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Audit reveals massive loss at Greater Tzaneen Municipality

The Greater Tzaneen Municipality has lost about R100 000 due to theft, despite paying a security company R290 000 per month to guard municipal property.

According to their Internal Audit Report, the municipality continues to lose maintenance materials from stores due to theft, despite the presence of security guards from Kgoro Maseko, hired to guard municipal assets.

The report shows that in the 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 financial years, the municipality lost R62 031 and R30 262 respectively.

The report indicates that the management has not been able to recover the loss from the security company because they failed to get a copy of the public liability insurance document from the security company to ensure that the municipality can recover any loss that might occur during the service of the company.

It further shows that management has failed to recover an amount of R19 200 that was wrongfully claimed by and paid to the company.

The report also indicates that the company's contract expired in February 2007, but management extended its service on a month-to-month basis despite being aware that the company claimed payments for services not rendered and that it continues to lose materials from its stores.

Municipal Manager Makhosane Maseko disputed the report, claiming the municipality has a copy of the public liability insurance document and that they have already submitted a claim for the loss to the insurance company.

He however failed to produce documents to back up his claims.

He added that the municipality is in the process of advertising tenders to replace the service providers whose contracts have expired.

Attempts to get any comment from the owner of Kgoro Maseko security company, Lucky Nkomo, drew a blank as he never answered his cell phone.



Greater Tzaneen Municipal Manager Makhosane Maseko, is disputing the municipality's Internal Audit Report.

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Residents march to municipality

Residents of Masekela village in the Mafikeng district of the Greater Tzaneen municipal offices last week over a lack of basic services delivery.

High on the list of grievances, protesters are demanding the immediate supply of clean water.

They claim they are forced to share fountain water, and 10 for human consumption, with animals because of a serious shortage of water in the area.

The protesters, who included women, teenagers and pensioners, carried placards and bottles of dirty water which they claim are for household use.

According to the villagers, a project to supply water to the village was completed about four years ago but there is still no water available.



Masekela community leader, Humphrey Mafika, hand over a memorandum of grievances to Councillor Joyce Mafika during a protest march to the Greater Tzaneen municipal offices last week.

They are accusing the municipality of failing to deliver essential services to their area in 11 years of democracy.

They further demand that the part of the village that does not have electricity be electricity, the upgrading of access roads and streets, RDP houses that are not finished or completed, the completion of the sanitation project, the extension of residential sites and that the village gets its own voting station during elections.

The villagers are forced to walk five kilometers to eat their votes in Mafikeng.

They have given the municipality 14 working days to respond.

"We don't get a response to our 14 days, we will approach the office of Premier曹刚 Mafika. If we don't get a response we will head straight to President Jacob Zuma's office," said one of the march organizers, 'Victor Mafika'.

Incidentally they decided to march because they are tired of "sloppy promises from the municipality".

Accepting the memorandum of grievances on behalf of Mayor CE Mafikane, ANC Chief Whip of the GM曹刚, Joyce Mafika, said the mayor and councillors will visit the area within 14 days to see how best they can address the villagers' grievances.



Protesters carrying placards and bottles of dirty water during a protest march to the Greater Tzaneen municipal offices last week.

Patients angry at hospital

Residents of Naledige and surrounding areas are complaining about the poor service delivery they get at Mafikeng Hospital in Naledige.

They claim that they are forced to wait hours for medical attention as no one is willing to help them. The disgruntled patients say they

are disgusted by the behaviour of those who are supposed to care for, but instead neglect them.

According to a source some of the patients, come from far and are left unattended, and very sick patients who need emergency treatment end up collapsing. However, Hospital Man-

ager Oney Kamalo dismissed the allegations, saying they have a suggestion box, where people should place their complaints.

Kamalo added that they only received complaints on the good service they give their patients.

GTM to house thousands

The Greater Tzaneen Municipality has begun localising Mafikeng to residential settlement near Masekela to give thousands of people access to houses, electricity and running water for the first time in their lives.

Spokesperson for the municipality, Chika Ngweni, said the sprawling industrial settlement was home to some 10 000 people who were living without electricity, water and running water for the first time in their lives.

which is a Mafikeng ward that means "going for a bus to the bus" to the gas line, for children in the area have been killed after touching exposed electricity cables installed by "unskilled" electricians.

The residents have started getting a taste of a better life. About

all, they have received legal recognition as residents of the municipality," said Ngweni.

He said the localisation project started two years ago when development planners demolished streets, garages, shops, clinics, residential and business sites.

Today, 100 RDP houses are being built at a cost of about R20 million.

The housing project was launched in April last year and is expected to be completed in 2010.

More than 400 people have been listed to build their houses. Each unit costs R41 500 and 100 of them have already been completed.

Ngweni said Mafikeng will now be included in the municipality's Integrated Development Plan, which is a programme that helps the municipality focus on the most important needs of local communities.

He added that the localisation project will be extended to all other informal settlements around Tzaneen, which is the largest town in the province's border region.

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Police reports

"Eighty nine bags of doggs, weighing 4 000kg, were found by police last week.

Sabotage: Thokozani (27) from Tlokweng was located on the Lydenburg road driving a stolen truck carrying tons of doggs.

Thokozani was alone in the vehicle when caught.

Police say they suspect he was taking the doggs to Mankwato.

Thokozani told the police that he was hired to transport the doggs and knows nothing about the stolen car.

Maake police said they were tipped off by Net Star from Pekaane after they received

a complaint from Acis that a car that was hired in Pekaane was missing.

Net Star located it on the Lydenburg road and asked the nearest police station to assist them.

Maake police spokesperson, Constable Mphahlele, said they suspect that the man was following a certain car that was going in his direction, but they failed to locate the car.

He said the case was transferred to the Organised Crime Unit in Pekaane on Friday.

Police said they found the cables on the back of the lullakins.

The men were immediately arrested.

The driver of the vehicle told the police that he was hired by the other men to take the electric cables to Mankwato.

It is alleged that the electric cable were to be taken to a firm in Mankwato where they use the aluminium of the cables to make poles.

Letsibole police spokesperson, Sergeant Emily Mkhambeni, said investigations are continuing.

"In another incident two men, aged

between 20 and 25, were caught in possession

of 30 cans in the value of R20 000.

The men were caught between Tzaneen and Letibole Hospital two weeks ago.

Police said the accused plus one other suspect were driving towards Mankwato in a silver lullakin. They were pulled over as, amongst other things, the vehicle's lights were not working.

A stop-and-search was conducted immediately. One of the three men managed to escape however.



Letsibole police spokesperson, Sergeant Emily Mkhambeni, said stolen electric cables can be used by Letsibole police. Mkhambeni said police are investigating where the cables could have been stolen from.



Constable Adam Bakoyi and Constable Fatima Mkhani of Letsibole police who caught and arrested two men in possession of electric cables in the value of R20 000.

March produces results

Women and men from Lydenburg village men led by Naphom Magistrate Court in Lydenburg last Thursday to submit a memorandum demanding that the magistrate suspend bail given to an alleged rapist.

A 31 year old man was given bail in June after he allegedly raped his 3 year old grand-daughter.

She allegedly raped her on May 29, 2008, and was arrested two weeks later although she, who caught him raping the child, decided to report him to the police.

It is alleged that it was not the first time he raped the little girl.

Now he has managed a spirit of hatred between him and his community members. The community wants him to pay for his deeds the hard way, and the court has allowed just that.

They didn't want him to be granted bail, saying that he's a threat to the community.

"He does not deserve bail. What kind of parent does that to their own child, let alone granddaughters?" said one community member.

Coordinator of the march and secretary of Ward 10, Lilian Maake, said a memorandum was submitted last Thursday, on the day of the

accused's court date.

"We thank the magistrate for accepting our plea and realising that child abuse and women abuse is a huge problem in our society."

"We are grateful that he was taken back to the cells," she said.

Maake said the community's fighting spirit began when they found that the man was granted bail. She said the organisation's meeting with the members of the community so they could discuss the matter.

"We all agreed to ask the magistrate to suspend his granted bail because we felt that he does not belong in the community."

She said they want him to get a tough sentence and be locked up for a very long time.

Maake urges all women who are facing similar situations in their houses to report it to the police. She said that women should not ignore women's meetings in their communities because that's where such issues are discussed and they can work to handle the matter as given out.

The accused appeared briefly in court on Monday and has not pleaded yet. He is expected to return to court on August 20 in Tzaneen.



The 80 bags of doggs, confiscated by Maake police, being counted at their station.

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Church desperately needs help from the community

It took the people of Thesate Church, located at Pitsoane village outside Tsamane, almost 15 years to build its church.

However, last year, when it was completed, ready for use and the congregation celebrating, a storm came and blew the church structure completely away.

They were left to start from scratch. Now, the church desperately needs help from the community to rebuild its long-awaited church.

The sad truth is that the congregation has no choice but to leave all the costly, rainy days of winter and continue to hold their church services under a tree.

Pastor Rodney Mayimbe said the building was complete and ready for use. But their plans were shattered by the wind.

He says they are now struggling to raise funds for the second time.

He also fears that it might take them another 15 years to raise the money.

"We are now struggling to rebuild the church and hope that we will get assistance from the

community," said Pastor Mayimbe.

They are now pleading for sympathy from the community to help them, where ever possible, to rebuild their church.

Pastor Mayimbe asks anyone in the community who lives like stocking a helping hand, can do so by donating building tools and materials, such as bricks, and any essential equipment that will be needed. People can also assist with labour work.

He said they are also pleading with the Greater Tsamane Municipality to allow them to sell their plot, which is situated in Mmankwina, to property developers. "If only they agree, we could use that money to build the church," he said.

He said they've been negotiating with GTM for the past two years to no avail.

"The situation is grinding us," he said.

To assist the church, contact Pastor Mayimbe on 072 9020 000.



Thesate Church in Pitsoane was destroyed by wind last March. Now the church is pleading with the community to help them rebuild it. Pastor Rodney Mayimbe of Thesate Church, Administrator, Justice Mathomo, Pastor's wife Constance Mayimbe, and Financeer Enoch Machebe.



The congregation of Thesate Church in Pitsoane might be going through a rough patch, having lost their church, but they're still a cheerful bunch. Pastor Mayimbe said they have set a lot for special occasions, such as the introduction of the church's new royal blue, gold and red t-shirts.



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Taxanes Department of Correctional Services celebrated Mandela Day by visiting Magoeng Mafahane Ntsoane from Mafahane village, who turned 100 this year.

Centurian treated by Correctional Service

Taxanes Department of Correctional Services (DCS), under the supervision of Mr Mafahane, honoured Mandela Day by visiting the community looking for an old person with whom they can celebrate his day.

An old lady, Margaret Mafahane Ntsoane from Mafahane village at Mafahane, who is 100 years old, was identified in order for the officials to provide her with services.

The old lady also complained about her poor sight and a final appointment, Jacques van Niekerk, was requested to assist in this regard.

Dr van Niekerk attended the call of the President and joined the DCS officials to honour this day with the community at Mafahane on January 22, 1998, was identified.

Her home was visited and needs were identified in order for the officials to provide her with services.

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Dina "Dine Rag" Kamahle (from Namagale) turned 91 on Mandela Day. With her in her family and on their night in a Salome Mafahane of just the Phe internet call who organized her birthday.

Local Gogo shares Mandela's birthday

Salome Mafahane, the mother of her Phe internet call in Namagale, spent her 67 minutes of service for Mandela Day celebrating it with Gogo Dina "Dine Rag" Kamahle who also turned 91.

Mafahane organized a surprise party for Dina, who is delighted to be sharing her birthday with Mandela. "I am happy that I am celebrating my birthday with a respected man in the world who gave our freedom and bread."

"I got involved in the struggle for freedom when I was young and took part in the 1976 women's march, fighting for the freedom we have now," said Dina. Dina said even though she has lost her sight, she still has Mandela's image in her mind and a warm heart. Gogo Dina has lost her sight, but her hearing is still strong.

She advised the youth to take care of themselves in order to live long lives like Mandela and her mother.

Dina's family thanked Salome for the party and her generosity. Dina had seven children, three of who passed away and has 49 grand-children.

Dina said she is a member of the ANC and she wished Mandela a blessed happy birthday.

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Executive Mayor, Joshua Mafiso, handing over the winner's trophy to a SuperSport United player.

SuperSport takes home Charity Cup trophy

SuperSport United took home the Mopani District Executive Mayor's Charity Cup trophy for good after winning it for the third time in a row.

SuperSport United beat local team Dundee United 2-0 in the final at Ntshurwana Masia, to be crowned 2009 champions of the one-day tournament which is aimed at raising money for charity organisations.

Thabo Mafiso and second half substitute Brian Chonyi, scored for "Mafiso's Pirates", as SuperSport is commonly known.

In the semi-final, the Dan village based Dundee United caused a major upset when they defeated the mighty Maseru's Swindons 1-0 on penalties, following a 2-2 draw in regulation time, while Dynamis suffered a 2-1 loss to champions SuperSport United.

The winners, SuperSport, received R100 000 first prize money, gold medals, plus a trophy, while the runners up, Dundee United, went home R30 000 richer with silver medals.

Maseru's Swindons and Dynamis each received R10 000 consolation prize money.

The top goal scorer award went to SuperSport United's deadly striker, Anthony Lallo, who scored nine goals against Dynamis, while Dundee United goalkeeper, Mafiso Nyahanga's excellent saves during the tournament earned him the player of the tournament award.

The top goal scorer and the player of the tournament received miniature trophies.

Dundee United's sterling performance against Maseru's Swindons did not get as noticed.

The Executive Mayor of Mopani, Joshua Mafiso, pledged to donate a full soccer kit to the clubs, including soccer boots and back pads.



The 2009 Executive Mayor's Charity Cup champions, SuperSport United.



The Executive Mayor of Mopani, Joshua Mafiso, handing over a winner's cheque to Manager of SuperSport United, Wesley Lichaba, after the Executive Mayor's Charity Cup Ends at Ntshurwana Masia on Sunday.



Top goal scorer, Anthony Lallo of SuperSport, with match official, Moses Mabile.



Player of the tournament, Dundee United goalkeeper, Mafiso Nyahanga.

Top 8 tournament this weekend

Mopani Super League Top 8 Tournament Weekend Fixtures:

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