

WHERE IS THE MONEY?

Rustenburg – Two officials have been suspended relating to the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality's (BPDM) failure to pay the salaries of employees on time and the speculated failure to account for R80million. According to Confederation of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) provincial secretary for the North West, Kopano Konopi, employees are disgruntled that the BPDM municipality spent R80million of the R134million that was wrongfully transferred into its account. In the interim, two senior employees of the North West Provincial Government have

been re-assigned to handle the finances of the BPDM. The move is aimed at resolving an impasse that has seen most employees at the local government body going for a month without receiving their salaries. The situation between senior members of the municipality and lower level employees has remained tense since the non-payment of salaries. Recently, a councillor reportedly suffered two broken fingers and rib injuries after he was allegedly beaten-up by striking municipal workers.



Protests over the non-payment of salaries by BPDM employees have created a tense atmosphere.

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Day	Date	Temp	Rainfall
Friday	25 October 2019	33°C - 21°C	0%
Saturday	26 October 2019	36°C - 19°C	0%
Sunday	27 October 2019	37°C - 20°C	0%
Monday	28 October 2019	37°C - 16°C	0%
Tuesday	29 October 2019	33°C - 15°C	0%

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FINANCIAL INDICATORS			
ZAR / USD	14.64	-0.34%	
Rand/Pound	18.85	-0.36%	
Rand/Euro	16.29	-0.34%	
Rand/Aus Dollar	10.02	-0.21%	
Dollar/Pound	1.29	-0.06%	
Pound/Euro	1.16	-0.12%	
GOLD	1,491.30	0.25%	
Platinum	897.90	0.31%	
Palladium	1,729.95	0.26%	

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ESCAPED DETAINEES REARRESTED

Rustenburg – Three of the four detainees who escaped from holding cells at Rustenburg SAPS on Friday 18 October were rearrested after the police acted swiftly on information supplied by law abiding and responsible community members. The four, Lethogonolo Elias Mashaba, Nkosinathi Lamont Msibi, Kamogelo Setlhalogile and Motlatsi Shota were due to face charges ranging from murder, armed robbery and rape to theft of a motor vehicle before they escaped. Additional charges of escape from lawful custody have now been added to the charge sheets of Lethogonolo, Nkosinathi and Kamogelo following their rearrest. Motlatsi is still on the run. Explaining how the offenders were rearrested, police spokesperson captain Elsabé Augoustides said a 72-hour activation plan was put in place by crime intelligence operatives in collaboration with Rustenburg detectives shortly after the escape. "Photos of the detainees were circulated internally and externally on various social media platforms, as well as community crime prevention groups. The police acted on this information, leading to their rearrest," captain Augoustides added.

Colonel Chilliboy Molifinyane, sergeant Thapelo Nkoana, constable Ben Mogale and constable Keorapetse Ramokgadi played a key role in apprehending the detainees. Police are investigating the circumstances leading to the escape.



From left: constable Keorapetse Ramokgadi, colonel Chilliboy Molifinyane, sergeant Thapelo Nkoana and constable Ben Mogale reacted swiftly to re-arrest the offenders.

GUNMEN NABBED

Rustenburg – Three of the four gunmen, who police believe are behind an armed robbery of a prominent clothing store in Rustenburg, have been arrested in Seraleng on Tuesday 22 October. The suspects allegedly held employees of Exact clothing store at gunpoint, looted cell phones and other valuables before they fled the scene in a white Toyota bakkie. A report was made and with the support of members of the public, police officers from the Rustenburg Flying Squad and K9 Unit pursued and cornered the suspects before arresting three of them. The fourth criminal managed to evade arrest and fled. Police spokesperson sergeant Ofentse Mokgadi said the three suspects matched the description of the men who robbed the store. "They were arrested for the illegal possession of three firearms, ammunition and the possession of suspected stolen property."

Three 9x19mm pistols, ammunition and suspected stolen items were found in possession of the suspects and recovered.



The pistols were found in possession of the suspects.



The cell phones that were recovered by the police.

HITCHHIKERS ARRESTED FOR UNLICENSED FIREARMS



Confiscated firearms.

Brits – Two hitchhikers will have to explain to the Brits Magistrates' Court how they acquired the firearms found in their possession during a search by police detectives. Nelson Malati (34) and Bongani Ndebele (31), were arrested while hitchhiking along the R104. They will make their second court appearance on Tuesday 29 October. "The two were arrested after they were found with unlicensed firearms, a .38 revolver and a silver 9mm star pistol," said police spokesperson brigadier Sabata Mokgwabone.

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