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 conman
 arrested!**

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Lelisa Supermarket was still recognisable at around 07:00 last Thursday.



All around 17:00 Lelisa Supermarket was burnt beyond recognition, leaving four other shops in the complex, causing damages estimated at about R2,5 million.

Fire leaves shoppers in dire straights

Lelisa Supermarket in Nkomatona burned down last Thursday, causing damage to four other shops in the complex. The damage caused is estimated at about R2,5 million. The tragedy that befell the shop left many residents in dire straights as they prefer to shop

there instead of going to town.

Kilasi Police said the incident was reported to them by community members who saw smoke coming from the shop at around 06:00 in the morning. The cause of the fire is still unknown.

Spokesperson of Kilasi police, Ingeborg Jethi Mzaga, said no one was injured during the fire. He said the police are investigating a case of arson.

Soccer team loses three players tragically

Five people, including three soccer players, died when a lorry carrying 27 soccer players, went out of control and crashed after the driver allegedly braked over an other car on the Lydenburg road last Saturday.

The lorry, a Toyota Hilux, was transporting Burgerskop Blom soccer team to a game in Tzaneenville when the accident occurred.

Twenty two people were injured but reported to be out of danger. Coach of the team, Moses Khosa, said it all happened so suddenly and he still cannot believe what happened. He said they were all looking forward to a good game.

South African Football Association head of official, Moses Mshaba, said a memorial service will be held in Burgerskop today and a mass funeral will take place on Monday. Mshaba police Spokesperson, Constance Alpha Moxela, said police are investigating a case of culpable homicide.

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Operation Change a success



The team of Blantyre Police's Operation Change with some of the 101 bags of doggie confiscated at a house in Khopsa village on Sunday night.

A total of 101 bags of doggie, with an estimated street value of R1.5 million, were confiscated in Khopsa village near Tlophane on Sunday night, when Blantyre police's "Operation Change" took to the streets.

Police said they received a tip off from the community which led them to the break-through. Police said the suspect is a large and bulky man, has short-cropped hair. However, investigations continue.

On the same night police arrested 19 people on various charges. Twenty one people were

arrested for public drinking, six for traffic offences, two for possession of doggie, and one for selling alcohol without a license.

A man was arrested for possession of an unlicensed firearm, two for possession of suspected stolen property, two for robbery and four for acts causing grievous bodily harm.

Blantyre Station Commissioner, Superintendent Mphahlele, is proud of his team and congratulated them on a job well done.

Police report

Twenty six arrests were made by Namagale police for various criminal activities committed last week.

One man was arrested for rape, three for assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and one for common assault. One female and three men were arrested for common assault.

Seven men and one female were arrested for violating the road traffic act.

Three men were arrested for common robbery, one for stock theft and one for drunk and driving.

Three men and one female were arrested for public drinking.

Properly seized by Namagale police: A Nokia cell phone and a Samsung EC702.

To report any criminal activities please contact your nearest police station.

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Alleged conman arrested

An alleged conman appeared in the Tlophane Magistrate's Court on charges of fraud last week.

Namuel Mthandazi (29) of Lomphane was arrested and charged after he allegedly tricked dozens of job seekers into giving him money in exchange for jobs.

He was arrested after some of his victims laid charges against him at the local police station.

The suspect, pretending to be an agent for various businesses in Tlophane, allegedly defrauded more than five job seekers at between R300 and R1 200 each.

The suspect promised the victims that they would be offered jobs at Radio, Hardware and Pick n Pay stores if they paid him.

According to Tlophane Police Spokesperson,

Captain Myrland Mhambane, the victims realized that they were defrauded after they approached the companies and were told there were no such jobs.

The suspect was remanded in police custody

until October 29 pending further investigation.

Mhambane was expected to offer people who might have fallen for the scam, till he contacts the police.

Accident claims one

An accident in RuPhokodza cost one woman her life and injured three others last weekend.

The driver was trying to overtake a vehicle when he had to manoeuvre to avoid a head on collision with an oncoming car.

According to eyewitnesses, the driver was driving at a high speed when the incident took place.

He lost control and overturned his vehicle. The accident happened on the R71 road near Njupane Lodge.

The deceased was identified as Elizabeth Ndlovu, believed to be in her 40s, from Lubutu.

Police found bottles of alcohol inside the car, but it has not been confirmed whether the driver was under the influence of alcohol.

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Farmer granted relief

A farmer whose farm was invaded by land reform beneficiaries last week has been granted temporary relief.

A weekend meeting attended by the former Muzungu Rhodes of Ruzhara Farm in RuPhokodza, land reform beneficiaries, Ruwenzori-BuMbeje community, and Limpopo Land Claims Commission officials resulted that the farmer can stay on the farm until the commission tells him to leave.

The dispute between the farmer and the

beneficiaries started after the Land Claims Commission bought only two portions of the three portions farms for the beneficiaries.

Rhodes was granted a court order by the Tlophane Magistrate to continue farming operations until the Commission has paid him in full and transferred all three portions to the beneficiaries.

The beneficiaries, who were apparently impatient, decided to invade the farm last week.



Thabane Circuit Manager, Tom Kgomo, Chief Education Specialist, Dr Bongani Loucau, and Maseo Circuit Manager, Madema Maseko, during the unveiling of a token of remembrance at the Vullamotse Primary School's 50th Anniversary celebration.

School enjoys 50 years of education

Vullamotse Primary School in Botswana celebrated its 50th anniversary last week.

Many past and present pupils and their parents, education department officials and traditional leaders attended the event characterised by traditional song and dance.

Speaking during the ceremony, Chief Education Specialist, Dr Bongani Loucau called on former learners of the school who are now

successful, to plough back into the school by means of donations for development purposes.

The school, situated in Mafeteng village, is named after the 'Molimo & Boema' trees on which it is located.

The school opened its doors in 1959 with only a few learners. It now educates learners from Grade 1 to 7.



The Class of 1959 class entertaining the audience during Vullamotse Primary School's 50th anniversary celebration.



A learner, Peggy Manyana, entertains a group in celebration of Vullamotse Primary School's 50th anniversary activities.

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