

# Recognised for good work

**MAFIKENG** - Rustenburg businessman, Elias Koketso Mongale (43) was commended for his patriotism by National Police Commissioner, Gen Bheki Cele during a medal awards ceremony here last month. Mongale was responsible for the safeguarding of 15 firearms, an amount of cash and the personal belongings of injured police reservists at an accident scene just outside Rustenburg last year. For his efforts, he was rewarded with a certificate of commendation and a R5 000 cash amount. Four police reservists had died at the scene of the accident and eleven others were seriously injured after the minibus they were travelling in overturned near Tlhabane while rushing to a parade to report for duty during last year's FIFA Confederations Cup.

North West MEC for Public Safety, Howard Yawa, who presented 20-year and 10-year long-service medals to 72 policemen and women at the ceremony, also expressed his gratitude to Mongale.

"Crime would not be an issue in our communities if we had more people like Mongale, a model law-abiding citizen," he told the parade that took place at the Old Molopo Area Parade Ground, commonly known as TTA.

## POLICE OFFICERS COMMENDED

Among those who were awarded certificates of commendation for their commitment and dedication and R10 000 cash awards, were Det Capt Loago Modise from

Rustenburg and WO Sefora from Ikageng.

Capt Modise was recognised for her arrest of a suspect and subsequent conviction to an effective 18 years imprisonment for the repeated rape and abuse of his daughter, while WO Sefora received recognition for the arrest, conviction and imprisonment of suspects in several cases of murder, arson, kidnapping, housebreaking and the possession of unlicensed firearms and ammunition.

Members of a task team from Klerksdorp, former police colonel Venter and WO Mokalleng and WO Moahloli received recognition for arresting suspects involved in housebreaking and theft, and for recovering stolen cash.

The task team from Mafikeng, Col Dince, Lt-Col Thekoeng, Capt Tanke, Warrant Officers Mothoagae, Letlonkane, Mokoka and Sgt Tlhagiso received recognition for arresting suspects for various cases of theft of cattle and recovered several cattle.

In congratulating the recipients of the medals for their loyal service, Yawa said that they should wear the medals received with pride and dignity.

"We are proud of your achievements, courage and patriotism and salute you for your selflessness, loyalty and sacrifices. We are confident that with the dedication of men and women of your calibre, victory is certain, we are going to win the war against crime and host the best ever Football World Cup in a safe and secure environment," Yawa added.



North West MEC for Public Safety, Howard Yawa (left) congratulates Rustenburg businessman Elias Koketso Mongale, who received a certificate of commendation and R5 000 in cash for safeguarding firearms, cash and personal belongings of injured police reservists at an accident scene just outside Rustenburg last year. With them is Lt-Gen Beetha.

## Só reageer DA-raadslede oor Belastingbetalersvereniging

**RUSTENBURG** - "DA-raadslede het begrip vir die frustrasie van Rustenburgse inwoners en belastingbetalers oor die gebrek aan dienslewering en misbruik van posisie. Dit is verstaanbaar dat 'n behoefte ontstaan het om die plaaslike regering meer effektief tot verantwoording te roep. Vandaar verdien

mense erkenning wat hulle geroepe voel om gesamentlike optrede teen die munisipaliteit te bepleit. Só het die Belastingbetalersvereniging in Rustenburg herleef", sê mnr Dieter Krüger, ondervoorsitter van die DA-koukus in Rustenburg na aanleiding van vergaderings van die onlangs-herleefde

Belastingbetalersvereniging in Rustenburg. "Verteenwoordigers van die Belastingbetalersvereniging kan wel swak diens aan munisipale amptenare en werkers uitwys, ook verkeerde optrede en regstelling vra. Die DA-raadslede doen dit reeds", aldus mnr Krüger.

"Belastingbetalers kan deur openbare kritiek en protesoptogte druk uitoefen. Lede van die publiek kom die munisipaliteit by soos deur die media. DA-raadslede bring hulle kant deur deelname aan besluitneming in die Raad", meen hy.

Mnr Krüger sê belastingbetalers kan hul ontevredenheid toon deur betaling van belasting te weerhou, die gelde in 'n trustfonds te betaal en daaruit dienslewering op eie stoom te finansier. Dit vereis egter 'n groot gesamentlike en volgehoue poging om suksesvol te wees en die wetlikheid daarvan is 'n kwessie waarmee rekening gehou moet word. Ondervinding het egter geleer dat sodanige optrede in 'n groot stad soos Rustenburg onrealisties is".

"By 'n onlangse openbare vergadering van die Belastingbetalersvereniging het 'n lid van die publiek glo teen DA-raadslede uitgevaar omdat

hulle nie daar was nie. Die DA-raadslede wens om soos volg te antwoord", sê mnr Krüger.

"DA-raadslede het al byeenkomste van die Belastingbetalersvereniging bygewoon en wil nie rusie maak nie, maar kan nie betrokke raak nie. Al behoort DA-raadslede aan die opposisie in die Raad, is hulle deel van die Stadsraad en die Munisipaliteit. Hulle is daar deur die kiesers, die belastingbetalers geplaas. Dit is nie vir hulle om die munisipaliteit van buite aan te val nie, maar om die belastingbetalers, die kiesers se belange in die Raad en binne die munisipaliteit te behartig en te bevorder", sê mnr Krüger.

"Graag nooi die DA-raadslede, lede van die Belastingbetalersvereniging en dié vereniging se goedgesindes uit om die openbare vergaderings van die Stadsraad - gewoonlik die laaste Dinsdag van elke maand - en Wykskomiteevergaderings by te woon sodat hulle hul kan vergewis van DA-raadslede se bydraes.

"Lede van die Belasting-betalersvereniging is welkom om DA-raadslede van advies te bedien en hulle ook te skakel om te help met die oplossing van klagtes of probleme", het mnr Krüger afgesluit.

## Dalk rampspoed vir boere

**RUSTENBURG** - Die aanhoudende reën van tans kan rampspoedige gevolge vir landbouers inhou as dit so aanhou, sê mnr Gert Cruywagen, president van Noorwes TLU.

"Dit tref veral graan -en melkboere swaar en indien lande nie afdroog nie kan hulle nog groter skade verwag. Hulle kan nie in die lande kom om te stroop of om voer vir onder meer kuilvoer en derglike te sny nie, terwyl grondbone ondergegradeer kan word," het hy Maandag aan Rustenburg Herout gesê.

In dele van Noordwes is mielies besig om in die koppe uit te loop en indien die erge

nat toestande voortduur kan gewasse omval en vrot - met onberekenbare skade vir die landbou en gevolglik die land in sy geheel.

"Dit is nou tyd vir mielies om te droog om kernvrot te keer en uiteraard moet dit ook droog om later gestroop te kan word," het hy gesê. "Grondbone kan ook nie in modderlande getrek word nie en indien dit ondergegradeer word, sal dit slegs as olie of derglike bemark kan word."

Boere sê ook weens reën oor groot dele van Noordwes het herfs nog kwalik begin. Dit is gewoonlik droë weer dié tyd van die jaar wat gewasse vinnig laat droog om gestroop of ge-oes te kan word, sê hulle.

## R200 000 copper retrieved

**MADIKWE** - Another blow has been struck by the police! A tip-off from a community member has resulted in retrieving copper to the value of R200 000, and the arrests of four men.

Members of the Madikwe Detective Service were on suspect raiding around Madikwe on 31 March at around 00:15 when they received information from one of their informers that there were people stealing copper cable at Tlokweg Village.

They called in the assistance of members of the Madikwe Community Service Centre's B-Relief and followed up on the information.

They arrested four men who had copper cable in their possession. The copper was estimated to be worth around R200 000.

The four men, Raymond Monopela (38), Naftan Makhubela (20), Moses Khosa (23) and Lucas Khosa (26), all from Tembisa, appeared in court and were remanded in custody until their next court appearance.

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