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Respect, Discipline, and Heart: SAPS Youth Urged to Lead Right

By Rea Gazette Reporter

WALKERVILLE – A wave of pride and purpose swept through Lapeng Hotel on Friday, 27 June 2025, as young Constables from across Gauteng gathered under the theme

"Youth at Heart: Building a Better SAPS." Hosted by the Sedibeng Women's Network and Men for Change, the event focused on preparing junior members of the South African Police Service to lead with discipline, integrity, and emotional intelligence.

The day tackled pressing issues such as police discipline, anti-corruption, gender-based violence, and mental wellness — all vital elements in strengthening the SAPS from within.

The initiative aimed to equip young Constables with the knowledge and tools needed to serve communities with pride and professionalism.

Delivering the keynote address, Major General Anna Sithole, Ekurhuleni District Commissioner and SAPS Provincial Women's Network Champion, made a powerful appeal to the SAPS youth: "Police officers must respect one another — regardless of age or education. No one is above instruction. If your commander gives you a lawful order, follow it."

She addressed one of the root causes of internal corruption, urging officers to avoid materialistic competition:

"Stop competing with each other over cars, clothes, or lifestyle. That kind of pressure leads to greed and corruption. If you ever find yourself in a situation that could lead to criminal conduct — walk away."

Major General Sithole firmly reminded the young officers of their duty:

"We cannot be the ones suspected of GBV, hijackings, or house robberies. We are here to enforce the law — not to break it."

As the day concluded, the message was unmistakable: SAPS youth must carry the organisation forward with courage, character, and commitment. The future of policing in South Africa depends on their integrity — and their willingness to lead with heart.

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Memorial Walk for 2 Years old Kutlwano Shalaba Held in Boipatong

Rea Gazette Reporter

Memorial Walk for Kutlwano Held in BOIPATONG, GAUTENG – On Defeating the ends of justice Friday, 27 June 2025, a peaceful yet Lying to police emotionally charged memorial walk was held in remembrance of 2-year-old Kutlwano Shalaba, the toddler appearance in February 2025 and horrific circumstances.

According to Boipatong Spokesperson Constable Mthimkulu, the event began at the Boipatong Monument and ended at found. Boipatong Place of Care Creche in Tugela, where a memorial service took place.

The day was led by Constable Agnes Ntuthu, the Domestic Violence Coordinator at Boipatong SAPS, alongside her team from the SAPS Trauma Centre.

The gathering was supported by various stakeholders including SAPS management, GTW, gender-based violence brigades, CPF, Community Safety, local priests, patrollers, and the broader community.

The purpose was to promote healing and unity while reaffirming SAPS's bringing commitment perpetrators of violence-especially against children—to justice.

Candles were lit to honour Kutlwano's memory, and local priests offered prayers and words of comfort drawn from Scripture.

The service concluded with the While justice takes its course, presentation of portrait photographs Boipatong's residents, faith leaders, of Kutlwano to her grieving family. Two suspects have been arrested:

Keneilwe Shalaba (33), the toddler's mother, is charged with: the police

Premeditated murder Human trafficking Conspiracy to commit robbery

who went missing in November 2024 remains in custody. Sebokoana and was later found dead under Khoanyana (50), a traditional healer (sangoma), was arrested on 29 May 2025. He reportedly led police to a Police shallow grave along Waterpan Road Selina in Bekkersdal where skeletal remains -believed to be Kutlwano's-were

> He is facing charges of: Premeditated murder Human trafficking Defeating the ends of justice Investigators suspect the toddler was poisoned, based on Khoanyana's initial statements. Post-mortem and DNA results are pending conclusively confirm the identity and cause of death.

> Both suspects last appeared at Vanderbijlpark Magistrate's Court on Wednesday, 25 June 2025.

> Their next court date is scheduled for Wednesday, 6 August 2025

> Speaking to Rea Gazette, Constable Mthimkulu stated:

> "The SAPS works tirelessly to bring perpetrators of such inhumane crimes to justice. No child should suffer such a fate, and no community should have to mourn like this. We are committed to closing this case with dignity and truth."

> and public safety structures remain united in grief—and in resolve.

> "This was not just a walk for Kutlwano, but a call to protect every child in our township," said one community leader.



Tragic Crash on Golden Highway Claims Life of Motorbike Passenger Accident

Rea Gazette Reporter

SEBOKENG – June 17, 2025

A devastating accident on the Golden Highway has left the Sebokeng community in mourning after a 45-year-old African female tragically lost her life in a collision involving a motor vehicle and a motorbike.

The incident occurred on the evening of Tuesday, 17 June 2025. It is alleged that both the motor vehicle and motorbike were travelling north when the vehicle collided with the motorbike, which reportedly had no tail lights. The impact caused both vehicles to overturn.

All three individuals involved — the driver of the car, the motorbike rider, and his wife (the passenger)

 sustained serious injuries. They were transported to Sebokeng Hospital for medical attention.

Unfortunately, the female passenger succumbed to her injuries and was later declared deceased. The motor vehicle driver, who suffered a head injury, declined medical treatment at

spokesperson SAPS Sebokeng Sergeant Nthabiseng Mokhachane confirmed that a case of culpable homicide has been opened.

"The investigation is ongoing. We urge anyone who may have witnessed the accident or who has information that could assist the investigation to come forward," said Sergeant Mokhachane.

Commander Station Brigadier Thembekile expressed Kubone condolences to the family and took the opportunity to remind road users about safety. "We urge motorists to always remain vigilant when driving at night and ensure their vehicles are roadworthy.

Passengers, especially on motorcycles, should wear reflective or light-coloured clothing to improve visibility," Brigadier Kubone advised.

Anyone with information that may assist police can contact Sebokeng SAPS anonymously on 082 498 9563, 016 466 2047, 112, 10111, 08600 10111, or via the MySAPS App.





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WELKOM WOMAN MISSING AFTER LEAVING SISTER'S HOME WITHOUT A TRACE

By Rea Gazette Reporter

WELKOM – Concern is growing for 35-year-old Dunyiswa Patricia Mgxabayi, who was reported missing after mysteriously disappearing from her sister's home in Dagbreek, Welkom.

According to police, Dunyiswa was last seen on Thursday, 6 March 2025. She left the house without informing anyone of her destination and has not been seen since. She was wearing a black body warmer, black long sleeve top, black leggings, and black leather boots at the time of her disappearance.

Dunyiswa is described as short in height and dark in complexion. Her unexplained absence has left family members deeply worried, and police are urging the public to assist in locating her.

Anyone with information that could assist in finding Dunyiswa Patricia Mgxabayi is asked to contact Sergeant Michael Madumise of the Welkom Detective Services on 073 775 2344 or call the Crime Stop hotline at 08600 10111.





30-Year-Old Johannes Moloi Missing, Sharpeville Police Appeal for Help

By Rea Gazette Reporter

Sharpeville – June 2025 Police, in Sharpeville, a

Police in Sharpeville are urgently appealing to the public for help in locating Mr. Johannes Doctor Moloi, who has been missing since the morning of Sunday, 15 June 2025. He was last seen around 08:00 at his residence in Tshepiso Phase 01, Sharpeville, and has not returned home.

According to Sharpeville police spokesperson, Constable Busisiwe Sango, Mr. Moloi is approximately 30 years old and is originally from Sasolburg. His disappearance has left his family deeply distressed, and concerns for his safety are growing with each passing day.

"We urge anyone who may have seen Mr. Moloi or who has any relevant information to please come forward. Every detail can help," said Constable Sango.

Members of the community with information are asked to contact the investigating officer at Sharpeville SAPS on 071 675 7266, call Crime Stop at 08600 10111, or dial 112 from any cellphone. Information can also be shared anonymously via the MySAPS mobile application.

Sharpeville Police Seek Public's Help in Locating Missing Elderly Man

By Rea Gazette Reporter

Sharpeville – July 2025

Sharpeville police are appealing to the public for urgent assistance in locating Mr. Vulikaya Nkwenkwezi, who has been reported missing under concerning circumstances.

Mr. Nkwenkwezi was last seen at the Sharpeville Clinic, where he had gone to receive treatment. He was accompanied by his caregiver from the Vaal Ecos Old Age Home but reportedly wandered off and did not return.

At the time of his disappearance, Mr. Nkwenkwezi was dressed in a black coat, a green reflector vest with his name printed on the chest, grey tracksuit trousers, and a blue beanie. He is described as light in complexion and may appear disoriented.

Sharpeville police have opened a missing person inquiry and are asking anyone with information to come forward immediately to assist with the search efforts.

Anyone who has seen Mr. Nkwenkwezi or has any knowledge of his whereabouts is urged to contact Sharpeville SAPS on 071 675 7270, call Crime Stop on 08600 10111, or use the MySAPS.





Young Woman Goes Missing in Sebokeng

By Rea Gazette Reporter

SÉBOKENG – June 2025

Sebokeng police are requesting public assistance in locating 25-year-old Lesisitheho Mongalo, who was reported missing by family members after she vanished from Sebokeng on 31 August 2024.

According to her family, Lesisitheho's mother in Lesotho received a message from her husband stating that she had left home with her belongings and drove off in an unknown vehicle to an undisclosed location. She has not been seen since.

On 4 January 2025, the family was contacted by a woman who claimed to have crucial information about what happened to Lesisitheho. Two days later, however, the same woman retracted her claims, leaving the family frustrated and anxious.

It was later confirmed that Lesisitheho's husband had also opened a missing person case with local authorities.

Sebokeng SAPS spokesperson Sergeant Nthabiseng Mokhachane urges anyone with knowledge of her whereabouts to come forward.

Information can be shared with Sebokeng SAPS at 082 498 9563 or anonymously via the MySAPS App or 08600 10111.

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Let's Unite to find the missing people in our community



Sgt Mwale's Tireless Work Metsing was arrested the next day,

By Rea Gazatte Reporter

SÉBOKENG – Justice has prevailed thanks to the relentless efforts of and Sexual Offences), who ensured Evaton the successful conviction of a 36- Constable Thulisile Msibi. year-old rapist in Sebokeng.

Thabiso Metsing, 36, was sentenced to 10 years' direct imprisonment by the Sebokeng Magistrate's Court and declared unfit to possess a firearm, following the rape of a woman near Zone 7 Stadium.

The incident occurred on 10 September 2023. The victim had been at a local tavern with a friend. While preparing to leave, she encountered Metsing—whom she knew. He asked her to walk with him to buy cigarettes. She agreed.

However, instead of heading to a shop, he led her to a nearby veld, threatened her, forced her to undress, and raped her. After the assault, Metsing reportedly fell cooperation. asleep. The victim fled and sought Anyone with info on similar crimes is resident helped her and took her to 08600 10111 or visit the nearest the police station.

Jails Sebokeng Rapist for 10 11 September 2023. Sgt Mwale immediately took charge of the investigation, ensuring a thorough case presentation in court.

"Thanks to the dedication and professionalism of Sergeant Mwale, Sergeant Mwale from the FCS Unit justice was served and a dangerous (Family Violence, Child Protection offender is now behind bars," said police spokesperson

> She commended the victim's bravery and urged GBV survivors to speak out. "Help is available. Perpetrators will face the full might of the law," she added.

> Between January and March 2025, SAPS recorded over 10,500 rape cases, with many victims attacked by someone they knew. Gauteng remains one of the hardest-hit provinces, with areas like Sebokeng often topping the list.

Despite the high numbers, progress is being made. From April 2024 to March 2025, the FCS Unit secured over 600 convictions for sexual offences, thanks to dedicated investigators and survivor cooperation.

help at nearby homes. A concerned encouraged to contact Crime Stop on police station



By Rea Gazette Reporter

DE DEUR - On Tuesday, 2025-06-10, the South African Police Service, in collaboration with the Emfuleni Health Department, Gauteng Traffic Siyabangena Wardens, and Patrollers, conducted an illicit food operation in the De Deur policing precincts.

The main objective was to inspect local shops and ensure compliance with health and safety regulations. A total of 17 shops were inspected in Roshnee. Of those, four noncompliance fines were issued to shop owners for breaching outlined food safety standards.

Unlabeled food items with an estimated value of R15,000 were condemned, confiscated, disposed of with the help of the Emfuleni Local Municipality Waste Department from the Vereeniging Depot.

As operations intensified visibility, police arrested two suspects for possession of illicit drugs, two for being undocumented, and two others for the unlawful use of another person's property. These secondary arrests underscore how operations of this nature help tackle broader criminal activity.

De Deur Police spokesperson Constable Mampho Mahlomola said that officers often face resistance non-compliant business owners who operate under unsafe and illegal conditions.

Some shops sell expired or unlabelled goods that pose serious health risks. These products can cause food poisoning, allergic reactions, and long-term illness," she warned.

Consumers are reminded that they have a right to safe, properly labeled food. "Every person has the right to know what they're consuming," Mahlomola added. "If a product has no label or expiry date, it should not be on the shelf."

Lieutenant Colonel Anver Hammond, overall commander of the operation, praised the success of the multi-agency collaboration. "We want to ensure that communities are only sold safe, consumable goods. Public health must come first."

The police have vowed to continue conducting similar operations to protect communities and raise awareness on consumer rights, safety, and accountability.

Illicit food sales remain a serious challenge in South Africa, especially in low-income communities where unregulated spaza shops often sell expired, counterfeit, or unlabelled products.

These goods pose significant health risks and undermine consumer rights. Authorities urge the public to report any suspicious food products or unsafe shop practices to the Department of Health's Food Control Directorate at 012 395 8804 or call Crime Stop on 08600 10111



SAPS DRIVES CHANGE **SELF-FUNDED** WITH GBV SOUP CAMPAIGN

By Rea Gazette Reporter

SÉBOKENG - On 2 July 2025, Sebokeng SAPS, in partnership with MASP, Indibano, GBV Brigades, and Thetha FM (The Morning Breakfast Show), hosted the second annual GBV soup drive at Azania, Sebokeng. Day 2 followed at Boiketlong Grounds.

This outreach initiative serves a dual purpose: giving back to the (GBV), substance abuse, and crime prevention. The event featured Sebokeng Station Commander, Brigadier Thembekile Kubone, personally dishing up soup to children and residents.

The soup drive was initiated in June 2024 by Sergeant Nthabiseng Mokhachane,

Sebokeng SAPS Spokesperson. remains entirely self-funded, relying personal on her commitment to inspiring others to uplift their communities.

'It's about being present, showing care, and reminding our people that SAPS is here to serve and protect — beyond just policing," said Mokhachane.The public was encouraged to report all forms of GBV or related crimes at Sebokeng SAPS or directly to the Station Commander.

The drive will continue until 9 July 2025, with future locations community and raising awareness unannounced until the day of around gender-based violence delivery to avoid overcrowding. Community members are urged to bring containers, especially for elderly persons who may not attend in person.

Brigadier Kubone extended her heartfelt thanks: "We appreciate all partners and the warm reception from the Azania community. These small efforts bring real healing."





By Rea Gazette Reporter

South Africa is in mourning following the passing of former Deputy President David Mabuza, who died peacefully at his Mpumalanga home on Monday morning. He was 64.

Affectionately known as "The Cat" for his elusive and quiet political style, Mabuza served as the country's Deputy President from 2018 to 2023 under President Cyril Ramaphosa. He was also the former Premier of Mpumalanga and a long-serving member of the ANC's top leadership.

President Ramaphosa described Mabuza as "a humble leader, a strategist, and a servant of the people." Tributes have poured in from across the political spectrum, recognizing his contribution to democracy, rural development, Rest In Peace

Born in 1960 in Barberton, Mpumalanga, Mabuza began his career as a teacher and activist before rising through ANC ranks.

Though his tenure was marked by both lovalty and controversy, he remained a key figure in balancing internal party dynamics.

His death comes as a shock to many who viewed him as a quiet force behind major decisions. Funeral arrangements are under way, with the presidency confirming a category one official funeral will be held in Mbombela this coming Sunday.

As the nation lowers its flags in mourning, South Africans reflect on Mabuza's legacy—a complex yet undeniably impactful chapter in the country's political journey.

David "The Cat" Mabuza

R250,000 Worth of Stolen Jewellery in Riverstone Mall Heist -Police Release Images of Suspects

By Rea Gazette Reporter

Meyerton — 18 June 2025 Meyerton police have launched a full investigation after gold jewellery worth more than R250,000 was stolen from a jewellery store at Riverstone Mall on Tuesday, 3 June 2025.

According to Meyerton SAPS Constable spokesperson Nompumelelo Zazini, the theft occurred between 14:00 and 15:30 and involved three suspects — two African women and one African man — who posed as customers.

"Initially, the suspects entered the store pretending to be interested in rings and watch accessories. They then asked whether the jeweller could fit a strap onto a specific watch, and after receiving confirmation, they left the store, said Constable Zazini.

The same suspects returned later that day. One of the women requested an engraved disc, and the jeweller moved to the back workshop to complete the task. "While the jeweller was busy engraving, the other two suspects pretended to fetch the watch. One of the store employees opened the door for them, and they left," she explained.

After the disc was completed and handed to the remaining female suspect, she paid R600 and also left the store. It was only after approximately 30 minutes that an employee noticed a display showcase had been left open.

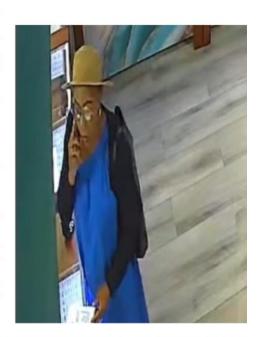
'Upon checking, the store owner discovered that a box containing gold necklaces and bracelets had gone missing. The estimated value of the stolen jewellery is over R250,000," said Zazini.

CCTV footage retrieved from the store shows the male suspect and one of the women removing the jewellery box and placing it into a handbag before exiting. The trio was later seen leaving Riverstone Mall in a white Ford Icon with registration number MT200TMGP.

Police have obtained clear images of the suspects from surveillance footage. These will be circulated to assist in identifying the individuals involved.

"We urge anyone who recognises the suspects or who may have information that could assist in investigation to the come forward," added Zazini.

Anyone with information can contact Meverton SAPS at 016 362 9012 or call Crime Stop anonymously at 08600 10111.







Bophelong's Own: Ntsala's Literary Achievement

By Rea Gazette Reporter

Katleho Ntsala, a 19-year-old multifaceted talent, is making waves with his debut book, "The Coexistence Of Courage And Fear: Courage paradox". As an artist, hip-hop enthusiast, author and authentic preacher of the Gospel, Ntsala brings a unique perspective to his writing.

Ntsala's inspiration for writing this stemmed from observation that courage is often misunderstood, particularly when it's segregated from fear. He believes that these two concepts are interdependent, and his book aims to explore this complex relationship.



additions.

"The book is based on critical observation of the broader mass of society and experience with no fictional additions," he said.

The more I saw was the more I thought and the more I thought in its calculative journey. complexities.

Growing up in Bophelong Ext 18 has played a significant role in shaping Ntsala's writing. "My background has played a crucial role in fueling me to write this book and be passionate because the youth of where I come from is overlooked and scandalized particularly due to some bad choices of the hood," he noted.

facing Despite challenges, including uncertainty finding a publisher and paying for services, Ntsala persevered with hope and faith.

"The most challenging part about writing the book was wondering if I'll even find a publisher but I just wrote with hope," he shared. "I also wondered if I'd be able to pay but by the Grace of God I was.'

Through his book, Ntsala hopes readers will learn to comprehend themselves and understand the interdependence of courage and fear, most importantly to keep moving regardless of the fear or hurt. "It's better to bleed towards the hospital than bleed at one place till you die", said Ntsala.

Ntsala plans to host a book launch in his community in September, which aligns with his values of hope and faith. As a young author, he's already making waves, and his message is resonating with readers.

Ntsala's writing process is rooted To aspiring writers from his in critical observation and community, Ntsala offers words of experience, with no fictional wisdom: "To not undermine themselves and stop worrying about the stages they haven't reached. It is better to deal with things step by step."

Ntsala's love for writing began in 2019 when he developed a passion for music. This debut book marks was there more I'd jot down the beginning of his literary



BELENG FUNERAL DIRECTOR MAKES WAVES IN BUSINESS



By Rea Gazette Reporter SASOLBURG — In an industry shaped by compassion and resilience, Beleng Funeral Director is steadily becoming a name to remember—thanks to the unwavering drive of its managing director, Ramaja Beleng.

Based in Sasolburg, Beleng is the face behind one of South Africa's most promising emerging funeral parlours. With determination and vision, he is breaking boundaries and proving that local businesses can rise to national recognition, even in the most emotionally demanding sectors.

"Each day comes with its challenges like any other challenges like any other business," says Beleng. "But I wake up committed to pushing this business to the top, because it's not just about funerals—it's about dignity, legacy, and growth."

His ultimate dream? To see Beleng Funeral Director advertised on billboards across the country, creating employment opportunities and contributing meaningfully to the national economy.

Now, that dream is one step closer to becoming a reality. Beleng has been officially nominated in the Mzansi Small Business Growth Awards, a prestigious platform that celebrates entrepreneurs who are changing lives and creating jobs across South Africa.



honestly excited honoured by the nomination," he shares. "It shows we're making progress—by the grace of God. And I know this is just the beginning."

As someone who started from humble beginnings, Beleng is passionate about motivating others—especially young people. "If you have a goal, work hard to make it happen," he says. "Anything is possible."

He encourages the public to show support: "Please vote for Beleng Funeral Director using the details on our flyer. Every vote brings us closer to that billboard dream and to building a legacy that goes beyond business.'

From the streets of Sasolburg to the national spotlight, Ramaja Beleng is redefining what it means to lead with purpose, compassion, and faith.



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Building a Better SAPS' Inspires Young Constables Across Gauteng

By Rea Gazette Reporter

WALKERVILLE - On Friday, 27 June 2025, the South African Police Service's Sedibeng Women's Network and Men for Change hosted a transformative Youth Day celebration under the theme "Youth@Heart: Building a Better at Lapeng Hotel in Walkerville.

The event focused on empowering young Constables to uphold discipline, maintain professionalism, and lead SAPS into a new era of ethical, peoplecentered policing. Rea Gazette had exclusive access and spoke to various members — from junior Constables to top-ranking officials who shared their voices and visions for the future.

Constables challenges, lead with integrity, and of become the future transformed SAPS."

chosen for this journey. Walk tall, are tomorrow's leadership."

Passion, Pressure, and Purpose Constable Lerato Mosebi, Deputy Network: "We're laying mentally and emotionally to carry more manageable." the baton forward."

the Sedibeng Women's Network, Orange Farm SAPS: "Being a young from De Deur SAPS: welcomed attendees with a clear officer isn't easy — the community "Our seniors reminded us to message: "We are here to empower, often doubts us. But I've learned to believe in ourselves and never lose support, and prepare our young stay calm, stay professional, and our fire. We are the generation rise above prove myself through action."

a Constable Simphiwe Princess Dubazana from Kagiso SAPS, with A Mentor's Message: Warrant an Honours in Clinical Psychology: Officer Ramaboko Speaks on Brigadier Sibongile Ndaba, Station "Mental health is crucial in our Purpose and Policing Commander of Vereeniging SAPS, profession. We face a lot — but if Warrant Officer Ramaboko, Acting with an emotional 100 people need help, we must try VSpol Commander and holder of a

serve proudly, and remember you Constable Dreyer of Klipdrift SAPS: "Since I was 10, I knew I "We haven't forgotten our youth." wanted to be a police officer. We recognize that many are Voices of Young Constables: Today, I live that dream by being struggling the person others can rely on."

Secretary of Sedibeng Women's Constable Tshepo Motaung from redirect and uplift." the Klipdrift: "SAPS has programs to

Patricia X. Tatapa, Chairperson of Constable Kamohelo Leche from Constable Mampho Mahlomola

that will lead when the current one retires."

encouragement to the juniors: to assist at least 80. It's about PhD in policing, delivered a "Never dim your light. You were impact." heartfelt address that resonated with many young members.

> some discouraged, some even demoralized — but we are here to

foundation for future leaders. The help us cope, and that matters. He emphasized that policing is not goal is to prepare young officers Support systems make the job a job, but a calling, demanding strength, empathy, and ethical conduct.









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