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Sangoma accused of practising witchcraft

A sick 10-year-old girl has quarrelled an alleged witch boss after the sangoma in the person who is bewitching her.

Angry community members stormed the sangoma's house at Mkhawane in Mankwato on Saturday, and set fire to her clothing boxes and bottles of meals. Now, the 11-year-old sangoma and her three grandchildren have packed their belongings and left the informal settlement.

The father of the sick girl, Xatso Khosa, said his daughter, who is doing grade three, has come sick on Christmas Day last year.

"She developed sores all over her body. We took her to the clinic and more to medical doctors, but to no avail," he said. He said the young girl was seen unable to walk, eat or speak.

"We consulted a prophet who told us that she has been turned into a zombie," said Khosa.

On Saturday evening, the girl rose from her bed and walked to the sangoma's house, some 100 metres away.

The grade three pupil accused the elderly sangoma of causing her illness and demanded to be cured.

"The young girl's eyes were red and she looked like she was in a trance," said a neighbour, Rose Mkhale.

SAPS were called to the scene after angry community members stormed the sangoma's house and burnt her things. No one was arrested.

Kruger police spokesperson, Inspector both Mngale, said he was not aware of the incident, but promised to investigate.



The spot where community members burnt a sangoma's dining boxes and bottles of meals.

Two arrested for death threats

Two young men appeared in the Bulubedu magistrate's court for allegedly intimidating the mayor of the Greater Letaba municipality, Joshua Mafisa.

The two suspects, Sello Katoe (19) from Vokosane in Gwengwe, and Eric Thapelo Makhole (18) from Werburg at Jhegane, were arrested last month after they allegedly called Mafisa on his cell phone. They told him that people from Gwengwe were coming to kill him. Bulubedu police

spokesperson, Captain Freddy Murewa, said police intelligence unit members tracked the suspects through phone calls they allegedly made to the mayor, and arrested them in Vokosane. Their case was postponed to February 23, pending further investigations.

The two are currently out on R1000 bail each. Meanwhile, security around Mafisa has been increased, following the threatening phone calls.

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Crime decreasing in Maake

Reports of serious crime has decreased at the Maake Police station. Crime such as rape and murder has dropped by 21% this past twelve months, compared to figures of the previous year. Maake Police invited the members of the Linyeeye community at the local community hall to rate them on how they performed the previous year. Senior crime had gone down by 23%. Commissioner of the station, Senior Superintendent Schalk Schalkaryk, thanked the members of the community for cooperating the previous year, but urged them to avoid the police in identifying the local corruption in the community as they performed the previous year. Corruption is like cancer that is eating its way through the community. People must not allow corruption to exist, he said. He said crime has decreased rapidly in the area, thanks to

the participation of members of the community. Superintendent Magoos emphasized that people need to talk about crime all the time, in order to prevent it. He explained that these discussions will get people used to the fact that crime is no solution and only more and more people's reputation.



Community members of Linyeeye who attended the event.

ATM bombings on the increase

Police have launched a massive manhunt for six heavily armed men after an ATM machine was bombed at GMatshapha village in Bulabula during the weekend. The incident took place at Magphalung station beside the Mooketsi Gyiwe road at about 2:00 am on Saturday. This is the fifth ATM machine to be bombed in the Mopani district since the beginning of the year. The super's already aware of the lifting station on last, based on the security guard and eight police attendants into the toilet, backed them in, then blasted the ATM.

Police spokesman, Captain Freddy Mamerija, said the suspects came back late with their two getaway cars and filled their tanks with petrol before disappearing. Mamerija said the suspects escaped with an unaccounted amount of money from the ATM, but admitted confusion whether they also took money from the lifting station register. "The workers were fired by a militant who came to the station," he said. It is not yet known how much damage was caused by the blast, but investigations are continuing. It is also not yet established what kind of explosives were used by the suspects. No one was injured during the incident, but police appeal to members of the community to help with information that will assist them in tracking down the suspects.

Earlier this year, four ATM's were bombed at a shopping complex in Gyiwe, where an unaccounted amount of money was also taken.

Imprisoned at last

A 32 year old man was sentenced to 33 years imprisonment, on two counts of robbery by the Regional court in Tzaneen last Wednesday. Chuma Mafela Mafela was charged with the robbery since 2005 and was finally sentenced last week.

He was sentenced to 13 years imprisonment for each count of robbery under aggravating circumstances. Sentences are to run concurrently.

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Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 19 (a) of Local Government Municipal Systems Act no. 32 of 2000 that the next Council sitting of Mopani District Municipality will be held at Chamber Hall, Old Parliamentary Building, Gyiwe on Friday, the 30th January 2009 at 19:00.

Members of the public and all stakeholders are hereby invited to attend this important event which will be focusing on the Auditor General's Report 06/07 as well as 07/08. The Mopani Council will also discuss the Half Yearly Assessment Report from July to Dec 2008.

All Members of the community should converge and be seated at the gallery by 18:00.

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Raymond Ndlovu, no ID, no future!

Another ID mix up!

A young man is facing a bleak future because of an Identity Document mix-up.

Raymond Ndlovu (21) of Ntswaheni village in Ntswaheni has been unable to fulfill his studies or apply for a job since he was issued in 2007, because he does not have an ID. Ndlovu was told by officials at the Department of Home Affairs in Tzaneen that he should use the same names and identity numbers with someone in the Eastern Cape. "I applied for the ID in 2005 while I was still doing grade 11. When I went to collect it after four months, I was told to re-apply because I share the same names and identity numbers

with another person" said a visibly distraught Ndlovu. He said on his visit to home affairs last week, the official told him to be patient because they cannot duplicate someone's ID and give it to him. This is the second case of duplicated identities that MOPANI NEWS has reported on this year. Beauty Sibanda of Pretorius had fallen victim to the same administrative blunder, as reported in this newspaper on January 23. Home Affairs provincial spokesperson, Sam Marais, was not available for comment, as his mobile phone was either on voice mail or just rang unanswered.

By-election held in ward 7

Four candidates representing different political parties contested the by-election in Ward 7 of the Greater Tzaneen local municipality on Wednesday, January 28. Mkhalele Daniel Molepe of the ruling African National Congress (ANC), squared up against Mameenah Rajabale of the new faction in the political block, the Congress of the People (COPE), Steven Bradley Mokoanya of the African Christian Democratic Party (ACDP) and Ester Makhanya of the Free Alliance Congress (FAC). The by-election follows after the resignation of former municipal councillor, Nicholas Kamole, late last year. Kamole, who was an ANC representative in the council, has since joined the recently formed COPE. The well-attended by-election was between the ANC and COPE. The two parties have dozens of strong and resources into the ward that is made up of eight villages. Since the general election of the council in the ward, both parties have been hard at work with toilets, gardens, fences and

disc to launch campaigns, in an effort to win the hearts and minds of the more than 3000 registered voters in the ward. On his party's prospects of success in the by-elections, COPE Mqungu spokesperson, Mkhulu Mkhulu, expressed confidence in their victory. "This will be a repeat of the Windies Cape success story," he said. Mkhulu added that COPE has its eye on winning the ward from the ANC. The Tzaneen sub-regional chairperson of the ANC, Raymond Mabele, said the ruling party will close the other parties that it is still a force to be reckoned with in the area. "We will show them that our support base remains solid by winning the by-election with a wide margin," he said. Meanwhile, the Independent Electoral Commission said it was "all systems go" for the by-election in Ward 7 of the Greater Tzaneen Municipal area. The results of the by-election were not available at the time of going to the press.

Electricity for thousands

The greater Tzaneen Municipality has set aside R20 million for the electrification of 2700 households in nine villages this financial year, which ends in June.

Municipal spokesperson, Chikha Ngweni, said a tender has been advertised inviting electrical consultants to apply for the electrification of 1000 households at Marikana village, 700 at Ntshole, 500 at Lelama and 700 at Mqungu.

He said the implementation of the projects will start soon after the process of appointing consultants has been finalised.

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