

ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS CAUSE ELECTRICITY OUTAGES...



Motorists had to use alternative routes after protestors blocked the road.

Tlhabane/ Rustenburg – The Rustenburg Local Municipality (RLM) is concerned about the high number of illegal electricity connections which are now leading to power outages in many areas. On Saturday 20 June, a group of Boitekong X13 community members embarked on a protest after they had gone for a week without electricity. On the same day, Tlhabane community members living in Monareng Street also took to the streets to protest a four-day power outage. The protestors in Tlhabane, who blamed the outages

on a malfunctioning transformer, burnt tyres and blocked the road with rocks and tree branches citing 'our frustration with the authorities to timeously attend to our predicament,' as the reason for doing so. The municipality and power utility Eskom moved quickly to restore electricity in both areas, resulting in an end to the protests. The municipality has an ongoing problem with backyard dwellers in these areas, who – in most cases – connect onto the electricity grid illegally.

In an interview with *Platinum Weekly*, RLM spokesperson David Magae urged communities to refrain from accessing electricity through illegal connections. He said such practices were contributing to the power outages. "Outages are being caused by overloaded networks and this is due to illegal connections. We are having more and more people who are connecting illegally in our communities. In winter, the demand for electricity is high and illegal connections put a further strain on the electricity supply system."

AFRIFORUM SE RUSTENBURG-TAK VERSKAF SKOLEHULPPAKKETTE



AfriForum Rustenburg-tak voorsitter Chris Trytsman, Laerskool David Brink skoolhoof Craig Olivier en AfriForum se distrikskoördineerder vir Marico, Petrus Coetzee.

Rustenburg – Die Rustenburg AfriForum-tak het skolehulppakette aan ses skole in Rustenburg voorsien as deel van die #AfriForumStaanSaam vir Skole-projek wat in samewerking met AfriForum Jeug van stapel gestuur is. Hoërskool Rustenburg, Laerskool Vastrap, CVO Platinum, Laerskool Rustenburg, Laerskool David Brink en Laerskool Proteapark het dié pakette ontvang om hulle te help om gereed te maak vir die toename in leerders wat terugkeer skool toe.

Die skolehulppakette wat op nasionale vlak en ook aan dié skole versprei is, bestaan uit COVID-19 inligtingstukke, patrone vir gesigsmaskers, klaskamerplakkate, elektroniese termometers, handreiniger en handreiniger staanders. Die waarde van een pakket beloop sowat R6,500. Die Rustenburg-tak het 'n stap verder gegaan en nóg 20 klein handreinigerstaanders vir kleiner kinders aan

van dié skole geskenk. Die totale koste van die projek vir die Rustenburg-tak was ongeveer R60,000.

"AfriForum het heelwat versoeke van skole ontvang omdat hulle geen en/of onvoldoende hulp van die Departement van Onderwys ontvang het. Daarom het AfriForum se Rustenburg-tak aan dié projek deelgeneem om sodoende te verseker dat leerders veilig kan terugkeer skool toe en die 2020-akademiese jaar kan hervat," sê AfriForum se distrikskoördineerder vir Marico, Petrus Coetzee.

AfriForum se Rustenburg-tak wil graag nóg skole in die uitdagende tye wat voorlê ondersteun om te verseker dat hulle op 'n veilige wyse funksioneer. Die tak moedig die gemeenskap aan om by die inisiatief betrokke raak: SMS "Rustenburg" na 45351 (R1).

AfriForum persverklaring, 15 Junie 2020



AfriForum se distrikskoördineerder vir Marico Petrus Coetzee, AfriForum Rustenburg-tak voorsitter Chris Trytsman, Laerskool Rustenburg onderwyser Willem Martinson en Laerskool Rustenburg skoolhoof Koos van Vuuren.



AfriForum Rustenburg-tak voorsitter Chris Trytsman, AfriForum se distrikskoördineerder vir Marico Petrus Coetzee, Hoërskool Rustenburg skoolhoof Hennie Pieterse.

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Phokeng – While investigating a case involving theft of cattle in Mogwase in May 2018, constables Mediwane and Ramadiro managed to arrest one of the suspects. According to police spokesperson Captain Elsabé Augoustides, the constables were following up on information received when they found three suspects guarding cattle. The men fled into the nearby bushes when constable Mediwane apprehended Segebo Tsela who was a suspect in the case. All the cattle were recovered and returned to the owner.

Exactly two years later, on Monday 25 May, Tsela was sentenced to a 10-year jail term by the Bafokeng Regional Court.



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