

World Cup terror threat

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the group and its members said to be involved in the trafficking of arms, cigarettes and people to help fund its activities.

The statement about the planned attack on the World Cup match between England and the USA also

highlighted recent actions by al-Qaeda such as the Christmas Day plot to bomb an airline jet over Detroit in the USA. In October last year, South African security forces reportedly foiled an al-Qaeda plot to carry out a terrorist attack during the World Cup when the National Intelligence

Agency, a police task team and US agents jointly conducted an operation which led to the arrest of a number of suspects linked to a network in Somalia and Mozambique working on a plot to carry out bomb attacks during the games.

Meanwhile, a FIFA spokesperson

was quoted as saying that it would not comment on any specific potential threats to the World Cup and that such matters would be dealt with together with the relevant security authorities and that it would not be made public.

However, the Daily Telegraph cited the US State Department as having

said that "appropriate precautions" would be taken to protect the month-long tournament. Interpol is reported to be mounting its largest ever operation at the tournament, while the South African government will have 44 000 police officers patrolling the event.

15 Years for rape

VENTERSDORP - On a early winter's day of 20 May 2008, a 16-year-old girl was on her way home from school, at around 14:30, when a 51-year-old man overpowered her from behind and dragged her into the long grass on the side of the road.

He forcefully removed her clothes and raped her. She screamed for help and a tractor driver, who was driving along the road, heard her and came to her rescue.

Her assailant fled the scene, but was identified and was later arrested.

On 25 March 2010, Goitseman Daniel Motshabi was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment for the rape by the Ventersdorp Magistrates' Court.

The docket was investigated by D/WO ES Skomere of the Ventersdorp Detective Service.

Cruel murders

Man in court

RUSTENBURG - The man who is suspected to have brutally murdered a prominent business woman of Lethabong and her family last Christmas appeared in the Rustenburg Magistrates Court. The murders was in the wake of the Firearms Amnesty.

North West MEC for Public Safety, Howard Yawa has commended police for the arrest of the suspect.

MEC Yawa informed families of the five people who were murdered last Christmas that a suspect, Bongani Ntshoi (40) was arrested last Thursday and appeared in the Rustenburg Magistrates Court on Monday. Ntshoi was denied bail.

FIREARMS

MEC Yawa had earlier announced to the packed Lethabong Community Hall that 1153 firearms had been removed from circulation, 1033 through voluntary surrender and 120 recovered by police during operations since the 2010 Firearm Amnesty Campaign

commenced on the 11 January 2010.

The MEC said that that surrender of firearms in the province was and is significant. Yawa earlier led a Firearm Amnesty Campaign Awareness march through the streets of Lethabong to mobilise the community to also report people with illegal firearms and to take a stand against violent crime involving firearms culminated into a visit to the Khoza residence.

Relatives of the slain five that included Lethabong businesswoman, Mirriam Khoza's father, Estevao Machaieie (73) welcomed MEC Yawa's entourage with that included Provincial Commissioner Lesetja Beetha and some divisional commissioners from SAPS head office in Pretoria, pastors and local councillors with warmth.

Appreciation for the hard work that the police put in their investigations of the murder cases including the support that the family received from them and government in general was expressed on behalf of the family by Fautino Machaieie, brother to the late Mirriam Khoza.

AWB to meet Pres Zuma

VENTERSDORP - The Premier of the North West Province Maureen Modiselle attended the funeral of the late Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Eugene Terre'Blanche at the Afrikaanse Protestantse Kerk (APK) in Ventersdorp last Friday. She brought with her a message of condolences to the family of the deceased and the broader Afrikaner community.

The funeral was attended by hundreds of mourners mainly Afrikaners most of whom were dressed in black in honor of their departed leader. Amongst those who attended the funeral were a

section of the white extremist right wing members who hoisted the old boere republic flags as well as the old South African flag.

During an earlier media conference the AWB spokesperson André Visagie cautioned members of the media not to cause any disturbances during the funeral.

He added that the AWB executive was planning to meet with government next week to address the senseless killing of 3100 farmers since the advent of democracy. He also indicated plans to meet with members of AWB to discuss, deliberate and to come with solution to what he

Beware of 'identity theft'!

RUSTENBURG - 'Be Cautious about Giving info to 'census workers'. This warning comes from Susan Johnson of Better Business Buro (BBB) regarding the 2010 census. She, however advised people to be co-operative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft.

The first phase of the 2010 Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 census workers will count every person in the South Africa and will gather information about every person living at each address including name,

The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a Census worker and a con artist?

If a Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home. Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address

information. * Do not give your identity number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the Census.

* Remember, no matter what they asked, you really only need to tell them how many people live at your address.

* While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, you don't have to answer anything at all about your financial situation. The Census Bureau will not ask for bank account, credit card numbers, nor will employees solicit donations. Any one asking for that information is not with the Census Bureau.

* Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau will not contact you by Email, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census.

* Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the Census Bureau.

* For more advice on avoiding identity theft and fraud, visit www.bbb.org.



Helen Zille en lede van die RBBV - bestuur. Van links na regs, Pieter Malan, Johan de Klerk en Johan Schoeman.

Zille vergader met die belastingbetalers

RUSTENBURG - Die Rustenburg Belastingbetalersvereniging (RBBV) het Dinsdagoggend 'n vergadering met Helen Zille, leier van die amptelike opposisie gehad. Sy is tans op besoek in die provinsie en sy het Maandag met lede van die Demokratiese Alliansie (DA) vergader. Sy is hier om duidelike riglyne, standpunte en

kalmte rakende die onlangse gebeure in die provinsie te bewerkstellig.

Tydens Dinsdag se vergadering met die RBBV is verskeie kwessies wat belastingbetalers in die stad affekteer, bespreek in 'n poging om oplossings te vind. Daar sal binnekort 'n vergadering gereël word tussen die RBBV en DA-raadslede in die stad.

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