

SAPS



MISSING

Hammanskraal

– Mr Llale is a constable at the VIP Protection Unit in Pretoria. He was last seen on the 7 November 2010 in the vicinity of Hammanskraal and surrounding areas of Makapanstad. Anyone with any information in this regard is requested to contact the investigating officer, WO GB Rashope, of the Makapanstad Detectives at 012-714 0065 or 073-027 7248.



WANTED

Klerksdorp - A 48 to 50 year-old suspect is wanted in connection with a rape case in Klerksdorp. Anybody with any information



in this regard is requested to contact the investigating officer Cst Moehle of Klerksdorp family child sexual unit on 018 464 5382 or 082 568 6909.

MISSING?

Kanana – 13-year-old Reitumse Nthathi Thulo went missing on the 19th of November 2010. She was last seen in Kanana where she lives. Anyone with any information in this regard is requested to contact the investigating officer, Cst. BP Rampedi of the Kanana Detective Services on the following numbers 018-476 1115.



WANTED

Klerksdorp – Mr Harmse, 38 years old, is wanted regarding a fraud case. The I/O in this case is SAO CE Nepgen of Klerksdorp Detective Service. He can be contacted on the following numbers: 018-464 5028/ 073 133 3264.



We demand...

Rustenburg – If you thought that the strike season had come to an end, think again... The Rustenburg Local Municipality had to deal with two strikes in a legroom of two days as workers expressed their dissatisfaction by downing their tools and protesting.

On Monday 26 September, Municipal workers struck in protest of unpaid salaries. In making their point, they trashed the entrance of the Missionary Mpheni House while carrying banners and singing revolutionary songs. Senior municipal officials had to address the angry crowd in an attempted to calm

them down by explaining the reasons of the anomaly.

The very next day members of SACAWU protested at the same offices although this time, the strikers were prevented from going anywhere near the entrance of the municipality building by a police lines. Among some of the strikers' demands was the abolishing of labour brokers.

Rustenburg Local Municipality head of communications, Nketu Matima told Platinum Weekly that the SACAWU workers were not following proper procedures. He said, "They have a right to strike but they should be directing their action to the Department



of labour. We do not think they have obtained legal clearance to carry out this action."

In the meantime, the Supreme Court of Appeal has found that trade unions can be held liable for damage caused by workers during strikes (September 28). In the judgment on Tuesday, which upheld an earlier ruling by the Western Cape High Court, Justice Mahomed Navsa wrote that the country "could not be subjected to the tyranny of the mob". Advocate Anton Katz, who took on the case pro bono with advocate Darryl Cooke and attorney Amanda Torr, welcomed the ruling, saying it would have "major implications" for other incidents where people's property had been damaged as a result of organised protests.

'Free housing is not sustainable'

Human Settlements Minister Tokyo Sexwale has called on all South Africans to assist government in tackling the country's growing housing backlog.

Even though government has built three-million subsidised houses since the dawn of democracy in 1994, South Africa still faces a housing backlog of about 2.3-million houses and it has to fork out R50-billion to rectify shoddy construction of some of the subsidised housing. This means that about 12-million people in the country is currently without decent housing.

Currently, the South African government, through the Department of Human Settlements (DHS), builds about 200 000 subsidised houses a year. "At this rate it is almost impossible to deal with the backlog, we would like to see this rate of delivery double, at least, through the participation of other South Africans who are willing to help. Providing free housing is not sustainable and we will have to look at ways of addressing this in the future," said the Minister.

The DHS has set a target of eradicating the backlog by 2030. However, Sexwale noted that the government's budget was not sufficient to meet the required accelerated pace of delivery to achieve this target.

The Minister also noted that the money contributed by the private sector would not be mixed up with government money, but would be dealt with through a separate financial vehicle. "We need all hands on deck to sort this problem out and to create a better South Africa for all," said Sexwale.

Rustenburg Feng Shui

Rustenburg – The Executive Mayor of Rustenburg, Cllr Mpho Khunou, recently met with members of the Chinese community residing in Rustenburg, what turned out to be a fruitful exchange of ideas between the two parties (Thursday, 29 September, Missionary Mpheni House). Among the Chinese nationals were two journalists who were keen to learn more about the city in general and South Africa in particular, as they are in the process of shooting a documentary that they intend to produce when they eventually go back to China.

Cllr. Khunou explained that Rustenburg is currently in the process of coming up with economic policies that directly benefit people living in the area.

"We have a very good relationship with the Chinese people living in Rustenburg. They have been our partners even during the time of the previous mayor," said Cllr. Khunou. The Mayor also advised and encouraged the two journalists to visit the city's informal settlements and rural areas so that they can have wholesome material for the production of their documentary.



395 000 jobs lost in 2010 – Stats SA

Rustenburg – About 395 000 jobs were lost in 2010, Statistics SA released on Wednesday (September, 28). This means that around 13.1-million people were employed in 2010 compared to 13.5-million in 2009. "This indicates that the country has not yet fully recovered from the economic downturn or recession in 2009," Stats SA deputy director general for population and social statistics Kefiloe Masiteng said.

However, the level of employment in 2010, at 13.1-million, was still higher than that of 2005, when it was 12.8-million.

More than three-quarters of the working age population (78%) were black, yet they made up only 70% of the employed. Jobs in the formal sector shrunk by 3.5% in 2010 compared to the previous year. Furthermore, employment in the informal sector grew by 1.4%.

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