



DYSFUNCTIONAL NW HEALTH DEPARTMENT FACES R4 BILLION IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS

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North West - The Democratic Alliance (DA) in the North West will write to the MEC for Health, Madoda Sambatha, requesting that he conducts an in-depth review of the Province's public health system and establish a turn-around strategy to address the escalating operational challenges that the Department faces.

This follows revelations that the dysfunctional North West Department of Health faces medical malpractice claims amounting to R4 billion, with an additional 500 cases currently under investigation. The number of medical malpractice cases in North West increased from a mere 53 in 2016 to a staggering 500 cases in 2019. This is a clear indication that the North West public health system has effectively collapsed and that the ANC is totally incapable of improving the situation.

North West public hospitals and clinics are severely understaffed and under-resourced, patients are forced to wait long hours to see doctors while some are forced to sleep on the floor and medicine shortages are common.

The current state of affairs in the North West Health Department is a direct result of years of ANC

mismanagement through deals such as the Gupta-linked Mediosa company which was paid more than R30 million without rendering any services.

Where the DA governs in the Western Cape, we have digitised patient records to increase efficiency and reduce waiting time. In the DA-governed Western Cape we also have the highest doctor-per-resident ratio in the country to ensure that every patient receives quality health services. Public hospitals in the Western Cape continue to offer private-sector quality health care to all those who need it, under DA governance.

The DA has remarkably improved the quality of public health services in the Western Cape since taking office from the ANC in 2009 and, as such, the DA in North West will table a concrete plan of action, informed by our experience in government, in the North West Provincial Legislature, detailing key interventions necessary to improve the public health system here.

The DA will do whatever it can, making use of all legislative mechanisms available to us, to work towards improving the health system in the province.

THE HITCHHIKERS GUIDE TO SOUTH AFRICA!

Panic!

Rustenburg – It might be safe to hitchhike in the rest of the galaxy but in South Africa its not an option.

Don't even think about it because it's highly likely that you'll become a victim of crime.

In an interview with *Platinum Weekly* on 13 August, police spokesperson captain Elsabé Augoustides firmly warned against hitchhiking.

"You can never be sure about the driver's intentions. Rather be safe and do not hitchhike. In

the same breath, don't pick up strangers – it could be equally unsafe.

Know your destination and the routes to it. Be alert if you get lost. Never ever pick up hitchhikers as most criminals pose as hitchhikers only to hijack, rob, hurt and even kill you.

"We would like to warn people, especially women not to hitchhike as this is extremely dangerous. You do not know the person giving you a lift and by accepting a lift, you are placing your life in danger," captain Elsabé added.



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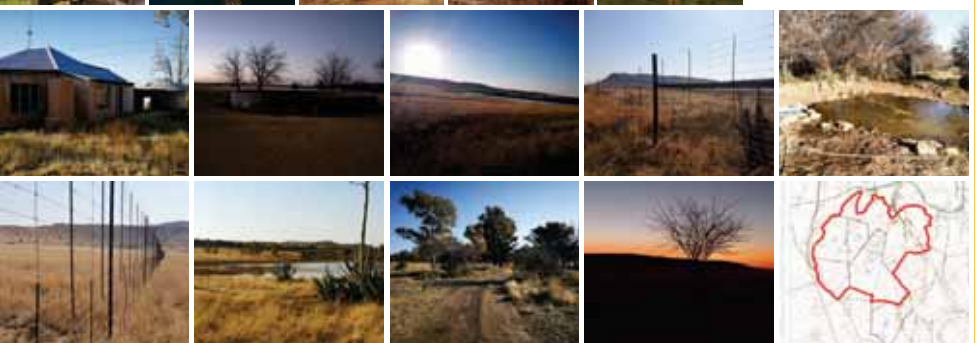
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Late Estate Rudman (M/Ref: 533/2014) | **Breath-Taking Game Farm ± 6 000 Ha**

12 September 2019 @ 11:00

Viewing on farm, strictly by Appointment



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Oudefontein Farm: ± 6 000 Ha Farm consisting of 5 Title Deeds and no inside boundaries fencing (except grazing breeding camps). The farm is extremely water rich consisting of various cement-, ground dams, windmills, boreholes & natural fountains (some needs attention). This farm can offer a variety starting with small mountains, plains, trees, bushes & more. ± 47 km of outside fencing on the farm with game fencing (2.7 m - height | game fencing certificate available). | **Improvements:** Lodge, 3 x Farmhouses, 4 x fully equipped chalets & 4 x servant quarters (no electricity) & 2 x stores. There is a shooting range (± 50 m / ± 200 m), slaughter buildings with built-in freezers, drying buildings, a lapa and dining room with a fully equipped kitchen and bar facilities. *Some improvements require some attention.* | **History:** Established in 1992 and hosting international guests from America, Mexico, UK, Philippines and more. An average of 90 Trophy Kudu Bulls hunted per year. | **Location:** The farm is located next to 2 nature reserves (Tussen-die-riviere Nature Reserve which forms a huge boundary of the farm and Oviston Nature Reserve) ± 25 km from Bethulie - Gravel Road = ± 10 km & Tar Road = ± 15 km.

Lot 1: ± 6000 Ha Farm Sold Separately | Lot 2: ± 2600 Game (2018 Game Count) Sold Separately | Lot 3: Farm & Game Sold Together

Auction Venue: A Lodge at Bloemfontein | **R50 000.00 Refundable Registration Deposit**

Auction Leader: Rudi - 082 695 6658 | **Registrations - 079 418 2461**

FATALITY AT IMPALA

Rustenburg – One mine worker lost his life and another was injured on Tuesday 6 August at Impala Rustenburg number 1 shaft.

Implats spokesperson Johan Theron confirmed the death of Nelson Thipe. He cited an accident in which two underground locomotives collided as the reason for the fatality.

Johan said the collision occurred as one of the locomotives was on the way to collect a load of ore.

"The other locomotive, which was going in the opposite direction, failed to stop," he said.

An investigation is underway.

We extend our sincerest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of the deceased.



WARNING TO HIKERS

Rustenburg – Rustenburg is nestled at the foothills of the Magaliesburg mountains. It is only natural for hikers and outdoor enthusiasts to try and make the most of this breath-taking scenery... However, take heed for your own safety.

"Hikers should avoid hiking alone and always carry a charged cell phone in case of emergency," said police spokesperson captain Elsabé Augoustides in an interview with *Platinum Weekly* on 12 August. "It is imperative that a loved one always knows your location. If you haven't returned by a specified time, they must be able to sound the alarm," said

captain Augoustides.

Knowing the location of a hiker is a must – just imagine finding a needle in a haystack as vague as "in the mountains". The police sometimes find themselves in situations where worried families want them to search "the mountains". A general location can make all the difference.

Also, many community members pray at certain parts on the mountain – please do so in numbers for safety sake.

When hiking always carry water and wear sunscreen!



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