

'We need our salaries



A disgruntled employee feeds the flames.



"We want what is due to us,"... employees of BBK protest.

**Moruleng** – Disgruntled employees gathered to protest outside the offices of the Bakgatla Ba Kgafela (BBK) Tribal Authority's offices on Wednesday, 10 January. Employees are up in arms after not receiving their salaries for the past three months. They claim that

corruption is rife and that the BBK Tribal Authorities' coffers are empty.

"We want what is due to us. Corruption in the council in rife and we will no longer stand for it," says Morena Thale, BBK youth leader.

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# Man shot and killed at Rustenburg's RBPlat

**Rustenburg** – A man was shot and killed during a security incident that took place at Royal Bafokeng Platinum on Wednesday evening, 10 January at around 20h30 at its North Shaft, just outside Rustenburg.

More than 100 protestors – including former employees and unknown persons – attempted to gain unlawful access to the shaft's premise. The premise was locked and secured by mine security personnel.

"As a last resort, and to prevent damage to property and injury to mine personnel, mine security sought to disperse the crowd, using rubber bullets and paint-balls. During the course of the incident, an individual within the crowd was shot and killed by live ammunition. Based on preliminary evidence, including video footage, it is believed that the shooting was from within the group of protestors. The deceased was not employed by RBPlat. The company extends its condolences to the family of the deceased, and is in contact with his family to offer its support," Royal Bafokeng Platinum's press release reads.

An investigation into the incident has begun and a post mortem of the deceased will be undertaken, and is now under police investigation.

During the incident, the protestors set fire to a conveyor belt of which approximately 200m was destroyed. A boom gate and a guard house were also damaged. No other damages to property or injuries to mine employees, were reported.

"The protest by community members stems from the dismissal of 14 employees by the company in December 2017, following unprotected industrial action (including threatening other employees and damage to property) that ensued when services to a number of homes in the nearby Waterkloof Estate were erroneously suspended by the local municipality. These issues have been dealt with repeatedly by the company with community members since December 2017 in a number of forums, and the company assisted in resolving the delivery of services, even though this was not within its remit," Royal Bafokeng Platinum reports.





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# Be vigilant while **driving!**

After a nasty experience I would like warn other Rustenburg citizens to be more aware and vigilant when driving.

On Monday morning, 15 January, at around 11h10, I was driving into town and turned into Boshoff street, stopping at the stop sign on the corner of Klopper street.

In a flash, a man dived through my open (driver's side) window of my vehicle... I presume in an attempt to grab my handbag, which was on the floor of the passenger side. Fortunately for me, he was unable to reach and possibly surprised by my reaction, he withdrew, disappearing as quickly as he had appeared.

After this experience, which left me shook up and rattled, I would like to warn residents to be aware of driving with your windows open. This is difficult due to the obscene heat we have been experiencing lately. For the sake of safety, please open those windows just a crack and be aware of your surroundings at all times.

**Reader of Rustenburg**



## Letter to the editor