

# A WAVE OF VIOLENT PROTESTS

**Rustenburg** – People travelling to and from work are caught up in a state of fear and uncertainty as waves of violent protests engulfed the major arterial routes in and out of Rustenburg over the past few days.

Social media has become the most viable option of communication to spread information of alternative routes when travelling in the mornings and afternoons.

However, a statement issued by the police indicated that the violent protests were being clamped down and arrests made in some areas.

A number of suspects were arrested following incidents of looting and public violence including the burning of vehicles along the R104 road in Majakaneng between Wednesday and Thursday 16 and 17 May respectively. Seven suspects between the ages of 19 and 37 were arrested at the Sgandaff and Andries sections in Majakaneng.

They were found in possession of suspected stolen goods and some were apprehended for public violence and damage to property. The first two suspects were arrested at approximately 13h00 on Wednesday, 16 May following an intelligence driven track and recovery operation which was launched immediately after goods were looted from two trucks at approximately 05h30 along R104 road in Majakaneng.

“The third suspect, aged 24, was apprehended for malicious damage to property and public violence relating to setting alight a BapoTrans bus. Their arrests follows the torching of the two trucks and a BapoTrans Mercedes Benz Sprinter. During the arrests, goods such as mesh wire, wheelbarrows, plumbing material, poles and plastic chairs were recovered,” brigadier Sabata Mokgwabone, police spokesperson said.

“These arrests and many others that were affected at various places within the province since the outbreak of the recent violence, will certainly send a clear message that criminality and disrespect for the rule of law will not be tolerated,” the North West provincial commissioner, lieutenant general Baile Motswenyane said.



# BILL MCGILL ART EXHIBITION

**Rustenburg** – Be one of the art and literature guests to an exhibition of paintings and book review at the Bill McGill Art Exhibition to be held at the Bush Willow Bread & Breakfast, on the R24 in Rustenburg on Friday, 18 May at 18h30.

Declared art event of the year, the exhibition will also be a celebration of Bill McGill’s 84th birthday wherein a collection of his wonderful paintings will be on display. Speaking to *Platinum Weekly*, McGill said they will showcase about 38 paintings on the evening, which is also the 20th edition of the art exhibition.

The event would not be complete without a review of the book ‘Pilanesberg Stories and Pictorial Journeys co-authored by McGill and Koos Herbst’ now retired head warden of Pilanesberg. The illustrations in the book are also the work of McGill.

Herbst will open the exhibition with a talk on the plight of the rhinos in the Pilanesberg, a subject closer to the heart of many who are concerned with the dwindling numbers of South Africa’s Big 5 animals due to poaching.

To confirm your attendance, contact Bill McGill on 082-680 5890.



Another piece of magnificent artwork from McGill's works titled 'Snow in Clarens'.



Bill McGill with one of his paintings, the 'Elephants in the Pilanesberg'.

# Book your ticket and "smile, sparkle and shine!"

**Hartbeespoort** – Tickets for the “Smile, Sparkle & Shine” Deaf Galaxy Crowning event are now open!

The international deaf pageant to be held at the Aerial Cableway Harties in Hartbeespoort is scheduled for 26 May from 13h30.

Organisers of the event urge those who wish to attend to arrive earlier for the cable car ride to the top of the mountain. Tickets are sold at R250 per person and interested parties can contact Leviena Smit on 073-023 2767 or deafgalaxy.npc@gmail.com or Donne Gunn on 072-999 3589 or donne@tourismfriendly.co.za.

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