



Groups of flabbergasted jurists, Magistrate’s Court personnel, administrative personnel and ordinary South Africans - some of whom having travelled from as far as Gauteng to pay for speed fines or to appear in civil or criminal cases on Monday morning, left stranded outside the Court premises without any notice after the Rustenburg Magistrate’s Court was promptly closed indefinitely on Friday. This follows months if not years of speculation and ridicule as to the health and safety standards of the premises of the Rustenburg Magistrate’s Court. Meanwhile a meeting was convened by the Department of Justice and Rustenburg personnel to decide on the way ahead. See this week’s edition of Rustenburg Herald for the latest developments.



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Electricity tariffs are shocking



BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The South African Local Government Association (SALGA) said in a statement that it “reluctantly welcomes” the announcement by the National Energy Regulator of SA (NERSA) on Eskom’s fifth Multi-Year Pricing Determination (MYPD5) that the Eskom tariff increase will be 9.61%.

The utility had originally requested for 20.5%. The price of electricity has risen by 307% over the past 13 years, far exceeding inflation, this is despite that South Africans have experienced an unreliable electricity

supply. During the NERSA’s public hearing, the basis of SALGA’s submission was that these levels of tariff increases proposed by Eskom are unrealistic and unsustainable and go against economic and social

“We call for a holistic restructuring of the electricity industry to deal with the persistent challenges in the Electricity Supply Industry (ESI) and Eskom to aggressively implement cost-containment measures strategies, address corruption and the failing network infrastructure,” SALGA said.

Police Commissioner gets marching orders

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The National Police Commissioner was fired late last week.

Khehla Sitole’s termination as the country’s Top Cop came after a probe criticized the security force’s handling of an outbreak of civil unrest last year that claimed 354 lives.

“President Ramaphosa and General Sitole have agreed that the early termination of the commissioner’s contract is in the best interests of the country,” a statement issued by President Ramaphosa’s office read.

A week of rioting that erupted in July last year following former President Jacob Zuma’s incarceration on contempt-of-court charges saw thousands of businesses looted and cost the economy an estimated 50 billion rand. A panel appointed by Ramaphosa to probe the violence criticized the police’s inadequate response and found that tensions between Sitole and Police Minister Bheki Cele were among the contributors. Cele had accused Sitole of insubordination and sought his dismissal. Last year, Sitole lost an appeal against a High Court judgment that found he put the interests of the ruling party ahead of the country’s. Ramaphosa wrote to Sitole in September warning him that he may set up a probe into his fitness to hold office and in the President’s recent State of the Nation address announced plans to overhaul the leadership of the law enforcement

issues currently affecting the South African economy. Municipalities are already confronted with insurmountable challenges of high non-payment with businesses, government and households collectively owing over R300 billion for service rendered. The Eskom tariff increase will be in effect on the 1st of April 2022 for Eskom customers including municipalities, and 01 July 2022 for municipal customers.

SALGA reaffirms its support for Eskom’s viability as a national strategic asset but calls for the power utility to conduct its business consistent with the government’s economic objectives. There is a need to explore long term solutions and a possible re-look at Eskom’s cost structure including its coal contracts.

agencies. The breakdown in the relationship between the Police Minister and Commissioner were concerning, the President later told reporters.

The police have also drawn criticism for failing to address rampant criminality, which has been cited as a major deterrent to investment. More than 60 people are murdered each day in South Africa, and its per-capita homicide rate is more than five times the international average.

Fuel price has SA over the barrel

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The Department of Mineral Resources and Energy has published the latest fuel price adjustments for March 2022, showing a sharp hike in prices for both petrol and diesel in South Africa.

The increase will take effect at midnight on Tuesday (1 March)

The official changes are as follows:

Petrol 95: increase of R1,46 per litre to R21,60 Petrol 93: increase of R1,46 per litre to R21,35

Diesel 0.05%: increase of R1,44 per litre to R19,49

Diesel 0.005%: increase of R1,48 per litre to R19,55

Illuminating Paraffin: increase R1,21 per litre to R13,19

The increases for March are mainly attributable to rising international petroleum prices as a result of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and would have been more severe had the rand not stabilised against the US Dollar in the last few weeks, the group said.

Adding to the increases, the slate levy was also increased by a further 15 cents per litre, hiking prices even more.

“The massive fuel increases announced by the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) will have a sharp

and immediate effect on the poor, and a long-term impact on inflation,” said the Automobile Association (AA).

“These increases will certainly impact on every single South African given the reliance the country has on fuels for transportation, manufacturing and in the agricultural sector.”

The AA said the outlook for April remains unclear but Russia’s military action in Ukraine could push international oil prices higher which will again impact locally.

“For now, it’s a question of wait and see how these prices move in the next few weeks.

“One silver lining, though, is that any potential increases will not be combined with increases to fuel taxes as the minister of finance earlier this week announced the General Fuel and Road Accident Fund levies will not increase this year. This is good news, but must be tempered by what happens in the next few weeks to the overall pricing of fuel.”

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Cecile Volschenk (left) and Mollie Moolman - well-known artist in Rustenburg and Chief Judge of the Rustenburg Herald/Bonus Blank Space Art competition with the winning art works for the first quarter of 2022. Each of these artists have won a cash prize of R1000 and will also have a chance at one of the two Grand Prizes - two Pick n Pay Shopping vouchers to the value of R10 000 each. On the left is the winning art work for Greystone Crossing - Franklin Mwadi (15) and on the right is the winner for Pick n Pay Beyers Naudé - Emelia Hazlewood (17). Congratulations to the winners!

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Suspects in custody for illegal possession of firearm, ammunition

BONUS - RUSTENBURG- Two accused aged 39 and 40 respectively appeared before the Rustenburg Magistrates’ Court on Thursday, 24 February and Friday, 25 February , on charges of illegal possession of firearm and ammunition.

According to Captain Sam Tselanyane, North West police spokesperson, the accused were arrested during crime intelligence driven operation in the early hours of Wednesday morning (23 February) at Mfidikwe Village just outside Rustenburg after the Operational Command Centre (OCC) members acted on information regarding persons who were in possession of a firearm and ammunition. Consequent to receiving information, a search was conducted at a shack owned by a 39-year-old Horacio Sebastino Mathe known as “Mzekezeke” and a 9mm pistol with four

ammunition and a toy gun were found. The accused allegedly denied ownership of the weapon and ammunition and he took the police to his friend in the same neighborhood. As a result, the members proceeded to another shack where Sthandile Maqekeni (40) also known as “Mosotho” was found. Following the search at Mosotho’s shack, the police found two ammunition leading to the arrest. Meanwhile, Maqekeni has been remanded in custody until Thursday (3 March), while Mathe is expected to reappear in court on Friday (4 March). Both accused will apply to be released on bail during their next court appearances. Investigation into the matter continues.

Help locate deceased’s family

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Police in Boipatong are appealing for assistance to locate the family of a Deceased Maria Dieketseng Sechele, who is presumed to be from Rustenburg in the North West Province.

According to Sergeant Thembeke Koago, Boipatong police spokesperson, it is alleged that whilst still alive, she mentioned that her mother was working at a farm in the surrounding areas of Rustenburg. Police are investigating a case of Inquest after Maria Dieketseng Sechele presumed to be 60 years old, was found lying dead in the room. Her boyfriend left in the morning and when he came back, he found her lying unconscious. Paramedics were called to the scene however she was certified dead. The cause of death is still unknown, but the police are currently busy with investigations. Anyone who might know her mother or her family and their whereabouts can contact Boipatong SAPS Branch Commander Captain Mokgoto at 082 778 7937, SAPS Crime Line on 08600 10111, MySAPSApp or SMS 32211.



Campaign focuses on murder incidents at Freedom Park



BONUS - FREEDOM PARK - On Thursday (24 February), Phokeng SAPS in partnership with various stakeholders launched “Golekane” awareness campaign at Freedom Park Secondary School.

This campaign was launched as a result of a high number of murders and domestic violence cases recently reported from the area. Do not miss this week’s edition of the Rustenburg Herald for more information on this campaign which aims to reduce the number of reported murder and domestic violence incidents.




BONUS - MAGALIESBURG - Happy Yappers invites you to “It’s All About the Dog Day” on Saturday 12 March from 08:00 - 15:00 at The Old Mill - Magaliesburg. Come and enjoy a day in the country with a morning walk with the dogs, dog play activities from 10:00 - 14:00, food stalls and great selection of wine, spirits and beer, live music, kids play area, unique craft market, meet their dogs and pups up for adoption. Gate entree - R25pp (% to be donated to Happy Yappers NPO), dog play activities include walks, kissing booth, doggie spa and fun races. Come and enjoy a fun-filled day in the country with your favourite doggie!

South Korean ambassador visits primary school

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Noble Palms Primary was honoured to receive the South Korean Ambassador, Mr. Park and his Secretary, Mr. Kim on Wednesday (16 February).

The children gave an excellent demonstration of Taekwondo. After the demonstration Mr. Park delivered an informative presentation of Korea. Thereafter the children took part in a quiz and they had lots of fun. There were lovely gifts handed out by the Ambassador afterwards.





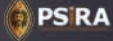
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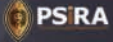
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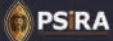
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Sport News

Changes to the National Cross Country Series will add to an exhilarating 2022 Championship



Lance Trethewey and Adriaan Roets. (Images: TGRSA and Nadia Jordaan)

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The 2022 international motorsport season kicked off to an epic start on 1 January with the running of the 44th Dakar Rally in Saudi Arabia with no less than nine South African teams amongst the hundred odd teams competing in the Car Category while the event also saw the launch of the inaugural FIA World Rally-Raid Championship.

Toyota Gazoo Racing returned home from this punishing event as the overall victors and added a second victory to their first in 2019. All four their vehicles, crewed by the overall winners, Nasser Al-Attiya/Mathew Baumel as well as local teams, Giniel de Villiers/Dennis Murphy; Shameer Variawa/Danie Stassen and Henk Lategan/Brett Cummings, finished in the top 20 in the FIA T1.1+ Class for 4x4 petrol or diesel engine vehicles. The South African built Red-Lined VK56, prepared by WCT Engineering and piloted by Daniel Schröder and South African navigator, Ryan Bland, also finished in the top 20.

With the dust now settled on this awe-inspiring event and the country still extremely proud of the achievements by the local South African competitors and teams, the SA Cross Country Series (SACCS) is poised to build on the success of the 2021 national championship and has introduced some innovative thinking to maintain the momentum achieved over the past years.

To introduce the 2022 South African season, the championship will adopt the international reference of Rally-Raid and in future the championship will be known as the South African Rally-Raid Championship. The well-established and successful championship will still be administered and promoted by the South African National Cross Country Association NPC under the guidance of Chief Executive Officer, Archie Rutherford and his dedicated team.

The FIA Class has grown exponentially over the past two seasons with a staggering number of 22 potential entries expected on the starting grid at the season opener, the Mpumalanga 400 that takes place in the Dullstroom area on March 25 and 26.

The calendar for the 2022 season will see teams competing in five of the country's provinces with the opening round, the Mpumalanga 400, taking place in the Dullstroom area on March 25 and 26. It will be the fifth running of this popular event that was first hosted in 2018. The traditional Sugarbelt 400 will form round two of the series when competitors will travel to KwaZulu-Natal to return to the well-known Eston area on 29 and 30 April.

After an extremely successful desert race in 2021 in Upington, the event will again return to the Northern Cape where it will form the third round on 24, 25 and 26 June. Round four will take place at Bronkhorstspuit on the border of Gauteng on 19 and 20 August while the Free State will welcome all for the fifth and sixth rounds at Nampo Park on 30 September and 1 October and again on 12 November for the seventh and final round event at Parys.

Changes according to international regulations; a full calendar and the expectation of seeing new teams and vehicles in action combined with the welcome return of familiar faces and teams, all add to the promise of an exciting 2022 SA Rally-Raid Championship.

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