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Power outage delays murder accused van Tonder bail hearing

● RODNEY HLATSHWAYO

DELMAS — The bail application of Adriaan van Tonder has been postponed to 24 March 2026 after a power outage disturbed proceedings at the Delmas Magistrate's Court on 16 February 2026.

Van Tonder appeared in court for his second bail application following his arrest for the fatal shooting of Calvin Mothoa. The incident occurred on 08 February 2026 in Eloff, Delmas, after a water dispute where Tonder and Mothoa shared a water pump.

Proceedings could not continue as scheduled due to technical challenges caused by power outage, forcing the court to postpone the hearing to allow

for further investigations. Van Tonder will remain in custody until the case resumes.

"It's so hard to see that old man laughing and acting as if he killed a dog. He gets to choose whether or not he wants bail, while I've lost the love of my life, the father of my children. Now he acts as if everything is fine; he can eat, sleep, and see his family whenever he wants. But what about us? We can't see my husband anymore. The pain of waking up to my son crying because his dad isn't here, and going to bed crying because we can't do the things we used to do

with him, is unbearable. I want that old man to suffer in jail, even if he dies there. I don't care," said the deceased's wife, Hlanganisile Dlongolo.

Members of several political parties attended court to support the deceased's family and demand for accountability.

The Umkhonto Wesizwe Party in the Victor Khanye Local Municipality expressed dissatisfaction over the postponement.

Bonginkosi Kubeka, Sub-Region Chairperson of the party in Victor Khanye, told *Highveld Chronicle*: "We are concerned about the court's lack of electricity, which halted proceedings. We question the decision to postpone the case for further investigation, given that the accused was caught at the scene where he murdered Calvin Mothoa. With evidence in hand, we see no need for additional investigation."



Murder accused Adriaan van Tonder

"the path of the righteous winds upwards to flee from hell beneath us" Prov 15:24



Why Do We Suffer?

By Pastor Chuck Swindoll

2 Corinthians 1:3-11

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

(2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

Of all the letters Paul wrote, 2 Corinthians is the most autobiographical. In it the great apostle lifts the veil of his private life and allows us to catch a glimpse of his human frailties and needs. You need to read that letter in one sitting to capture the moving emotion that surged through his soul.

It is in this letter alone that he records the specifics of his anguish, tears, affliction, and satanic opposition. In this letter alone he spells out the details of his persecution, loneliness, imprisonments, beatings, feelings of despair, hunger, shipwrecks, sleepless nights, and that "thorn in the flesh"—his companion of pain. How close it makes us feel to him when we picture him as a man with real, honest-to-goodness problems . . . just like you and me!

It is not surprising, then, that he begins the letter with words of comfort—especially verses 3 through 11 (please stop and read).

Now then, having read those nine verses, please observe his frequent use of the term comfort in verses 3-7. I count ten times in five verses that the same root word is employed by Paul. This word is para-kaleo, meaning literally, "to call alongside." It involves more than a shallow "pat on the back" with the tired expression, "the Lord bless you . . ." No, this word involves genuine, in-depth understanding . . . deep-down compassion and sympathy. This seems especially appropriate since it says that God, our Father, is the "God of all comfort" who "comforts us in all our affliction." Our loving Father is never preoccupied or removed when we are enduring sadness and affliction! Read Hebrews 4:14-16 and Matthew 6:31-32 as further proof.

There is yet another observation worth noting in 2 Corinthians, chapter 1. No less than three reasons are given for suffering—each one introduced with the term "that." Can you locate them? Take a

pencil and circle the "that" in verses 4, 9, and 11. Quietly, without a lot of fanfare, the Holy Spirit states reasons we suffer:

1. "That we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction . . ." (v. 4). God allows suffering so that we might have the capacity to enter into others' sorrow and affliction. Isn't that true? If you have suffered a broken leg and been confined to crutches for weeks—you are in complete sympathy with someone else on crutches, even years after your affliction. The same is true for the loss of a child . . . emotional depression . . . an auto accident . . . undergoing unfair criticism . . . financial burdens. God gives His children the capacity to understand by bringing similar sufferings into our lives. Bruises attract one another.

2. "That we would not trust in ourselves . . ." (v. 9). God also allows suffering so that we might learn what it means to depend on Him, not on our own strength and resources. Doesn't suffering do that? It forces us to lean on Him totally, absolutely. Over and over He reminds us of the danger of pride . . . but it frequently takes suffering to make the lesson stick. Pride is smashed most effectively when the suffering comes suddenly, surprisingly. The express trains of heaven are seldom announced by a warning bell; they dash suddenly and abruptly into the station of the soul. Perhaps that has been your experience recently. Don't resent the affliction as an intruder—welcome it as God's message to stop trusting in your flesh . . . and start leaning on Him.

3. "That thanks may be given . . ." (v. 11). Honestly—have you said, "Thanks, Lord, for this test"? Have you finally stopped struggling and expressed to Him how much you appreciate His loving sovereignty over your life? I submit that one of the reasons our suffering is prolonged is that we take so long saying "Thank you, Lord" with an attitude of genuine appreciation.

How unfinished and rebellious and proud and unconcerned we would be without suffering! Alan Redpath, the beloved evangelist and former pastor of Moody Bible Church in Chicago, once remarked; When God wants to do an impossible task, He takes an impossible individual—and crushes him.

Here is another statement on suffering I heard years ago. I shall never forget it: Pain plants the flag of reality in the fortress of a rebel heart.

May these things encourage you the next time God heats up the furnace!



OFFICIAL CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CHIEF ALPHEUS BASA MABENA

It is with a heavy heart and profound sadness that we receive the news of the untimely passing of Chief Alpheus Basa Mabena. On behalf of the Victor Khanye Local Municipality, the Office of the Executive Mayor, and all our residents, I wish to express our deepest and most sincere condolences to the Mabena family, his friends, and the entire Amandebele ka Manala Traditional Council.

The passing of Chief Mabena is a monumental loss that reverberates far beyond the borders of our municipality. His departure has robbed us of a visionary leader, a custodian of heritage, and a pillar of strength for the Manala tribe.

A legacy of leadership and unity

Chief Mabena was more than a traditional leader; he was a bridge between our rich history and our shared future. His contribution to the Traditional Leadership fraternity was characterized by wisdom, dignity, and an unwavering commitment to the welfare of his people.

· **Champion of Culture:** He served as a steadfast guardian of the customs and traditions of the Amandebele ka Manala.

· **Community Advocate:** He was a vital partner to the Victor Khanye Local Municipality, always striving to ensure that the voices of his community were heard in the halls of governance.

· **Symbol of Stability:** During times of challenge, his calm guidance provided a sense of security and continuity for the Manala tribe.

A shared grief

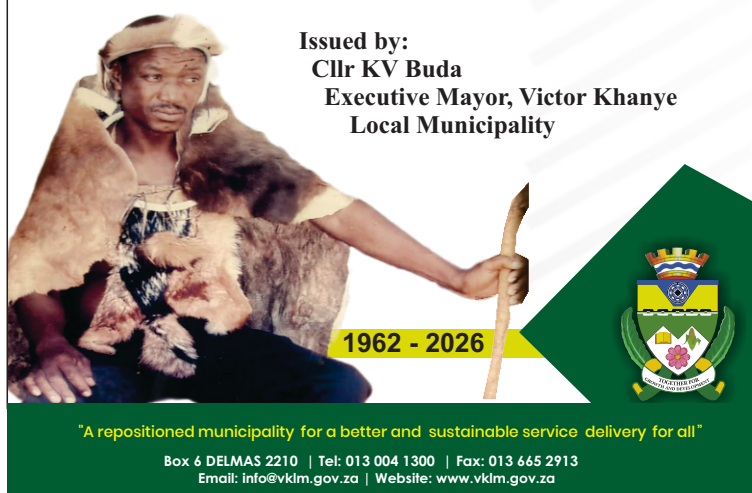
The residents of Victor Khanye Municipality mourn alongside the Manala tribe. We recognize that a giant tree has fallen, and the shade it provided to so many is now gone. However, the seeds of leadership and unity he planted will continue to grow in the hearts of those he led.

"We have lost a father, a leader, and a true servant of the people. While we mourn his untimely death, we also celebrate a life lived with immense purpose and dedication to the Victor Khanye people."

As we observe this period of mourning, we ask that the privacy of the Mabena family be respected. May they find strength in the collective prayers of our community and the enduring legacy that the Chief leaves behind.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

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Nkangala ANC faces en masse resignations from its leaders

ANC regional secretary questions public circulation of resignation letters before official submission

RODNEY HLATSHWAYO AND LUCAS SHONGWE

DELMAS — The ANC in Nkangala has experienced an en masse resignation from five prominent members between 18 and 19 February 2026, fuelling speculation that they may join the newly formed Service Delivery Party and creating uncertainty in local municipal politics.

On Wednesday, 18 February 2026, four people submitted their resignations: regional youth leader Brian Tsotetsi, youth league vibrant member Denis Mtshweni, branch member Sjakako Thombeni and Steve Tshwete Ward 20 organiser and Regional Working Committee (RWC) member Ntokozo Chiloane.

An additional member, Victor Khanye Ward 6 member Siph Mahlangu, followed suit on 19 February 2026.

An insider told *Highveld Chronicle* that the resigning members found a new political home in the Service Delivery Party, which was formed over a month ago.

“Remember the organisation known as Delmas First? Most of its members have now transitioned to the Service Delivery Party,” the source said. “We were aware of this shift and had prepared ourselves well in advance. It's no secret that Delmas is facing conflicts related to mining issues, and there's discontent with Executive Mayor Vusi Buda of Victor Khanye Local Municipality (VKLM). This dissatisfaction has sparked the belief that by establishing a new political party, they can secure control of the municipality.”

ANC Regional Secretary Sello Matshoga said, “We may not know where they are going, and it's not our concern. Many

individuals choose to resign from their positions. We've noticed this trend, particularly when selecting candidates, it's evident that some will depart if they are not chosen as ANC candidates.”

Matshoga also expressed concerns about the resignation letters being circulated on social media. “We acknowledge their democratic right to step down and align with different political parties. However, we have concerns about the reason behind their decision to share their resignation letters publicly before even delivering them to the branch secretary. It raises questions about their intentions. Are they convening somewhere to collectively announce their resignations and then disseminate those letters on social media? This is a significant issue that warrants attention from our perspective,” he said.

The Service Delivery Party responded through spokesperson Pascaline Mazibuko, also known as Bullet Mkabayi. “We believe it's not something to make a fuss over when individuals decide to resign from their parties. After all, we respect everyone's right to choose and associate freely,” she said.

The resignations are notable because some of the departing members held influential positions within ANC structures: Tsotetsi served three consecutive terms as ANCYL Branch Chairperson, was ANC Branch Deputy Secretary, Regional spokesperson on the Regional Executive Committee (REC), and previously served in the Regional Task Team. His resignation cited concerns about alignment and direction in youth development

initiatives.

Mtshweni was the Nkangala District Municipality and VKLM Youth Manager, currently the Local Economic Development Manager at VKLM. He described his resignation as the start of a new political chapter, and said he would continue advancing a society grounded in social harmony and servant leadership.

Mahlangu pointed to growing misalignment between his vision for effective service delivery and the direction taken by the Ward 6 branch.

Thombeni raised concerns about internal communication and consultation processes within party structures.

Chiloane expressed that the ideals that once drew her in, no longer shine as clearly as they did before: “I find it increasingly difficult to reconcile the current state of affairs with values that inspired me to join.”

The simultaneous departure of these members, some widely regarded as loyal and vocal ANC supporters, has prompted questions within local political circles. With multiple resignations occurring in the same week, Nkangala's political landscape has entered a period of uncertainty. Whether these departures represent isolated decisions or the beginning of a broader shift within local ANC structures remains to be seen.



MPUMALANGA AGRICULTURE MEC KICKSTARTS MASS FMD VACCINATIONS

Mpumalanga MEC for Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs Ms Khethiwe Moeketsi has called on cattle farmers play their part in assisting government in its efforts to curb the spread of Foot and Mouth Disease. Launching a provincial mass vaccination of cattle against FMD in Balfour under Dipaleseng Local Municipality on Friday, Moeketsi said farmers must not allow suspicious movements of cattle into their area, as this contributes to the spread of the contagious disease.

The official start of the inoculations coincided with President Cyril Ramaphosa's announcement during his State of the Nation Address on Thursday night when he declared Foot and Mouth Disease a national disaster. Ramaphosa added that, adding that FMD has already decimated the cattle industry across a number of provinces. The launch took place at a communal livestock farm in Siyathemba Location in Balfour, marking the start of a mass FMD vaccination to be rolled out to other Districts henceforth, in a quest to curb any further spread of the disease. This after a sizable number of FMD vaccine doses were made available to the province, allowing for the campaign to start in earnest. Dipaleseng has been identified as the

epicentre in the province with about 35 confirmed FMD outbreaks, while 149 outbreaks have been confirmed throughout the Gert Sibande District.

About 80 farmers from Balfour and some as far as Grootvlei attended, the official launch led by the MEC, an official farmers must assist government and veterinary services in curbing the spread of the disease, calling on them to immediately report any symptoms associated with FMD to their nearest State Vet facility. Balfour, which has been identified as the epicentre in the province with about 35 confirmed FMD outbreaks. The Gert Sibande District is the most affected in the province, with over 149 confirmed outbreaks scattered across the local municipalities.

MEC Moeketsi says local farmers should also maintain contact with Vet regarding with the animal restrictions and other disease management strategies,



MEC for Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs, Ms Khethiwe Moeketsi, addressing the farmers.



Brian Tsotetsi (LEFT) served three consecutive terms as ANCYL Branch Chairperson. He was also the ANC Branch Deputy Secretary, Regional Spokesperson on the Regional Executive Committee (REC), and previously served in the Regional Task Team.

Denis Mtshweni (TOP) is currently the Local Economic Development Manager at VKLM.



Premier Ndlovu recounts Mpumalanga successes in SoNA debate

● LUCAS SHONGWE

MPUMALANGA - Mpumalanga Premier Mandla Ndlovu has outlined a number of achievements he claims his administration has achieved for the people of Mpumalanga. During a State of the Nation (SoNA) debate on Wednesday, 18 February 2026, at Parliament, Premier Ndlovu highlighted several priorities such as gender transformation, public health, education and employment. Ndlovu took the opportunity to report on the successes of his administration in women transformation, stating that more than 50% of women occupy senior management positions. He also said that the province is accelerating the employment of health professionals, adding that 93.8% of public health care facilities are accredited by the Office of Health Standards Compliance (OHSC). "Mpumalanga is ready to implement the NHI," he said. He also mentioned the appointment of 25

medical doctors, who have been placed in Community Health Centres across the province to enhance access to clinical care. On education, he mentioned that they have launched the uBuhlebezulu E-Learning program, which is designed to bridge the digital divide through the distribution of smart devices (tablets). He added that 60 000 tablets were distributed to Grade 12 learners at a cost of R312 million in 2025. "For the 2026 academic year, we will be distributing 70 000 tablets to Grade 10 learners for them to utilise these gadgets for three years. We are in the process of offering reliable internet connections to our schools to enable learners to utilise their tablets. Our children will be able to compete locally and globally," the Premier said. On employment, he referred to the

Seriti Green wind farm project, currently under construction, which has already created 2 000 jobs during construction and "will create 600 permanent jobs after completion." He also mentioned that the provincial government is about to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Mpumalanga to become a co-partner in the agreement between the University and Hainan Province in South China to pilot the large-scale production of hybrid rice in Mpumalanga. He said the project is estimated to create over 388 000 jobs and contribute approximately R40,32 billion annually to the provincial economy.

He added that recent statistics indicate that unemployment in the province has decreased by 1,7% from 34% to 32.3%. Independent analyst Gakwi Mashego, commenting on the Premier's speech on *Rise FM*, said the Premier's SoNA debate is tantamount to the State of the Province Address (SoPA); however, he was sceptical about the practicality of the matters raised. "He



Mpumalanga Premier Mandla Ndlovu

IMAGE: Supplied

was very articulate and on point, but I think he was thumb sucking with the 386 000 jobs. That needs to be reviewed before the SoPA," he said. "You cannot create 386 000 jobs through one industry in a province as small as Mpumalanga." Mashego also questioned how possible it is to implement the NHI when the current infrastructure, such as hospitals and clinics, is collapsing. "You can't really say you are ready to implement the NHI when your infrastructure is not up to standard," he said. He cautioned that the transformation of women should go side by side with

that of language. He also went on to be critical of water scarcity, the lack of a waste management strategy in many municipalities, and the carbon capture project. "I think with waste disposal, this is one area where jobs can be created. The same goes for the carbon capture projects, which should not be done only in industrial areas but can be done throughout the province," he concluded. "Overall, I think the Premier's response was quite proper, but I believe there is more that needs to be done. They need to take care of all things."

EFF reverses Mayor Mhlonishwa Masilela's attempt to appoint ANC councillor as Community Safety MMC

● LUCAS SHONGWE

MIDDELBURG — The Steve Tshwete Mayor Mhlonishwa Masilela appointed an ANC ward councillor on 12 February 2026 in a Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) position allocated to the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) under a coalition agreement. However, this appointment was reversed a day later following objections from EFF.

The position of Community Safety became available after EFF chief whip Joseph Ngubeni was elected Speaker on 10 February 2026.

Masilela appointed Ernest Nkwana as MMC for Community Safety. He is an ANC councillor and was reshuffled from being MMC for Spatial Development and Human Settlements. Steve Tshwete is one of several municipalities in the province governed by coalition agreements between the ANC and EFF. Similar power-sharing agreements that resulted in coalition governments are in place in Govan Mbeki and Lekwa municipalities. According to the agreement, the EFF in the Steve Tshwete is entitled to positions of

Speaker and one MMC, followed by a Section 79 committee chairperson.

"The mayor cannot appoint their own in a position that is ours," said EFF provincial leader Colleen Sedibe. "We maintain that the position belongs to us, which is why the matter was put on hold until we finalise our candidate from the EFF," he said. "The position truly belongs to us."

In defending Masilela's decision, the ANC in Nkangala said the mayor was preparing to attend the Strategic Lekgotla meeting taking place from 18 to 20 February in Kempton Park, Gauteng.

"The mayor believed that as the municipality was preparing for the Strategic Lekgotla, it was vital for both the executive manager and the MMC responsible for the department to be present. We understand his concerns, but we feel they lack merit, particularly given that we're in a coalition agreement with other political groups," said regional secretary Sello Matshoga.



Mayor Mhlonishwa Masilela (Right) with the newly appointed speaker Joseph Ngubeni
IMAGE: Lucas Shongwe

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Blue Ribbon donate school shoes to KhulaNolwazi learners

● SIMPHIWE JENNIFER MOTAU

ROCKDALE — Bread making company Blue Ribbon, in partnership with the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, donated 100 pairs of school shoes to learners at KhulaNolwazi Primary School on 18 February 2026 to support disadvantaged learners and boost their confidence at school. The initiative is part of the company's ongoing commitment to give back to

communities that support its products. "We know that there are children whose parents cannot afford to buy uniforms, and it becomes difficult for that child to go to school because they feel left out and also become victims of bullying," said Blue Ribbon representative Queen Ntuli. "The aim of this initiative is to give back to the community that supports the company by buying bread every

day of their lives." Ntuli said teachers assisted in identifying the beneficiaries. KhulaNolwazi Primary was chosen because it has many learners without proper uniforms. "This initiative [runs] yearly," she said. Deputy Principal Dudu Mngomane welcomed the support, saying the donation comes at a critical time for many learners as winter is approaching. "Most of our learners are coming from disadvantaged backgrounds and cannot afford school uniforms," said Mngomane. "It becomes a challenge when a child is struggling mentally because they are being bullied by other learners due to their conditions." She said the donation will help restore dignity among affected learners. "This initiative has helped us a lot as a school to uplift those kids and bring back their self-esteem and pride," she said. Mngomane expressed hope for continued collaboration. "We would like Blue Ribbon to continue with this initiative at our school to help more learners," she said, adding that

the school has submitted a donation request for laptops. Municipal Youth Manager Khanyisile Mlangeni said the partnership demonstrates a long-term commitment to youth development. "Partnering with Blue Ribbon is a way to shape projects that impact the daily lives of young people rather than treating them as passive recipients of decisions," said Mlangeni. She emphasised the municipality's role in ensuring private sector support reaches communities. "We work to make sure that what private companies have reaches the community. This is crucial for education because it bridges resource gaps and enhances learning environments, particularly in underserved communities," she said.

Mlangeni added that the municipality will continue working with stakeholders and confirmed that the next outreach will take place at Maziya Primary School in Hendrina. She noted that donations of this nature often improve learner engagement and academic performance. "In under-resourced areas, these investments can significantly increase student motivation, and the learners become equal since they look the same," she said.



Mpumalanga DA retains top leaders ahead of 2026 local government elections

● LUCAS SHONGWE

MPUMALANGA — The Democratic Alliance (DA) has retained its top four provincial leaders ahead of the 2026 government elections, following a provincial elective conference held in Sabie on 14 February 2026.

Jane Sithole continues as the provincial head, joined by her deputy Trudie Grovè-Morgan, provincial chair Bosman Grobler and finance chair David Sibanyoni. All of them have been re-elected without opposition to guide the party's strategies for governance, service delivery and anti-corruption measures across the province.

Thapedi Mokoala has been appointed as deputy to Grobler, replacing Morgan Bruiners, completing the updated leadership team.

With the upcoming 2026 local government elections on the horizon, their mission is clear: to guide the party forward.

Jane Sithole, first elected in 2018 and successfully re-elected in 2020 and 2023, emphasised the importance of stable leadership to strengthen the party's foundations, increase membership, and refine campaign strategies.

Grovè-Morgan and Grobler also made their mark in 2020, with their re-election occurring in 2023. Sibanyoni is a newer face, having been elected in 2023.

In her role as the Deputy Minister of Small Business Development, Sithole highlighted that provincial economic progress depends on enabling small businesses, supporting emerging entrepreneurs, and creating an environment where job creators can thrive.

She added that she is particularly passionate about ensuring that SMMEs and cooperatives become the backbone of the provincial economy. "Small businesses are not a side issue, they are the engine of job creation," she said.

Grovè-Morgan said her re-election signifies that party members believe in their ability to elevate the party further. "Which is to grow the party to the point that we win most, if not all the municipalities across the province, and winning is exactly what we have to do," she said.

She further explained how the party plans to ensure that local governments deliver essential services effectively, while addressing issues such as fraud, corruption and mismanagement. "It's a fact that many municipalities are struggling to provide basic services because of dilapidated infrastructure and lack of maintenance due to cadre

deployment and incompetent officials. The DA will also consider the expertise, experience and financial powers of the private sector to help us with service delivery issues," she said.

She added that they will use the Western Cape benchmark and policy of zero tolerance on issues of corruption, incompetency and fraud. "We will use forensic investigators, take legal action if needed, and also do constant oversight to enforce clean, transparent and efficient governance and accountability in all municipalities," she said.

Grobler said his motivation for remaining in leadership stems from observations of communities in Middelburg and across Mpumalanga. "Witnessing the living conditions of our community is a powerful motivator for me. It is the government's duty to ensure that its citizens have access to essential services and decent living conditions," he said.

Grobler expressed frustration at what he views as government neglect. "I truly believe that our living conditions can be better. The government does not have to fix everything, but it can create a safe environment with opportunities where citizens can thrive. We have learned how to improve our systems in such a way that the information we gather during our interactions with voters can be used more effectively," he said.


Grobler dismissed rumours that the DA is collaborating with the Freedom Front Plus (FF+), as seen in the Steve Tshwete council. "The DA in Mpumalanga has no formal working agreement with any other political party. Where collaboration does occur, it is on a case-by-case basis and only where we believe it is to the benefit of the residents of that specific municipality," he said.

"In many cases, the FF+ simply follows the lead of the DA caucuses across the province. DA caucuses work very hard to ensure that correct procedures are followed and that decisions made by councils are to the benefit of residents. We have found that the FF+ follows our lead because they trust the work done by DA caucuses."

He also emphasised that the party uses a scientific approach to understand voter needs. "We have a comprehensive database of voters, their concerns and their preferences. We are going to campaign on these concerns and, once elected into government, we will ensure that they are addressed," he said.



DA's Bosman Grobler, Jane Sithole and Trudie Grovè-Morgan were retained as party leaders ahead of the 2026 local government elections



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<p>Frequency</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em;">98.7 MHz</p>	<p>Listenership</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em;">96,000+</p>	<p>Broadcast</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em;">24/7</p>
<p>LSM Profile</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em;">0-8</p>	<p>Social Media</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em;">110 000+</p>	<p>Reach</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em;">50km Radius</p>

Languages:
 English 20% | Sepedi 30% | IsiZulu 30% | IsiNdebele 20%

Content mix: 60% Talk | 40% Music

OUR REACH & FOOTPRINT



Primary Areas: Emalahleni, Middleburg, Ogies, Kriel

Extended Reach: Arnot, Rietspruit, Thubelihle, Bronkhorstpruit, Belfast, Machadodorp

PROGRAMMING EXCELLENCE

Diverse Music

We play a diverse mix of music, including House, Kwaito, Hip Hop, traditional wedding songs, Afro-pop, R&B, Gospel, Bubblegum, Reggae, and Jazz.

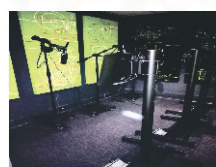
Trusted News - 60% Local

One hour of unpacking top trending stories live on air with relevant officials in our current affairs show.

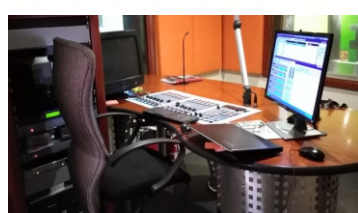
Best Content for ALL

We broadcast 24/7 with 20 shows catering to all age groups — from children and teenagers to adults, students, professionals, businesses, and the unemployed.


OUR FACILITIES



Recording Studio



Studio A - On-Air



Studio B - Production

DIGITAL PRESENCE

eMalahleni FM boasts a combined Facebook following of over **164,000** followers and maintains a strong presence across its social media platforms, giving brands extended digital reach and meaningful audience engagement beyond the airwaves.

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Our Story

WITH SIPHO MAHAMBA

Ivunulo lesokana naligodukako

Ivunulo iqakatheke khulu ngombana yembesa izitho zomzimba lekungafanele zibonwe zingaphandle. Kubonakala ngevunulo bonyana umuntu ukuliphi ibanga lokukhula. Ngiyo begodu ehlathululako bonyana umuntu usenyaweni nofana awa. Nangabe uya endaweni ethize, kubonakala ngayo ivunulo bona lapha uyakhona ubujamo bezinto bunjani. Ivunulo yabantu abaduna yehlukile kuneyabasikazi.

Akhesiqale ivunulo lesokana naligodukako.

1. Iqubi - Mcamo omhlophe othwalwa ehloko
2. Mdwera - Mcamo ophethelweko nawo uthwalwa ehloko, uzithwala zombili iqubi no Mdwera
3. Irasu - Lona liphothwelwe ngomcamu umbathwa entanyeni lifika emahlombe
4. Izipha - Ziphothelwe ngomcamo omhlophe, ziqakanisiwe zibambili
5. Iinrholwani zezandleni - Isokana

lifaka Iinrholwani ezimbili namkha nantshu eqababeni ezilijuba nobukhobe kuthi nesimhlophe kuthi khona azofaka zeezandleni ezintathu ngasandlangasinye.

6. Isthithirimba - livunulo esitha izitho zomzimba kwenziwe ngesikhumba sembuzi.

7. Iinrholwani zedinini - ziiinrholwani ezimbili eziphothelwe ngomcamo ekuli juba nobukhobe azifaka edinini

8. Imidzhegana - Lezi ziiinrholwani azifaka emilenzeni, ngenzasi kwamadolo. ezimbili bujuba nobukhobe kuthi ezinye ezimbili sitinyana nomcamo onzima

9. Intonga - Sibhuku asiphatha esandleni. Isokana naligodukako likhamba ngeenyawo.

Itlolve ngu Simphiwe Jennifer Motau



Isithombe: Masokana nakagodukako

Abantu engihlobene nabo

“Kghari ngibawa bonyana ungidlulisele isivalo sepoto.”

Kutjho uMzwandile kuBahlezingaye. Kazi uBahlezingaye ngudwadwabo kababakhe.

“Yewena lokhunjana”. Akusiyi indlela yokubiza umuntu leyo, neenlwane azibizwa njalo ngombana nazo zinama bizo wazo.

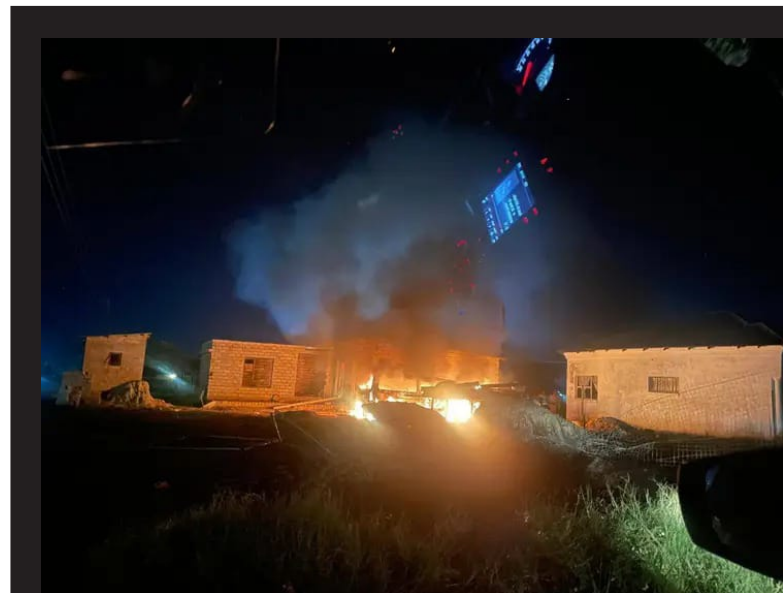
Akhesiqale amagama wabantu engihlobene nabo.

1. Umma – mumuntu wengubo ongibelethako
2. Ubaba – mumuntu wendoda engibelethako
3. Ugogo – mumuntu wengubo obeletha ubaba nofana umma
4. Umkhulu – mumuntu wendoda ebeletha ubaba nofana umma
5. Udade - mntazana wakwethu
6. Umntanthu – msana wangakwethu omncani kimi
7. Umnakwethu – msana wangakwethu omkhulu kimi
8. Ukghari – ngudadwabo kababa
9. Umalume - ngumfowabo Kamma
10. Umkamalume – mfazi kamalume
11. Usorhulu – mnakwabo kababa begodu yindoda kadadwabo likamma omkhulu
12. Urhulu - mkasorhulu nofana

ngudadwabo kamma

13. Usonghwana - mumuntu wendoda obelethwe nobaba, kodwana omncani begodu yindoda kadadwabo omncani
14. Umani – ngudadwabo likamma omncani Umtamama – mntwana kadadwabo kamma (umani nofana urhulu)
15. Umzala – mntwana kamalume nofana kakghari
16. Umrharibo – mkamfowethu (umnakwethu nofana umntanthu)
17. Umkhwenyethu – yindoda kadade nofana kakghari
18. Umzukulu – mntwana kadade
19. Umukhwe – nguyise lomkami
20. Umkhwekazi – ngunina lomkami
21. Usosokana – nguyise wendodami
22. Unosokana - ngunina wendodami
23. Umncayethu – mfazi womfowabo lendodami
24. Umrharidzweni – mfazi engende naye ndoda yinye (sisithembu)
25. Untangababa - mina naye sithethe abafazi besibongo sinye
26. Ukaboyise – mntwana kantangababa
27. Umlamu - mntwana webukhweni bami
28. Umngani – mumuntu engiyintangakhe

Umtloli ngu-Nelisiwe Skhosana



Iinkolo ezimbili zamabanga aphakemeko eKwaggafontein esifundeni seMpumalanga ukufunda nokufundisa kubekwe phasi ekuseni elangeni langesithathu nyangeni kamhlolanga ngakwaNdebele. Abafundi beCibiliza High School begodu neMafu High School eMpumalanga bavuke bazitjatha batjha emapholiseni batjho boyokuvula iimlandu yokusahlelwa ebantwaneni besikolo kunye nokubethwa babantu, ekusolwa ukuthi ngabanye bamalunga womphakathi abazibize ngabogadi abasetjha eenkolweni.

Abafundi laba bebangakudla bakuqede ngalindlela bebasilingeke ngakhona ngemva kwesezo sabarhali laba abavele bangena ngeenkumbeni zokufundela bakhuthuza begodu badula abafundi ngebaga lokobanya batjho bakhuthuzana neendakwa mizwa kunye neenkhalihleze abafundi abaziphathako ngeenkolweni. Yeke-ke abafundi nababelethi elangeni lwangelwesithathu bavuke bayikhomba khona emapholiseni ukuyovulelwa abantu laba iimlandu yokubetjha, kazi bebabhekela

mikhandlu sihlalo zeenkolo ezimbili lezi ukubonakalisa isekelo esenzweni lesi abaqalene nasokudusulwa. Abohlokokulu beenkolo lezi bezwe umkhosi ebantwaneni wokuthi kazi bayabetjha ngaphandle, mbala nabaphumako bafumana abarhali sele baqedile napaya sebakhamba.

Kazi ke nasele kutjhejisiswa kuhle ihlelo nekambiso yabarhali laba kufumaniseka ukuthi awa! Azakhe bazise abaphathi benkolo lezi bonyana kunento abayihlongozako. Okutjho khona bonyana azakhe bathole imvumo yokugadanga emacabazini weenkolo lezi ezimbili.

Umntyango wezefundo eMpumalanga usikhalime ngamagama aqcinileko esenzo sabantu laba, bewagandelela bonyana isenzo esenzekileko lesi mbala asikho emthethweni ukuya ngekambiso nehlelo lomNtyango wezeFunfo kunye nemthethweni sisekelo weSewula Afrika.

Kunjalo nje amaPholisa batjho sele kunemilandu evuliweko manqophana nabantu laba besenzo lesi. Kusenjalo u-Lt. Col.

Jabu Ndubane okhulumela amaPholisa eMpumalanga uthi sele kukhona muni ebele abotjhiwe, abotjhelwa umlandu wokufahlabegodu nowokugebenga. Umsolwa lona esele abotjhiwe batjho kulindeleke bonyana avele eKhotso esikhathini esingaqedi ihliziyo kanti kusenjalo nje batjho nabanye basazolandela.

Akukaveli kuhle bonyana abantu laba basahlele abafundi laba ngeenkali namtjhana najni na begodu akucaci kuhle bonyana bebabetjha ngani abafundi laba esele barhagele ngobukhali kangaka. Ukutjha kwelanga lwangesithathu ukukwata kwamanye wamalunga womphakathi kuragele phambili ngokubhehdedha bayibhenyoga kwathi nasele loziphosa kunina bavele bayilumathisa indlu yomunye ngebezwa batjho bonyana bekakhona ejimeni ebelibetha abantwana besikolo. Bayithiye ivutha amalangabi, amaPholisa batjho alindelekile bonyana isibalo sabo sikhuphuke ngemva kokuragela phambili ngokuyiviva ngeendaba zabo sizwa batjho.

Icala livule ingubo langena nangambala, bambalwa abasola isenzo sabafundi ngemva kokubetjha, babodwa abasola ukungaphethi kwabantwana babo esikolweni sele kuzazwakala ekukhambeni kwamalanga bonyana ngeliphi igadango elizathathwa kwanele woke umuntu ngemva kwesahlakalo lesi esbimbi ngalindlela.

Ababelethi nabo babhokile ngobukhali ngokuthi aliqciniswe ivikeleko labantwana babo eenkolweni.

Umtloli (Emanuel Themba Mashobane) Umhlaziyi (Ngemani S'busiso Mahlangu)

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CHERY MBOMBELA: Redefining value, technology & the modern car-buying experience

BY CHERY MBOMBELA

For many South African motorists, the Chery name once carried outdated perceptions — modest vehicles with limited technology. Step into Chery Mbombela today, however, and those impressions are quickly replaced by something entirely different: a global automotive brand that has undergone a remarkable transformation.

Over the past decade, Chery has invested extensively in international research and development, cutting-edge engineering and world-class design partnerships. The result is a sophisticated vehicle lineup that rivals long-established competitors in safety, performance and innovation — while remaining accessible to everyday consumers.

Chery's models today reflect confidence, refinement and technological depth. Advanced driver-assistance systems, high-strength safety structures, digital cockpit displays and premium interior finishes are no longer optional luxuries — they are part of the brand's standard philosophy.

Chery's presence in South Africa continues to grow rapidly. Later this year, the brand plans to introduce a new bakkie designed specifically for local needs — a move that further reinforces its commitment to versatility, innovation and relevance within the South African market.

At Chery Mbombela, this evolution extends beyond the vehicles themselves. The dealership embraces a consultative, customer-first approach. Instead of pushing products, sales consultants invest time understanding each client's lifestyle, needs and priorities before recommending a vehicle. The result is a personalised experience that prioritises trust over pressure.

“We educate first and sell later because the right vehicle with the right guidance creates a better ownership experience.”
Chery Mbombela Sales Manager, Giovanni Ninzatti.

MODELSPOTLIGHT

Chery Tiggo Cross — Smart Urban Confidence



Positioned between the Tiggo 4 Pro and Tiggo 7, the Tiggo Cross delivers premium SUV features in a compact, city-friendly package while maintaining exceptional value.

Ideal for: Young professionals, first-time SUV buyers, small families, urban drivers.

Highlights

- Turbocharged performance
- Dual digital displays
- Advanced safety systems
- Premium interior finishes

Ownership Package

Competitive pricing within the compact SUV segment : **R399,900 - R469,900**

Warranty: **7-year / 200,000 km**

Engine Warranty:

10-year / 1,000,000 km

Service Plan: **5-year / 60,000 km**

Tiggo 8 Pro Max — Executive Space & Power



This model combines luxury-level features with performance figures that rival far more expensive SUVs.

Ideal for: Families, executives, long-distance travellers

Highlights

- 7-seat configuration
- 187 kW turbo engine
- Intelligent safety suite
- Digital cockpit technology

Ownership Package

Approx. Price: **± R669,900**

Warranty: **5-year / 150,000 km**

Engine Warranty:

10-year / 1 million km

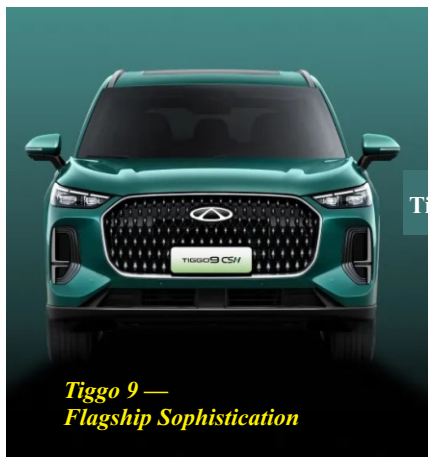
Service Plan:

Up to 7-year / 90,000 km

Tiggo 9 — Flagship Sophistication

This model represents the pinnacle of Chery innovation, proving the brand's ability to compete confidently in premium territory.

Ideal for: Premium buyers, executives, luxury SUV drivers



Tiggo 9 — Flagship Sophistication



Highlights

- Full intelligent driver-assist suite
- Luxury interior appointments
- Commanding road presence
- Advanced digital ecosystem

Positioning

Segment: Premium large SUV

Market Role: Competes with luxury-branded rivals

Experience the difference

Every step of the journey at Chery Mbombela — from first enquiry to final handover — is designed with intention. Transparency, guidance and genuine engagement guide each interaction, ensuring customers feel confident in their decisions.

Model	Best For	Strength	Segment
Chery Tiggo Cross	Urban drivers	Value + tech	Mid SUV
Tiggo 8 Pro Max	Families	Power + space	Large SUV
Tiggo 9	Luxury buyers	Flagship refinement	Premium SUV



The dealership understands that buying a vehicle is one of life's most significant financial commitments.

That understanding shapes a service culture built on long-term relationships rather than once-off transactions. Chery Mbombela represents more than a dealership — it represents a brand that has matured, refined its identity and earned its reputation through technology, thoughtful design and exceptional value.



For motorists seeking modern vehicles, genuine value and a buying experience built on trust rather than pressure, Chery Mbombela is not just changing perceptions — it's setting a new industry standard.




Ms Makhosazane Christine Masilela
Speaker

SOPA 2026

State of the Province Address

**OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE:
STATE OF THE PROVINCE ADDRESS 2026 – 05 MARCH 2026**

The Speaker of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature, Ms Makhosazane Christine Masilela has the pleasure of announcing the Official Opening of the 3rd Session of the 7th Mpumalanga Legislature and the delivery of the State of the Province Address (SOPA) by Premier, Mr Mandla Padney Ndlovu. The event is scheduled to take place as follows:

Date : Thursday, 05 March 2026
Time : 10:00 (Invited guests are expected to be seated by 09:00)
Venue : Riverside Government Complex: Baobab Building, Legislature Chamber

The Proceedings will be live on Legislature's Facebook page and YouTube Channel, Ligwalagwala FM, Ikwekwezi FM, Rise FM, Parliamentary channel 408 and on several Community Radio Stations in the Province.

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Steve Tshwete donates sports kit to Mkhulu Secondary

● SIMPHIWE JENNIFER MOTAU

DOORKOP — Learners at Mkhulu Secondary School in Doornkop received soccer and netball kits from Steve Tshwete Executive Mayor Mhlonishwa Masilela during a donation drive held on 13 February 2026.

The donation included a full soccer kit and a full netball kit to support the school's sporting programmes. Mayor Masilela also commanded the school's strong academic performance, citing its 84% matric pass rate for the 2025

academic year. "I am happy with the academic performance of this school. I would like to appeal to the learners to focus on your studies. We would like to see future leaders coming from this school," he said.

He further encouraged learners to uphold discipline and unity both on and off the field. "Please stay away from bullying. Those who participate in sports, do your best so that you can participate at the highest level one day," Masilela

added. The Municipality said the initiative forms part of its service delivery programme under the slogan "Sphush'iService Delivery," which supports community upliftment projects.

Sports participation plays a role in learner development, including promoting physical health, mental well-being and academic performance. It also teaches essential life skills such as teamwork, leadership, discipline and resilience, while building confidence and reducing stress.



Executive Mayor together with youth manager, Khanyisile Mlangeni handing over the Sport kits IMAGE: Supplied

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