City Council offices was littered with garbage although there were

Phakoe murder suspect rejects bail

Rustenburg – The man accused of being involved in the 2009 murder of Rustenburg Councillor Moses Phakoe – 40-year-old Enoch Matshaba – opted to remain in police custody during his second appearance before Magistrate Andrew Steenbok of the Rustenburg Magistrates' Court on Tuesday August 16.

The decision by Matshaba – a former Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) operative – immediately sparked speculations that he was going to turn into a state witness or that the move was meant to protect him from a large group of protesters outside the court and other people who have already labelled him guilty. The case was postponed to 17 November 2011 in order to give police sufficient time to carry out further investigations. In an interview with Platinum Weekly, Phakoe's brother – Lucas – said he is happy that one of the people

accused of playing a role in the murder is still in jail. "They should not grant anyone arrested in relation to this case bail. We want justice to be done and we have been waiting for a long time," said Lucas Phakoe. Matshaba – who is being represented by Julius Moloto – was arrested on Saturday August 6 by the Hawks, who believe they have evidence linking him to the murder of Cllr Phakoe on 14 March 2009. Matshaba was a bodyguard of former Rustenburg mayor Mathews Wolmarans.

Phakoe was shot dead in the driveway of his home in Rustenburg North after returning from an ANC 2009 election campaign. He was murdered just two days after handing over documents containing allegations of corruption at the Rustenburg Local Municipality to Minister of Cooperative Governance Sicelo Shiceka.

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Pregnant rhino found dead



Van Rensburg (right) and his son, Tjaart, at the carcass of the rhino cow after rhino poachers killed it on van Rensburg's farm outside Brits.

Brits – Police in Brits are currently investigating a case of rhino poaching after a pregnant dead white-rhino (cow) was found on Tuesday August 16 on Buffelsdrive Farm which belongs to Mr. Neels Van Rensburg. "We found the dead cow together with her crying calf." More than 250 rhinos have now been killed in South Africa since the beginning of the year. The rhino was found with only one horn as the other had been cut off. Police are being assisted by Mr van Rensburg to track down the suspects using a helicopter.

"On Tuesday, we were tracking down the poachers when heavy rains forced us to stop. We have gathered that there are two poachers and they are travelling

on foot. We will continue tracking them down," said Mr. Van Rensburg during an interview with Platinum Weekly.

Members of the community are also assisting with the investigation. Meanwhile, a baby rhino that went missing on the same farm a few weeks back was found dead. At this stage it is suspected that the baby rhino was shot from a helicopter. Police are still investigating. In response to the increasing rhino killings on his farm, Mr. Van Rensburg reiterated, "I am going to sell all my rhinos. A man cannot keep on farming under this kind of circumstances. I care for my rhinos."

Any person with relevant information should contact the police on 018 299 7032.

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