

Arrested Xstrata miners granted bail

Rustenburg – The 85 mine workers from Xstrata, who were arrested for illegal gathering and violent behaviour, were granted bail on November 11 when they appeared before the Rustenburg Magistrate's Court.

They were cautioned before their release and were told to come back to court on November 23. According to details made available to police, the mine workers were having an illegal gathering in a park behind the shell garage in the CBD. The people were informed that their gathering was illegal

and that the police would act against them if they continue. Despite warnings, the illegal gathering of 200 people continued. The Police have also noted that during the past couple of weeks, a number of incidences of public violence have been reported in and around the mines. The violence was reported in Phokeng, Rustenburg and Marikana... leading to their arrest. Furthermore, a group of 200 mineworkers carried out protests in front of the Rustenburg Magistrate's Court in support of their colleagues. Police are still carrying out further investigations.

Radioactive mine sludge compared to Chernobyl

Johannesburg – Mass evacuation is one of several recommendations of in a government-commissioned drafted plan. Scores of people face evacuation from greater Johannesburg in the Gauteng province because of toxic sludge being spewed by abandoned gold mines laced with high radiation levels. National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) spokesman Gino Moonsamy confirmed that about 500 people were evacuated from the Tudor Shaft informal settlement near Kagiso, west of Johannesburg, due to radiation fears. A recent scientific report by Anthony Turton, a prominent South African water scientist, reveals that radiation levels at the Tudor Shaft suggest that the country faces a localised environmental crisis that can be compared to Chernobyl.

Acid mine water, which is the result of groundwater flowing through underground shafts, is pouring out of an old uranium mine and rising by up to half a metre a day beneath the city, which is occupied by approximately 7 million people. Mass evacuation plans of many informal settlements is one of several recommendations in a government-commissioned plan drafted in June to deal with 380 acid-mine dumps – many of them radioactive...

In many instances, uranium is mined as a by-product of gold in South Africa and it is estimated that about 800 kilometres of tunnels exist underneath Gauteng after they were left over from more than one hundred years of underground mining.

The mining companies have put together a R70 million (\$9 million) project and appointed a cost-recovery company to solve the legacy problem and help provide extra potable water in the Gauteng province. The city of Johannesburg is one of the 40 largest metropolitan areas in the world, and is also the world's largest city not situated on a river, lake, or coastline. A fine example of chemically processed mine waste is the Top Star mine dump was con-

structed from 1899 to 1939 reaching a height of 50 meters and containing 5.1 million metric tons waste.

During the early 1960s, Top Star was converted into a drive-in movie theatre, which showed movies until 2006, when it was shut down by DRD Gold to extract latent gold in the mine waste. Government is adamant it is managing the problem, and points to a R225-million treasury allocation to treat acid mine water – the first tranche of an estimated R2-billion water treatment plan. However, Environmentalist Mariette Liefferink told the media that government is overwhelmed by the problem, "Now the issue is of such a magnitude that they don't know how to solve it," she said.

Fatality @ First Uranium, Ezulwini

TSX- and JSE-listed miner First Uranium reported the death of a mine worker in a fall-of-ground incident at its Ezulwini mine, in Gauteng (November 14).

The incident took place on level 48 in an O-line stopping panel, the miner said in a statement. All workers have been withdrawn from the area in terms of Section 54 of the Mine Health and Safety Act, following instruction from the Department of Mineral Resources. This resulted in all underground mining activity at the mine being suspended.

Seldsame diamant van SA verkoop vir R90m

Genève – Die wêreld se grootste geel diamant is by 'n veiling vir meer as £6,8 miljoen (bykans R90 miljoen) verkoop, November 16.

Die afslaer Sotheby's het beraam dat die peervormige diamant tussen £7 miljoen (R90 miljoen) en £9 miljoen (sowat R116 miljoen) in Genève, Switserland, sou haal.

'n Anonieme bieder het Dinsdag die steen gekoop nadat die diamant verlede jaar deur die New Yorkse maatskappy Cora International in Suid-Afrika ontdek is.



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