



# DIESEL THIEVES CAUGHT RED-HANDED

**Rustenburg** – Two people were arrested along the R104 in Rustenburg on Saturday 11 July for the theft of diesel worth an estimated R480,000.

The long arm of the law caught up with the two during a multipronged operation involving the Hawks, police from the crime intelligence unit, K9 and flying squad units as well as personnel from Transnet.

“The suspects were allegedly caught while illegally extracting diesel from an underground pipeline site in Rustenburg and pumping it into a fuel tanker,” Hawks spokesperson Tlangelani Rikhotso said. “Two of the three suspects were arrested immediately, while the third suspect managed to escape.”

The fuel tanker and other equipment were seized for further investigations.

The two suspects appeared before the Rustenburg Magistrates’ Court to face charges related to tampering with essential infrastructure and theft of diesel. Further investigations are being carried out by the Hawks.



The suspects extracted diesel from an underground pipeline.



The stolen diesel was pumped into this fuel tanker.

## DINIE ESTATES ROAD – ILLEGAL STRUCTURES DEMOLISHED



Illegal structures erected along the Dinie Estates Road were demolished.

**Rustenburg** – Illegal structures, recently erected by a group of people who also started demarcating the land were demolished by the Rustenburg Local Municipality (RLM) on Saturday 11 July. The piece of land in question, which is situated along the Dinie Estates Road outside Rustenburg, is owned by the municipality.

RLM spokesperson David Magae said the demolition was carried out by the municipality’s law enforcement unit. All illegally built structures and partially completed dwellings were demolished and removed using tractor-loader-backhoes (TLBs).

Personnel from the South African Police Service (SAPS) as well as the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) were also present and made sure that law and order were maintained during the operation. Magae told *Platinum Weekly* that the action was necessary and should serve as a warning against those bent on undermining the rule of law. He said: “People wanted to take over the land there, so the municipality had no choice but to move in and remove their structures.”

## LIVEINTERVIEW WITH JOHANNA TAU

Johanna Tau



Stakeholder Engagement Manager at Impala Rustenburg, Johanna Tau will be discussing what Impala is doing as an operation to combat COVID-19 and support their communities, in a live interview with YOU FM radio – at 9.40am on 16 July. She will also be interviewed on this very important subject by Radio Mafisa on Friday 17 July at 5.15pm. Tune in!

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## ALL SYSTEMS GO AT JST

**Rustenburg** – A total of 600 beds in two public hospitals in Rustenburg and Moses Kotane will be specifically reserved for COVID-19 patients as part of measures by the North West Department of Health to manage the surge of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Job Shimankana Tabane (JST) Hospital, as well as Rustenburg Town Clinic, are being upgraded to accommodate 400 beds while Moses Kotane Hospital will be remodelled to accommodate the other 200.

The beds will be utilised by people who are unable to isolate at home as well as patients suspected to have contracted COVID-19.

North West Department of Health administrator Jeanette Hunter, who visited JST on Saturday 11 July, was satisfied with the progress of the upgrades so far. “The remodelling is now at an advanced stage. We will be able to accommodate patients in the coming weeks. Post COVID-19, the wards will be repurposed as gynaecology wards.”

The department is grateful for the support it has received from mining companies based in Rustenburg as it intensifies its efforts to contain COVID-19.

“The province is responding to COVID-19 at all levels. All the districts are now implementing a ward-based screening and a contact tracing programme,” provincial health MEC Madoda Sambatha said.



JST is one of the hospitals being remodelled to accommodate COVID-19 patients.

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## MUNICIPALITY ATTENDS TO R24 POWER OUTAGES

**Rustenburg** – The Rustenburg Local Municipality (RLM) advises residents receiving electrical supply from the network along the R24 (Krugersdorp Road) that the reported frequent power supply cuts is being attended to.

The municipality’s electrical unit continues to work on ensuring the stabilisation of electricity supply to all the affected residents.

To date, the electrical unit has cut trees, which are suspected to have been interfering with

the power lines and also started replacing the insulators.

Given the recurrence of the power outages on the network, residents have been moved to an alternate supply line from a different substation while more work is being carried out to resolve the problem. On 7 July, the electrical unit looked for and removed all the illegal connections to the network that they could find.

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