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DERDE KWARTAAL SE STATISTIEKE

Minder werkloos in Suid-Afrika, maar...

William Horne

Die amptelike werkloosheidskoers het in die derde kwartaal met 'n volle persentasiepunt gedaal – die tweede grootste daling tot dusver, maar dit sal waarskynlik nie volgehou kan word nie.

Luidens Statistieke Suid-Afrika (SSA) se jongste kwartaal-keers arbeidsmagpeiling (QLFS), wat die amptelike werkloosheidskoers verteenwoordig, het sowel dié koers as die koers van uitgebreide werkloosheid met een persentasiepunt op 'n kwartaalgrondslag gedaal.

Die amptelike werkloosheidskoers staan nou op 32,9% – die laagste sedert die eerste kwartaal van verlede jaar.

Dit beteken daar was 269 000 minder werklose mense in Suid-Afrika in die derde kwartaal as in die tweede kwartaal, vir 'n totaal van 7,7 miljoen werkloos landwyd.

Selvs wat betref die uitgebreide werkloosheidskoers was daar 'n noemenswaardige verbetering. Van 'n vlak van 44,1% in die tweede kwartaal het dit in die derde kwartaal tot 43,1% gedaal.

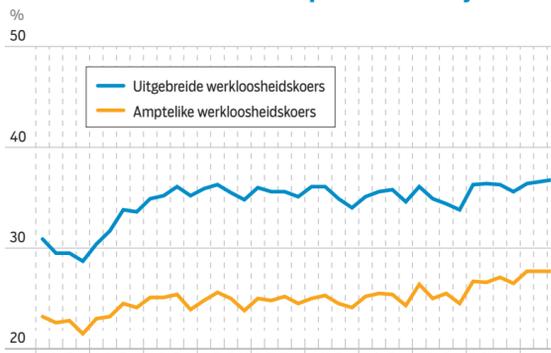
Dit is dus die vierde agtereenvolgende styging in indiensneming sedert die vierde kwartaal van verlede jaar.

Op 'n jaargrondslag was die algehele verbeterings nog beter. Gemeet op hierdie manier het die amptelike werkloosheidskoers met twee persentasiepunte gedaal.

Die SSA het egter beklemtoon ten spyte van die noemenswaardige verbetering in albei werkloosheidskoerse, bly dit baie hoog – en veral onder die jeug.

Onder Suid-Afrikaners tussen die ouderdom van 15 en 34 het

Werkloosheid daal nou amptelik al vir 'n jaar aar



die werkloosheidskoers wel ook op 'n kwartaalgrondslag met 'n persentasiepunt gedaal tot 45,5%, maar dit bly uiters naby aan die ramspoedige 50%-koers.

“Die derde kwartaal van 2022 se resultate toon steeds dat die jeug (15 tot 34 jaar oud) kwesbaar bly in die arbeidsmark,” het die SSA in 'n verklaring gesê.

Daar is steeds 4,6 miljoen jeugdige wat werkloos is uit 'n totaal van 10,1 miljoen wat in die arbeidsmag is.

Die groot 'maar'

Selvs die SSA erken daar is wel 'n ander faktor wat dalk die verbetering in die werkloosheidskoerse kon aandryf.

Die bevolking wat nie ekonomies aktief is nie het noemenswaardig toegeneem weens die toename in mense wat om ander redes as blote ontoediging opegehou het om werk te soek.

Dié mense het met 264 000 gestyg in die derde kwartaal teenoor die tweede kwartaal, wat die werkloosheidskoers kunsmatig afwaarts dryf. Dit is dus

moeilik om te bepaal hoeveel van die verbetering in die werkloosheidskoers te danke is aan verbeterende ekonomiese toestande en hoeveel bloot gedryf word deur die afwesigheid van ekonomies-aktiewe persone om die berekening te doen.

“n Alombekende feit is dat werkskepping eintlik net wesenlik plaasvind indien die bruto binnelandse produk (BBP) in reële terme met minstens 3% groei.

Suid-Afrika se BBP-groei-koers sal vanjaar waarskynlik met minder as 2% toeneem.

“Die DA verwelkom die marginale verlaging in die werkloosheidsyfer – en die feit dat die amptelike werkloosheidskoers met 'n persentasiepunt tot 32,9% gedaal het – maar die omvang van die krisis bly kolossaal,” het Michael Cardo, DA-LP, gister in 'n verklaring gesê.

“Wat veral kommerwekkend is, is dat daar 10,2 miljoen jong mense van 15 tot 24 in die derde kwartaal van 2022 was wat nie in diens, in die onderwys of in opleiding was nie (die sogee-

naamde ‘NEET’s’). Dit is amper 'n persentasiepunt hoër as die ekwivalente koers in die derde kwartaal van 2021.

“Werkloosheid hou die enkele grootste bedreiging vir ons maatskaplike struktuur in, en die ANC-regering het nie 'n benul wat om daaraan te doen nie,” sê Cardo.

Provinsies

Daar was 'n wesenlike herrangskikking in die rangorde van die beste presterende provinsies rakende hul werkloosheidskoers.

Die Wes-Kaap het die topposisie hervat met 'n amptelike werkloosheidskoers van 24,5%.

Die provinsie met die meeste werkloosheid het egter dieselfde gebly en die Oos-Kaap sit nou met 'n amptelike werkloosheidskoers van 42,4% (en uitgebreid is dit 50,6%).

So het die rangorde verander:

- **1. Oos-Kaap:** Geen verandering.
- **2. Noordwes:** Vyf plekke agteruitgeboer.
- **3. Mpumalanga:** Geen verandering.
- **4. Vrystaat:** Twee plekke agteruitgeboer.
- **5. Gauteng:** Een plek verbeter.
- **6. Limpopo:** Vier plekke verbeter.
- **7. KwaZulu-Natal:** Twee plekke verbeter.
- **8. Noord-Kaap:** Een plek agteruitgeboer.
- **9. Wes-Kaap:** Een plek verbeter.

Bedrywe

Die bedryf wat die grootste aantal nuwe werkers in diens geneem het, was die vervaardigingsbedryf wat 123 000 nuwe poste geskep het.

Dié bedryf word gesien as die

aandrywer van ekonomiese groei en industrialisering. Dit het egter net die tweede grootste groei-koers in indiensneming aangeteken – ná nutsdiens.

Die bedrywe wat noemenswaardige veranderinge getoon het, was nutsdiens (+12,2%), vervaardiging (+8,2%), konstruksie (+3,9%), finansies (-3,2%) en private huishoudings (-3,2%).

Die SSA sê wel daar is 'n neiging dat indiensneming in die derde kwartaal van elke jaar versnel. Die waarskynlikheid dat die verbeterende koerse as 'n neiging voortgesit sal word, is dus min, veral gegewe die swak ekonomiese groei-koers.

“Die afname in werkloosheid is 'n positiewe ontwikkeling gegewe die moeilike ekonomiese toestande,” het Adriaan Pask, inligtingshoof van PSG Wealth, gister in 'n verklaring gesê.

“Om egter 'n opwaartse neiging in indiensneming te verseker, moet sowel die private as openbare sektor die implementering van strukturele en pro-sakehervormings versnel om investering te ontsluit, koste te verminder en mededingendheid en groei te verhoog, wat alles sal help om volhoubare indiensneming te skep.”

Casey Delpport, beleggingsontleider van Anchor Capital, het selfs meer krities na die syfers gekyk. “Die plaaslike ekonomiese groei steeds teen minder as 2% per jaar. Die ekonomiese groei dus eenvoudig nie teen 'n voldoende tempo om langtermyn-werkvoorsigtige vir Suid-Afrikaners volhoubaar te bevorder nie.”

Suid-Afrika is nou die land met die derde hoogste werkloosheidskoers ter wêreld.

Twee kry 25 jaar tronkstraf elk vir moord op man in Hanover Park

Maygene de Wee

Twee mans van Hanover Park op die Kaapse Vlakte, van wie een lid van die Americans-bende is, is Maandag in die hooggeregshof in Kaapstad elk 25 jaar tronkstraf opgelê vir die moord op Ameerodien Noordien (20) in 2018.

Drie ander mense is in die skietvooral gewond.

Noordien was 'n vrywilliger by die organisasie Gift of the Givers toe Adriaan Carelse en sy medebeskludigde hom op 5 Oktober 2018 by 'n snoepwinkel in Surwood Walk, Hanover Park, doodgeskiet het.

Die medebeskludigde was minderjarig tydens die moord en sy naam mag nie bekend gemaak word nie.

Carelse is ook 12 jaar tronkstraf opgelê vir poging tot moord op Riedewaan Samuels in September 2018, vyf jaar vir die onwettige besit van 'n vuurwapen, vyf jaar vir die onwettige besit van ammunisie, tien jaar elk op drie aanklagte van poging tot moord, 'n verdere tien jaar vir die onwettige besit van 'n vuurwapen in die Samuelse skietvooral en vyf jaar vir die on-

wettige besit van ammunisie. Die vonnisse sal sameloping uitgedien word met die 25 jaar wat hy weens Noordien se moord opgelê is.

Sy medebeskludigde is tien jaar tronkstraf opgelê op elk van die drie aanklagte van poging tot moord, tien jaar vir die onwettige besit van 'n vuurwapen en vyf jaar vir die onwettige besit van ammunisie. Die vonnisse sal ook sameloping uitgedien word met die 25 jaar tronkstraf wat hy vir die moord op Noordien opgelê is.

Noordien, wat by die snoepwinkel was om skiffies te koop, is in die agterkop geskiet. Die voorval is as 'n oor-en-weerskieters tussen strydende bende, die Americans en die Ghetto Kids, in Hanover Park beskryf.

Noordien was nie lid van enige bende nie en het pas teruggekeer van die Oos-Kaap waar hy saam met Gift of the Givers op 'n sendingreis was.

Die hof het in die verhoor gehoor dat Noordien geskiet is bloot omdat hy gewoon het in die gebied waar die Ghetto Kids bedrywig is.

Die twee is in April vanjaar skuldig bevind.



Ameerodien Noordien

Soektog duur voort ná seun (16) in see by Wildernis verdwyn

Jackie Kruger

Die soektog na 'n 16-jarige seun van Thembalethu in George wat Sondag in die see by Wildernis verdwyn het duur voort.

Die seun het blykbaar die dag kort voor 14:00 saam met vier maats gaan swem toe hulle in die moeilikheid beland. Drie kon uitkom en 'n 15-jarige seun is in 'n reddingsboot van die Nasionale Seereddingsinstituut (NSRI) na veiligheid gebring.

Lt.kol. Malcolm Pojie, 'n polisiewoordvoerder, het gister gesê die soektog duur voort met onder andere polisieduikers wat na die seun soek.

Volgens die NSRI moes nog drie mense – twee tienerseuns en

'n jong meisie – Sondag in afsonderlike voorvalle by Wildernis na veiligheid gebring word toe hulle ook deur sterk strome meegesleur is.

Phumzile Banda, 'n 35-jarige vrou van New Rest in Kwanongaba in Mosselbaai, het Sondag by Glentana verdrink. Sy is om 14:05 deur 'n sterk stroom die see ingetrek.

Volgens die NSRI in Mosselbaai is sy lede na Glentana ontbied. 'n Lid van die buurtwaglid het die vrou reeds na die strand gebring toe hulle daar aankom. Pogings om haar by te bring was onsuksesvol en paramedici het haar dood verklaar. Die polisie in Groot-Brakrivier doen 'n geregtelike doodsondersoek.

Meer mense verdrink in damme en riviere as in see, wys studie

Meer mense het van 2016 tot 2021 in riviere en damme in die land verdrink as in die see.

Dit is luidens 'n studie wat die Nasionale Seereddingsinstituut (NSRI) onderneem het. Die bevindings is Maandag bekend gemaak.

Dr. Jill Fortuin, uitvoerende direkteur vir die voorkoming van verdrinking by die NSRI, sê die doel van die studie is om 'n oorsig te gee van verdrinkinge wat tussen 1 Januarie 2016 en 31 Desember 2021 in die land voorgekom het.

Die navorsers het toestemming van die polisie verkry vir toegang tot data oor aangemelde verdrinkinge.

Volgens Fortuin toon die navorsing dat die meeste verdrinkinge in KwaZulu-Natal (2 114) voorgekom het.

Die ouderdomsgroep van die meeste verdrinkinge is van 0 tot vier jaar oud.

Volgens die studie het daar ook meer mans (81%) as vroue verdrink, wat toegeskryf word aan die waaghagiger geaardheid van mans.

Die Oos-Kaap beklee die tweede plek met 1 869 mense wat verdrink het, gevolg deur Gauteng (1 006) en die Wes-Kaap (864).

Die data van die studie is slegs gegrond op aangemelde verdrinkinge.

Dit is dus moontlik dat die werklike getal verdrinkinge meer kan wees.

Die redes vir die verdrinkinge is nie aangemeld nie en verskyn nie in die verslag nie.

Die meeste verdrinkinge, 3 713, het in varswater plaasgevind van kanale, damme, diptenke, slote, strandmere, mynsgate, riviere, vloedwaterpype, strome, vleie, putte en swembaddens insluit.

Die meeste verdrinkinge het op 'n Sondag voorgekom, gevolg deur Saterdag.

Die meeste verdrinkinge wat in een jaar voorgekom het, was 1 526 in 2021 teenoor 1 401 in 2020.

Die toename kan toegeskryf word aan die verslapping van die inperkinge weens die Covid-19-pandemie.

Fortuin sê met die feestyd byna hier word Suid-Afrikaners gemaan om nie te drink en te swem nie, toesig te hou oor hul kinders en om noodnummers byderhand te hou.

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Vrou moet verskoning vra oor 'rassistiese uitsprake' – MRK

Johan Brits

Die Suid-Afrikaanse Menseregte-kommissie (MRK) eis dat Belinda Magor van Benoni in die openbaar vir Suid-Afrika verskoning moet vra oor haar beweerd-rassistiese uitlating op 'n WhatsApp-groep waarin sy pitbulls se lewe belangriker as swart mense s'n ag.

Azapo sê Magor (60) moet Suid-Afrika verlaat as sy nie die land met swart mense wil deel nie.

'n Rasseherrie het verlede week losgebars ná 'n WhatsApp-stemnota op 'n WhatsApp-groep oor pitbulls, “Pit bulls be my voice”, waarin Magor glo gesê het swart mense moet verban word en nie pitbulls nie.

Die afgelope twee weke is oor vier afsonderlike aanvalle deur die inperkinge weens die Covid-19-pandemie.

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stokke uit sodat hulle nie kan voortplant nie, want hulle sal almal dieselfde uitdraai, want hulle is almal dieselfde.

“Ek is baie passievol hieroor. Verban hulle, maak hulle dood, skiet hulle. Raak van hulle ontslae, want hulle is die probleem. Nie pitbulls nie, nie diere nie. Diere is pragtig en hulle verdien 'n warm bed, kos, liefde en aandag en alles anders. God het daardie diere geskep. Wie het die swart man geskep, dink jy God? Ek dink nie so nie.”

Die Burger verneem die WhatsApp-groep is sedertdien geskrap.

Magor is Saterdag in hegtenis geneem.

Panyaza Lesufi, premier van Gauteng, het haar inhegtenisneming op Twitter bevestig.

“Dankie, SAPD, vir haar vin-nige inhegtenisneming. #BelindaMagorArrested,” het Lesufi getwiet.

Magor is dieselfde dag op waarskuwing vrygelaat om op 27 Maart in die hof te verskyn op aanklag van naamskending.

Wisani Baloyi, woordvoerder van die MRK, het bevestig dat die kommissie 'n openbare verskoning eis.

dervraging gebied. 'n Vragmotorbestuurder is ook onlangs in hegtenis geneem nadat hy met steenkool betrap is wat nie aan Eskom se standaarde voldoen nie.

Luidens 'n verklaring van Eskom is die vragmotor met steenkool van die regte gehalte by die Wonderfontein-myn weg.

Dit is toe glo by 'n onwettige steenkoolwerf in Middelburg omgeruil.

Eskom sê die vragmotorbestuurder het in ondervraging be-

ken die veiligheidspersoneel van Wonderfontein het hom toegelaat om die perseel te verlaat sonder dat die vragmotor behoorlik verseël is.

Hy beweer ook 'n werknemer van die myn het hom beveel om die steenkool by die onwettige steenkoolwerf af te laai.

Die steenkool van swakker gehalte is daar oopgehaal en die sleepwa is glo met uitgereikte seëls verseël voordat hy na die kragstasie is. – **Dennis Delpont en Arisa Schamrel**

‘Eskom-saboteur’ word op borgtog vrygelaat

Die man wat aangekla word van sabotasie by Eskom se Camdenkragstasie is gister borgtog van R6 000 toegestaan.

Simon Majonke Shongwe (43) word in die landdroshof in Ermelo, Mpumalanga, daarvan beskuldig dat hy opsetlik met noodsaaklike infrastruktuur gepeuter het.

Die instandhoudingsmaatskappy waarvoor hy werk is 'n kontrakteur van Eskom.

Shongwe het glo met opset skade aangerig sodat die maat-

skappy meer werk sou kry. Camden se eenheid 4 het gevolglik uitgeskakel omdat die oliebranders heetlyd uitgeskakel het.

Een van Shongwe se borgtogvoorwaardes is dat hy nie 'n voet naby die Camdenkragstasie mag sit nie.

Monica Nyuswa, woordvoerder van die nasionale vervolgingsgesag in Mpumalanga, het gesê die voorval op 10 November het Eskom R1 miljoen gekos.

Shongwe het glo ná interne on-

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NATION

Inequality drives Aids enigma

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IN Sub-Saharan Africa, adolescent girls and young women were three times more likely to be infected with HIV than boys and men of the same age. The driving factor was inequality.

These are the words of Winnie Byanyima, executive director of UNAIDS, as the world commemorates World Aids Day, today.

This World Aids Day, UNAIDS said it was joining with people living with HIV and communities around the world in one shared call to action: "Equalise", a call against discrimination in all forms.

"World Aids Day is a moment to honour over 40 million lives lost to Aids, take stock of the Aids response, and commit to ending Aids. We must equalise for women and girls to reduce their HIV risks. Enabling girls to stay in school until they complete secondary education reduces their vulnerability to HIV infection by up to 50%. When we include comprehensive sexuality education and other measures for girls' empowerment then their risk is reduced even further. Discrimination against marginalised people is hurting the HIV response," Byanyima said.

Experts believe ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic by 2030 could be achieved by overcoming barriers to HIV care and treatment through focusing on priority populations and supporting them through lifelong treatment. Scientists were also looking to improve diagnosis and treatment of HIV-associated fungal infections, which they say are a global threat to human health.

The National Institute for Health and Care Research has funded a new global health research group on HIV-associated fungal infections through the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine as the contracting organisation.

UCT is part of this group, jointly led by Professor Joe Jarvis (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine) and Professor Nelesh Gounder (Wits University).

The group is named IMPRINT, an acronym for International Mycoses Prevention, Research, Implementation, Networks and Training.

Four HIV-associated fungal infections - cryptococcal meningitis, histoplasmosis, Pneumocystis pneumonia (PCP) and talaromycosis - were responsible for over 20% of all Aids-related deaths globally, they said. One of their objectives was to implement new, short-course treatments for cryptococcal meningitis in routine care in African and South East Asian countries, and to support early work in talaromycosis.

The City of Cape Town highlighted that it has assisted HIV self-screening available at 38 City health facilities. Between April and October 2022, 13 478 patients were assisted with HIV self-screening at City health facilities, returning a positivity rate of 2.3%.

"I remind the public that HIV is essentially a treatable chronic disease, but treatment relies on testing. We understand that stigma remains a big challenge, which is unfortunate, because if we were more tolerant and accepting, more people would get tested.

"So, as part of the education and awareness around World Aids Day 2022, I also challenge one and all to check our prejudice, and be part of the solution," said City's mayor member for Community Services and Health, Patricia Van der Ross.

City Health has 38 facilities that were offering assisted HIV self-screening, including Albow Gardens, Bloekombos, Bluedowns, Crossroads 1, Delft South, Diep River, Dr Ivan Toms, Eastridge, Factreton, Gugulethu, Hout Bay Main Road, Ikhwezi CDC, Kuyasa, Langa, Luvuyo, Masiphumelele, Matthew Goniwe CDC, Mayenzeke, Mzomomhle, Phillipi, Phumlani, Protea Park, Ravensmead, Saxon Sea, Sir Lowry's Pass and Site B Youth Clinic.



SUPPORTERS OF the tripartite alliance marched to the Kgosi Mampuru Correctional Centre in Pretoria yesterday to protest the release of convicted murderer Janusz Walus on parole. | OUPA MOKOENA African News Agency (ANA)

NATION

Angry ANC, SACP supporters bay for Janusz Walus's blood

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THE quick action of correctional services officers prevented Gauteng ANC and SACP supporters from storming the Kgosi Mampuru Correctional Centre with the sole aim of pouncing on Polish immigrant Janusz Walus – the killer of former SACP general secretary Chris Hani.

The drama unfolded yesterday at the main entrance of the prison, when some of the protesters rushed to the gate with the clear intention of opening it and allowing fellow protesters to gain access into the maximum security prison.

They were clearly baying for Walus's blood, after the Constitutional Court ordered that Minister of Justice and Correctional Services Ronald Lamola release him on parole.

Walus has spent 29 years incarcerated at the centre, following his role in the murder of Hani on April 10, 1993.

But their plan was quickly foiled, as correctional services officers overpowered them and closed the gate.

The plot to storm the centre hap-

pened despite reports from correctional services that Walus was receiving medical treatment at a government hospital after he was stabbed by a fellow prisoner on Tuesday.

It is not clear if the protesters acted out of instinct – Gauteng ANC leader Panyaza Lesufi seemed to have approved their failed act. Lesufi told the correctional services officers, who stood guard, to open the gates and allow them access to Walus.

"We are here for Janusz Walus, and not you. We want to ruffle him up a bit before throwing him up in the air," he said.

Poland and its football team were also targeted when Lesufi urged SACP and ANC members to support any team playing against the Polish in Qatar. He made the comments prior to Poland's game against Argentina last night.

"You must favour Argentina like you support Bafana Bafana," he said.

Lesufi's comments were supported by thousands of people and some were clearly agitating for a revenge attack, saying the person who stabbed Walus – believed to be a former member of Umkhonto we Sizwe – had not com-

pleted the job.

The same sentiments were expressed by Lesufi.

The SACP Young Communist League's Tinyiko Ntini was more blatant, saying that if Walus was in a government hospital, their progressive union members "must do the right thing".

ANC national executive committee (NEC) member Nomvula Mokonyane indirectly echoed the same views at a separate gathering in Cape Town, saying "Janusz Walus's bigger things are coming".

"If Janusz Walus is released on parole, we want the Minister of Home Affairs Aaron Mokoaleli to give us his address.

"As neighbours, we want to visit him and ask him who instructed and masterminded the murder of Chris Hani," Mokonyane said.

A common sentiment among the leaders was their condemnation of the Constitutional Court ruling. They maintained the Constitutional Court justices had failed to acknowledge that Hani's widow, Limpho Hani, was not consulted prior to the decision to release Walus on parole.

EDUCATION

Stellenbosch University dismisses DA's 'unfounded claims' over Khampepe report

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STELLENBOSCH University has dismissed claims that some recommendations of the recent Justice Khampepe report have been overturned due to political intervention.

The university last month received the report of the independent Khampepe Commission led by retired Justice Sisi Khampepe.

A large part of the report found that black students and staff still felt unwelcome and excluded at the institution. This was due to some of the residences tending to disproportionately favour Afrikaans cultural practices, and because there was a perceived lack of representation and diversity.

The findings of the report have been criticised by some organisations, saying they were a protest against Afrikaans, white people and Afrikaners.

DA constituency head in Stellenbosch Dr Leon Schreiber said a lawyer's letter was sent to the university rector, Professor Wim de Villiers, shortly after the report was released.

"The letter made it clear that the DA will take legal action if the report's recommendation on the abolition of Afrikaans is implemented.

"The DA also wrote to the trustees of the Het Jan Marais Fund with the request that all funding be withdrawn

from the university if the Khampepe recommendation on Afrikaans is implemented."

Amid sustained DA pressure, De Villiers reportedly conceded during a meeting that the university's language policy, in line with the DA's demands, will not be changed.

"An SU spokesperson apparently confirmed after the meeting that Khampepe's recommendation on Afrikaans was rejected.

"The DA welcomes this dramatic turnaround as an important breakthrough in our campaign to protect the right to mother tongue education," said Schreiber.

But the university yesterday said its leadership was still reviewing the commission's report and recommendations in detail.

The university said: "Celebratory statements claiming that some recommendations have been overturned due to political intervention are simply incorrect and not in adherence with this code of conduct.

"The prevailing language policy at SU celebrates the creative value of diversity of the speakers of the official languages of instruction used at SU.

"As opposed to reported claims, the Khampepe Commission recommendations deal predominantly with the informal use of the languages and how everyday use should foster greater

inclusivity."

Stellenbosch University added: "SU will promote a more inclusive language approach amongst the informal campus society in the spirit of the university's values and in line with the SU's very strong stance against any form of racism or prejudice.

"Claims that SU is adopting biased views against some recommendations due to external influence and pressure are blatantly opportunistic and fuel divisive opinion and undermine the university's unwavering efforts to foster an inclusive environment."

Chief secretary of the Afrikanerbond, Jan Bosman, said Justice Khampepe overreached on the mandate to investigate two alleged racism allegations.

"We have expressed reservations about Justice Khampepe's references and reporting about Afrikaans.

"The language policy is a totally separate issue and unfortunately she overreached on the mandate to investigate two alleged racism allegations.

"This has also placed the US in an impossible situation.

"Although the SU now gives reassurances again, previous assurances were sidelined.

"Unfortunately Afrikaans is being marginalised and therefore the Afrikaans speaking community of the Western Cape," said Bosman.

GBV

Courts send a strong message to offenders

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WHILE the country marks the first week of 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children, the courts, in dealing with an array of cases, have shown that such conduct will not be tolerated. In one case, a serial rapist and killer was sentenced to four life imprisonment terms this week.

He was also sentenced to an additional 15 years' imprisonment.

The Mpumalanga High Court sentenced Philani Justice Nkosi, 35, of Bhuga Trust, on three counts of rape, one of murder and another of robbery with aggravating circumstances.

Nkosi committed these offences from 2014 to 2018 in Bhuga Trust and Halfway Trust, KaBokweni.

He attacked a minor victim while she was on her way to the local shop.

He dragged her to the nearby bush, and raped and strangled her to death, National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) regional spokesperson Monica Nyuswa said.

In another incident, Nkosi, in March 2016, attacked a woman who was also on her way home.

He robbed her of R400 and groceries and dragged her to the bushes, where he stabbed and raped her.

She, however, survived her ordeal. Nkosi continued with his crime spree until December 2018, when he raped an adult woman who was on her way home from work.

The matter was reported to the police, and he was subsequently arrested and linked to other crimes through DNA.

Nkosi pleaded not guilty and claimed that the victims were prostitutes and that the minor victim was his girlfriend.

The surviving victims all told the court how their nightmare ordeals had severely impacted their lives.

Director of Public Prosecutions advocate Nkebe Kanyane attributed this sentence to the efforts of the justice cluster in maintaining law and order in ensuring that justice prevailed for the victims of gender-based violence.

In another case heard by the Centane Regional Court in the Eastern Cape, a man who raped an 85-year-old granny was sentenced to an effective 26 years' imprisonment.

Lunga Solani, 27, was sentenced to 20 years for rape, three years for house-breaking and three years for theft.

The crimes were committed on the night of July 21 last year in the Mandlunzha area in the district of Centane, said Luxolo Tyali, NPA regional spokesperson for the Eastern Cape Division.

The granny testified that she was preparing to go to bed when she went to the kitchen to switch off the lights.

It was then that somebody kicked her door open and came inside.

NOTIFICATION ADVERTISEMENT

Notice: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process for the proposed offshore Production Right and Environmental Authorisation Application for Block 11B/12B by TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V.

Invitation to register as an Interested and Affected Party, comment on the Draft Scoping Report

Background: TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V. (TEEPSA) together with its joint venture partners, QatarEnergy, CNR International (South Africa) Limited, and a South African consortium, Main Street 1549 held an Exploration Right (Exploration Right Ref. No.: 12/3/067) over Block 11B/12B, offshore from the Southern Cape coast, South Africa. TEEPSA now seeks to convert its Exploration Right for the block into a Production Right in terms of Sections 83 to 86 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA: Act 28 of 2002), to allow for the development and production of gas and condensate in Licence Block 11B/12B.

Nature of activity: Proposed development and production related activities include: the drilling of up to six development wells, laying of deep-water subsea manifolds and flowlines to connect the production wells to the existing PetroSA FA Platform at Block 9, and exploration related activities, which might include the drilling of four exploration wells, sonar surveys, seafloor sampling surveys, and metocean surveys.

Location: Block 11B/12B is within the South African Exclusive Economic Zone in the Outeniqua Basin. The closest north-eastern point of the application area is ±75 km from Cape St Francis. The closest north-western point is ±120 km from Mossel Bay.

Applicant: The applicant is TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V. As part of the application process, an application for an Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA: Act 107 of 1998) must also be submitted. The application for EA must be supported by a scoping and environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014, as amended. The EA application must be submitted to the Petroleum Agency of South Africa (PASA) for a recommendation to the Minister of Minerals and Energy, who will decide on whether to grant the EA.

Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP): WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd. **Invitation to register as an interested and affected party (I&AP):** Parties who wish to participate in, and receive information about, the proposed project and opportunities to comment during the Scoping, EIA, and public participation process, must register as I&APs by contacting the WSP Public Participation Office, visiting the data-free website, or scanning the QR code.

Draft Scoping Report available for public comment: The Draft Scoping Report is available for public review from **Thursday 01 December 2022** until **Friday 03 February 2023**. A hard copy of the report is available for review at the following locations: Saldanha Public Library, Municipal Building, Berg St; City of Cape Town Central Public Library, 1 Parade St; Mitchells Plain Library, 1st Ave; Somerset West Library, 10 Victoria St; Gordon's Bay Public Library, 6 Watt St; Gansbaai Library, C/O Main and Kapokkloof St; Hermanus Public Library, 68 Duiker St; Sturkbaai Public Library, C/O 1st Ave & Deining Ave; Cape Agulhas Municipal Office, 1 Church St; Sillibaai Municipality, Main Rd West; Kwanonqaba Library, Adriaan St, Asla Park; Mossel Bay Tourism, 7 Market St; Mossel Bay Municipality, 99 Marsh St; Mossel Bay Harbour, 55 Bland St; George Fishing permit office, 95 York St; Knysna Tourism Offices, 40 Main Rd, Knysna Central; Keurbooms River Marina/CapeNature Offices, C/O Beacon Way & Zenon St; Cape St Francis, Coastal Collective, 2 Suffolk Lane; Jeffrey's Bay Tourism, 17 Da Gama Rd; Gqeberha Newton Park Library, Hurd St; Boknes Supermarket and Filling Station, Daniel Scheepers St; Royal Alfred Marina, 1 Albany Rd, Port Alfred; Sundays River Quingey Club, 29 Aquavista Cres; East London Harbour, Port Control Building, Ganteaume Cres, Quingey; Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Offices, 17-25 Oxford St, East London.

To obtain an electronic copy of the Draft Scoping Report, or Non-Technical Summary, please contact the WSP Public Participation Office, visit the WSP website, data-free website, or scan the QR code provided below.

Public Meetings: A virtual public meeting will take place on 07 December 2022 from 17h30 to 19h30. Please contact the WSP Public Participation Office to register for the virtual public meeting. **Details of face-to-face public meetings to be convened in January 2023 will be shared with I&APs closer to the time.**

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ADCORP	550	10.00	RHBOPHELO	350	-12.50
MASTRDRILL	1469	9.46	NOVUS	371	-8.85
BOWCALF	987	6.59	GRANPRADE	327	-6.57
M&R-HLD	486	6.58	SABKABILI	4350	-6.45
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NASPERS-N	260932	5.02	SHPINV-PREF	7263	-5.66
STEINHOFF N.V.	169	4.97	MNTKRENEW	18990	-4.63
MARSHALL	2650	4.91	PAN-AF	351	-3.84
IMPILATS	21041	4.45	SASFIN	2550	-3.66
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TRENCOR	574	4.36	NINETY 1P	3978	-3.56
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Gold \$	1761.93	0.69
Gold R	29868.41	0.40
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Brent Crude	86.04	1.18
Silver \$	21.77	2.70
Platinum \$	1029.75	1.79
Palladium \$	1881.00	2.51
Aluminium \$/t	23.74	0.38
Copper \$/t	79.90	0.00
Lead \$/t	21.22	0.00
Nickel \$/t	256.00	0.45
Tin \$/t	223.50	-0.07
Zinc \$/t	29.31	0.00
Cobalt \$/t	519.55	0.00
Rhodium \$/oz	14000.00	0.72

Business

Market Wrap

Bourse firms ahead of US Fed data

The JSE was firmer on Wednesday morning, while global markets were mixed, as investors weighed China's Covid-19 policy and awaited a speech from Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell later in the day. China's economic activity contracted further in November amid a record Covid-19 outbreak, with growth likely to remain weak and the central bank expected to add more stimulus to bolster the recovery. At 10.15am, the all-share had gained 0.77% to 73,691 points and the top-40 0.89%. Precious metals rose 2.32%, resources 0.97%, industrials 0.96%, banks 0.17%, industrial metals 0.15% and financials 0.14%. At 10.22am, the rand was little changed at R16.99/\$ and R20.33/€, while it had weakened 0.24% to R17.58/£. The euro was 0.21% firmer at \$1.05. Gold gained 0.46% to \$1,755.92/oz and platinum 1.02% to \$1,011.71/oz. Brent crude lost 0.11% to \$84.82 a barrel. - **BDLive**



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Small business sector has taken a beating from Eskom power crisis

Sustained load-shedding a major stumbling block to economic growth and investor sentiment, says Reserve Bank

ANDRIES MAHLANGU

Corporate liquidations shot up 11.8% in the year to September as insufficient and unreliable power supply caused havoc, mostly to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

Combined with high interest rates and debt-serving costs, most companies lost their ability to service their debts and closed shop, the Reserve Bank said in its financial stability review released on Tuesday.

Sustained load-shedding has been cited as one of the stumbling blocks for economic growth and investor sentiment, worsening the country's other pre-existing vulnerabilities, the Bank said.

Power utility Eskom, which supplies more than 90% of the country's power, is debt-laden and its obsolete power stations constantly break down, resulting in near daily power cuts — and a break in business.

SA has seen 170 days of rolling blackouts this year due to a maintenance backlog of ageing coal-fired power plants.

"Insufficient and unreliable electricity supply is likely to threaten the viability of some corporates, especially small and medium-sized enterprises," the Bank said, adding that this could spill over into the financial sector.

The Bank said it monitored developments in the non-financial sector of the economy to



CRUEL BLOWS: While big companies can better manage the power crises, the fallout can be crippling for SMEs, which do not necessarily have strong balance sheets. Picture: 123RF/TEBNAD

assess whether there could be material spillover effects into the financial system.

"The key concern is the strain that load-shedding puts on already weak economic growth and the viability of corporates, in particular SMEs," said Nicola

Brink, head of the financial stability department at the Bank.

SA's gross sovereign debt is already more than two-thirds of GDP and the government intends to take on part of the R400bn of Eskom's burden. "The increased incidence of

state-owned enterprises' debt being taken over by government exacerbates this (financial) vulnerability," the Bank's Financial Stability Review said.

The Bank last week increased its prime lending rate by 75 basis points to 7%, raising its

inflation forecast and cutting 2023 growth projections.

Cyber attacks, climate change and global conflict also pose risks to SA's financial stability, the Bank said.

But Covid-19, which featured among the top concerns in its

May review, is no longer a risk due to the prevalence of less virulent variants, it added.

Battery recharge constraints for automated teller machines (ATMs) and cellular network towers during stages of longer load-shedding could affect the effective functioning of key infrastructure necessary for the financial system, it said.

The impact of the power cuts also increases insurance claims from households and firms due to power surge damage, fires and crime and could in turn lead to higher insurance and excess costs.

An extended period of unavailability of electricity, although unlikely, will make it impossible for the financial system to continue functioning as normal, the Bank warned.

While big companies can better manage the power crises, the fallout can be crippling for SMEs, which do not necessarily have strong balance sheets.

The Bank's report also noted the Russia-Ukraine war and global inflation as being among the key contributors to market volatility. Financial conditions have continued to tighten significantly following aggressive interest rate hikes by central banks in both advanced and emerging economies, according to the report.

"The probability of a global recession occurring within the next 12 months has increased sharply since the previous edition of the FSR.

"The risk is more pronounced in Europe because of the region's energy crisis which was triggered by the Russia/Ukraine war." — *with Reuters*

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Yesterday's Solution

KNOWLEDGE INTO WEALTH

briefing

Big five say death claims back to norm

GARTH THEUNISSEN

SA's five largest life insurers have seen recent death claims against fully underwritten life policies edge closer to pre-pandemic levels.

The Death Claims Dashboard, maintained by the Continuous Statistical Investigation (CSI) committee of the Actuarial Society of SA (ASSA), shows that 617 death claims were received in August 2022. That's the lowest level since April 2020, when 540 death claims were submitted just as Covid took hold.

Anja Kuys, chair of the ASSA CSI committee, says death claims for fully underwritten new-generation life policies typically hovered between 600 and 700 a month in pre-pandemic years. In the pandemic this peaked above 2,700 per month in January 2021 and again in July 2021 at SA's five largest life insurers.

The dashboard shows that of the 31,520 death claims received by Old Mutual, Liberty, Sanlam, Momentum Metropolitan Holdings and Discovery between March 2020 and August 2022, only 4,706 were due to confirmed Covid-19 deaths.

Covid-19 death claims started dropping to single-digit numbers from March 2022, reaching zero for the first time in August. However, Kuys says the actual number of Covid-19 deaths is likely much higher, as claim forms usually don't specify cause of death beyond natural or unnatural.

"What is clear is that Covid-19 is no longer claiming as many lives as it did." Interestingly, males accounted for more than two-thirds of death claims between March 2020 and August 2022. Of 31,520 claims received by SA's five insurers over that period, no less than 20,900 were from male policyholders — more than 66% of the total.

The age stats showed almost 80% of deaths in the period occurred among policyholders 50 and older.

Shoprite to test the waters for clothing

KATHARINE CHILD

SA's biggest grocer Shoprite is continuing its expansion into SA retail, and will open 10–12 clothing stores next year — having recently launched a low-cost banking service and branched out into pet, camping and baby goods stores.

The Checkers and Usave owner is able to use its existing delivery and warehouse network that reaches thousands of grocery stores to add products and revenue streams in an increasingly weak economy.

As consumers spend less, brands are trying to sell more by diversifying. The decision to have standalone clothing stores was mentioned in a recent investor call, but few details were given, other than that stock has

been bought and sites identified. CEO Pieter Engelbrecht said launch date was March.

The clothing market is becoming crowded and recent results from Mr Price and Pepkor (which owns Pep and Ackermans) suggest they are selling fewer clothes than before amid rising interest rates and power, food and fuel hikes.

As a result of these headwinds clothing chains are struggling to grow, and in some cases are going backwards.

"It's been a tough period for trading," said Mr Price CEO Mark Blair last week at the group's interim results.

However, Engelbrecht said the clothing launch is a low-risk venture. "We will start small and build slowly. We have this philosophy at Shoprite: fail fast.

If it takes too much effort and doesn't give the return, we move on."

Engelbrecht said Shoprite has a vision of being the only tenant in a strip mall with a standalone baby store, a Checkers outlet, a liquor store, a MediRite pharmacy and clothing, furniture, camping and pet stores.

At the new Oceans Mall in Umhlanga, KwaZulu-Natal, it recently opened a new Checkers supermarket, a baby store, a pharmacy, pet shop, liquor store and a specialist outdoor outlet.

Shoprite has taken most clothes on offer out of its large Checkers Hyper Stores as it thinks consumers prefer to visit standalone clothing stores. Customers do not want to place a shirt they are buying "on top of

their chicken", Engelbrecht said.

Shoprite is increasingly competing with many SA businesses, even banks, with its bank account aimed at the lower-income consumer, who prefers knowing companies they owe money to cannot add debit orders to the account. This is a feature being advertised on the Shoprite account.

Some Checkers stores sell baby strollers and car seats, as well as baby goods, putting them in direct competition with Clicks and Dis-Chem.

Shoprite's move into clothing will mean it could find itself competing with the much larger Pick n Pay clothing brand, of which there are more than 300 stores.

Credit growth to private sector eases in October

THULETHO ZWANE

Private sector credit growth eased in October, coming in below expectations, mainly as a result of lower advances in investment and bills and other loans and advances.

Credit extended to the SA private sector rose by 9.34% year on year, according to the Reserve Bank. That is down from 9.74% in September when it defied expectations to increase at the fastest pace in seven years as consumers battling the cost-of-living crisis tapped their credit cards and drew down their overdrafts.

The October consensus forecast was 9.7% in a Bloomberg survey of economists.

All the other credit categories grew on a monthly and annual basis while demand for asset-backed credit remained firm.

Data shows mortgages accelerated further to 6.3% year on year, the highest since March 2020, while instalment sales and leasing finance rose to 9%, the most since July 2014.

Instalment sales were boosted by firm demand for new passenger vehicles, supported by attractive deals and restocking by car rental companies.

Household credit demand remained resilient, growing by 7.4% compared with 7.2% a month earlier, with all the sub-components remaining firm, with strong growth in personal loans, credit cards, and over-

drafts reflecting distressed borrowing to support spending amid the higher cost of living.

Nedbank economist Johannes Khosa said credit growth has likely peaked for the cycle.

"It will likely remain robust in Q4, sustained by festive season spending. Thereafter, household demand will moderate as

interest rate hikes take their toll on disposable income, weigh on consumer confidence and cause households to be more cautious about debt."

Corporate demand would be lifted by base effects and some improvement in private sector fixed investment, particularly renewable energy projects.

"The base effect will start to dissipate.

"Companies are still wary of accelerating capital expenditure because of lingering structural constraints, including electricity shortages, slow progress on structural reforms, and ample spare capacity in some industries. All of which are weighing negatively on business confidence," Khosa said.

Data came in lower than expected, dragged down by fewer extensions in investment and bills, and other loans and advances

NOTIFICATION ADVERTISEMENT

Notice: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process for the proposed offshore Production Right and Environmental Authorisation Application for Block 11B/12B by TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V.

Invitation to register as an Interested and Affected Party, comment on the Draft Scoping Report

Background: TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V. (TEEPSA) together with its joint venture partners, QatarEnergy, CNR International (South Africa) Limited, and a South African consortium, Main Street 1549 held an Exploration Right (Exploration Right Ref. No.: 12/3/067) over Block 11B/12B, offshore from the Southern Cape coast, South Africa. TEEPSA now seeks to convert its Exploration Right for the block into a Production Right in terms of Sections 83 to 86 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA: Act 28 of 2002), to allow for the development and production of gas and condensate in Licence Block 11B/12B.

Nature of activity: Proposed development and production related activities include: the drilling of up to six development wells, laying of deep-water subsea manifolds and flowlines to connect the production wells to the existing PetroSA Platform at Block 9, and exploration related activities, which might include the drilling of four exploration wells, sonar surveys, seafloor sampling surveys, and meteorite surveys.

Location: Block 11B/12B is within the South African Exclusive Economic Zone in the Outeniqua Basin. The closest north-eastern point of the application area is 275 km from Cape St Francis. The closest north-western point is 120 km from Mossel Bay.

Applicant: The applicant is TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V. As part of the application process, an application for an Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA: Act 107 of 1998) must also be submitted. The application for EA must be supported by a scoping and environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014, as amended. The EA application must be submitted to the Petroleum Agency of South Africa (PASA) for a recommendation to the Minister of Minerals and Energy, who will decide on whether to grant the EA.

Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP): WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd.

Invitation to register as an interested and affected party (I&AP): Parties who wish to participate in, and receive information about, the proposed project and opportunities to comment during the Scoping, EIA, and public participation process, must register as I&APs by contacting the WSP Public Participation Office, visiting the data-free website, or scanning the QR code.

Draft Scoping Report available for public comment: The Draft Scoping Report is available for public review from Thursday 01 December 2022 until Friday 03 February 2023. A hard copy of the report is available for review at the following locations: Saldanha Public Library, Municipal Building, Berg St; City of Cape Town Central Public Library, 1 Parade St; Mitchells Plain Library, 1st Ave; Somerset West Library, 10 Victoria St; Gordon's Bay Public Library, 6 Watt St; Gansbaai Library, C/O Main and Kapokblom St; Hermanus Public Library, 66 Duiker St; Struisbaai Public Library, C/O 1st Ave & Deining Ave; Cape Agulhas Municipal Office, 1 Church St; Stillbaai Municipality, Main Rd West; Kwanonqaba Library, Adriaan St; Asla Park; Mossel Bay Tourism, 7 Market St; Mossel Bay Municipality, 99 Marsh St; Mossel Bay Harbour, 55 Bland St; George Fishing permit office, 95 York St; Knysna Tourism Offices, 40 Main Rd; Knysna Central; Keurbooms River Marina/CapeNature Offices, C/O Beacon Way & Zenon St; Cape St Francis, Coastal Collective, 2 Suffolk Lane; Jeffrey's Bay Tourism, 17 Da Gama Rd; Gqeberha Newton Park Library, Hurd St; Boknes Supermarket and Filling Station, Daniel Scheepers St; Royal Alfred Marina, 1 Albany Rd; Port Alfred; Sundays River Angling Club, 29 Aquavista Cres; East London Harbour, Port Control Building; Ganteaume Cres, Quigney; Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Offices, 17-25 Oxford St, East London.

To obtain an electronic copy of the Draft Scoping Report, or Non-Technical Summary, please contact the WSP Public Participation Office, visit the WSP website, data-free website, or scan the QR code provided below.

Public Meetings: A virtual public meeting will take place on 07 December 2022 from 17h30 to 19h30. Please contact the WSP Public Participation Office to register for the virtual public meeting. Details of face-to-face public meetings to be convened in January 2023 will be shared with I&APs closer to the time.

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