

MURDER OVERSHADOWS NUM RALLY

Rustenburg – The murder of a National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) member in Marikana on Friday 1 November has cast a dark shadow over the labour body's upcoming national rally in the area.

Kaizer Lungisa Madiba was gunned down near Rowland shaft on his way to work.

His murder has stoked fears of an escalation of the fierce rivalry between NUM and the Association of Mineworkers and Construction Workers Union (AMCU).

NUM is scheduled to host its national rally in Marikana on Sunday 17 November and there are speculations by those affiliated to the labour body that the murder could be an attempt to soil the meeting.

The rally is geared at rekindling NUM, which lost its status as the majority union in the Platinum belt to AMCU at the height of 2012 violent wildcat strikes.

Police spokesperson captain Sam Tselanyane told *Platinum*



Weekly that their investigations into Kaizer's murder will only focus on criminal aspects. "Our investigators are yet to confirm how many cartridges were recovered from the crime scene.

For now, we cannot confirm how many shots were fired at the deceased. We are establishing the identities of the people who killed this man. That he was a member of a certain union and killed because of differences between two or three unions, is speculation," he added.

No arrests have been made yet.

In January 2018, NUM member Mninawe Bazooka Deleki was shot and killed at his house in Bapong. At the time of his death, Mninawe was the union's branch chairperson at Eastern Platinum Mine.

AMCU members have also lost some of their members in violent circumstances. Dlunga Tholokele, was the last AMCU member to be shot and killed. Dlunga was killed at his shack in Nkaneng in October 2017.

REMOTE JAMMING

Rustenburg – The police in Rustenburg have advised motorists against leaving valuables such as cellular phones, laptops and tablets inside their vehicles as they will become easy targets for criminals operating in public places such as shopping malls.

In an interview with *Platinum Weekly*, Rustenburg police spokesperson sergeant Ofentse Mokgadi said that there has been an increase in the number of cases in which motorists have lost money and valuables to criminals. "We are fast approaching the festive season. We urge the public and motorists to be cautious."

He advised motorists to develop a habit of checking if their doors are locked and not rely on their alarm systems or remotes. "In the cases we are handling, a number of suspects use remote jammers to breach car alarm security systems," Ofentse explained.

Meanwhile, the police have also warned against making false crime reports. The warning follows a number of incidents in which women have approached local police stations to report that their babies have been stolen or abducted. "Baby snatching is a very serious offence and police officers become very frustrated when they use state resources to investigate, only to discover that the complainant had been lying all along," Ofentse said.

Lying to the police is a very serious offence and the perpetrator risks being charged by the state for perjury.



Criminals are using remote jammers to disable car alarms.

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Saturday 09 November 2019	36°C - 19°C	
Sunday 10 November 2019	37°C - 20°C	
Monday 11 November 2019	37°C - 16°C	
Tuesday 12 November 2019	33°C - 15°C	

At time of print

FINANCIAL INDICATORS			
ZAR / USD	14.79	-0.04%	
Rand/Pound	19.06	-0.12%	
Rand/Euro	16.40	-0.16%	
Rand/Aus Dollar	10.21	-0.04%	
Dollar/Pound	1.29	-0.09%	
Pound/Euro	1.16	0.04%	
GOLD	1,484.90	0.10%	
Platinum	929.90	-0.11%	
Palladium	1,753.40	0.34%	

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2 RAILWAY ACCIDENTS, SAME DAY, SAME PLACE

Rustenburg – On Saturday 2 November, train 4053 from Rustenburg to Thabazimbi collided with a truck at the Dr. Moroka level crossing at around 09:35.

The truck was traveling from Zinniville's industrial side, crossing the railroad to Tlhabane when the incident occurred. No one sustained serious injuries.

Later that evening, train 8426 from Pyramid South to Thabazimbi collided with a white Corsa bakkie at the very same level crossing at around 23:10.

According to Transnet Freight Rail (TFR) spokesperson Thembekile Klaas: "The train driver noted that the motorist overtook the cars that had already stopped at the sign before the level crossing and that's when his vehicle collided with the train. No injuries were reported but it is alleged



The train came to a standstill against the truck on the railroad.



The point of impact between the train and the truck.

RLM CLAMPS DOWN ON UNLAWFUL WATER USERS



Rustenburg – Following the initial water restrictions implemented by the Rustenburg Local Municipality (RLM) on 15 October, the municipality has upped the ante on the unlawful water usage by both businesses and residents.

After the recent rainfall, the system has not stabilised and records available to the RLM still indicated excessive water consumption.

The RLM advised residents and businesses to use water sparingly and to desist from watering gardens, cleaning and filling of swimming pools with water as well as washing cars with hosepipes as this causes further stress to the supply system.

RLM accordingly launched operation *Tshela Thupa*, which aims to specifically address unlawful water usage, in line with the city's by-laws. The operation is led by RLM's water unit and public safety as a law enforcement arm, which issues fines ranging between R2,500 and R15,000.

In Tlhabane, a water meter and electricity meter were confiscated after it was discovered that a car wash business was still in operation, when the municipality had issued a warning for the operation to cease. Due to the nature of the operation, neighbouring properties, could not access water, owing to the low water pressure caused by excessive water usage.

Two property owners in Tlhabane West were also charged with unlawful water usage. In Geelhoutpark, a carwash business was found to be in operation, the owner received a fine and the water meter was confiscated.

In the Rustenburg central business district (CBD), three carwash owners were slapped with a R15,000 fine each, for irregular water usage and the water meters at these premises were removed by the water unit.

MISSING MILLIONS: MUNICIPALITY UNDER INVESTIGATION

Rustenburg – The North West standing committee on provincial accounts (SCOPA) has referred allegations of financial misconduct involving at least two employees at the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality (BPDM) to the police for investigation.

The two have since been suspended after many employees failed to receive their September and October salaries on time.

Some of the employees staged a protest following reports that the non-payment of salaries was caused by the failure of the municipality to account for R80 million. During the protests, a councillor reportedly suffered two broken fingers and rib injuries after he was allegedly beaten up by striking municipal workers.

SCOPA hopes investigations by the police will shed more light on circumstances relating to the R134 million that is said to have been transferred into the BPDM's account by mistake.

Job Dliso, the SCOPA provincial chairperson, confirmed the police and the Hawks would probe the allegations being levelled against the municipality and other government departments. "We, as the standing committee, have resolved to refer other allegations, such as the Taung Hotel School project where a fence and guard house was poorly constructed for over R7 million, to the police for investigation," he said.

"Other cases of irregular expenditure such as the R1.4 billion incurred in the department of education for several financial years must also be investigated," he added. He expressed his confidence that police investigations into all cases involving allegations of financial irregularities within government departments would be resolved timeously.

Meanwhile, two officials have been assigned by the provincial government to assist the BPDM to resolve its financial challenges. On Thursday 24 October, Desiree Tlhoale was appointed acting municipal manager while Morena Mofokeng also joined BPDM as acting chief financial officer.

Desiree was formerly employed as the provincial head of department for the sports, arts and culture department while Morena worked as acting chief financial officer in the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality between 2016 and 2017.

In a statement released shortly after her appointment, the acting municipal manager "urged all staff to work together and restore the municipality."



Two senior officials have been assigned by the North West provincial government to assist the municipality to overcome its financial challenges.

DISCIPLINE STARTS AT HOME [Letter to the editor]

I am the proud mother of an amazing, very busy and sometimes naughty five-year old boy.

According to the new High Court judgment, even if you give your child the slightest slap on the butt, you can be prosecuted for assault.

Yes, I know the law says that I am no longer allowed to spank my child, but as all parents know, there are just some days when sturdy talking doesn't cut it.

Recently, my boy threw his food on the floor, made a mess and started acting out, shouting that he won't eat. I told him that he should stop and that if he didn't, that his father would give him a spanking. ... on which he replied: "If you hit me, I am going to call the police."

I was too shocked to utter a word. I don't remember an episode of Paw Patrol mentioning that a hiding is now illegal in South Africa – so how does he know about it?

I later found out that the pre-school he is attending is training our little rascals to threaten their parents with the police.

I truly believe there is a big difference between spanking your child to teach him right from wrong,

versus child abuse.

In Proverbs 3:12 it says: "For whom the Lord loves He corrects, just as a father the son in whom he delights."

I am a mother who delights in my son and I will correct him if he does something wrong, even if it takes a hiding to teach him.

The implications of this new law mean that if you are arrested and convicted, you will have a life-long criminal record of child abuse.

Not just that, but for a trivial non-injurious slap, your children can be removed from the family home. One can only imagine the damage that this will do to families.

They say discipline starts at home, so how can the teachers at the pre-school expect my child to be disciplined if they teach them to threaten parents who do so out of love?

How dare teachers do this?

This law will not stop abusers, it only prevents loving parents from disciplining their children.

The law won't stop perpetrators from hurting others – this law hurts parents who care.