

MINOR ACCUSED OF KILLING A LEARNER

Delareyville – A 17-year old girl was arrested and appeared before the Atamelang Magistrates' Court for allegedly stabbing a learner from Kopanelo Secondary School to death. The stabbing incident occurred at Shaleng village near Khunwana on Friday 17 January around 7:00 as the victim, 18-year old Gristiph Lesagae was stepping out of a bus. Lesagae was stabbed by the girl on the side of his heart. He was taken to the clinic and pronounced dead on arrival. The suspect attempted to run away before she was caught by the police. In the wake of the incident, the police have requested communities and especially parents to monitor the behaviour of their children. Students have also been discouraged from

using violence to settle any differences they may have with their peers. Northwest Department of Basic Education member of the executive council Mmaphefo Matsemela condemned the killing, which occurred while schools were pre-occupied with the opening of the 2020 academic year. "On behalf of the entire department, I would like to convey our sincerest condolences to the bereaved family of the deceased learner, the school and the community," she said. "This is a very unfortunate incident. Our schools are centres of teaching and learning, not centres of violence," she added. She gave an assurance that teachers and learners at the school would be provided with counselling.

YOUNG GIRL BITTEN BY CROCODILE

Swaruggens - A 15-year old girl was bitten on the leg by a crocodile after she had unknowingly stepped onto it while swimming with her two friends. Hesmari van Loggensberg was rushed to hospital in Rustenburg to receive treatment shortly after the incident, which occurred at Elands River near Swaruggens. Explaining the events of the crocodile attack, biodiversity management director in the North West department of conservation and tourism Jonathan Denga wished Hesmari a speedy recovery. "While the three were enjoying their swimming, the girl accidentally stepped onto something that was moving. It was a crocodile and it bit her on the leg," he said. "After hearing her scream, the two boys swimming with her ran to a nearby house for help. Fortunately, two men responded to their plea and ran to assist the girl. The men, who said they saw a quick glimpse of the crocodile, assisted the girl until she was taken to a hospital in Rustenburg," he added. Denga, who also comforted the Van Loggensberg family on behalf of the department, said warning signs are being up put near the river to alert the community about the threat posed by the crocodiles. Members of the public and those who visit the river are urged to exercise caution when approaching these waters. Anyone who spots the animal must immediately contact district problem animal control specialist Vasti Botha on 0837617497 or the nearest police station.

DAGGA PLANTATION NIPPED IN THE BUD

Boitekong – Boitekong was brought to a standstill on Friday 17 January as law enforcement agencies in the Rustenburg Cluster clamped down on a dagga plantation in Boitekong. Police members managed to recover large quantities of narcotics and seized extensive amounts of dagga plants.



Police uprooted the dagga plantation.

Weather Report North West RUSTENBURG

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| Friday | 24 | January 2020 | 26°C - 17°C |
| Saturday | 25 | January 2020 | 24°C - 17°C |
| Sunday | 26 | January 2020 | 29°C - 18°C |
| Monday | 27 | January 2020 | 31°C - 16°C |
| Tuesday | 28 | January 2020 | 29°C - 17°C |

Rainfall probability (%)
0
Sunrise 06:40
Sunset 17:49

At time of print

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

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| ZAR / USD | 14.39 |
| Rand/Pound | 18.93 |
| Rand/Euro | 15.97 |
| Rand/Aus Dollar | 9.86 |
| Dollar/Pound | 1.31 |
| Pound/Euro | 1.18 |
| GOLD | 1,556.35 |
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