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Khaiso High School chess coach Koena Moabelo poses with the chess team during the Limpopo Chess Grand Prix, which took place at Waterberg High School on July 27. In front are Donald Ntsema, Prince Modiba, Frans Mapela, Reginald Mokonyana, Lehlaka Makganyoga, Johannes Makgamatha and Maseki Monyamane. At the back are Tumelo Mogoboya, Jacob Somo and Malose Mokwatlo.



Koena Moabelo (Khaiso High School, chess coach) congratulates Jacob Somo for obtaining fifth place in the junior category of the Limpopo Chess Grand Prix.

## Khaiso chess team bags another achievement

Story and photos:  
Mosima Mashao

KHAISO High School's chess team has obtained another achievement, with player, Jacob Somo obtaining fifth place in the junior u/20 category of the Limpopo Chess Grand Prix, which was held at Waterberg High School on July 27.

"The competition was tough, it always is, especially as we did not only compete with other learners, but with individual entrants. I don't let that get to me, which is why I am always in the top 10 in most chess tournaments," said Somo, who also received a certificate for second place in the Limpopo Junior Selection Tournament earlier this year.

Teamates, Maseki

Monyamane and Malose Mokwatlo, who came in second and eighth places respectively in the Limpopo Junior Selection Tournament, said obtaining these achievements would motivate the team to work harder to some day obtain first place, which was their aim.

Khaiso chess coach, Koena Moabelo said he was proud of the team and that the certificates the learners have been receiving for participating in chess matches since the beginning of the year were not just a piece of paper, but a stepping stone towards one day obtaining first place.

"They motivate the players to practise more and to refine their chess playing techniques with each match they participate in," he said.

## Dynamos status goes on sale

Story and photo:  
Khathutshelo Mafadza

DYNAMOS FC owner, Pat Malabela is selling the team's Sifa Second Division status and the team.

This was confirmed by the club's publicist, Joe Mbiza who says it is best for the team to sell their status.

Mbiza says they are looking for about R300 000 to R400 000 in exchange for the status.

Dynamos were relegated from the National First Division last season as they came last after their league campaign.

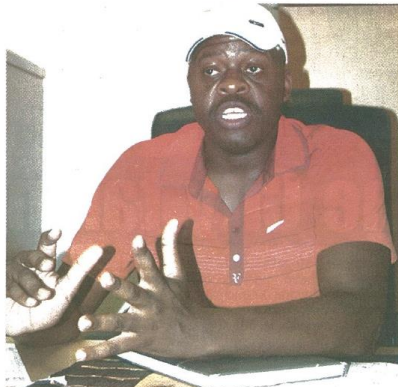
Asked if they had any intentions of buying another status, Mbiza says it is too

early for them to buy any status, but they will bounce back after two years if they still want to be in soccer.

"Pat has decided to sell the team to concentrate on other businesses, but we intend to buy the status in two years time. It is important for us to take a break from soccer following the past three seasons, which were not good at all," says Mbiza.

The team's branded vehicles are already on sale, and anyone who presents management with a good offer will also receive the team bus.

It will be up to the buyer whether they also want to buy the players who are still contracted to the club.



Joe 'Baba' Mbiza (Dynamos, public relations officer) has confirmed the sale of the club following its relegation from the National First Division.

### NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

#### PROPOSED KISON SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY PROJECT, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

DEA Reference No. 14/12/16/3/3/2/577

Project name: Kison Solar Energy Facility Project

Applicant: Network Renewables (Pty) Ltd

Proposed Activity: The proposed development of a photovoltaic (PV) solar energy facility with an export capacity of up to 75 MW to include the following infrastructure:

- 1. Mounting structures for the solar panels to support the PV panels.
- 2. An on-site inverter to step up the power and a substation to facilitate the connection between the solar energy facility and the Eskom electricity grid.
- 3. An overhead power line to loop-in and loop-out of the existing SAR Geyser - Wilkop 132kV power line which traverses the site in the south western boundary.
- 4. Cabling between the projects components, to be laid underground where practical.
- 5. Workshop area for maintenance and storage.
- 6. Internal access roads and fencing.

Project Location: proposed to be developed on portion 19 of the farm Snymanstroom 758, which is approximately 15 km south-west of Polokwane, between the N1 highway and the R101, within the Polokwane Local Municipality in Limpopo Province.

In terms of sections 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998), as read with the EIA Regulations of GN R544, R545 and R546 (as amended), a Scoping and EIA process is required to be undertaken for the project. The project has been registered with National DEA under Application Reference number 14/12/16/3/3/2/577. Savannah Environmental has been appointed to undertake the required environmental assessment and public participation processes. To obtain further information and register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project to:

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### PUBLIC NOTICE 2013/14 WARD PLANS REVIEW AND STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATION

Notice is hereby given in terms of Municipal Systems Act (32 of 2000) Section 21 to invite members of the community to participate in the Ward Plans Review meetings.

The dates for the meetings have been scheduled as follows:

DATE	WARD NO.	TIME	VENUE
12 August 2013	25 & 26	14:00	Mankweng Community Hall
19 August 2013	05 & 24	10:00	Mothiba Moshate
20 August 2013	34 & 28	10:00	Lephahle Pre - School
21 August 2013	30 & 31	10:00	Mamofintane Hall
26 August 2013	07 & 27	10:00	Bakopeng Traditional Hall
27 August 2013	29, 32 & 33	10:00	Marobela Community Hall
28 August 2013	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	10:00	Ditlopaneng Community Hall
06 September 2013	11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 37	10:00	Ngoako Ramahodi Sports Complex
09 September 2013	08	14:00	Greenside Primary School
12 September 2013	19, 20, 21, 22, 23	14:00	Jack Botes Community Hall
13 September 2013	10, 16, 36, 38	10:00	Molelle Moshate Hall
17 September 2013	09, 15, 18, 35	10:00	Molelle Moshate Hall

For more information and further enquiries on the 2013/14 Ward Plans Reviews, please contact Mr. Victor Mngowela on (015) 293 2284/2117 or email Victor.M1@polokwane.gov.za.  
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# Sapta embarrasses mayor

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>> I don't want to be forced to meet you

>> To today is about announcing a vision

**MPHO DUBE**

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The city's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System has been met with harsh rejection by members and drivers of the Seshego Polokwane Taxi Association (SPTA) who called on Polokwane Executive Mayor, Cllr Freddy Greaver to halt the project until he has engaged them properly.

"Down with BRT down" angry SPTA members chanted, in the process embarrassing Greaver in full view of Deputy Minister for Transport, Ms Sindisive Chikunga and MEC for Roads and Transport, Mr Lehlogonolo Masoga who accompanied the Mayor on a walk from the Seshego traffic circle along Mandela Drive to the Ngoako Ramathodi Indoor Sport Centre in Seshego on Tuesday.

The protesters also invaded and hijacked the BRT launch attended by several other dignitaries, including Bishop Barnabas Lekganyane, leader of the Saint Engenas Zion Christian Church.

Greaver, in an attempt to defuse the embarrassment, urged the SPTA to desist from jumping the gun over the matter. He promised to meet with them in time to de-

fect why they are irked about the BTR.

"We have signed a memorandum of understanding. Today is about announcing a vision and unveiling. There is no agreement in that regard. We have no intention of marginalising the taxi industry. I don't think it is proper to create an artificial crisis. My plea to you is that there is no crisis, be patient. I don't want to be forced to meet you, you must also not force me to meet you. I'm only going to make a presentation about the BRT vision," Greaver insisted.

At the time of our going to press, **Polokwane Observer** approached SPTA Spokesperson, Mr Gabriel Chuene for comment. "At the moment we can't comment about anything until we meet with the Mayor. We will however engage with you when the right time comes. For now please afford us an opportunity to do things properly," he responded. Earlier, addressing councillors during a special council meeting, Greaver cautioned that he would efficiently deal with anybody who disrupts municipal programmes of delivering services to the people.

"Anybody who stands in the way will be dealt with in the most efficient way possible. We cannot have any more disruptions, our community needs municipal services. Illegal gatherings at the municipality must stop now; our main focus is delivering services to our people," Greaver cautioned.

In the midst of these undertakings, **Polokwane Observer** was reliably informed by sources that Greaver's comrades within the African National Congress (ANC) Provincial Task Team are allegedly gunning for him. The

sources alleged that President Jacob Zuma's supporters in Limpopo are finding it difficult to accept that Greaver had no allegiance with Premier Cassel Mathale and expelled African National Congress President, Mr Julius Malema. Known as "Mr Clean" Greaver has been confronted by disruptions and demonstrations allegedly orchestrated by his detractors in the name of amandla.

At the same time Greaver remains under attack by the South African Municipal Workers Union (Samwu). The union earlier picketed outside the municipal chambers while Greaver was delivering his State of the City Address. Samwu at the time expressed their discontentment over alleged tender irregularities awarded by the municipality. Some Samwu members alleged that Greaver had awarded tenders to members of his family. Municipal Manager, Ms Constance Mametja however dismissed and disputed the allegations of cor-

ruption levelled against the Mayor saying: "Proper procedures were followed" during the awarding of a vehicle lease tender worth over R200 million. She said Fleet Africa "met all the requirements" in terms of the Municipal Finance Management Act. Mr Carol Matsi, Samwu Chairperson in Polokwane said Samwu members aren't being used to push a political agenda to oust Greaver.

PHOTO: MPHO DUBE

Deputy Minister for Transport, Ms Sindisive Chikunga, MEC for Roads and Transport, Mr Lehlogonolo Masoga and Polokwane Executive Mayor, Cllr Freddy Greaver during their walk from the Seshego traffic circle to the Ngoako Ramathodi Indoor Sport Centre on Tuesday.



## KENNISGEWING VAN 'N OMGEWINGSIMPAK-EVALUERING EN OPENBARE DEELNAMEPROSES

### VOORGESTELDE KISON SONKRAAGANLEGPROEJ, LIMPOPO PROVINSIE

DO Verwysingsno.:14/12/16/3/3/2/577

Projeknaam: Kison Sonkraagaanlegprojek

Applikant: Networx Renewables (Edms.) Bpk.

**Voorgestelde aktiwiteit:** Die voorgestelde ontwikkeling van 'n fotovoltaïese (FV) sonkraagaanleg met 'n uitvoervermoë van tot 75 MW wat die volgende infrastruktuur sal insluit:

- » Monteerstrukture vir die sonpanele om die FV panele te dra;
- » 'n wisselrigter op die terrein om die elektrisiteit se spanning te verhoog en 'n substatie om die verbinding tussen die sonkraagaanleg en Eskom se kragnet te bewerkstellig;
- » 'n oorhoofse kraglyn met 'n inlus-/uitlusverbinding met die bestaande SAR Geyser - Witkop 132 kV kraglyn wat in die suid-weslike grens deur die terrein loop;
- » kables tussen die projekkomponente, ondergronds gele waar prakties moontlik;
- » 'n werksinkelgebied vir instandhouding en berging; en
- » interne toegangspaaie en 'n heining.

**Projekligging:** Die aanleg word voorgestel vir ontwikkeling op Gedeelte 19 van die plaas Snymanndrift 738, wat sowat 15 km suidwes van Polokwane, tussen die N1 hoofweg en die R101, in die Polokwane Plaaslike Munisipaliteit in Limpopo-provinsie geleë is.

Ingevolge Artikel 24 en 24D van die Nasionale Wet op Omgewingsbeheer (Wet 107 van 1998), saamgelees met die OIE-regulasies van Staatskennisgewing R544, R545 en R546 (soos gewysig), moet 'n Bestekopname en 'n OIE-proses vir die projek onderneem word. Die projek is by die Nasionale DO geregistreer onder die Aansoekverwysingsnommer 14/12/16/3/3/2/577. Savannah Environmental is aangestel om die nodige omgewingsbeoordelings- en openbare deelnameproses te onderneem. Ten einde meer inligting te bekom en om op die projek se databasis te registreer, verstrekk asseblief u naam, kontakbesonderhede en belang by die projek aan:

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## Demands for accrued debt to be written off acceded

**Quote**  
"Before we wrote any accounts off, we investigated why residents were not paying and analysed their complaints." - Jabu Masondo, Capricorn district municipality spokesperson.

THE Capricorn district municipality (CDM) has written off some R94 million in debt that was accrued from the last financial year up until June this year.

Municipal spokesperson Jabu Masondo said the council had resolved to comply with residents who had demanded their debts be written off.

Residents were vociferously disputing the debts, claiming that leaking pipes and malfunctioning water meters had caused inaccurate billing to be sent out to them.

Masondo acceded this point, and added that the municipality was in the process of repairing

these leaking pipes and malfunctioning water meters.

"Before we wrote any accounts off, we investigated why residents were not paying and analysed their complaints."

"Our decision comes as a debt relief model to cushion the people from the economic hardships they face as a result of inaccurate billing," Masondo said.

He said the council discovered during the 2011/12 financial year that about 8 000 households in Lebogakomo accrued a water debt of R94 million.

This figure was calculated up to June 2013.

He said the figure was unjustified as it was accumulated

when metering challenges were experienced.

"This is not the first time CDM has provided debt relief. In the 2011/12 financial year, CDM wrote off an amount of R50 million in water-related debts for communities in Blouberg and Lepelle-Nkumpi.

It is a challenge that can be addressed if communities work together with us," Masondo said.

"This debt relief approach is not meant to set a precedent where bad debts are just written off, neither should it be seen as a charity service."

It is a win-win situation that keeps the community responsible while enhancing the municipality's financial viability."

He said the municipality would appoint a service provider to analyse, audit and investigate water leakages before channeling funds into the refurbishment of the water system.

## Sekotupu pensioners are seeking their families



Steffans Madupela, born on January 01, 1921 says he comes from Modimolle and Settlers. He was admitted to Sekotupu Old Age Home in 1999.



Sanna Setshengwa, says she comes from the Free State. She was admitted to Sekotupu Old Age Home in 1990.



Johannes Mmaki, born on January 1, 1930 says he comes from Venda around Sinthumule. He was admitted to Sekotupu Old Age Home in 2005.

**Story and photos:**  
**Sonti Magata**

SEKOTUPU Old Age Home is looking for the families of some of their residents, some of whom have been living at the centre since 2002.

Anybody with information about these residents can contact the home at (015) 642 1904 or 073 577 6754.

## Health praised for determination to halt all use of sub-standard hospital equipment

**Emmanuel Kwinda**

THE department of health was praised by the office of the Public Protector for taking steps in doing away with companies that were allegedly supplying public hospitals with sub-standard equipment.

Adv Thuli Madonsela said her office welcomed these developments. "We are happy with the fact that the department picked up on this problem and is implementing a turnaround strategy that involves going back

to reputable suppliers. Equipment that keeps breaking interrupts services," Madonsela said.

Her remarks followed her interaction with medical personnel at Mankweng Hospital outside Polokwane recently, where staff made an impassioned plea to be supplied with durable equipment.

One concerned nurse told Madonsela that although they had critical equipment such as foetal scopes, the equipment was of poor quality.

In response, senior general manager, Deluwe Nyathikazi said

the department took a decision to procure equipment of high quality from reputable companies.

She said the department will enter into long-term leases with suppliers to cover the servicing and repair of equipment and to ensure cost effectiveness, because the regular replacement of low quality equipment was costing the department a lot.

Patients also had an opportunity to express their views, and they complained to Madonsela about medical files that were lost on hospital premises.

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**DRAFT SCOPING REPORT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW**  
A draft Scoping Report has been made available for public review. The period for public review is 5 September 2013 – 7 October 2013. Please submit written comments by 7 October 2013. You are invited to review the report at one of the following locations:

- Polokwane City Library (71 Hans Van Rensburg Street, Polokwane, 0699)
- Nirvana Library (Corner Tagore & Kashmir Streets, Nirvana, 0699)
- www.savannahSA.com

**PUBLIC FEEDBACK MEETING**  
All interested and affected parties are invited to attend a public feedback meeting to be held on **Thursday, 26 September 2013 from 18:00 at Die Drie** (on the R101 road, 17 km south of Polokwane towards Mokopane).

To obtain further information and register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project to:

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Drie mense kan hulself gelukkig ag dat hulle slegs ligte beserings opgedoen het na 'n botsing Saterdag by die Tzaaneen- en Myngenoegenpad-kruising. Volgens nooddienpersoneel het die bestuurder van 'n Volkswagen Golf vermoedelik teen 'n hoë snelheid in die rigting van Polokwane gery toe die bestuurder van 'n Hyundai voor hom ingedraai het. Die Golf het in 'n sloot tot stilstand gekom.



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## CRIME shorts

### Drug mule sentenced

Tanzanian national Abdul Mrisho (38) was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment in the Musina Magistrate's Court on Tuesday after he was found guilty on charges of possession and smuggling of drugs in May. Mrisho was arrested near the Beitbridge border post on 19 May. Col Ronel Otto, Spokesperson for the Limpopo Police says the accused was arrested after heroin worth more than R2 million was discovered in a false compartment of his bag. He was apprehended by Border Police while entering South Africa from Zimbabwe.

### Police tackle rape

A Limpopo man was arrested in Burgersfort following accusations of rape made against him by his stepdaughter. Brig Hangwani Mulaudzi from the Limpopo Police said the suspect allegedly sexually abused his stepdaughter several times starting from when she was 17. "The woman is now 23 years old, has two children and is allegedly expecting a third child from him." The 46-year old was arrested on Friday after the

woman reported the crime to the Police. Mulaudzi says the reason why the alleged crime was only reported now is due to the fact that the suspect threatened to kill his accuser and her two children if she reported the matter to the Police. The suspect will appear before the Lydenburg Magistrate's Court this week on charges of rape and abuse. In another case Dallas Mbombi from Lulekani was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Lulekani Regional Court on Tuesday after being found guilty of the rape of a minor. On 25 August 2012 the accused lured her to a nearby graveyard, and forcefully raped her. Col Ronel Otto from the Limpopo Police says Mbombi was arrested the day after the rape and the DNA samples taken matched his.

### Driver arrested after teen death

The Police in Lebogakgomo have arrested a 55-year old suspect, following the death of Thomas Mnisi (16) who is alleged to have been run over by a vehicle along the R37 road near Chuene Resort on Saturday.

Capt Mamphaswa Seabi from the Lebogakgomo Police explained that the suspect was arrested on a charge of culpable homicide after his metallic blue BMW allegedly collided with a gold Jeep and he allegedly in the process ran down and killed the pedestrian. "Mnisi was certified dead on the scene by the Emergency Medical Services," Seabi reported.

### Cigarettes confiscated in Juno Street

Illegal cigarettes to the value of R450 000 were confiscated on Monday, following a tip-off about a truck full of cigarettes being offloaded in Juno Street, Ster Park. Polokwane locals, Messrs Karel Pierce and David van den Bergh (both 48) appeared before the Polokwane Magistrate's Court on Tuesday on charges of dealing in illicit cigarettes. Both were granted R1 500 bail and the case was remanded until 30 September. Spokesperson for the Limpopo Police, Col Ronel Otto said the cigarettes were allegedly collected near the Zimbabwean border in the Musina area and was supposedly destined for Gauteng.

Afrikaans advertisement advertising the availability of the draft Scoping Report and public meeting which appeared in the Polokwane Observer on 5 September 2013