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Dondo Mogajane Denies R1 Mil Bribe in VBS Bank Scandal

By Thabo Mosia

Pretoria – Former Treasury Director-General and current Moti Group CEO, Dondo Mogajane, has denied allegations that he received a R1 million bribe from VBS Mutual Bank to halt municipal withdrawals, calling the claims “baseless” and an attempt to tarnish his reputation.

The allegations emerged from a leaked affidavit by disgraced former VBS Bank chairperson Tshifhiwa Matodzi, who implicated Mogajane in a scheme to muzzle National Treasury’s directive, which prohibited municipalities from depositing public funds into VBS.

“I categorically deny that I have ever received corrupt monies or bribes,” Mogajane stated emphatically. “I proudly served with distinction, honesty, loyalty, and humility as a dedicated public servant for 23 years, the last five of which were as Director-General of National Treasury. My record is clean in terms of how I ran

my department and conducted myself as a member of National Treasury.”

According to Matodzi’s affidavit, he allegedly met Mogajane multiple times, with the meetings taking place at various locations including Cedar Square in Fourways, VBS offices in Rivonia, and Eagle Canyon. Matodzi claims that during these meetings, a whispering agreement was made to pay Mogajane R1 million to withdraw the Treasury’s circular, which had mandated municipalities to cease deposits into the bank.

“In all these five meetings, it was never just me and Dondo but one or two other people,” Matodzi noted. He detailed an incident where Raliom Razwinane, identified as the owner of Gundos Wealth Solutions, allegedly facilitated the bribery discussions, including the provision of bank details for the payment.

In his rebuttal, Mogajane provided a detailed account of his dealings with VBS, the National Treasury, and other state

entities, asserting that he was part of the team that exposed and halted VBS’s corrupt activities.

“As can be evidenced by minutes of these meetings, we made it very clear that legally, VBS Mutual Bank was not allowed to continue conducting investment deals or receiving deposits from municipalities. In fact, my colleagues and I became so alarmed by the actions of VBS Bank that I filed an answering affidavit against it in November 2017,” Mogajane stressed.

He also highlighted the regulatory constraints under the Municipal Finance Management Act, which explicitly prohibit municipalities from depositing funds in institutions not regulated under the Banks Act. VBS, being a mutual bank, fell under the Mutual Banks Act, thereby making municipal deposits illegal.

“During these discussions in 2017 and early 2018, I was not aware that VBS was essentially a scam and simply viewed these as engagements with a black-owned bank,” Mogajane explained. “Evidence of the stance that both myself and National Treasury took against Matodzi and VBS, all filed affidavits, statements, minutes of meetings, circulars, and general records dating as far back as 2017, are with the relevant authorities.”

Matodzi’s affidavit, however, paints a different picture, alleging that Mogajane was personally involved in the bribery scheme. He claimed the payment was made into a Standard Bank account for Mogajane. Meanwhile, the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) has condemned the leak of the affidavit. Spokesperson Adv Mthunzi Mhaga stated that the NPA is considering legal actions and has instructed a thorough investigation.

“The NPA leadership has instructed the director of public prosecutions, Pretoria, under whose jurisdiction the matter falls, to ensure that, together with the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation [the Hawks], a thorough investigation into the leak is conducted and that those responsible are held to account,” Mhaga said.

Despite these allegations, Mogajane remains resolute in his defence, asserting that his principles and values guided him throughout his 23 years of public service and continue to do so in his business dealings.

“My principles and values continue to govern my business dealings and remain exactly the same. Ultimately, I am proud to have been part of the team that stopped Matodzi and VBS’s corrupt and pilfering activities,” Mogajane concluded.

SAPS Urges Members to Stop Posting on Social Media

- South African Police Service (SAPS) Raises Concerns Over Social Media Conduct
- Upholding National Instruction 5 of 2017
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- Community and Service Delivery

Johannesburg – The South African Police Service (SAPS) Management has issued a stern reminder to its members regarding the rising trend of posting pictures and video clips on social media platforms, particularly TikTok. This behavior, labelled as unethical, has become a significant concern and is a punishable offence under the current disciplinary regulations.

In a recent statement, the SAPS emphasised

that these types of posts have had the potential to cause substantial harm, often bringing disrepute to the SAPS and inflicting serious damage to the organisation’s public image. “These posts have, in some instances, caused more harm than good by bringing the SAPS into disrepute and causing irreparable damage to the organisation’s image,” read the statement.

Upholding National Instruction 5 of 2017 The SAPS cited National Instruction 5 of 2017, highlighting critical regulations that members must adhere to concerning media communication. According to Section 19(10), the following rules are paramount:

1. Prohibition on Unauthorised Representation:
 - No SAPS member may independently

represent the organisation on social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, or any other social networks. This includes posts on personal accounts as well as official SAPS-affiliated profiles.

1. Uniform and Insignia:
 - Members are forbidden from using profile pictures that depict them in uniform or displaying any SAPS insignia, badges, or logos on their private social media accounts.
1. Approval for Official Accounts:
 - Establishment of any SAPS-related social media profile requires the explicit approval of the Head of Corporate Communication and Liaison. No SAPS station, cluster, unit, or office is permitted to create such accounts without proper authorisation.

Disciplinary Actions and Ethical Conduct The SAPS made it clear that violation of these regulations is subject to disciplinary

actions. “Any employee who transgresses in any form or manner will be subjected to the processes of the applicable Disciplinary Regulations,” the statement continued.

SAPS members are also reminded of their ongoing obligations to uphold the SAPS Code of Conduct and Dress Code during their duties and in public interactions. Adherence to these standards is seen as essential for maintaining the professionalism, efficiency, integrity, respect, and empathy that underpin effective service delivery and sustain public trust.

Community and Service Delivery The SAPS insists that the community’s trust in their police service is heavily influenced by members’ conduct both offline and online. “Your efficiency, professionalism, integrity, respect, and empathy are vital to service delivery and the SAPS’s reputation, which in turn influences the community’s trust in their police service,” the statement concluded.



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Police Investigate Fatal Fire That Killed Four Children in Limpopo



By Thabo Mosia

- Limpopo Police
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- Ongoing Efforts

Polokwane – Limpopo Police have initiated an inquest into a devastating house fire that

claimed the lives of four young children in Maake, Mopani district. The incident, which left the community of Calais village in shock, occurred on Friday night, 12 July 2024, around 23:00.

The tragic fire saw the loss of three girls aged three, seven, and nine, alongside their 11-year-old cousin. Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, speaking on behalf of the Limpopo Police, confirmed the heartbreaking details,

stating that officers arrived at the scene to find community members valiantly attempting to rescue the children from the burning house. Despite swift intervention from emergency services, the children could not be saved.

Unfolding Tragedy

Preliminary investigations reveal that the mother of the three girls had momentarily left the children under the care of their 11-year-old cousin. She had gone to her mother's residence nearby to fetch food items for another child returning from initiation school. Upon her return, she was met with the horrifying sight of their home engulfed in flames, with the children trapped inside.

Investigation Underway

The identities of the deceased children are being withheld pending further investigation. Authorities are determined to uncover the cause of the blaze and have urged anyone with information to come forward.

A Community in Mourning

Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, the Provincial Commissioner of police in

Limpopo, expressed her deep sorrow over the incident. "We are heartbroken by the horrific death of these young children. In the same light, we strongly appeal to parents to be extra careful with the safety of those under their care," she cautioned.

Community Response

The tragic event has cast a sombre shadow over the quiet village of Calais. Community members, who were among the first to attempt rescue efforts, are grappling with the loss.

Safety First: A Community Reminder

Lieutenant General Hadebe's plea for heightened vigilance serves as a stark reminder of the importance of safety precautions. It's essential for parents and guardians to ensure that children are never left unsupervised, especially in environments where potential hazards exist.

Ongoing Efforts

As investigations continue, Limpopo Police urge residents to come forward with any relevant information that could assist in the probe. The community's cooperation is crucial to understanding the cause of this tragic event.

President Cyril Ramaphosa Condemns Assassination Attempt on Donald Trump

President Cyril Ramaphosa and former United States President Donald Trump

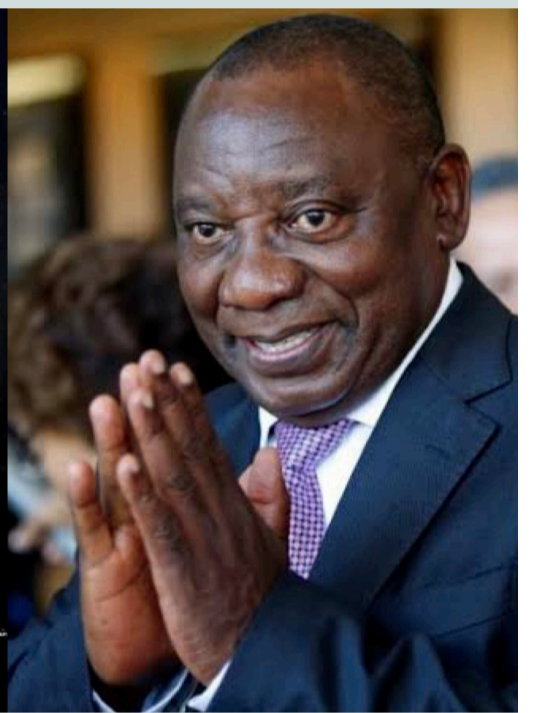
President Cyril Ramaphosa has strongly condemned the assassination attempt on former United States President Donald Trump. This shocking incident has not only rattled the political landscape in America but also drew international condemnation.

Trump, who is actively running for re-election as President, was injured in the ear while delivering a speech at a rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, on Saturday. This unfortunate event unfolded when an alleged shooter fired multiple rounds

toward the stage, causing panic and chaos among attendees.

Tragically, the shooting resulted in the death of at least one person, while two others were injured. The alleged shooter was neutralised by the United States Secret Service personnel.

President Ramaphosa took to the social media platform, X, to express his dismay and denounce the act of violence. "The attempted assassination of former President Donald J. Trump is a stark reminder of the dangers of political extremism and intolerance. Political violence is the antithesis of democracy. I wish former President Trump a speedy recovery,"



Ramaphosa stated.

Ramaphosa's message continued to resonate with calls for peace and diplomacy. "We unequivocally denounce this political violence and earnestly hope that the citizens

and leaders of America will have the fortitude and sagacity to reject violence and seek peaceful solutions," he affirmed.

By Mpho Moloi

- Tebogo Kotsi Says 'Bring Back Macufe': Calls for Revival Amid Economic Concerns
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- Macufe's Rich History and Future Plans
- The Future of Macufe
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- Economic Impact

Tebogo Kotsi, a prominent cultural activist, has called on the Free State Department of Sports, Arts, Culture, and Recreation to engage with the entertainment industry to resurrect the Mangaung African Cultural Festival (Macufe). This plea comes after the department announced that Macufe 2024 would not take place, despite earlier assurances from former Premier Mxolisi Dukwana. The decision has sparked significant concern and disappointment among stakeholders, businesses, and the community.

Timeline of Events Leading to Cancellation

Tebogo Kotsi Says Bring Back Macufe: Reviving the Cultural Festival Amid Economic Concerns

In February 2024, the department issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Macufe, yet adjudication has not occurred, and no appointments have been made. MEC Zanele Sifuba recently announced that Macufe will not be held this year, sparking widespread disappointment and concern within the community.

Economic and Cultural Significance

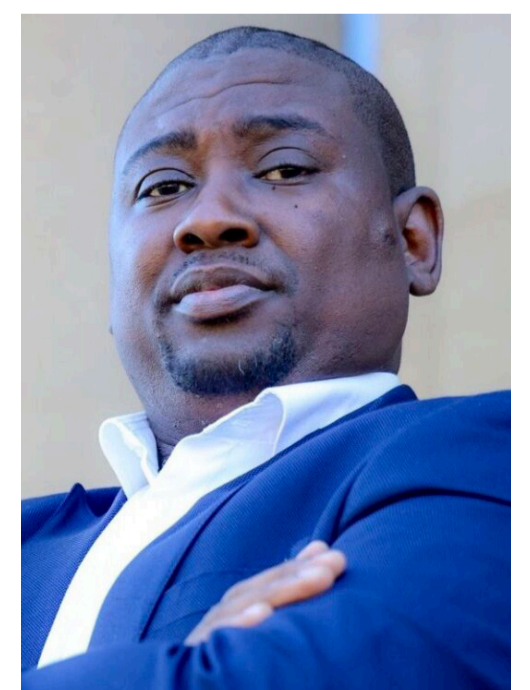
Kotsi argues, "We need to have Macufe this year because the international brand attracts audiences from across the country and abroad. This is the perfect time for businesses in the hospitality and recreational sectors to thrive. Top liquor brands invest money into different events during the festival, benefiting even those promoters not directly contracted to the festival. The economic spin-off of Macufe is substantial." Many businesses had already begun preparations, securing bookings and making

arrangements based on the festival's anticipated return. Kotsi highlights the potential losses, saying, "Events will not happen, hotels, restaurants, petrol stations, and others will lose money."

Advocacy and Proposals

Last year, Kotsi wrote an open letter to the MEC proposing a plan inclusive of small and big promoters through partnerships but received no response. This year, his email request for an audience was also ignored. Kotsi questions, "Are we ruled by visionaries or dictators?"

Kotsi suggests organising a march involving all those in the arts, sports, tourism, and recreational sectors to demand answers from the new premier and MEC. "The department of arts has a mandate to create a favourable environment for the arts and sports. By cancelling Macufe 2024, the MEC is harming the entire province," he asserts.



Maile Plans to Establish Gauteng State-Owned Bank to Boost Economy

By Thabo Mosia

- Gauteng Economic Development and Finance MEC Lebogang Maile Gauteng Economic Development and Finance MEC Lebogang Maile has confirmed plans to prioritize the establishment of a state-owned provincial bank to advance the economic needs of the grassroots majority in the province. This initiative is set to be a key focus area for the 7th administration as Maile aims to tackle the province's pressing financial challenges.
 - Aiming for Economic Empowerment
 - Addressing Unemployment and Economic Challenges
 - Enhancing Revenue Collection
 - Infrastructure and Services Development
 - Supporting Marginalized Groups
 - Establishing Pharmaceutical Manufacturing
 - Promoting Manufacturing and Reindustrialization
 - Addressing Poverty and Inequality
 - Ensuring Structural Economic Transformation
 - Projected Outcomes
 - Aiming for Economic Empowerment
- Speaking from the Gauteng Infrastructure Financing Agency (GIFA) in Sandton, Maile outlined his bold economic vision, underscoring that a provincial state bank is on the cards. "By empowering the township economy, creating jobs, and fighting poverty, a state-owned bank could be a pivotal game-changer," Maile emphasized. He noted that boosting the township economy through accessible funding for small businesses might bring significant relief.
- Addressing Unemployment and Economic Challenges**
- Gauteng, the largest provincial economy in South Africa, with a GDP of over R2.4 trillion, faces daunting unemployment rates. "Gauteng's unemployment rate at



33.7% is higher than the national average of 32.9%. Almost 40% of those entering the labour force in South Africa are in Gauteng," Maile pointed out. To counter this, a state-owned provincial bank, potentially in partnership with the private sector, would focus on injecting much-needed capital into township businesses.

Enhancing Revenue Collection

Maile also stressed the need to improve revenue collection as part of boosting the province's economic stability. "We aim to increase our existing own revenue resources and modernize processes to enhance efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and client satisfaction while eliminating loopholes in collection mechanisms," he stated. These efforts are expected to be reflected

in the next Medium-Term Expenditure Framework. **Infrastructure and Services Development**

Revenue generated through financial and economic planning will be used to fund services and reindustrialisation efforts, with particular attention to infrastructure development. Maile highlighted the commitment to promoting compliance

and leveraging public procurement to enhance the township economy. The provincial state bank will notably invest in projects characterized by low private sector investment but high social returns. **Supporting Marginalized Groups**

Efforts will be intensified to support marginalized groups, including youth, women, and people with disabilities, to access development finance, artisanal skills, technology, and economic infrastructure. "We will increase our efforts to improve access for these social categories to development finance, technology, and economic infrastructure closest to their areas of residence," Maile added. **Establishing Pharmaceutical Manufacturing**

Maile revealed plans to establish a provincial government-owned pharmaceutical

company prioritizing vaccine production. "A business case and full business plan for this initiative will be finalized by the end of this financial year," he said.

Promoting Manufacturing and Reindustrialization

The department will also focus on investing in the manufacturing capacity of township enterprises to minimize reliance on procuring goods from major retailers. The Special Economic Zones (SEZ) programme, supported by intensive investment promotion, will be utilized to accelerate the reindustrialization of the Gauteng City Region.

Addressing Poverty and Inequality

The faces of Gauteng's economic challenges remain youth, women, and people with disabilities. "We aim to tackle these by speeding up improvements in access to development finance, artisanal skills, technology, and economic infrastructure," Maile explained.

Ensuring Structural Economic Transformation

A structural transformation of the regional

economy is also on the cards, especially in sectors like chemicals, clothing, textiles, electronics, aerospace, and construction. This transformation will aim to increase skills, technology, and infrastructure growth in marginalised areas, enabling these regions to contribute more significantly to the economy.

Projected Outcomes

Over the coming weeks, additional plans for the Gauteng economy will be announced to ensure transparency and accountability. Maile underscores that the provincial state bank's establishment will focus on aiding projects with low private sector investment but significant social benefits, simultaneously reducing reliance on external retailers through increased local manufacturing.

By prioritizing these initiatives, Maile aims to address the salient challenges confronting Gauteng's fiscus and improve the standard of living for its residents, thereby setting a robust foundation for sustained economic development and social equity in the province.

SA Eyes Nuclear Energy Expansion for Affordable Electricity



By Lerato Mpenbe

- Nuclear Energy
- A Strategic Move for Energy Security
- Addressing Electricity Affordability
- Commitment to Economic Transformation
- Operational Focus: Industrialisation and Transformation

South Africa's Minister of Electricity and Energy, Dr. Kgosientsho Ramokgopa, has announced the government's plans to develop a nuclear power plant. This initiative aims to generate electricity "at a scale and speed that we can afford," highlighting the nation's resolve to ensure sustainable and affordable energy for its citizens.

A Strategic Move for Energy Security

Dr. Ramokgopa shared these insights during a media briefing held in the backdrop of the recent Cabinet Lekgotla in Tshwane. In his address, the Minister emphasised the crucial role that nuclear energy could play in stabilising South Africa's baseload power supply. "In the long term, we need to ensure that we anchor the baseload and nuclear is an important part of that intervention," he explained. "We are working on the framework for procurement because we don't want to discredit the process through a procurement process that is not transparent. We will do it at the scale and speed that we can afford as a country."

Addressing Electricity Affordability

Dr. Ramokgopa also highlighted the pressing issue of electricity affordability, particularly

in impoverished communities. "The poor and those in the townships are finding it exceptionally difficult to afford the increases in electricity," he noted. "These challenges on the distribution side stem from municipalities underinvesting in the maintenance, replenishment, and protection of the distribution grid. We are now paying the price for this neglect."

Commitment to Economic Transformation

Further adding to the Lekgotla's discussions, Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, Parks Tau, reassured South Africans that affirmative action policies like Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE) will remain intact under the seventh administration. "These are foundational principles to the establishment of the Government of National Unity," Tau stated. "They address social justice, equity, and redress, allowing us to focus on both industrialisation and transformation."

Operational Focus: Industrialisation and Transformation

The new administration's roadmap includes leveraging Operation Vulindela, a significant programme aimed at spurring economic growth through focusing on network industries such as energy, logistics, and the digital economy.

"This focus will enable us to broaden the base of entrepreneurs in the country and grow the jobs that this nation so desperately needs," Tau said.

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EFFSC Reiterates Call for Corruption-Free Student Aid Management: This after End of “Corrupt” NSFAS Payment Contracts



By Thabo Mosia

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- A Step Towards Accountability
- A Call for a State-Owned Bank
- EFF Leader Julius Malema’s Stance
- NSFAS Circular Notice

The Economic Freedom Fighters Students’ Command (EFFSC) has applauded the termination of contracts held by four service providers—Coinvest, eZaga Holdings, Noracco Corporation, and Tenet Technology—who were irregularly appointed by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) to disburse student allowances. A Step Towards Accountability

Khanya Bungane, Acting Secretary General of the EFFSC, heralded this decision as a crucial step towards ensuring accountability and transparency in managing student funds. “This decision is a step in the right direction towards ensuring accountability and transparency in the management of student funds, and total eradication of any inconveniences towards students,” Bungane said. The EFFSC has long been vocal about the inefficiencies and delays caused by these service providers. According to Bungane, these companies were not only incapacitated, causing significant delays in disbursing payments, but also exploited students by charging exorbitant

transaction fees. “Such practices are unacceptable and have added unnecessary financial burdens on students who are already struggling,” Bungane emphasised. A Call for a State-Owned Bank The EFFSC reiterated its call for the establishment of a state-owned bank to manage and disburse student allowances directly from the government. “The EFFSC reiterates and rubber stamps the call of the EFF for a state-owned bank, as it would have been used to disburse student allowances directly from the government,” Bungane said. This, according to the EFFSC, would ensure a more efficient, transparent, and corruption-free system of managing and distributing financial aid. The EFFSC commended Student Representative Councils (SCs) across the country for their relentless efforts in fighting for this cause. Bungane invoked the wisdom of Amilcar Cabral, stating, “We claim no easy victories.” The EFFSC remains steadfast in its commitment to fighting for free, quality education and ensuring the integrity and efficiency of financial aid management. EFF Leader Julius Malema’s Stance During the recent election campaign, EFF Leader Julius Malema voiced strong opinions on the matter, advocating for NSFAS to pay institutions and students directly. Malema argued that the current

system perpetuates corruption, with NSFAS being used as a tool for financial malfeasance. “We don’t want NSFAS anymore. They finance the Communist Party with corrupt money from NSFAS. Why do you pay NSFAS if you want to pay for me in this TVET college? Pay the university directly. We cut out the middleman called NSFAS. Your money must get into your pockets directly,” Malema declared to supporters in eSikhwini. NSFAS Circular Notice In a related development, NSFAS issued a circular notice on 11 July 2024, addressing all university vice chancellors and college principals. The notice announced that for the remainder of the 2024 academic year, university students’ allowances would continue to be distributed through institutions. This arrangement is set to persist until the end of the year, ensuring that allowances and tuition fees are disbursed based on valid registration data. The notice also highlighted the need for institutions to validate student data before disbursing allowances to ensure that only qualifying students receive the correct amounts. Further communications regarding the 2025 academic year allowance distribution channels are anticipated.

By Lerato Mpenbe

- Prominent Environmental Scientist Dorcas Lekganyane Tragically Killed in Alleged Domestic Violence Incident
- Rising Star Cut Down in Her Prime
- Scene of the Tragedy
- Family Speaks Out
- Remembering a Legacy

Gauteng police have arrested the boyfriend of acclaimed environmental scientist Dorcas Lekganyane. The 32-year-old was found dead with multiple stab wounds in a residence in Bramley, Johannesburg, on Thursday evening following a domestic violence call. Rising Star Cut Down in Her Prime Dorcas Lekganyane, affectionately known as “Didi,” was a beacon of hope and innovation in the fields of traditional medicine and environmental science. Recognised in June by the Mail & Guardian as one of the 200 most influential young South Africans, she was also hailed for her dedication to cultural inclusivity and biodiversity preservation.

Environmental Scientist Dorcas Lekganyane Allegedly Murdered by Boyfriend in Bramley

Her sudden demise has sent shockwaves through the community and has been met with widespread mourning. Scene of the Tragedy Gauteng police spokesperson Colonel Noxolo Kweza reported that officers responded to a domestic violence incident where they discovered Lekganyane’s lifeless body. “Her partner was also found in the house. He was taken to a local hospital where he was placed under police guard. He will be charged with murder and will appear in court soon,” Kweza stated. Kweza confirmed that a murder investigation is underway, spotlighting another tragic case of domestic violence as South Africa observes Women’s Month. The urgency to address and curb domestic violence in the country has never been more pressing. Family Speaks Out Lethabo Lekganyane, the family spokesperson, expressed the profound grief and anguish the family is experiencing. “Didi was brutally taken from us in an act of senseless violence, a narrative that has regrettably become all too familiar in our society,” Lethabo lamented. She described Didi as “a respected beacon of light celebrated by friends and family,” and highlighted her numerous accolades, including the WISA DST Fellowship Master’s Degree Award for her research on traditional medicinal plants in South Africa.

Remembering a Legacy Beyond her scientific achievements, Didi was a person of immense humanity and compassion, impacting countless lives through her work and kindness. The Department of Environmental Affairs

also recognised her as one of the 50 Most Inspiring Women in South Africa. She was noted for her influence and commitment to making the world a better place, a sentiment echoed by the Mail & Guardian.



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Mr S Thomas

Municipal Manager

Brand SA Reimagines “Play Your Part” Campaign



By Karabo Marifi

- Brand SA | “Play Your Part” Campaign

CAPE TOWN, South Africa – Brand South Africa (Brand SA) has unveiled its vision for reimagining the “Play Your Part” campaign. Minister in the Presidency, Khumbudzo Ntshavheni, disclosed these ambitious plans during her address at the Budget Vote of the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) last Friday.

Brand South Africa, the nation’s official

marketing agency, has been allocated a substantial budget of R186 million for the 2024/25 financial year to spearhead its initiatives. This funding boost is aimed at invigorating the campaign’s reach and impact, aligning with the country’s broader socio-economic goals.

Empowering Active Citizenship Minister Ntshavheni passionately articulated the core objectives of the “Play Your Part” initiative, which are to “inspire, empower and celebrate active citizenship”. The campaign is a call to action for South Africans to contribute

positively to societal transformation.

“It aims to lift the spirit of our nation by inspiring South Africans to contribute to positive change, become involved and start doing. It calls on South Africans to use some of their time, money, skills and goods to contribute to a better future for all of us,” Ntshavheni stated with enthusiasm.

Significant Strides in Community Media One of the highlights of the Budget Vote was the recognition of the Media Development and Diversity Agency (MDDA) for its noteworthy progress in advocating for the community media sector. The MDDA has been granted R38.5 million for the 2024/25 financial year.

Minister Ntshavheni highlighted the notable achievements of the MDDA, emphasising its role in empowering marginalised groups to kickstart and maintain their community media projects. Over the years, despite budget constraints, the MDDA has supported 586 small commercial media projects, including 321 community radio and television stations, and 185 community print projects such as newspapers, magazines, and digital platforms.

The Vital Role of Community Media

Ntshavheni underscored the indispensable role that community media plays in fostering social cohesion and bridging cultural divides.

“The work of the MDDA is important because community media serves to connect people with shared interests and concerns. It amplifies the unique stories and experiences within a community and promotes understanding amongst its members,” she said.

She further noted that community media acts as a catalyst for social cohesion, empowering individuals to actively engage in dialogue, bridge cultural gaps, and collectively address societal challenges.



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Embracing the Dawn of Unity: A Call to Global Cooperation

On June 21, the luminous day in the bustling heart of Kazan, Russia, the world witnessed a profound event—the grand opening of the International Forum of BRICS+ Cities.

This occasion birthed the Association of Cities and Municipalities of the BRICS+ countries, a beacon of hope and cooperation. With over 200 mayors, vice-mayors, and leaders of municipal associations in attendance, the forum became a testament to the power of unity and shared vision.

A Declaration of Purpose

The forum's declaration resonated with a clear and inspiring goal: to promote the sustainable development of cities and municipalities across BRICS+ countries, ensuring the well-being and prosperity of their residents. This new Association is committed to strengthening socio-economic cooperation, exchanging experiences, and transferring best practices in urban management.

The Association's foundation rests on the principles of mutual respect, trust, and understanding. Its participants pledged to tackle common challenges together, from environmental sustainability and cultural exchange to infrastructural development and social protection. This cooperative spirit is the essence of the BRICS+ vision, a vision that mayors worldwide are encouraged to join and support.

Building Bridges Across Continents

The decision to establish the headquarters in both Kazan and Dubai symbolizes a bridge between cultures and continents,

reflecting the diverse and inclusive nature of the BRICS+ initiative. Ilсур Metshin, the visionary Mayor of Kazan, was elected Chairman of the Association, heralding a new era of collaboration and growth.

"Today, we are about to create a new history," said Metshin. "This Association will strengthen the influence of BRICS and its partners, expand the opportunities of cities and municipalities, unite in the interests of residents, and build a successful future. It is time for active interaction, establishing economic, cultural, and scientific ties for mutual enrichment and development."

A Response to Geopolitical Challenges
Forming this new organization is a bold and necessary step in a world fraught with geopolitical instability. The BRICS+ Association is not just about socio-economic development but about solving existing global problems through cooperation and mutual support. For example, the long-standing partnership between Russia and Egypt stands as a model of mutually beneficial and friendly relations.

South Africa, a pivotal player on the African continent, exemplifies regional economic development and acts as a guarantor of international agreements. The enduring cooperation between Russia and South Africa highlights these nations' crucial role in addressing geopolitical challenges and fostering global stability.

A Global Gathering in Kazan

The forum in Kazan attracted delegates from 21 nations, including China, Iran, India, Brazil, South Africa, Chile, Argentina, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Belarus, and Azerbaijan. Influential municipal associations from these countries brought their collective wisdom and experience to the table. Notable attendees included Ary Jose Vanazzi, President of the Brazilian Association of Municipalities, and Bheki Stofile, President of the South African Local Government Association. Ato Anduaem Tenaw Habti, Director General of the Ethiopian Cities Association, Sergio Arredondo Olvera, Secretary General of the Latin American Federation of Cities, Municipalities and Associations of Local Authorities, and Hamidreza Galimzadeh, Secretary General of the Asian Mayors Forum.

Charting a Path Forward

The forum's agenda was ambitious: to discuss the creation of the new international organization, select its leadership, determine the location of its headquarters, outline a work plan, and initiate joint projects. The Association's activities will be guided by principles of equality, mutually beneficial partnerships, and respect for diverse traditions and cultures.

"There will be no place for political agendas," emphasized Mayor Metshin. "Our only goal is to be useful to each other. The Association will intensify cooperation in economy, culture, education, and ecology, becoming an

important source of useful knowledge and an incentive to study and implement other cities' experiences for our residents' benefit."

Inspiring Global Collaboration

The forum also facilitated the signing of cooperation and twinning agreements between various cities and associations of local authorities. Bilateral working meetings were held to foster deeper connections and collaborative efforts. The BRICS+ Association embodies this spirit of unity and shared purpose. As the world looks to the future, the call to mayors and city leaders everywhere is clear: Join this movement of unity and cooperation. Embrace the dawn of a new era in which cities and municipalities work together to create a sustainable, prosperous, and harmonious world for all.

We can build bridges across cultures, solve global challenges, and inspire future generations. The BRICS+ Association is not just an organisation; it is a testament to the power of unity and the limitless potential of cooperative development. Let us unite for the sake of our cities, our residents, and our shared future.

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Ireland Stuns the Springboks with a Nail-Biting 25-24 Win in Durban

By Mpho Moloi

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Durban – Ireland clinched a sensational 25-24 victory (half-time 16-6) over the Springboks in Durban on Saturday evening. This win not only leveled the Castle Lager Incoming Series but also marked the Rugby World Cup champions' first defeat since their triumphant lift of the Webb Ellis Cup last year.

The game's fate was sealed by replacement flyhalf Ciaran Frawley, who kicked two impeccable drop goals in the dying minutes for a win that appeared unlikely following a determined Springbok comeback in the second half.

A Deserved Half-Time Lead for the Irish Ireland dominated the first half, entering the break with a well-earned 10-point lead. The Springboks, playing in front of

a passionate crowd at the Hollywoodbets Kings Park, were left scrambling as their usual dominance was matched by Ireland's tenacity.

In just the second minute, disaster struck for the Boks when Willie le Roux left the field for a Head Injury Assessment (HIA) following a heavy tackle on James Lowe. Sacha Feinberg-Mngomezulu replaced him and stayed on for the rest of the match.

The opening minutes were intense, with Eben Etzebeth leading the physical charge. However, an early offside mistake by Etzebeth gave Jack Crowley an opportunity to score, which he duly converted, putting Ireland 3-0 up five minutes into the game.

Ireland's Strategic Superiority The Irish attack was more urgent and strategic. Jamie Osborne's clever inside pass found Conor Murray, who sneaked in for the first try of the match 20 minutes in. Crowley successfully converted, extending

the Irish lead to 10-0.

Despite a penalty goal by Handre Pollard putting the Springboks on the scoreboard, additional penalties by Crowley reinforced Ireland's dominance, entering the half-time break at 16-6.

Springboks' Second-Half Resurgence The second half saw a renewed energy in the Springbok camp. Encouraged by Rassie Erasmus' half-time words, they dominated early but struggled to capitalize on opportunities due to handling errors. An early penalty goal by Pollard brought them within reach.

Personnel changes by Erasmus, including Grant Williams replacing Faf de Klerk, and Vincent Koch and Malcolm Marx joining the front row, were strategic. A yellow card to Caelan Doris for foul play handed Pollard another penalty, narrowing the gap further. As the game progressed, successive Pollard penalties flipped the advantage to South

Africa, who lead 24-19 with little more than 20 minutes remaining.

The Decisive Moments

Ciaran Frawley's entry into the closing stages of the game was a game-changer. Calm under pressure, Frawley slotted a long-range drop goal from 45 metres out, cutting the Springboks' lead to just one point.

As the clock struck full-time, Frawley once again showcased his composure, nailing another drop goal on the hooter to hand Ireland a historic 25-24 win, leveling the series.

Statistics and Scores

- Springboks 24 (6):
- Penalty goals: Handre Pollard (8).
- Ireland 25 (16):
- Try: Conor Murray.
- Conversion: Jack Crowley.
- Penalty goals: Crowley (4).
- Drop goals: Ciaran Frawley (2).



By Lerato Mpenbe

Kaizer Chiefs have announced that their defender, Edmilson Dove, has joined the club's already extensive injury list

Johannesburg – Kaizer Chiefs announced on Sunday that their Mozambican international defender, Edmilson Dove, has been added to the club's growing injury list. This setback occurred during Friday's session at Amakhosi's pre-season training camp in Türkiye. This marks an unexpected turn as the Soweto giants aim to rejuvenate their squad for the upcoming 2024/25 season.

Injury Details and Recovery Plan

"The Mozambican international has been examined by the medical team in camp. He will leave Türkiye and head back to South Africa for a full assessment and medical attention. We wish him, and the rest of the injured fellows a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them back on the training grounds and field of play soon," said Chiefs in an official statement. This unfortunate incident adds to the list

Kaizer Chiefs Face Setbacks as Edmilson Dove Joins Injury List, But Eyes Remain on Progress in Turkey

of critical absentees that have already marred the pre-season preparations.

Current Injury List

Chiefs are grappling with multiple injuries to key players. Winger Tebogo Potsane, defender Dillon Solomons, and midfielders George Matlou and Mduduzi Mdantsane are currently sidelined. David Milner, the club's physiotherapist, provided an update on the players' conditions:

- Tebogo Potsane: "Tebogo's recovery from groin surgery is progressing well and he is expected to be back in training in about two weeks."
- Dillon Solomons: "Dillon had shoulder surgery, so he won't be ready for roughly another nine weeks, although he has started running and rehabilitation."
- George Matlou: "George is only expected back in October following his

knee surgery. However, I am happy to report that he is in the gym and doing some light running."

The Road Ahead

Despite the injury woes, Kaizer Chiefs are committed to making the most out of their three-week overseas camp. The team has not ventured overseas since 2003, and they are enthusiastic about the opportunities this exposure provides. On July 28, they are scheduled to clash with Tanzania's Yanga SC in the Toyota Cup at Bloemfontein's Free State Stadium.

Under Pressure

Since their last trophy in 2015, Kaizer Chiefs have been under immense pressure to break their barren run. The pre-season camp in Turkey is designed to bolster the team's preparedness and foster a renewed sense of commitment and tactical acumen.

