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Once again, as the Communications Family, we bring you glitz and glamour, through the programmes that were implemented during the fourth quarter of the Department of Safety and Liaison(DSL).

It is worth noting that the fourth quarter of each financial year is always a busy period for the DSL. The 2017/18 financial year, was no different to the

financial years preceding this one.

The DSL has recorded many significant milestones and achievements for the fourth quarter, with specific reference to the Safety Month Programme. High impact programmes which were rolled-out to the communities, in the fight against crime, were some of the following:

- Strategic Planning Session
- Safety Month Launch
- Youth Dialogue and School Debate
- Accountability Engagement
- MEC Breakfast with Learners Living with a Disability
- Cleansing Ceremony at Engcobo

However, the tragedy of Engcobo, where five police officers were gunned down inside the police station, as one of the cruelest acts of crime, has left an indelible mark in the minds and hearts of the people of the Eastern Cape Province. Safety and Liaison played a central role in government's concerted efforts to handle the tragedy with absolute care. You can read more about this story on the Opinion Piece column on page 3.

The Department of Safety and Liaison is committed to the realization of a "Safe and Crime free Eastern Cape". Through this newsletter, we are obliged to encourage all current and potential readers to play their part, and contribute significantly towards the safety and security of their family and community members, virtually in all walks of life.

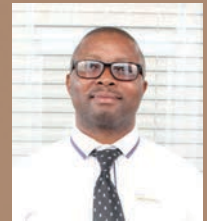


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ENGCOBO ACCOUNTABILITY ENGAGEMENT



BY MICHAEL MSEBI



Police Minister Bheki Cele on Saturday 21 April 2018 visited the Ngcobo in an effort to claim back the dignity of Ngcobo community from the brutal hands of the criminals.

This followed the shooting of five police officers and a retired soldier in Ngcobo on Wednesday 21 February 2018. The Department of Safety and Liaison (DSL) together with South African Police Service (SAPS) hosted an Imbizo community engagement at Nyanga High School Grounds in Ngcobo, where Minister Bheki Cele gave feedback to the community on the developments since the tragedy.

Provincial Commissioner Lieutenant General Liziwe Ntshinga said 12 police officers, a mobile station and 2 vehicles would be deployed to Ngcobo.

Community member Mr Happy Lwane believed the pain experienced by families of victims would be eased by the demolition of the church building. "It's a cruel reminder for us as residents, how much more for the families of those police officers who died in that police station massacre. The community of Ngcobo and our town is known for bad things. We need to change that," said Lwana.

DSL MEC Weziwe Tikana was among the speakers of the day, she highlighted that the department was waiting for court order to effect the demolition.

Police Minister Bheki Cele said authorities were waiting for a

request from community. "We will then take the request to relevant structures, like the municipality and the Chiefs so that the church can be demolished." Cele visited the Mancoba household and met with Ms Nombongo Mancoba, mother of some of the alleged perpetrators, who told him she missed her angels. "You know some stories can be scary and after hearing about the tragic events that happened here I was scared to meet the mother, but you know I just see an ordinary woman who has also been traumatized by the tragedy. She is in pain at the loss of her children and in pain about her arrested sons, but she also feels pain about the police officers and a soldier who died," said Cele. He said plans to reinforce police stations were under way and CCTV cameras would be installed at the station within a month. "My vision is to see a young girl walking in the middle of the night alone unharmed," said Cele.



EASTERN CAPE POLICE HONOURS 200 YOUNG CONSTABLES

BY BUKIWE MDABULA



In building a professional and Capable Police Service (SAPS), 200 young constables across Eastern Cape underwent a life Skills Development Programme conducted by the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), in partnership with the Department of Safety and Liaison on the 01 June 2018. Deputy Minister Bongani Mkhongi was among the dignitaries that were present on the event.

The programme was initiated by the Department of Safety and Liaison for the young constables the program was initiated to enhance growth and development amongst the young future leaders focusing on professionalism, emotional intelligence, and conflict resolution and self-conduct. The young leaders also focused on the pillars of Back to Basics Policing approach and the implementation of the Eastern Cape Province “RRR” Vision –Revive, Restore and Reform.

The Eastern Cape Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Ntshinga acknowledged and thanked Department of Safety and Liaison for their commitment in the capacitation of Young Constables in the province .” It is very important to capacitate young employees as young people are the future of the Police Force. Said Ntshinga .

Deputy Minister of Police Bongani Mkhongi encouraged the constables who had just been awarded certificates he also echoed the same sentiments as General Ntshinga thanking the Department for such a brilliant initiative that is meant to empower the young employees . “The sky is the limit you can be anything that you want to be all that is needed is the courage and resilience I want to see the upcoming Commissioners from this group “Said Deputy Minister.

MINISTER CELE WANTS PEACE IN MTHATHA

BY ANELE VALELA



Given the rife rise of taxi violence and mass killings that has claimed the lives of 60 people in Mthatha, the Minister of Police Mr Bheki Cele held talks with taxi association leaders in Mthatha on Tuesday, 8 May 2018.

The increase of taxi violence in Mthatha led to the closure of all taxi ranks in the area and the suspension of all taxi operations in the area. Minister Bheki Cele said that government is ready to play its role in order to solve this problem.

“We are committed to the cause of bringing safety and stability to the OR Tambo District Municipality and to the province as a whole,” he said.

“We are ready to bring police to defend the citizens of Mthatha, even to protect us from ourselves. Mthatha is one of the areas that have been identified as the most dangerous areas in the country. This area records one of the highest rates of murder in the country. The problem of taxi violence in Mthatha adds to the already volatile situation of this area.

There is no reason for people to get violent when you protest, but you do not have the right to disturb the peace and stability of other people. My job is to ensure that all South Africans are safe and they feel safe. My vision about the police service is that one day a young woman would be able to walk alone at any time of the day, from wherever she comes from to wherever she is going to. The only people who can help us to realize that vision are men,” emphasized the Police Minister.

The MEC for Transport, Safety and Liaison, Ms Weziwe Tikana said that there is no reason why individuals and groups should resort to violence, at the expense of the lives of innocent people.

“We are here because there are unresolved issues between taxi associations in Mthatha,” said MEC Tikana. “We should understand that at the end of the day, crime is at the center of this engagement. Crime fighting is one of five top priorities of government. When we defeat crime, we will see our province flourish economically,” she added.

MEC TIKANA ADDRESSED THE MEDIA IN CONNECTION TO VIOLENCE



Following the peace agreement that was intended to end taxi violence, the MEC of Transport, Safety and Liaison called a media briefing on 22 May 2018 at the department of Transport in King William's Town, with the aim of sharing the progress and milestone achieved by government to ensure that commuters at Mthatha feel free and safe.

Addressing the media the MEC for Transport, Safety and Liaison ensured that the parties are committed to fully adhere to and comply with the terms of agreement to maintain peace and stability in Mthatha .A dedicated task team was deployed in mthatha to enforce the peace agreement, uphold the law and obedience to the supremacy.

"It was not an easy sailing task for the police to deal with the taxi violence in mthatha ,the taxi associations made the town to be ungovernable and the commuters suffered

especially the disabled community who struggle to reach the Taxi Ranks due to the closure of Taxi ranks in Mthatha . The minister of Police General Bheki Cele took a decision to take over all the ranks in Mthatha.

As the government of the Eastern Cape we are committed in engaging with stakeholders who are interested in the amicable resolving of the taxi violence and as a result, we have adopted a role of being a catalyst rather than an agent facilitating the peace process.

Present at the Media briefing was acting head of department MEC for Transport ,Safety and Liaison Weziwe Tikana Mr Zukile Kani, Deputy Director General of transport Mr Mzwandile Sisilana and Deputy Provincial Commissioner Andre Swartz.

LANGUAGE FORUM LAUNCHED

Language and the use of language is one of the most important tools for fighting crime, because social cohesion begins when people have a common understanding.

This truth is found in the words of Nelson Mandela when he said, "If we talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart."

The Pan South African Language Board (PANSALB) launched the Eastern Cape language forum on Monday, 21 May 2018 at the Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature.

The initiative of the Forum is to advance the implementation of the Use of South African Official Languages Act 2012 (Act 12 of 2012) by Eastern Cape regional offices of national government departments and public entities. The Forum will also facilitate the implementation of the Eastern Cape Use of Official Languages Act that is still awaiting proclamation by the provincial authorities, and serve as the monitoring mechanism.

The MEC for the Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture (DSRAC) Busisiwe Tunyiswa said that language is a powerful weapon that must be used with full intent and purpose.

"It is high time that gains of our democracy are advanced and explored to the fullest for the benefit of our linguistically diverse communities that were seriously marginalized by the previous regime of segregation and unfair discrimination."

The launch of the Eastern Cape Language forum will see the introduction of use of IsiXhosa, Afrikaans, SeSotho and English in official correspondence of government and public entities within the Eastern Cape. Deputy Speaker of the Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature, Mlibo Qoboshiyane said the people of the Eastern Cape must now take pride in their own languages.

"Being able to express yourself in your mother tongue gives you a sense of belong and sense of security, because you know that you are one with people of your own land," said the Deputy Speaker.

MEC for Education, Mr Mandla Makupula said that the growth of language is synonymous with the increase of its usage.

"People dissipate when their language is suppressed. We will therefore adopt the incremental introduction of African languages within government, because we have to start somewhere," he said.

THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND LIAISON BROUGHT EDUTAINMENT PROGRAMMES IN KING WILLIAM'S TOWN



On Saturday 26 May the Department of Safety and Liaison in Partnership with South African Police Service and Sanlam had "Children's Programme Takalani Sesame". The aim of the programme was to empower children as we aware that children are the leaders of tomorrow. The day was made through partnership with SAPS, SANLAM and South African Police Service.

The day was filled with laughter and joy where Children of King William's town had to experience seeing Takalani town. Children had a chance to be educated about the subject that matter in the society like HIV Aids, Basic Life Skills and also literacy. The programme was a rollout through edutainment approach which aims at presenting learning in an entertainment style. Children had an opportunity to learn different activities from their favorite characters, Moshe, Zuzu, Neno, and Zikwe. Each character taught Children different activities like hygiene, gardening and building.

Children's day was graced by the presence of the Provincial Commissioners of South African Police Service and Acting Head of Department of the Department of Safety and Liaison Mr Zukile Kani who took their time and played with the children of King William's Town. On her speech the provincial commissioner of the Eastern Cape Ms Liziwe Ntshinga thanked Sanlam and Department of Safety and Liaison for taking time and spend time with the children. "Our children need activities like this in order to build them for future"

The Department of Safety and Liaison welcomed the children with lunch packs and also Sanlam provided snacks and educational material and the favourite Takalani crew made sure that they entertain and educate children.

10 year old Mihle Mahonga said "We are very happy that Sanlam came to King we also wish that the programme should come each and every year in King William's Town as we know that we do not have any form of entertainment in King we rely on East London and we have to pay for every game that we participate on everything here was for free which made it to be more enjoyable. I wish Sanlam can come again said a Joyful child "



YOUTH MONTH

BACKGROUND

When we talk of June 16, we refer to what transpired 42 years ago during the unforgettable Soweto uprising, this started as a peaceful protest, on this particular day masses of young people, predominantly school children took to the street in protest against imposition of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction in all public schools. In response to their peaceful protest they were shot at and killed by brutal Apartheid Security Forces. The whole protest was a resultant of policies of the then 'Apartheid regime' that resulted in the introduction of the Bantu Education Act in 1953. That was the beginning of a new era in the struggle for liberation of South Africans. The 'then' group took it upon itself to stand against the injustices, ill treatment and killings by the past government because peaceful marching and picketing was legal.

When the new government took over from the Apartheid regime it declared June 16 a National Public holiday in South Africa and the month of June as a Youth Month in recognition of those heroes and heroines who sacrificed their lives and defeated the odds against them so that the youth of today could live in a society where we all enjoy equal rights and equal opportunities. Currently young people do get platform to express themselves in the broader developmental and economic agenda of the country.

One would wonder why June 16 is associated with Hector Pieterse, history postulates that it is because 'Hector Pieterse' was one of the first students to be brutally killed like a fly and he was aged 13 hence he is like the Icon.

WHAT THE DAY MEANS TO ME PERSONALLY

This day to me marks the beginning of a new dawn where young people should draw lessons from the likes of Hector Pieterse and Hastings Ndlovu stood up and be firm to what they believe in. The youth of 1976 stood for injustices without

fear or prejudice and those lessons should be learnt to the later. Challenges and detours of our time are in fact not the same, today we are fighting for Free education, lack of employment and Expropriation of Land without compensation because all were fought for.

They fought for basic human rights that we all enjoy today, paving a model for generations to come.

I failed to understand youth of today into why 'we' are not demanding what is due to them because we are now enjoying the fruits of 1976. I am now calling upon all members of the youth to take part in all social ills of today so that even if we do not achieve them today but youth of the forthcoming generation will endure those fruits.

WHAT I WOULD LOVE TO SEE ON THIS DAY / MESSAGE OF SUPPORT

Transformation starts from within so therefore individual should start transforming from where their respective structures/branches (political, Cultural, Religious and Social) taking tune from Mcebisi Dlamini former SRC President at University of Witwatersrand, tata Desmond Tutu Political and Religious Liberator, Steve Bantubonke Biko, Mama Winnie Madikizela Mandela, Julius Malema and the list is Endless. Let us all come forward friends of youth (those above the age of 35 years) to the struggle of our young lions as it takes a village to raise a child.

Not all cases require fights and protests; Zimbabwe could attest to this and as youth on this age we need to be too smart and employ that, but again we are not divorcing ourselves from Protests, Marches, Picketing for our demands to be heard.

Each case needs to be treated in its own merit.

You are a Youth for Once and that once is today.

DSL HELD SPORT AGAINST CRIME PROGRAMME IN MALUTI

BY MICHAEL MSEBI



Department of Safety and Liaison (DSL) handed over money prizes and medals to winners at sport activities held in Maluti on the 24 and 25 June 2018.

The venue was packed to capacity at Maluti for the young people to participate in various sporting codes at an event of international stature.

The programme was a follow up on the research findings that the Maluti area was one of the areas hard hit by criminal activities affecting young people. The DSL in partnership with Lesotho, Kwazulu Natal, Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture, Matatiele Local Municipality, Ced Matat an organisation responsible for athletics in the area, encouraged young footballers and netball players to make use of the sporting activities as powerful tools with which to fight crime.

On this day, the Imbizo was preceded by sporting activities, where a soccer and netball tournament was held. This was a spectacular competition for each team to showcase its skill. After the competition, the winners were awarded medals for having participated in the tournament. Most importantly the Imbizo which was held on the Sunday Morning of 25 June 2018, was preceded by fun run and walk which covered 1.5; 5 and 10 kilometres, for which the winners were given money prizes and awarded medals.

At the time of imbizo, Ms Thulephi Msimango the Deputy Director attached to Monitoring and Evaluation Directorate, on behalf of the department had this to say to the attendees: "We came here today to appeal to all youth formations in this area to distance themselves from acts of criminality. We want you to imitate and emulate the youth of 1976 through



vigilance and moral behaviour. Stay away from acts of domestic violence and substance abuse. Be champions of development and agents of change in your lifetime. Set a very good example to others so that the people could have crime free communities".

She added that the number of taverns should not exceed the number of schools and churches in the area. She concluded by saying that sport against crime should be used as a powerful weapon with which to fight crime.

Meanwhile, Constable Tembisa Vundisa from Cedarville Police Station said sporting codes would go a long way in addressing the plight of the young people in this area." It is assisting to take young people away from crime through sporting codes, because at the end of it all, they will get physical fitness and become healthy young people".

Whilst, Mr Tabiso Mahoto from Ced Matat started off by commending Amaluti for taking the responsibility of working with government to get itself out of the vicious circle of criminal activities so that the people could live in peace and harmony with one another.

"Sport activities are designed for young people to nurture their talents so that in the near future they could become shining stars that the next cohort of generation should look up to. The next cohort of generation is expected to take on the armoury from you and see to it up to succeeding generations. At the end of it all, sports activities will take young people away from criminal activities and motivate them to contribute meaningfully towards restoration of the moral fibre of their communities," he added.

KWELERA CRIME PREVENTION CAMPAIGN



Uluntu lwase Gwaba, eKwelerha, kufuphi naseMonti, lufundiswe ngokubaluleka kwendima yabo kwidabi lokulwa ulwaphulo mthetho.

Uruhulumente uhlabe ikhwelo esenza iinzame zokubuyisa iingqondo zabantu ukuze babuyele ebuntwini.

Le nkqubo ibijoliswe kulutsha lwalenginqi njengoko kuyinyanga yolutsha, kwaye kwakubonakele ukuba ulutsha luyachapazeleka kwiziganeko zokonyuka kolwaphulo mthetho.

UNkosikazi Phumla Nqwelo olilungu lekomiti yeCPF esebenzisana namapolisa aseKwelerha uthethe eliphulo lokuvuselela izazela zabantu abahlala kwiilali zaseKwelerha, liza emva kokuba iincukacha manani zibonakalise ukonyuka kwezinga lolwaphulo mthetho nobundlobongela kulengingqi.

“Izehlo zolwaphulo mthetho ezihamba phambili nezinga lazo elithande ukonyuka ziquka ukubulala, ukudlwengula, ukubiwa kwemfuyo kunye nokubetha ngeenjongo zokwenzakalisa,” uthethe watsho uNkosikazi Nqwelo.

Phakathi kwaMasebe kaRhulumente kunye namaqumrhu azimeleyo awayexhasa lenkqubo, kwaye kukho Isebe Lophuhliso Loluntu, Amapolisa kunye ne Masimanyane Support Group (MSG) ejongene nemiba ephathelene nokuhlukunyezwa kwabantwana nabantu basetyhini.

UMphathi wesikhululo samapolisa eKwelerha uKapteni

Jayiya amapolisa awakwazi ukuluphelisa ulwaphulo mthetho ngaphandle kokuncediswa luluntu.

“Amapolisa asebenza ezitalatweni, aqinisekisa ukuba kukho ucwangco. Uninzi lolwaphulo mthetho nobundlobongela lwenzeka ngaphakathi ezindlini zenu. Abantu bathi bengamalungu osapho olunye, behleli ngaphakathi emakhayeni abo babethane benzakalisane. Abantu bayabulawa, oomama bayadlwengulwa ngaphakathi ezindlini. Amapolisa awakwazi ukuzithintela ukuba ingenzeki izinto ezimbi ezenzeka ngaphakathi emizini. Sicela abantu babuyele ebuntwini. Omncinci nomdala bahloniphane, kubekho imvisiswano nothando,” uthethe watsho uKapteni Jayiya.



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