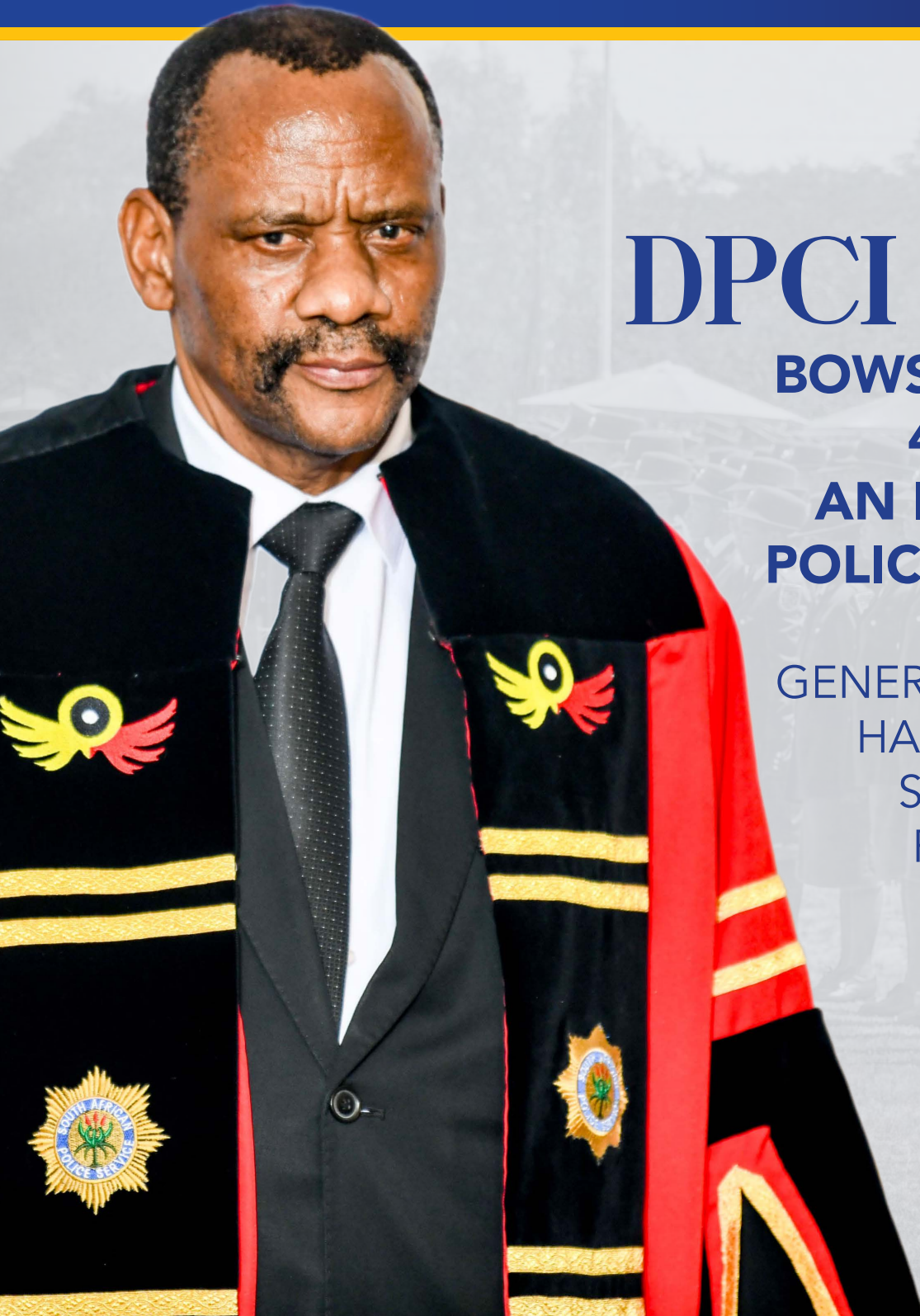




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SHANELA FOR A
REDUCTION OF
CRIME IN SA

ON A JOURNEY TO A SAFER SOUTH AFRICA

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Greetings to our valued readers and our very own policemen and women. Welcome to the May edition of POLICE magazine. Time is moving fast and we find ourselves in the middle of the year. I hope all the plans and the resolutions you had at

the beginning of the year are also moving along in a positive direction.

The SAPS' mandate is protecting its citizens, ensure public safety, and uphold law and order. To do this efficiently the Minister, Deputy Ministers and the SAPS Management provide accountability to the citizenry on the crime statistics of the country. We start this edition with the 4th Quarter Crime Statistics, where the National Commissioner of Police, General Masemola highlighted that heightened police visibility, intensified operations, stop and searches, suspect raiding, community engagements and awareness campaigns in various areas are proving to be yielding positive results.

He announced to the nation that between the period of January and March 2025, the men and women in blue arrested a total of 178 757 suspects for commission of various crimes. To find out more about the 4th quarter crime statistics, turn to page 3.

Saying goodbye is hard, however, everything in life has a beginning and an end. In this edition we bid farewell to the National Head of the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI), Lieutenant General (Dr) Godfrey Lebeya. After decades of serving the SAPS and the people of South Africa

diligently, we celebrate his wisdom, leadership and courage in the fight against crime.

It was with great pain and sorrow as the SAPS bade their final farewell to the young lives of Constable Keamogetswe Buys, Constable Cebekhulu Linda and Constable Boipelo Senoge, during sombre official funeral services in the Free State. Death has immensely robbed the police of young members with great potential and who had already contributed immensely with their skills and dedication. Please take a moment to read about the send-off of these dedicated man and women in blue from page 10.

On a high and positive note, the SAPS rose to glory as the champions of the Security Cluster Tennis Tournament again this year. The SAPS National Tennis Team defended their title, making this their 4th victory. You can turn to page 16 to read about the success of our national team.

Under the 2025 theme: 'For a New Generation,' the organisation participated in the Take a Child to Work initiative and welcomed 20 Grade 10 and 11 learners, immersing them in the professional environment of the SAPS and showcasing the critical behind-the-scenes roles that contribute to community safety. The Take a Child to Work initiative exposes and prepares the learners to different work environments, thus assisting them choose subjects and career paths that are better suited to each of them. More about this story within the edition.

As always, we plead with you to look at our Missing and Wanted Persons pages. If you have any helpful information, please contact the Investigating Officer.

We hope you will enjoy this packed edition. Until next time, God bless you.

Brig Vhahangwele Phupheli

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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL COMMISSIONER OF THE SAPS, GENERAL SF MASEMOLA

Sombre greetings to all of the men and women in blue. I am extending my greetings with a heavy heart following the loss of our three Constables who were swallowed by Hennops River which passes through Centurion in Pretoria.

I extend my deepest and heartfelt condolences to the families of Constable Keamogetswe Buys, Constable Boipelo Senoge and Constable Linda Cebekhulu who went missing in Pretoria en route to a Vala Umgodi deployment in the Limpopo province, coming from the Free State Province. I am still reeling in pain and shocked about what happened to our dedicated and promising members of the South African Police Service (SAPS).

On behalf of the SAPS, I would like to thank families of the fallen three Constables for having entrusted us with their loved ones. I am grateful that they contributed immensely to the fight against crime in their respective areas of operations.

May the families find solace in the mighty lord and continue to pray hard for strength and protection from Him. To us members of the SAPS who lost colleagues, let us also look for comfort and mercy from the Lord as our creator without losing hope while selflessly serving the citizenry. May the souls of our beloved members rest in eternal peace.

Ladies and gentlemen, it has indeed been a tumultuous and eventful period for the South African Police Service, but in spite of everything that is taking place around us we still have to perform our duties of protecting the inhabitants of the country and their properties.

It has emerged in the recent release of crime statistics that we are turning the tide against crime in the country. We have experienced a downward slope on most crimes like murder, carjacking, house robbery and business robbery which I must commend the members for these decline. If it was not for your dedication, commitment and selflessness we would not be winning this fight. Thank you.

My gratitude also goes out to the Minister of Police, Mr Senzo Mchunu and the two Deputy Ministers for always encouraging and believing in us. We will not drop the ball or disappoint but continue to protect the populace by whatever means possible. Let us continue to disrupt those who do not abide by the law, let us make sure we Shanela all the streets of South Africa and make sure everyone is and feel safe at all times.

Colleagues, as the month of May marks Workers Month, let us promote solidarity and share best practices to our different trades. Let us encourage workers' rights, practice and labour rights to the letter as senior managers to avoid finding ourselves in conflict with labour movements for wrong reasons.

According to government, this year's theme is 'Working together to create jobs and fight poverty'. The theme emphasizes the importance of collective action in addressing job creation and poverty alleviation while the Workers' Day itself serves as a reminder of the ongoing struggle for fair wages, safe working conditions, and social justice.

I am proud to say on behalf of the South African Police Service that we are indeed doing our part by fighting poverty through creation of jobs like Project 10 000 and many other jobs advertised on weekly basis on different levels of the organisation.

Last but not least, we bid farewell to Lt Gen (Adv/Dr) General Lebeba, after four decades of service in the SAPS and serving as the National Head of the DPCI since 2018. Under his command, the 'Hawks' continuously faced South Africa's toughest criminals head on. Congratulations on your retirement Lt Gen (Adv/Dr) Lebeba and we wish you well on your retirement. Fare thee well and enjoy spending quality time with your family and friends.

I THANK YOU.

GENERAL MASEMOLA HAILS OPERATION SHANELA FOR A REDUCTION OF CRIME IN SA

By Lt Col Stephen Maluleka

Photographs by WO Amos Ndlovu



Leading the Fourth Quarter Crime Statistics 2024/25 was Director-General for the Civilian Secretariat for Police Service, Mr Thulani Sibuyi; Minister of Police, Mr Senzo Mchunu; National Commissioner of SAPS, General Fannie Masemola; Deputy National Commissioner for Police, Lt Gen Tebello Mosikili and Deputy National Commissioner for Crime Detection, Lt General Shadrack Sibiya.

The National Commissioner of the South African Police Service, General Fannie Masemola announced to the nation that between the period of January 2025 and March 2025, the men and women in blue arrested a total of 178 757 suspects for commission of various crimes.

These suspects include 20 395 of wanted suspects for various crimes such as murder, rape, sexual offences, business and house robberies, as well as carjacking. General Masemola announced this at the release of the Fourth Quarter Crime Statistics in Tshedimosetso House, Pretoria.

The National Commissioner highlighted that 3589 suspects were brought to book for murder and attempted murder while 3134 suspects were apprehended for rape and attempted rape. He attributed most of these successes to the inception of Operation Shanela in 2023. "Our sustained weekly high density operations through Operation Shanela are yielding positive results in the reduction of certain categories of violent crimes," said General Masemola.

He went on to hint that murder decreased by 12% in the fourth quarter while quarter 3 recorded a decrease of 9%. Sexual Offences increased by 0,0% while quarter 3 recorded a decrease of 2,0%. Attempted Murder went down by 5,8% while Quarter 3 recorded 3,3% drop. On Rape, an increase of 0,3% was experienced while Quarter 3 recorded 3,3% decrease. The Trio crimes which include carjacking, house and business robberies were reduced by 12,1% in quarter 4 while in quarter 3 a 13,4% decrease was recorded.

The National Commissioner aligned the reporting of these Crime Statistics with the Batho Pele Principles of being open and transparent to the public. "We do this to promote transparency and also to communicate conviction rates and arrests to the crimes committed during the same period. South Africans ought to know that police do respond to crime by effecting arrests and further investigate crime and bring perpetrators to book, while enforcing the law and protecting the inhabitants of this country as mandated by the Constitution," explained General Masemola.

More than 468 000 stop and searches were conducted, 274 000 high visibility patrols and 55 775 premises searched are amongst

the highlights of the fourth quarter successes through targeted intelligence-driven operations. This also includes closing down of 5007 unlicensed liquor outlets for non-compliance.

During his speech, General Masemola told the nation that 21 176 suspects were brought to book for Assault with intent to inflict grievous bodily harm commonly known as GBH, and 15 034 undocumented immigrants were also brought to book While 6 855 motorists who were found driving under the influence of alcohol never reached their destinations, but were taken to the police cells. Among the arrested during the period under review, 95 were apprehended for Human Trafficking.

Seizures and recoveries were also made in this period with 1293 explosives that are mainly used for cash-in-transit robberies and ATM bombings and illegal mining operations being seized. Additionally, proceeds of crime to a total of R2,9 million worth of cash was seized through Operation Shanela.

The General further commended Operation Vala Umgodi for dislodging and dismantling the work of organised crime syndicates that are involved in illegal mining operations in the seven provinces that have been identified as hotspots for illegal mining operations. Through this operation, the following successes were achieved during the last quarter:

- 5 282 suspects, majority being illegal miners were arrested through Vala Umgodi, these include 1 242 Zimbabweans, 1 141 Mozambicans, 1 097 South Africans and 658 Basotho nationals.
- R2 million in cash was seized
- 90 illegal firearms were also seized from these illegal miners
- 43 trucks that were used in illegal mining operations were also confiscated.



Component Head: SAPS Crime Registrar, Major General T Sekhukhune delivering the fourth quarter crime statistics.

AN OVERVIEW ON CRIME STATS FOR JANUARY 2025 TO MARCH 2025

Heightened police visibility, intensified operations, stop and searches, suspect raiding, community engagements through Imbizos and awareness campaigns in various areas within the length and breadth of the Republic are certainly proving to be yielding positive results.

This is evident in the crime statistics for the fourth and last quarter of 2024/2025, which covers the period between January to March 2025. In the period under review, contact crime dropped significantly with murder decreasing by 12,4% compared to the same period in 2024. Sexual Offences has levelled up at 0,0%. Attempted murder dropped by 5,8% and the Assault with intent to inflict grievous bodily harm commonly known as GBH declined by 5,3%.

Republic of South Africa
Crime situation

CRIME CATEGORY	January 2021 to March 2021	January 2022 to March 2022	January 2023 to March 2023	January 2024 to March 2024	January 2025 to March 2025	Count Diff	(%) Change
CONTACT CRIMES (CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON)							
Murder	4 976	6 083	6 289	6 536	5 727	-809	-12,4%
Sexual offences	32 133	31 799	31 205	31 446	31 452	6	0,0%
Attempted murder	4 962	5 712	6 392	7 413	6 995	-428	-5,8%
Assault with the intent to inflict grievous bodily harm	36 417	42 992	43 090	46 733	43 776	-2 957	-6,3%
Common assault	38 889	45 146	49 336	50 593	48 872	-1 721	-3,4%
Common robbery	9 549	10 787	11 344	12 060	11 111	-949	-7,9%
Robbery with aggravating circumstances	30 798	32 783	34 660	35 626	31 749	-3 877	-10,9%
Contact crime (Crimes against the person)	137 314	157 907	164 206	171 707	161 672	-10 035	-5,8%
SEXUAL OFFENCES - BREAKDOWN							
Rape	9 518	10 818	10 512	10 852	10 688	-164	-1,5%
Sexual assault	1 910	2 166	1 863	1 876	1 872	-6	-0,3%
Attempted sexual offences	493	547	663	724	656	-68	-9,4%
Contact sexual offences	272	291	297	295	296	4	1,4%
SOME SUBCATEGORIES OF AGGRAVATED ROBBERY							
Carjacking	4 513	5 402	5 119	5 888	4 933	-955	-16,4%
Robbery at residential premises	5 288	5 267	5 578	5 517	5 516	-1	-0,0%
Robbery at non-residential premises	4 872	4 700	4 469	4 303	3 798	-1 005	-23,4%
TRIO Crime	24 673	15 869	15 846	15 178	13 847	-1 331	-8,8%
Robbery of cash in transit	42	51	64	40	35	-7	-17,5%
Bank robbery	1	5	0	0	0	-5	-100,0%
Truck hijacking	354	465	435	458	359	-99	-21,6%

On the very same note on contact crime, the graphs continues on the downward slope with Common Assault going down by 3,4%, while Common Robbery dropped by a staggering 7,9% and Robbery with aggravating circumstances declined by a substantial 10,4% compared to the period January 2024 to March 2024. These crimes combined total a decline of 5,8% during this period under review.

The TRIO Crime comprising of Carjacking, Robbery at residential premises and at non-residential premises continue to paint the picture green with Carjacking dropping by a 15,1% while Robbery at residential premises went down by 0,4% and Robbery at non-residential premises plunged by an enormous 23,4% from January 2025 to March 2025 as compared to January 2024 to March of 2024.

The growing relations between the South African Police Service and private security companies is undoubtedly achieving good outcomes.

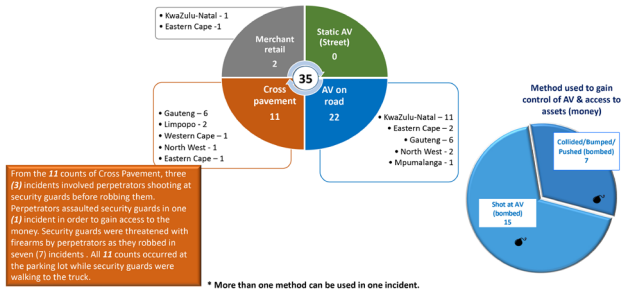
The decline in cash-in-transit robberies bears testimony to the strengthening of relationships within the security industry at large.

During this period, the cash-in-transit robberies dropped by 5%, making it the lowest since 2021.

More visibility and strategic planning on highways and by-ways, as well as shopping centres have deterred hardened criminals from getting closer to cash vans. Between January 2025 and March 2025, 35 robberies were experienced, way below by 5% compared to January 2024 and March 2024 where 40 robberies were recorded.

Robbery of cash in transit (CIT)

Type of cash in transit robbery – (method used)



The last quarter's crime statistics prove that working together is much more productive and beneficial to the people of South Africa. Furthermore, dedication and commitment of men and women in blue cannot be ignored. It proves that command and control still has expression within the organisation. It is also clear that communities are responding positively to educational and eye-opening messages warning them about crime hotspots and also giving feedback to the police through various platforms of communication.

Robust community collaboration including Community Policing Forums, private securities, business forums and civil organisations are also proving to yield positive results. The community imbizos and engagements play an important role, where

community members are encouraged to inform the police of any criminal behaviour around them. It is also clear that Project 10 000 has added more security detail in the fight against crime. Enforcement of the law, especially at places that generate crime plays a pivotal role in the declining of crime within the society.

The South African Police Service are eternally grateful for the collaboration and remain resolute in ensuring that the citizens of this country feel safe at all times.



Minister of Police, Mr Senzo Mchunu commending the hard work of fighting crime done by the SAPS in the fourth quarter.



RELEASE OF CRIME STATISTICS

4th Quarter of 2024/2025



AN OVERVIEW OF *SERIOUS AND VIOLENT CRIMES*

CONTACT CRIME



*10 035 counts less compared to the previous review.

PROPERTY RELATED CRIME



*7 395 counts less compared to the previous review.

OTHER SERIOUS CRIME

4.2%

*4 714 counts less compared to the previous review.

MURDER

12.4%

*809 counts less compared to the previous review.

SEXUAL OFFENCES



- RAPE 0.3%
- ATTEMPTED SEXUAL OFFENCES 9.4%

ROBBERY WITH AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES

2024	-	2025
35 426 counts	-	31 749 counts



*3 677 counts less compared to the previous review.

- ROBBERY AT RESIDENTIAL PREMISES 0.4%
- ROBBERY AT NON-RESIDENTIAL PREMISES 23.4%
- CARJACKINGS 15.1%

TRIO CRIME

12.1% *1 831 counts less compared to the previous review.



General Masemola having a one on one interview with a journalist to explain the strides that the SAPS took to reduce Murder by 12.4%, which is 809 counts less, compared to the previous review.



The National Commissioner of SAPS, General Fannie Masemola hailed Operation Shanela for reducing crime.



A variety of law enforcement organisations gathered to hear about the state of crime in the country.



The collaboration of different law enforcement agencies plays a crucial role in providing a safe place for the citizens of South Africa.



Invited attendees, got to see the progress in the fight against crime, and they were encouraged to work with the police and report crime to effectively win the war against criminality.



Mr Yusuf Abramjee, a journalist interviewing Minister Mchunu about the latest crime statistics.

DPCI HEAD BOWS OUT AFTER 41 YEARS OF AN ILLUSTRIOUS POLICING CAREER

by Captain Kgabo Mashamaite



The retiring Head of the Directorate for Priority Crime and Investigation, Lt Gen (Dr/Adv) Godfrey Lebeya receiving a gift from the Acting Deputy National Commissioner for Support Services, Lt Gen Lineo Nkhua for his long service with the SAPS on his farewell function on 31 May 2025 in Pretoria.

Lt Gen (Dr/Adv) Lebeya effectively handed in the sword of command in the Directorate of Priority Crime and Investigation (DPCI), commonly known as “the Hawks” on 31 May 2025 after a remarkable 41 years of service in the SAPS. He bade farewell to an illustrious policing career during a glittering ceremony, a befitting farewell for a senior officer with integrity.

He assumed the role of the Head of the Directorate Priority Crime and Investigation in 2018 after a parliamentary process which led to his name being selected among the candidates shortlisted for the post and appointed to lead the elite investigative unit with aplomb..

In his keynote address Minister of Police, Mr Senzo Mchunu said Lt Gen (Dr/Adv) Lebeya led the DPCI with a steadfast integrity.

“Through his leadership, the DPCI exceeded expectations and it is considered a bench-marking concept by most law-enforcement agencies across the world. He started the institution from scratch, established new standards and built the integrity of the institution into a well-oiled machine it is now, after a tumultuous period before 2018. Your tenure has been characterised by a relentless pursuit of excellence where integrity, honour and professionalism are the cornerstone of the institution.

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“ You cracked major cases and brought accountability to perpetrators and assisted victims and ensured that victims get justice and closure they deserve. Among his notable success was the Hawks’ takedown operation in Makhado, Limpopo in September of 2023, where about 19 cash-in-transit robbers were gunned down in a shootout with the Hawks.

operation in Makhado, Limpopo in September of 2023, where about 19 cash-in-transit robbers were gunned down in a shootout with the Hawks. The group was linked to CIT heists in Gauteng, Mpumalanga and Limpopo. Others included the arrest and the prosecution of state capture suspects, where high profile individuals linked to the crimes are currently appearing in court,” detailed Minister Mchunu.

Outlining Lt Gen (Dr/Adv) Lebeya’s career in the police, the National Police Commissioner, Gen Fannie Masemola said, “Like many of his peers, Lt Gen (Dr/Adv) General Lebeya joined the law enforcement

organisation in the 1980s when the country was under the apartheid regime. He forms part of a group that aided the seamless transition from the then South African Police Force to the now SAPS, ushering in a new dawn of hope for the people of South Africa. His career in the organisation started in September 1984 when he underwent the Basic Police Development Learning Programme (BPDLP). Like the devoted police officer he is, he worked his way up the ranks.

"His hard work paid-off and it earned him a promotion to the rank of Detective Sergeant in 1989. He went up the ranks until he became Lieutenant General in 2010. So he has vast experience in the Detectives, Organised Crime and Specialised Investigations field. Lt Gen (Adv/Dr) General Lebeya's almost four decades of service come to an end this month after serving as the National Head of the DPCI since 2018. Under his command, the Hawks continuously faced South Africa's toughest criminals head on. You will have seen this with the quarterly statistics that they release every quarter. Congratulations on your retirement Lt Gen (Adv/Dr) Lebeya and we wish you well on your retirement. Fare thee well and enjoy spending quality time with your family and your beloved one," expressed Gen Masemola.

In his response, Lt Gen (Dr/Adv) Lebeya appreciated all the hard work

of his team and the professionalism displayed during his tenure. He also extended his appreciation to various stakeholders who made possible for the DPCI to achieve the significant milestones in cracking organised crime and most notably, arresting and the successful prosecution of such perpetrators.

Family members were also present on this auspicious occasion. Advocate Tumelo Lebeya described Lt Gen Lebeya as an outstanding father, who was able to juggle his policing duties and his fatherly role with ease.

Among the noteworthy speakers included the former Minister of Police, Mr Bheki Cele; the National Director of Public Prosecution, Adv Shamila Batohi; the DPCI Judge Justice Malesela Legod; the former DPCI Judge Diale Kgomo; Lt Gen (Ret) (Adv/Certified Fraud Examiner) Senaba Mospipi; Mr Imran Butt (Business) and Mr John Connel from INTERPOL.

Performances by Mzwakhe Mbuli "The People's Poet" and Mr SC Nchabeleng kept the guests on their toes with some scintillating poetry renditions, while the DPCI Xibelane dance group provided an electrifying Xhigaza dance.



The Deputy National Commissioner for Policing, Lt Gen (Adv/Dr) General Mosikili presenting Lt Gen (Dr/Adv) Lebeya with a gift as a token of appreciation as he retires.



Lt Gen (Dr/Adv) Godfrey Lebeya sharing his message of appreciation to the organisation and all other law enforcement organisations he has worked for decades.



It was an occasion of appreciation, Lt Gen Lebeya receiving a gift from one of the DPCI Xibelane dancers



Head of the Directorate for Priority Crime, Lt Gen (Dr/Adv) Godfrey Lebeya at the DPCI Excellence Awards in 2024.

GEIGER WORKING GROUP MEETS TO INCREASE INTELLIGENCE SHARING

By Lt Col Veronica Mahlaba

Photographs by WO Amos Ndlovu



Regional and global experts from 11 countries participating in the INTERPOL Geiger Working Group (GWG) for Southern Africa in Pretoria.

To vigorously fight pressing threats in the nuclear and radiological security space, regional and global experts from 11 countries participating in the INTERPOL Geiger Working Group (GWG) for Southern Africa, met at The Capital Hotel in Pretoria to increase intelligence sharing among member countries.

The Geiger Working Group Meeting first sat in South Africa (SA) in 2022 for purposes of making sure that each and every region (Black Sea and Caucuses, Central Asia, Southern Africa and Southeast Asia) has its own structured approach on issues relating to counter terrorism, with specific focus on matters relating to chemical, biological, nuclear, radiological and explosives. From 06 – 08 May 2025, South Africa hosted the 7th official meeting of the GWG with the following countries participating: South Africa, Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo, Madagascar, Malawi, Namibia, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

INTERPOL supports South Africa in tackling international crime. Their Radiological and Nuclear Terrorism Prevention Unit (RNTPU) supports the development of an informed, capable, and globally connected law enforcement community, and to counter and investigate nuclear and radiological crimes. National Central Bureau (NCB) in Pretoria is the South African Police Service's (SAPS) lead agency for transnational police investigations linked to South Africa. It helps the SAPS to take part in police investigations beyond SA's borders and to share police intelligence with NCBs globally to detect emerging crime trends that could affect the country.

Opening the GWG Meeting, Head of INTERPOL NCB in Pretoria, Brigadier NS Mokhine, acknowledged the presence of the INTERPOL team from France. They came to assist with facilitating the course of the information that delegates were utilising, for the purpose of addressing the scourge of terrorism that is experienced throughout the world.

"On behalf of the National Commissioner of the South African

Police Service and on behalf of the province itself, colleagues you are welcome in South Africa. The country alive with possibilities. The country that is forever striving to get first possible on the table of discussions on global issue. You are here to attend the Geiger Working Group Meeting, and I am very much sure that whatever is going to be transpiring throughout the Meeting is going to be something that is progressive in terms of the issues that supposed to be dealt with in this particular Meeting," stated Brigadier Mokhine.

He further explained that the Meeting is a matter of further strengthening the region in terms of information sharing, common operations, resource mobilisation and also to ensure that countries assist each other whenever there's common threats. "Terrorism doesn't know any borders. It doesn't respect any territorial integrity and it doesn't respect the sovereignty of any country. From this meeting, which is a Southern African chapter, we intend to capacitate each other and ensure we refresh each other on issues of how we tackle terrorism in the region," Brig Mokhine explained.

According to Lt Col Sugan Naidoo from the NCB Pretoria, there are many recorded and published incidents where contaminated material left one country and came into South Africa. Left our ports and went out to other countries like India and containers were sent back because of contamination. "So this programme highlights all these threats, and we have working groups where we work together to try and prevent movement of these contaminated material. This is a global programme. There's contaminated material, small amounts like 15mg, can cause millions and millions of rands or dollars of damage."

The South African delegation comprised of representatives from National Nuclear Regular (NNR), South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA), Nuclear Energy Corporation SA (NECSA), Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation's (DPCI) Crimes Against The State (CATS), Explosives Unit, SAPS and NCB Pretoria. As hosts for the current Meeting, SA received additional seats which were given to Crime Intelligence and Operational Response Service.

ROCKLAND COMMUNITY BIDS AN EMOTIONAL FAREWELL TO CONSTABLE BOIPELO SENOGE

By Captain Kgabo Mashamaite

Photographs by Captain Ndanduleni Nyambeni



SAPS pallbearers carrying the coffin of the mortal remains of Constable Boipelo Senoge to her final resting place during the official funeral service held in Rocklands, Bloemfontein.

Messages of condolences and well wishes from Rockland community continued to stream in for the visibly distraught Senoge family during the official funeral service of their beloved daughter, Constable Boipelo Senoge (25) who served the SAPS with distinction until her untimely passing.

Constable Senoge was among the three Constables who died after the vehicle they were travelling in was swept into the Hennops River in Pretoria in 24 April 2025, while on their deployment to operation Vala Umgodi in Limpopo. Her official funeral service was held at the St Peter Parish in Rocklands, Bloemfontein on 8 May 2025.

During his eulogy, Minister of Police, Mr Senzo Mchunu explained to the mourners on how the three constables met their unexpected death and the steps taken leading to the discovery of their mortal remains.

"It has been a very difficult period in the SAPS since the news of the disappearance of the three constables first emerged. The painful

news were a shock to all of us, including the country and a traumatic experience. The anguish of what could have happened, where and where. Right from the beginning, we believed that the best way of coming to terms with the situation and handling it properly, with integrity, was to establish a 24-hour Venue Operational Centre, with a multi-disciplinary team comprising the heads of intelligence and detectives from Limpopo, Free State, and Gauteng. The broader team included highly skilled and experienced police officers from across the SAPS, including seasoned expert detectives, crime and counter-intelligence operatives, as well as members from the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigations (DPCI), Tactical Operations and Management Section (TOMS), and our Cyber Crime Unit, among other specialised units. Once this team was in place, it took five days before we began to make meaningful progress.

"As the investigation developed, all possible leads were pursued, including the detailed questioning of an individual who had approached the constables vehicle at a petrol station. Using every

tool at our disposal, including advanced technology and evidence gathering, our investigation tracked the vehicle's last known path, from the Grasmere Toll Plaza on the N1, past the Buccleuch Interchange, and onto John Vorster Drive in Centurion. This ultimately led us to the Hennops River along the N1, where we conducted a three-day search. The bodies were discovered first, after two days of intensive searching. During this process, we also found the body of one of our groundsmen stationed at the Lyttelton Police Station, Mr Jan Mzwane. Following that, the vehicle itself was recovered.

In paying tribute to the outstanding colleague, the National Police Commissioner, Gen Fannie Masemola said, "The fact that her coffin is draped with the national flag, is the highest honour bestowed upon any individual in this country because not everyone receives such an honour. So as family, friends and colleagues, be proud of Constable Senoge's service, the exemplary life that she led as well as her legacy. Her legacy is not only in the uniform she wore but in the countless lives she touched, the people she protected and the example she set. To the Senoge family, while we did not expect the ending to be like this, but it is the will of the one in heaven. It is my hope and prayer that you will find comfort and strength in God during this very difficult time of immense loss. May God ease the pain and distress of your bereavement. May the loving memories of your time together bring you peace, comfort and strength," said Minister Mchunu.

Passing her words of condolences on behalf of the Free State Provincial Government, Ms Maqueen Letsoha-Mathae, the Premier of the province, described her passing as a great loss for the province.



So as family, friends and colleagues, be proud of Constable Senoge's service, the exemplary life that she led as well as her legacy.

"We have been robbed with the loss of her life because she was a shield to her family. She pledged to serve with dedication and bravery, we are poorer without Senoge, and the nation has lost a valuable skill that Senoge possessed to fight crime. To the family, we feel the pain but please find solace in the fact that she put her life on the line to defend the defenceless and the law abiding citizens. We acknowledge the challenges faced by our police officers but they have the knowledge to fight criminals to protect the constitutional rights of the communities to live freely in our country," shared Premier Maqueen Letsoha-Mathae.

Speaker after speaker spoke fondly about her, with her neighbour, Ms Diteboho Maema describing her as a bubbly person with an infectious smile while her friend Ofentse Monaheng describing her as the most reliable friend who was ready to assist. Const Senoge surely touched many people in so many ways.

During the memorial service, Constable Mkhetho, her colleague of the C-Relief at the Parkroad Police Station described her as an energetic, radiant and a jolly person to be around with.

Constable Senoge joined the police on April 2023 and underwent a Basic Police Learning Development Programme (BPDLP) at the SAPS Tshwane College. Upon completion of her training, on 1 July 2024 she went to Thabore, satellite police station under Parkroad Police Station and served with dedication and respect.

She leaves behind her parents, an Aunt, Sister and nephews. May her soul continue to find an eternal rest.



Minister of Police, Mr Senzo Mchunu together with the Deputy Minister of Police, Dr Polly Boshieho and the National Police Commissioner, Gen Fannie Masemola leading the procession into the Suidpark Cemetery to lay Constable Boipelo Senoge to her final resting place on 8 May 2025.



The National Police Commissioner pays his last respects to Constable Boipelo Senoge after the lowering of the coffin of her mortal remains at the Suidpark Cemetery on 8 May 2025.



Minister of Police, Mr Senzo Mchunu receives a flag from the National Police Commissioner, Gen Fannie Masemola to hand it over to the Senoge family as a token of appreciation for the service of their child during the official funeral service of Constable Boipelo Senoge.

CONSTABLE CEBEKHULU LINDA'S DEATH ROBBED SAPS OF SKILLS IN CRIME FIGHTING EFFORTS

By Captain Kgabo Mashamaite

Photographs by Captain Ndanduleni Nyambeni



SAPS Pallbearers carrying the coffin of the late Constable Cebekhulu Linda draped in the National Flag during the official funeral service in honour of his dedicated service to the nation in Bloemfontein.

LConstable Cebekhulu Linda described as a highly skilled and dedicated officer whose skills were beneficial to the SAPS' efforts in illegal mining activities, was laid to rest at the Magengenene Cemetery outside Bloemfontein on 9 May 2025.

The sentiments were widely echoed by every speakers who ascended the podium to pay the last respects during the official funeral service accorded to the distinguished police officer at the St Rose Catholic Church in the Bochabela location, the birthplace of Constable Linda.

Const Linda, affectionately known as Conti to his friends, family members and colleagues at the Crime Intelligence Cyber Unit at the Provincial Office, passed away following a vehicle accident when the vehicle he was travelling in together with two of his colleagues lost control along the N1 North and plunged into the Hennops River in Centurion, Pretoria on 24 April 2025. They were on their way to Limpopo province where he and Const Keamogetswe Buys were

deployed to assist with Intelligence duties in the Operation Vala Umgodi.

In her moving tribute, the Deputy Minister of Police, Dr Polly Boshielo lamented that his passing has robbed the organisation with valuable skills required to fight organised crime,

"Constable Linda served the organisation with dignity and respect hence we are here today, giving him a dignified send-off and his coffin draped with the national flag. His passing has affected us in many ways because we were still looking forward to utilising his cyber skills in solving crime, especially with the advent of technology and his technical skills to solve complex crime has always assisted us in cracking those crimes. This honour is afforded to very few police officers and this means that Constable Linda was an exceptional police officer. Due to his unwavering commitment to fight crime and ensuring that members of our communities are and feel safe, President Cyril Ramaphosa asked me to deliver his heartfelt

condolences on Constable Linda's passing because he has claimed him as his own police officer who was dedicated to protect and serve the nation with pride. He took an oath to serve the national and he had done that until his last breath."

According to the Deputy National Commissioner, Lt Gen Shadrack Sibiyi, Const Linda was a rising star at the Cyber Crime Unit, whose impact was felt beyond the Free State Province,

"Today, our hearts as the SAPS bleeds blue. A life so short-lived and yet a life so full of impact, it is as if he knew his would be a life short lived. He served as an example to his peers and colleagues and was always ready to serve and protect, no matter where the call came from. He put on that uniform and went without hesitation where he was sent. When he got to the Cyber Crime Unit, he made sure his presence was felt with the outstanding duties that he performed. Our expectations of Constable Linda were cut short. Death has robbed us of a dedicated member of the SAPS, a car fanatic and a son to the Linda family. His was a life short-lived, but we hang on to memories because memories heal a broken heart. Death, be not proud. Constable Linda was a member of an organisation that does a thankless job. Some will say Policing is a calling, so when Constable Linda heard the call, he took the opportunity with both hands and committed to serving and protecting the inhabitants of South Africa. We salute him for heeding the call and handling the baton with such fierceness and patriotism.

I would love to urge Constable Linda's colleagues to take a leaf from the book that Constable Linda has written and take the baton from where he left off and run with it. Please make him proud by truly giving your best in your respective duties and by serving this country with pride. Just like he did, until the one from above decided he needed him more.

He was an exemplary member, let us learn from him and make this country a peaceful and safe one, just like he endeavoured to. We know you are heart broken, we know you are in pain but let us embrace the memories we shared with him and in time we will heal. We will never forget him but we will heal."

During her eulogy, Premier of the Free State, Ms Maqueen Letsoha-Mathae said, "Constable Linda was a special breed and brought hope to our people for agreeing to join the fight against crime and



Dignitaries who graced the official funeral service of Constable Cebekhulu Linda included the Free State Premier, Ms Maqueen Letsoha Mathae; Deputy Minister of Police, Dr Polly Boshielo; MEC Community Safety, Roads and Transport, Mr Jabu Mbalula and POPCRU President, Mr Thulani Ngwenya who came to pay the last respect.

to protect the nation from all forms of criminality. He carried out his duties with diligence and integrity; hence the official funeral service, the honour we accord him until to his final resting place. His loyalty was with the people, from the moment he took an oath to serve, as he carried out his duties with an impressive grace and honour. We will forever be grateful for his commitment to make the Free State a crime-free province and he will never be forgotten."

One of his friend, Mpho Tleketle representing a group of friends who came to pay their last respect, described him as someone who respected his job and would answer calls from his supervisors, even during his leave of absence.

His cousin Angela Linda described him as a big brother who would always come to her defence from high school bullies, while his Sister-in-law Palesa referred to him as the most reliable and a trustworthy person she was privileged to have in a family.

Constable Linda joined the service on 12 April 2023 as a student Constable. He received his Basic Police Learning Development Programme (BPDLP) at the SAPS Tshwane Academy. Upon his BPDLP completion, he was subsequently placed at the Free State Provincial Crime Intelligence Cyber Crime Unit and later deployed to Limpopo to assist with the Operation Vala Umgodi. Constable Linda, together with his colleagues, Constable Keamogetswe Buys and Constable Boipelo Senoge departed the Free State on 23 April 2025 travelling to Limpopo where Constable Linda and Constable Buys were deployed when they disappeared. From the moment the police received information of their disappearance, SAPS launched a manhunt for them. A high-level team was consolidated, spent sleepless nights in combing the length and breadth of Gauteng, Free State and Limpopo. Through intelligence-driven meticulous investigation comprising the use of technology and a sizeable manpower of men and women in blue on the ground, their investigation led them to the Hennops River, in Gauteng on 28 April, where their remains as well as the vehicle they were travelling in were discovered during a multi-stakeholder operation, which lasted three days. Investigations to establish the course of the accident, which led to their death, is still on going.

Constable Linda is survived by a mother, two siblings and cousins. May the soul of Constable Linda find an eternal rest.



The Deputy National Commissioner of Crime Detection, Lt Gen Shadrack Sibiyi paying his last respect to Constable Cebekhulu Linda following the lowering of his coffin at the Magengenene Cemetery in Bloemfontein on 9 May 2025.

CONSTABLE KEAMOGETSWE BUYS SERVED WITH PASSION AND DEDICATION

By Captain Kgabo Mashamaite

Photographs by Captain Ndanduleni Nyambeni



Constable Keamogetswe Buys coffin draped with the National Flag in honour of her dedication to the service of the country during her funeral service held at the Grassland Community Hall in Bloemfontein.

Members of the public witnessed with pain and sorrow as the SAPS closed the curtain of a young life of Constable Keamogetswe Buys (30), during a sombre official funeral service at the Grasslands Community Hall on 10 May 2025. In his tribute to the fallen heroine, the National Police Commissioner, Gen Fannie Masemola told attendees that death has immensely robbed the police of a member with great potential. Constable Buys served the organisation with passion and dedication, although it was for a short period.

Constable Buys, together with Constable Cebekhulu Linda and Constable Boipelo Senoge passed away through a car accident on 24 April 2025 in Pretoria. She was the last police officer among the three to be laid to rest.

The Deputy Minister of Police, Mr Cassel Mathale, speaking on behalf of the government of the Republic of South Africa, also expressed President Cyril Ramaphosa's sincerest condolences to the family and colleagues of Constable Buys.

"We are gathered here to celebrate a dedicated officer who served the country with pride. Even if she had a short stint with the SAPS, she left a mark in her unit, demonstrated good qualities required of her job. Constable Buys carried the badge with pride and dignity, maturity and pride. Her high level of discipline was unmatched and she was a good ambassador and a beacon of hope to young police officers in the SAPS. It is heart-breaking that she could reach her potential in the SAPS and the organisation is much poorer without her Information Technology skills required in the investigation of crime. As we all know that Constable Buys was not just an ordinary crime fighter but a dedicated officer of integrity. That is why the

President of the Republic, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa sent his sympathies to the family of Constable Buys upon hearing about her passing. That is why her coffin is also draped in a National Flag, an honour reserved for deceased police officers who served the organisation with distinction. And because of that, the president has also claimed her as one of his own law enforcers who upheld their oath of office, to serve and protect our communities in ensuring that they are and feel safe.

"We would also like to pass our sincerest gratitude to those law enforcement officers who ensured that families of our three members (Buys, Linda and Senoge) find closure through the discovery of their remains after a lengthy search and recovery process. Our deepest sympathies also go to those colleagues and those who knew her. We would like to urge them to please find solace in the fact that she passed away on her way to work after responding to a call up of deployment in Limpopo to continue executing her crime fighting duties to protect us from organised criminals. We would also like to extend our deep admiration of the SAPS leadership for assisting the families and providing support during this difficult period and ensuring that their beloved children get a proper send-off. To Constable Buys family, your child didn't die in vain and we will pick up the baton and ensure that we continue waging war against criminals to ensure a crime free South Africa. I am sure that this is what Constable Buys would have wished for. May her precious soul find an eternal rest"

Premier of the Free State, Ms Maqueen Letsoha-Mathae hoped that the death of Constable Buys and her two other colleagues,

“As we are closing this painful chapter of our three police officers, we also realise the void their passing has left in the fight against criminality in our province. It is my hope that one day, when this nightmare is all but a distant memory

(Constable Linda and Constable Senoge) will assist in forming a strong bond within the SAPS in the fight against crime and ensuring that the residence of the Free State province are and feel safe.

“As we are closing this painful chapter of our three police officers, we also realise the void their passing has left in the fight against criminality in our province. It is my hope that one day, when this nightmare is all but a distant memory, the people of our province will appreciate the three officers for their gallant efforts to keep us all safe. We will, hopefully, realise that theirs was the ultimate sacrifice for the safety of South Africa and its people and realise that these men and women in blue are not the enemy, but criminals are.”

On behalf of SAPU, Ms Thandi Mkhize said Constable Buys



SAPS members came in their numbers to pay their last respects to Constable Kelebogile Buys during her official funeral service held at the Grasslands Community Hall.



Government dignitaries including the Free State Premier, Ms Maqueen Letsoha-Mathae; the Deputy Minister of Police, Mr Cassel Mathale and the MEC for Community Safety Roads and Transport, Mr Jabu Mbalula joined the family of Constable Keamogetswe Buys during her funeral service held at the Grasslands Community Hall in Bloemfontein.

demonstrated her heroic act in her commitment in the fight against crime by raising her hand to be deployed to face ruthless thugs.

Her friend, Ms Tsholofelo Tshangana described her as a caring friend who was always willing to assist whenever she can.

Constable Buys joined the SAPS in April 2023 when she was recruited and participated in the SAPS Basic Police Learning Development Programme (BPDLP) at the SAPS Academy Graff Reiniet. Upon completion of the BPDLP, she served as a student constable until she was appointed a Constable, subsequently becoming a permanent employee of the SAPS. She was stationed at the Free State Provincial Crime intelligence Cyber Unit and deployed to operation Vala Umgodi in Limpopo

She is survived by a husband, parents and siblings. May the precious soul of Constable Buys find eternal rest.



Deputy Minister of Police, Mr Cassel Mathale delivering a message of condolences on behalf of the national government and the President of the Republic of South Africa during the official funeral service of Constable Keamogetswe Buys on 10 May 2025.



SAPS leadership also in attendance during the official funeral service in Bloemfontein on 10 May 2025.



The National Police Commissioner, Gen Fannie Masemola delivering a message of condolences on behalf of the SAPS during the official funeral service of the late Constable Keamogetswe Buys.

SAPS CHAMPIONS OF SECURITY CLUSTER TENNIS TOURNAMENT

By Lt Col Veronica Mahlaba

Photographs by WO Amos Ndlovu

The South African Police Service (SAPS) rose to glory as the champions of the Security Cluster Tennis Tournament again this year. The SAPS National Tennis Team have defended their title for the past 3 years, making this their 4th victory.

The sun was out as the games were played at Groenkloof Tennis Courts from 05 – 06 May and wrapping it up in style with an Awards Dinner at Legacy Bar, Airforce Mobile Deployment Wing on 08 May 2025.

With the unexpected pull out of the Department of Correctional Services (DCS), the SAPS team were left to face the South African National Defence Force (SANDF), a formidable national team on its own. However, the men and women in blue came back home with the coveted trophy. Besides winning the tournament, the SAPS also triumphed in the Best Female Doubles category with Lt Col Estelle Eksteen and Capt Yoland Sampson as the players with the most.

Chairperson of the SANDF Tennis Team, Lt Col Gerhard Visser explained that they were the hosts of this year's Security Cluster Tennis Tournament. The three departments usually take turns each year to host the tournament. He explained that the cluster is building friendship through sports which in turn builds fundamental working relationships.

"We would like to later add the metro police and other clusters to be involved. The tournament is already benefitting getting the clusters closer, especially the SAPS and SANDF because they are the members deployed on the ground for the security and sovereignty of South Africa," indicated Lt Col Visser.

He elaborated that after a 10 year hiatus, the SANDF initiated the Security Cluster Tennis Tournament again in 2019, doing all the administration to get it revived. They hosted the first tournament in Bloemfontein in March 2020, three weeks before there was COVID lockdown in the country. Since then the three Departments have alternated in hosting the tournament. "SAPS is very strong. They are currently the defending champions. Normally between the DCS and SANDF, we have individual strong players, but the SAPS have more depth in the sports and have a lot of interest from their cluster for members participating.

Taking in all the glory that the night had to offer, elated Capt Yoland Sampson from the SAPS, said her highlight was playing the female doubles. "My partner and I were behind. Actually we were 4 love behind and we came back and won. Dynamite comes in small packages. They underestimated us and we came back with a bang," said the excited Capt.

She is inviting members to join tennis, as they are looking for new tennis players. "Most members have gone on pension and would encourage members to join us every Wednesday at Kudu Park to practise. Everyone is welcome. You can contact Capt Sampson on 067 595 0187 or the Chairperson of SAPS Tennis Team, Lt Col T Motsoeneng on 082 662 0600.



The SAPS National Tennis Team with their gold medals and trophy for winning the 2025 Security Cluster Tennis Tournament in Pretoria.



Winners of the Best Female Doubles – Lt Col Estelle Eksteen and Capt Yoland Sampson from the SAPS.



Playing for the SAPS Male Doubles is Sgt Mogamat Hufke and SAC Moreece Moses at Groenkloof Tennis Courts in Pretoria.

Security Cluster Tennis Awards 2025

Officiating

1. Anette Moses
2. Lionel Orlein
3. Shanell Petersen

Special Award

Col (Ret) Andries Odendaal

Best Male Singles Player

Dave Bester, SANDF

Best Female Singles Player

Michelle Fogwill, SANDF

Best Male Doubles

Dave Bester and Kevin Dreyer, SANDF

Best Female Doubles

Estelle Eksteen and Yoland Sampson, SAPS

Best Mixed Doubles

Andre Pretorius and Michelle Fogwill, SANDF

Team Awards

Winners: SAPS with a total of 17 matches won

Runners Up: SANDF with a total of 11 matches won

FCS REVIEW SESSION BUILDS MOMENTUM FOR CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

By WO Amos Ndlovu



Members from across the country gather, representing the dedicated faces behind the protection of vulnerable victims in our communities.

The Family Violence, Child Protection, and Sexual Offences Investigation (FCS) Component hosted a three-day review session as part of the build-up to Child Protection Week and in tribute to Workers Month.

Held at Kgosi Mampuru Prison, the session brought together FCS Provincial Heads from all nine provinces, members from the Head Office Component, and representatives from Tshwane District FCS Units including Pretoria Moot, Pretoria Central, Ga-Rankuwa, Temba, and Mamelodi.

The session was convened under the leadership of the Component Head, Major General MA Lekhehle and, amongst other things, it recognised the unwavering dedication and contributions of all FCS personnel across the country.

The focus of the first two days was a comprehensive performance review of the respective FCS offices. The attendees engaged in open and constructive discussions on challenges, best practices, and strategies to enhance service delivery, especially in responding to and investigating cases involving vulnerable victims.

This review is a key part of FCS's ongoing commitment to improve the investigation of serious crimes, including sexual offences, serial rape cases, and electronic crimes involving child sexual abuse material (commonly referred to as child pornography).

Major General Lekhehle emphasised the importance of accountability and performance monitoring in achieving the component's core mandate.

Day three of the session took a celebratory turn, with a mass aerobics activity held in honour of Workers Month. The physical wellness session highlighted the importance of maintaining mental and physical fitness, particularly for FCS members who routinely handle emotionally draining and sensitive investigations.

"Our members are our most valuable resource. Their mental and physical readiness directly impacts the quality of service we deliver to our communities," said Major General Lekhehle. She also encouraged members to unite and emphasised the need for regular wellness activities to enhance teamwork, and overall well-being.

The gathering not only strengthened operational alignment across the FCS units, but also reinforced the human element of policing. It recognised the dedication of officers and creating a space for renewal ahead of the critical awareness drive that is Child Protection Week.

As the SAPS continues to prioritise the safety and well-being of the most vulnerable members of society, the FCS Component remains committed to excellence, unity, and compassionate service.



Major General Lekhehle and FCS Provincial Heads lead by example, championing employee wellness.

VHEMBE COMMUNITIES UP IN ARMS AGAINST HIGH LEVELS OF CRIME

By WO Percy Sepaela

Photographs by WO Amos Ndlovu

The communities in the Vhembe District Municipality in Venda, Limpopo, have come out guns blazing against what they perceive as high levels of crime in their areas, threatening to go after perpetrators themselves if the police continue with their kid-glove approach towards criminals.

This was evident during an imbizo organized by the Secretariat for Police Civilians at the Healing Ministry Church in Makwarela, just outside Thohoyandou.

Among some of the pressing issues raised by community members were the high murder rate, Gender-based Violence + Femicide (GBV+F), ritual killings, rape of minors, mushrooming of unregistered churches and unlicensed liquor outlets who even continue operating outside the trading hours.

"We as the community know the perpetrators of crime because they live among us and it is for us as members of society to report the to the police. The police must also help us and not work with these criminals if we are to deal effectively with crime in our areas," said Mr Ndivhuwo Muleya of the Community Safety Forum (CSF) in the area.

He said they were experiencing shocking levels of child abuse, the killing of women, ritual killings and the influx of illegal migrants. "You must stop renting rooms to criminals who do not even have legal documentation because a lot of these crimes are committed by illegal foreigners," said Mr Muleya. He also called for the constant patrols by police to ensure visibility as a deterrent to criminal activities.

The Director-General for CSPS, Mr Thulani Sibuyi said the Vhembe District was a worrisome area as it keeps recording hikes in certain categories of crime. "There are three categories of crime that are high, which is murder, housebreaking and robberies," said Mr Sibuyi. He mentioned that in terms of these crimes Thohoyandou was in the top 5 nationally and number 1 in the province and that we must ask ourselves what it is that we are doing wrong as law enforcers.

"GBV+F is also worrying and perpetrators of these sexual offences are staying with us in our communities. We need close collaboration with the police and give information to the police," he said.

He added that in relation to the latest crime statistics, Limpopo province was doing "extremely well in crime prevention and reduction," and promised to return to return to the area to give feedback on their concerns guided by a proper plan of action going forward.



The Provincial Commissioner of Police in Limpopo, Lt Gen Thembi Hadebe addressing residents during an imbizo in Makwarela, a township just outside Thohoyandou.

The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lt Gen Thembi Hadebe said she acknowledged the issues raised by the community and that she will lead the charge in addressing them. "I would like to appreciate the work done by police in this area of Vhembe which is vast as it is made up of some 427 villages. However, we must improve our turn-around times when the community reports crime and we will ensure that we tighten up the loose ends to better serve our communities," Lt Gen Hadebe said.

"We are committed to keeping this community safe and we must be on the ground at all times. Visibility is the game-changer and we will not condone police officials working in cahoots with criminals," she said. Lt Gen Hadebe promised to tackle all cold cases such as ritual murders and house robberies and that she will personally follow up on those cases as the Provincial Commissioner. Furthermore, according to Lt Col Hadebe, they will prioritise the implementation of the strategy on the neighborhood watch for communities to help the police to curb crime.

Mr Nelson Sadiki, a resident called for police visibility saying they felt unsafe in their area. "From Thursday to Saturday we cannot walk in the CBD of Thohoyandou because of crime and we have held several meetings with the police leadership here. There are taverns that don't close until the wee hours of the morning," he said. Seething with anger Sadiki gave all illegal foreigners to immediately leave their area. "Just recently a pastor was killed by an illegal foreigner who was known to the victim and it's our duty to strengthen intelligence structures on the ground," he angrily charged.

Head of the Department of Transport and Community Safety in , Mr Steven Matjena said they are committed to working closely with communities and implored them to strengthen neighborhood watch structures to help police in curbing crime. He too promised to come back to the area with a solid plan of action to tackle issues raised at the imbizo.



Vhembe residents making their inputs one after another at the Healing Ministry Church in Makwarela during the community engagement with the police hierarchy.



Director-General of CSPS, Mr Thulani Sibuyi addressing community members at an imbizo in Vhembe District, Limpopo.



Young and old community members in Vhembe listening to proceedings during an imbizo in Makwarela, Venda.

COMMUNICATORS CONVERGE TO ADVANCE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

by Captain Kgabo Mashamaite



Minister of Police, Mr Senzo Mchunu and the SAPS Top Management led by the National Police Commissioner, Gen Fannie Masemola with the SAPS Communicators during a two-day National Communication Forum in the SAPS Academy Tshwane.

A greater need to strengthen partnership with the mainstream media to communicate key crime fighting initiatives by the national government was among the top priorities as identified during the National Communicators Forum (NCF) held in the South African Police Service (SAPS) Academy, Tshwane from 15 to 16 May 2025.

The purpose of the two-day National Communicators Forum, chaired by the Maj Gen Nonkululeko Phokane, Head of Corporate Communication and Liaison Component, was to assist the component to render a professional communication service aimed at advancing the strategic objectives of the SAPS through engagements with various media organisations and the utilisation of various platforms available in support of police operations.

During her welcoming remarks, the Deputy National Commissioner of Support Services, Lt Gen Lineo Nkhua said the forum of communicators remains relevant and strategic in maintaining an effective and efficient communication service in the SAPS. Furthermore, in advancing the strategic objectives of the organisation and hoped it will contribute positively towards positioning SAPS communications as a constructive vehicle in responding to the growing demands of the media space and continuously promoting the positive image of the organisation. On his repositioning and repurposing Corporate Communication address, in responding to a 5 year strategic plan of the SAPS, the National Police Commissioner, Gen Fannie Masemola recognised the need for a collaborative effort with various stakeholders to render effective government message in the fight against crime.

“The participation of the National Executive, the academia, the media and government communicators represented here today by Minister Mchunu, our Minister of Police; Professor Benyera, a Professor of African Politics at Unisa; the South African National Editors’ Forum’s (SANEF’s) Ms Robertson; and Dr. Nala who represent the government’s primary information hub, the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS), respectively, is undoubtedly beneficial to this forum. This is because these experts

represent the wide spectrum of society and their presence and participation brings in the practical and action-oriented approach that will be beneficial to the organisation’s communication efforts.

“We have opted to take the route of being bold and decisive in our communication approach by communicating our work and position timely and swiftly; time is everything. We don’t always get an opportunity to be together under the same roof at once, because yours is a hard task mired by hectic and unpredictable schedules, but I’m pleased today being under the same roof as the mouthpiece, messengers and defenders of the work and image of our organisation at station level, provincial level and national level. To our SAPS communicators, I would like to take this opportunity to appreciate your hard work and dedication to representing and defending the image of our organisation.

Minister of Police, Mr Senzo Mchunu emphasised the greater need for communication in the organisation. “This session was long overdue and it is important that we are seen and heard. All communicators should be conscious of the key government priorities, especially the outcome three which is building a capable, ethical and a developmental state because the residents of the country demand safety from us and they should feel safe wherever they are. We should also be able to respond to the question of whether the state is capable of building a developmental state to provide security to its citizen with confidence because the residents of this country demand such from us, and we should do so with great enthusiasm.

“Key messages should centre around the SAPS priorities such as reducing murder rate (which we also agree that it is unacceptably high), eradicating the availability of firearms, disrupt the peddling of drugs within the communities, arrest the big wigs in the drug business, eradicating gender-based violence, eradicating illegal immigration in collaboration with the DHA/Immigration, contracting organised crime (extortion, money laundering, CIT etc), clamping down on Illegal mining, working together with the Department of Minerals Resources and Energy, tackling corruption within the SAPS (real or perceived), capacitating police officers with tools to fight



Key messages should centre around the SAPS priorities such as reducing murder rate, eradicating the availability of firearms, disrupt the peddling of drugs within the communities, arrest the big wigs in the drug business, eradicating gender-based violence, eradicating illegal immigration in collaboration with the DHA/Immigration, contracting organised crime, clamping down on illegal mining, tackling corruption within the SAPS, capacitating police officers with tools to fight crime effectively, as well as addressing stock theft and confronting farm murders.

crime effectively, including the overhauling of legislative framework to enable the SAPS members to carry out their mandate as well as addressing stock theft and confronting farm murders. Communicators also should instil confidence in the community about the ability of the police to tackle crime through the use of technology to assist with crime fighting initiatives e.g. advanced drones to be used in the fight against crime, strengthening our Crime Intelligence and upskilling our detectives and forensic service officers to respond to emerging trends in the investigation of crime,” stated Minister Mchunu.

Communication experts and media personalities were also invited to make presentations and to offer valuable inputs to the workshop. Among those present included the Chief Director for Research and Analysis at the Government Communications and Information Systems (GCIS), Dr Ntombifuthi Nala. She emphasized the need for delivering a consistent messaging, which is inspirational, informative and inclusive.

In his presentation on the evolving media landscape and its impact on the fourth industrial revolution, Dr Everisto Benyera, Professor of African Politics at the University of South Africa (UNISA), urged the SAPS to engage both mainstream and social media to maintain legitimacy. Dr Benyera also advised SAPS communicators acting as liaisons during emergencies to ensure a coordinated messaging across agencies and platforms.

Representing the South African News Editors Forum, Ms Heather Robertson shared best practices in police and media collaboration and urged the SAPS to among others to be proactive in their communication by conducting regular media briefings and provide

timely updates on investigations in order to bring the public trust back into the SAPS.

Speaking on behalf of the mainstream media practitioner during media engagement, one of the seasoned crime reporter, Mr Yusuf Abramjee thanked the police for convening the forum and committed to collaborate with the police, since they are at times, the first to receive crime tip-offs before the SAPS could.

SAPS communicators were treated to the media training workshop and protocol training where it was believed that a refresher course for SAPS protocol officers is required to assist them with executing their duties effectively. He also assisted protocol officers with the correct seating arrangements of principals, especially during government events which include the state president and various role players.



Deputy National Commissioner for Crime Detection, Lt Gen Shadrack Sibiya and Dr Ntombifuthi Nala from GCIS listening to different speakers at the two-day National Communication Forum.



Dr Everisto Benyera, Professor of African Politics at the UNISA was among the presenters during the National Communication Forum.



SAPS Communicators engaging with the panel during the two-day National Communication Forum.



Mr Yusuf Abramjee (right) representing the mainstream media practitioners, listening to members of the panel during a two-day National Communication Forum at the SAPS Academy in Tshwane.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES

by Lt Col Kleingeld



The observance of the International Day of Families on 15 May 2025 in preparation of the Second World Summit for Social Development scheduled to take place in November 2025 in Doha, Qatar is expected to give momentum to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

This celebration is amongst others, setting out to assess the progress made with the implementation of the commitments governments made to support and strengthen families with family-oriented policies. To respond effectively to the numerous challenges families, as the basic unit of society, face in a rapidly changing world impacted by megatrends such as technological change, demographic trends, urbanization, migration and climate change (See SAPS posters on these).

The World Summit for Social Development in 1995 pioneered the concept of work-family balance recommending the development of policies that would enable people to combine their paid work with their family responsibilities thereby:

- acknowledging the importance of promoting equal partnership between women and men in family and community life;
- emphasizing men's shared responsibility and
- promoting men's active involvement in responsible parenthood together with social inclusion and intergenerational solidarity. <https://social.desa.un.org/sites/default/files/2025-04/IDF.2025.BACKGROUND%20NOTE.pdf>

What does work-life balance mean? - Consciously managing your time and energy to meet both professional and personal commitments while prioritizing self-care and well-being.

Why is work-life balance so important? – Poor work-life balance can leave employees working more hours but being less productive. Plus, overworking has negative consequences for both employees and employers. Workaholics and those who struggle to practice self-care find themselves at higher risk for burnout, fatigue, and stress-related health issues.

Growth does not happen by accident - Work cannot satisfy all your needs for purpose, meaning, social connection, and challenge, we can only expect work to provide moments of satisfaction, accomplishment, and connection. <https://www.betterup.com/blog/how-to-have-good-work-life-balance>

If you need assistance to help you discover the relationship between work and home life and ironing out what small daily or weekly habits to invest in to improve your work-life balance in the long run, please contact Social Work Services at 079 880 5966 or 012 393 5472, or liaise with any of the SAPS's Family and Relationship Desk members:

- Lt Col Kleingeld on 012 393 5192 and KleingeldC@saps.gov.za
- Capt MV Nkosi on 012 393 5234 and NkosiViolet@saps.gov.za
- Capt LK Mahlase on 012 393 5235 and MahlaseL2@saps.gov.za
- Capt Komane on 012 841 7202 and KomaneMS@saps.gov.za

WHAT IS AN UNHEALTHY WORK-LIFE BALANCE?	SIGNS OF AN UNBALANCED WORK-LIFE DYNAMIC	SOME CHARACTERISTICS OF A HEALTHY WORK-LIFE BALANCE MAY INCLUDE:
<p>Constant overwork: Regularly working long hours, including weekends and holidays, without sufficient time for rest, relaxation, or personal activities.</p>	<p>You feel off. You have unexplained aches and pains. You may rarely have energy or find it difficult to focus when at work.</p> <p>You struggle to take time off when you are sick, mentally strained, or when you need to take care of personal tasks. You do not remember your last vacation and you also do not have plans to take one.</p>	<p>Setting boundaries: This involves establishing clear boundaries between work and personal life by defining specific working hours and separating work-related tasks from personal activities.</p>
<p>Lack of self-care: Failing to prioritize self-care activities, such as exercise, adequate sleep, and leisure time resulting in deteriorating physical and mental health</p>	<p>You just do not feel like doing anything unless you have to. You often turn down invitations, further isolating yourself from your friends.</p>	<p>Time management: Efficiently organising and prioritising of tasks, ensuring that you allocate enough time for work responsibilities as well as personal pursuits, such as spending time with family, engaging in hobbies, or pursuing personal goals.</p>
<p>Burnout: Experiencing physical, mental and emotional exhaustion due to chronic stress and work-related pressure</p>	<p>You cannot stop thinking about work when you are not at work. Those who find it difficult to draw boundaries between work and life are at a higher risk of burnout.</p> <p>You cannot imagine doing what you do for the rest of your life. Even if you work in a field you once loved, it feels impossible to imagine continuing life as it is for long.</p>	<p>Stress management: Implementing strategies to manage stress levels, such as practicing mindfulness. Engaging in regular physical activity and taking breaks from work-related activities when needed.</p>

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<p>Neglected personal life: Sacrificing personal relationships, hobbies, and leisure activities due to excessive work demands</p>	<p>You spend a lot of money outsourcing support for personal tasks. Your laundry, dishes, and mail pile up, waiting for the day when you “have time” to get around to them.</p>	<p>Flexibility: Having the ability to adapt your schedule to accommodate unforeseen circumstances or personal needs without jeopardizing work commitments.</p>
<p>Strained relationships: Experiencing difficulties in maintaining healthy relationships with family, friends, and loved ones due to work-related commitments.</p>	<p>Your relationships — both inside and outside of work — are beginning to suffer. You may be easily irritated with co-workers and distant with loved ones.</p> <p>You always feel like no matter what you are doing, you should be doing something else. Over time, this lack of presence and direction often leads to an existential crisis.</p>	

How to improve work-life balance - Determine the best balance for you by learning to check in with your inner compass and recalibrating your expectations. It might also be easier to find balance across a week or more than to achieve it in any single day.

HERE ARE 12 TIPS TO HAVE GOOD FOR YOUR WORK-LIFE BALANCE:

- 1. Plan ahead** - combine work activities with leisure, social, or fitness activities. If you find yourself with several virtual meetings back-to-back, try taking them while you go for a walk. You could also take a call outside.
- 2. Embrace the way your brain works** - work in short, focused bursts while blocking out all other distractions.
- 3. Set blocks of time for different tasks** - Designate a time to check (and respond to) messages, to schedule meetings or to do mentally-intensive work anchoring these tasks around the times that you are personally more productive.
- 4. End work at a certain time by powering down work-related devices**, locking your office or scheduling something afterward.
- 5. Enlist technology to help you unplug** - restrict work to one device, or try to keep one work-free device so you can disconnect completely.
- 6. Go out for lunch, or enjoy lunch with co-workers** - the change of pace will be refreshing and you will be reminded to actually eat something.

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- 7. Take time off** - including personal time, vacation and sick leave as well as opportunities for bereavement, as these are important ways to nourish your well-being.
- 8. Practice mindfulness** - when you practice techniques, like meditation or breath awareness, you become more in tune with your physical sensations and emotions which allows you to notice when you might be suppressing a need in order to work.
- 9. Find something you love outside of work to engage in** - If you have something that you are excited to do after work, it will make it easier to disconnect from work and hobbies boost our energy and vitality. When we play and feel creative, we bring our fresh selves back to work.
- 10. If your work feels completely unrelated to the activities that stir your interest, enthusiasm, energy, and sense of meaning** - you may need to change the work you do or the way you do it.
- 11. Communicate with your manager as poor work-life balance is often exacerbated by the fear that we are NOT doing enough.** Talking to your leaders can help you prioritize where to spend your time and if there is really too much to do, to talk about additional help.
- 12. Work with a coach or therapist** - If you feel overwhelmed, stuck, or do not know where to begin to disconnect, working with a professional can be invaluable. A counsellor can ask the right questions and help you identify which changes will make the biggest impact and how to get started.

7 WAYS MANAGERS CAN SUPPORT THEIR EMPLOYEES' WORK-LIFE BALANCE

- 1. Set an example for your team** - Take meetings while walking and space out meetings so you have some breathing space.
- 2. Be aware of company culture and norms** - Try not to normalize an “instant messaging” culture. Make it clear that messages sent on off-hours do not require immediate attention, and avoid interpreting responsiveness as engagement.
- 3. Respect working hours** – Do not schedule meetings before or after work hours. Encourage your employees to end work at a designated time each day, and check in with anyone you notice consistently working after-hours.
- 4. Remind your team to unplug** - Encourage your team to leave their laptops and work phones at home when they go on vacation. You may think it does not need to be said, but they will appreciate the explicit permission.
- 5. Give employees space to connect** - Organise virtual opportunities to connect socially and even put your lunch break on your calendar to remind yourself to eat.
- 6. Educate employees on their benefits** - Remind employees that sick leave etc. are part of their compensation, and do take advantage of it yourself as action speak louder than words.
- 7. Check in with direct reports** - Make time during your check-ins to ask about employee well-being. You may have to read between the lines for what is not being said. Missed deadlines or a lack of responsiveness can indicate overwhelm.

FLASH NEWS

OPENING YOUNG MINDS TO NEW POSSIBILITIES THROUGH TAKE A CHILD TO WORK

By WO Amos Ndlovu



Finance junior and senior managers with learners from Pretoria Technical High School as part of the "Take a Child to Work" initiative.

In an inspiring effort to instil a strong moral compass and expose young people to diverse professional opportunities, the Division: Finance Management Services (FMS) Women's Network and Men for Change hosted learners from Pretoria Technical High School as part of the "Take a Child to Work" initiative.

The event, held under the 2025 theme: 'For a New Generation,' welcomed 20 Grade 10 and 11 learners, immersing them in the professional environment of the SAPS and showcasing the critical behind-the-scenes roles that contribute to community safety.

Dressed in their pristine blue uniforms, both junior and senior FMS personnel shared their knowledge and expertise, taking learners through various financial functions; including budgeting, expenditure control, supply chain management, asset management, and financial reporting, while also emphasising compliance with public finance regulations. This hands-on exposure revealed SAPS as a multi-faceted organisation offering far more than frontline policing.

"My perception was the SAPS only works with arresting criminals," said an enthusiastic and outspoken Grade 11 learner, Paki Bonoko. "But after the presentation and the tour around the office, I have a whole new perception. I see now how the SAPS takes care of their employees through sections like Employee Health and Wellness, and I understand the many career paths available. All in all, I give it a 10 out of 10, because it is really amazing. This is where I am coming here after I graduate," Bonoko added.

The learners were not the only ones impressed. Their Life Orientation teacher, Ms. Gaudencia Nyoke, praised the initiative. "I was very impressed with the initiative that the police took to invite our

learners. It was truly an eye-opener. They now have an understanding of the subjects and courses required, especially for careers in the Finance Division."

Ms. Nyoke further commended the interactive nature of the tour and the emphasis placed on discipline and wise decision-making, lessons she believes are critical for the development of learners. The presence of senior managers, including Major General Lisbeth Matobako, added gravitas to the occasion. In her welcoming remarks, she extended special thanks to the hosts, the event committee, and their guardians Brigadier Sundeep Davraj and Colonel Puleng Motsoeneng, for their commitment to nurturing future leaders. "We hope you will be inspired and choose to join the SAPS family as an employer of choice. This is a stepping stone to a better tomorrow," said Major General Matobako. She further asked that learners and teachers to join hands with the SAPS in the fight against crime.

The event's success was made possible by the dedication of SAPS FMS champions, with Accounting Clerk and Women's Network Chairperson, Ms Dudu Mndebele acknowledging the effort it took to prepare for the day. "It was rewarding to see how the kids were enjoying themselves and how eager they were to ask questions. Their curiosity showed genuine interest," she affirmed. Captain Queen Nkoma expressed gratitude for the unwavering support received from Lieutenant General Puleng Dimpane, Chief Financial Officer of the SAPS, particularly for youth development initiatives.

This initiative not only deepened the learners' understanding of the SAPS but also showcased the organisation's commitment to youth development, community partnerships, and nation-building. Truly shaping a new generation of inspired future leaders.



Champions from the Women's Network and Men for Change with future finance leaders.



Brigadier Devasahayam engages learners after their orientation at the Financial Management offices.



Captain Nkoma encourages learners to uphold discipline and integrity as principles for personal and professional success.



SAPS members take time to share their knowledge, experiences and career journeys, inspiring the next generation of public servants.

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By WO Percy Sepaela

Photographs supplied by SAPS



The SAPS Air Wing at the expo as one of the specialized units performing simulations.

The South African Police Service (SAPS) hosted a career expo at the Prosperitus High School in Eesterust, Tshwane, under the theme: 'Take a Child to work' where they presented a plethora of opportunities to learners within the organisation.

The principal of the school, Mr Rafael Griffiths said he was pleased that the SAPS had chosen their school to expose pupils to various employment opportunities available in the organisation. "There are a lot of opportunities in the SAPS in different fields, except being just a police officer. I urge you to take this opportunity to choose your career path wisely. Your future starts the day you are born because all of us are destined to become something in society," said Griffiths.

In a moving motivational talk, Col GT Hans from Management Services in SAPS told learners of how he beat the odds as a grade 11 drop-out to eventually rise through the ranks in the organisation. "I grew up in this township during apartheid years and dropped out in standard 9 (read grade 11) and fortunately completed my matric while working at the South African Defence Force (SANDF) Air Wing and later joined the police," he said. A career policeman, Col Hans started as a constable and rose through the ranks and has now been a police officer for 28 years.

"Stay focused because your background does not define your future," he said also telling learners to stay committed as he has also achieved an honours degree in policing.



SAPS' top brass listening to learners at the Prosperitus High school in Eesterust during a career expo.

Maj Gen LL Gossmann, Head of Curriculum Development and Standard in SAPS, said it was important to have discipline and warned learners about the dangers of dabbling in crime including substance abuse and teenage pregnancies. "I was here two years ago and adopted this school. I spoke about these challenges before to make you aware that they will derail your progress for the future," Maj Gen Gossmann said.

"You must set yourselves goals and work towards them. In the police you must not have tattoos or criminal record or even use drugs because we will detect it during the selection process of testing. We only need highly-disciplined people to join the police," he said. The Divisional Commissioner for Detectives and Forensic Services Lt Gen HK Senthumule narrated to learners how she grew up in a crime-ridden township of Thema in Springs, East Rand, and that she was determined not to be defined by the harsh environment within which she hailed from.

"Your future starts when you are born and this expo is not just SAPS' initiative but government's. I want to encourage you to dream and reach for the sky," said Lt Gen Senthumule. She added that some of the challenges faced by learners today in schools included bullying even on social media platforms and said this phenomenon must not be allowed to be institutionalized. Lt Gen Senthumule encouraged learners to choose their career path wisely telling them the SAPS will employ them in different specialized vocations.



Lt Gen Senthumule delivering her key-note speech in Eesterust at the SAPS' career expo event.



MISSING PERSONS

SANELISIWE NDLOVU



**(13) Female
Mamelodi
Last seen: 2025-05-05**

The missing person left her home without informing anyone. She was wearing blue jeans, white T-shirt and black sport shoes. Mamelodi 2/5/2025
Investigating officer: Serg SMJ Ledwaba
Tel: 012 812 9061

CAINOS DUBE



**(17) Male
Kamieskroon
Last seen: 2025-02-10**

The missing person left home without informing anyone where he was. Kamieskroon 1/3/2025
Investigating Officer: Capt GH Coetzee
Tel: 027 672 1925

TALENT MASOCHA



**(18) Female
Kamieskroon
Last seen: 2025-02-10**

The missing girl missing from VGK home. She was wearing black leggings, silver sport shoes and brown t-shirt. Kamieskroon 398/4/2025
Investigating Officer: Capt GH Coetzee
Tel: 027 672 1925

TSHEGOFATSO MOTHABI



**(25) Female
Roodepoort
Last seen: 2025-05-20**

The missing person left home to go to school and never returned. She was wearing grey tracksuits. Roodepoort 12/5/2025
Investigating Officer: WO EM Teme
Tel: 011 279 6400

TANAKA KEVIN ANTONIO



**(26) Male
Pampierstad
Last seen: 2025-05-04**

The missing person left home without informing his family where he is. He was wearing red jacket, blue jeans and black sneakers. Pampierstad 2/5/2025
Investigating Officer: WO W Kok
Tel: 053 456 5600

ANUSCHKA SAUNDERS



**(32) Female
Welkom
Last seen: 2025-05-27**

The missing person left home without informing anyone. She was wearing a blue jeans. Welkom 3/5/2025
Investigating Officer: Serg SM Manake
Tel: 057 391 6163

LEONARD NKWANA



**(55) Male
Krugersdorp
Last seen: 2025-05-28**

The missing person left home without informing anyone. He was wearing blue trousers. Krugersdorp 12327458
Investigating officer: Serg MS Munzhelele
Tel: 011 951 1026

SONNYBOY MODISE TSHAKUNG



**(40) Male
Roodepoort
Last seen : 2024-12-03**

The missing person left home and has not been seen since. He was wearing white -shirt. Roodepoort 10/5/2025
Investigating Officer: WO EM Teme
Tel: 011 279 6400

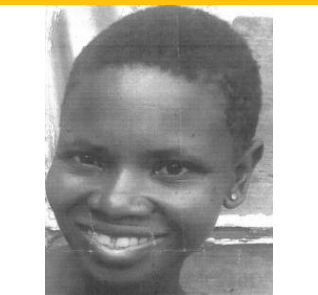
PRISKA NYATHI



**(34) Female
Jeppe
Last seen: 2025-05-25**

The missing person left home and has not been seen since. Jeppe 14/5/2025
Investigating Officer: Serg IN Ngcoza
Tel: 011 624 6060

CHERITY HLENGIWE MASEKO



**(30) Female
Moroka
Last seen: 2024-05-25**

The missing person left home and has not been seen since. He was wearing black t-shirt. Moroka 16/5/2025
Investigating Officer: WO SF Sikhakhane
Tel: 011 527 0000

**PLEASE HELP US
LOCATE THEM**



WANTED PERSONS

The South African Police Service requests urgent assistance from members of the public in tracing the following alleged perpetrators wanted in connection with various criminal offences committed countrywide.

VUYO NOATHA



**FRAUD
MIDDLEBURG MPUMALANGA
CAS 164/9/2020**

THIS MAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH FRAUD.

Investigating officer:
Serg MG Bapela
017 685 2363

SAMUEL HLUPHEKA VUKENI



**POSSESSION OF UNLICENSED
FIREARM
SKUKUZA CAS 30/01/2018**

THIS MAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH POSSESSION OF UNLICENSED FIREARM CASE.

Investigating officer: Const CS Moreku
013 762 7091 | 082 077 5826

VINCENT LUNGELANI KHUMALO



**RAPE
KRIEL
CAS 53/6/2013**

THIS MAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH A RAPE CASE.

Investigating officer:
Sgt BS Nkadameng
013 655 5082

MANDLA INNOCENT BULUNGA

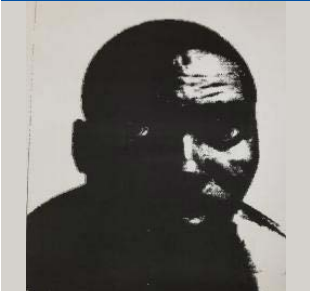


**POSSESSION OF UNLICENSED
FIREARM
SKUKUZA CAS 11/4/2018**

THIS MAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH POSSESSION OF UNLICENSED FIREARM

Investigating officer: WO SR Mdluli
013 762 7094 | 072 272 4213

JOSEPH NDUNA KOLOTSENE



**THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE
MIDDLEBURG MPUMALANGA
CAS 349/8/2020**

THIS MAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE

Investigating officer: Const TE Malatje
013 249 1600

MAPAI NELSON MALULEKA

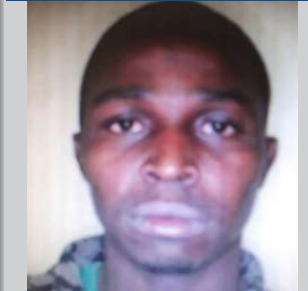


**POSSESSION OF UNLICENSED
FIREARM
SKUKUZA CAS 44/5/2019**

THIS MAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH POSSESSION OF UNLICENSED FIREARM.

Investigating officer: Const T Malesa
013 762 7094

JETRO TANINI HLUNWANE



**POSSESSION OF UNLICENSED
FIREARM
SKUKUZA CAS 32/9/2017**

THIS MAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH POSSESSION OF UNLICENSED FIREARM.

Investigating officer: WO DS Shabangu
013 754 7588/ 0713184966

PAULOS SIBANDA



**POSSESSION OF AN
UNLICENSED FIREARM
SKUKUZA CAS 44/5/2019**

THIS MAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH POSSESSION OF UNLICENSED FIREARM.

Investigating: Const T Malesa
013 762 7092/ 079 710 1500

ABBY NDLOVU



**ARMED ROBBERY, KIDNAPPING
AND ATTEMPTED MURDER
PILGRIMS REST CAS 11/11/2017**

THIS MAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH ARMED ROBBERY, KIDNAPPING AND ATTEMPTED MURDER CASE.

Investigating officer: WO F Kruger
013 768 1122

ALLAN ABRAHAMS



**MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO
PROPERTY
GRASSY PARK 398/12/2019**

THIS MAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

Investigating officer: WO PT Hook
021 700 3900/ 0825696605

**SAPS CRIME STOP
08600 10111**

