



9 FARM ATTACKS (5 DEATHS) 1 - 8 JULY

South Africa – While the national focus is on COVID-19, gender-based violence and children returning to school – other crimes such as farm attacks and murders get less attention. In Brits alone, two farm attacks occurred in a matter of hours.

In the first incident a father, his two children and a family member were attacked on their smallholding Kareepoort on the evening of Friday 3 July. The four attackers, two armed with pistols and one armed with a rifle burst through the door and tied up the victims while they ransacked the house. The father and son were assaulted. Unfortunately, the family dog was shot and killed during the attack. The suspects fled the scene with various electrical items and cellphones. One of the children managed to escape and ran to go and get help.

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In the second attack (not later than 2 hours), a farm worker was held at gunpoint in her house on the farm Kleinfontein by four men. The victim was robbed, and the suspects fled the scene with a cellphone and cash. According to police spokesperson lieutenant colonel Amanda Funani, a case of house robbery is being investigated.

The community was outraged and gathered in masses to search for the

suspects. They managed to catch one of the attackers and he was subsequently arrested.

Brits have been hit hard by an increase in attacks as of late. *Platinum Weekly* reported on 3 July about another couple who was attacked on their plot Roodekopjes near Brits. On 27 June farm workers on the farm Klipkop near Brits were also attacked by a group of men.

Farm attacks in the rest of the country, 1 – 8 July

- Colenso, KwaZulu-Natal – A man was assaulted with a firearm by three attackers on his farm in the Colenso area on 30 June.
- Cullinan, Gauteng – A 22-year old farmworker was shot dead after he and his co-workers were attacked on the farm in the De Wagensdrift area on 1 July.
- Zastron, Freestate – An elderly woman was seriously injured after she was attacked and kidnapped on her farm on 3 July.
- Lanseria, Gauteng – A man was shot during an attack on him and his wife on their plot on 3 July.
- Nuy-vallei, Western Cape – A famous singer and songwriter was shot dead during an attack on his farm on 3 July.
- Weenen, KwaZulu-Natal – A 26-year old, pregnant mother of two's throat was slit when they were attacked on their farm on 4 July.
- Grootvlei, Gauteng – A woman was killed, and her husband seriously injured during an attack on 5 July.

MATIWANE FAMILY DONATES FOOD PARCELS

The Matiwane family from left: Siyabonga, Cynthia and Patric donated food parcels to the Skierlik community.

Thabazimbi – KMC Mining director Patrick Matiwane and his family provided food relief to the people of the Skierlik village, 20km outside Thabazimbi on Monday 22 June. Various families in the Skierlik community each received a food parcel donated by the Matiwane family. TLM councillor Rachel Mokwena said that the community is very grateful to be blessed by the family's donation.

DEPRESSION GETTING YOU DOWN? GET THE HELP YOU NEED!

South Africa – The South African Depression and Anxiety Group (SADAG) is at the forefront of patient advocacy, education and de-stigmatisation of mental illness in the country. Its expertise lies in assisting patients and callers throughout South Africa with mental health queries.

They have a network of more than 200 support groups throughout South Africa as well as professional counselling staff who operate the counselling lines from 08:00 to 20:00, seven days a week.

When times get tough, please visit their website at www.sadag.org to find their online toolkit with free resources, online videos, reliable resources, coping skills, online tools and other info.

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SADAG helplines also provide free telephonic counselling, information, referrals and resources. You can call them on 0800 21 22 23, 0800 70 80 90 or 0800 456 789 or the Suicide Helpline on 0800 567 567.

MURDER SUSPECT FOUND WITH DECEASED'S BANK CARDS

Mogwase – A man accused of allegedly strangling a teacher to death has been arrested after police found him in possession of the deceased's bank cards.

Akanyang Rakodi was remanded in custody when he appeared before the Mogwase Magistrates' Court on Monday 6 July. The 40-year old man, who stands accused of killing 25-year old Khumontle Mokgosi, will make his next court appearance on Tuesday 14 July.

Makgosi's body was found at her home in Magong village by neighbours and members of the school governing body (SGB) who searched for her. This was after the teacher had failed to report for duty. Her hands and feet were tied up and initial investigations by the police suggested that the victim was strangled to death.

Police spokesperson brigadier Sabata Mokgwabone said: "The long arm of the law caught up with the suspect on Friday 3 July at Goo-Mokgatle Section in Dinokana village outside Zeerust. He was arrested during a crime intelligence-driven operation by a multidisciplinary team comprising Bojanala District and Zeerust Task Teams as well as provincial traffic. During the arrest, the suspect was found in possession of the deceased's bank cards as well as recently bought goods such as clothes, a car battery and liquor. Preliminary investigations revealed that Mokgosi's bank card was used to withdraw cash from ATMs in Northam and Zeerust." Two cellphones belonging to the victim were recovered by the police from the suspect.

Provincial commissioner of North West lieutenant general Sello Kwenja commended investigators and all those involved in the arrest for a job well done.

NOTICE ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 4(2) OF THE EIA REGULATION, REGARDING THE APPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE FARM HANOVER 341 KQ WITHIN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF THABAZIMBI REF: LP30/5/1/3/2/11374 MP

Thabazimbi Iron Ore have been **granted** an Environmental Authorization for application of mining permit for Iron Ore and related mining activities issued by the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) on the 02nd of July 2020.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In reaching the decision the Department looked into the following consideration:

- (a) A public participation processes (ppp) was undertaken and the applicant has satisfied the minimum requirements as prescribed in the NEMA EIA 2014 Regulations for Public involvement
- (b) The environmental impacts associated with the proposed mitigation measures as outlined in the BAR
- (c) The closure and rehabilitation is included in the BAR.
- (d) The environmental emergencies procedure is included in the BAR
- (e) The environmental awareness plan is included in the BAR and
- (f) The quantum calculation of the financial provision for rehabilitation of the prospecting activities is included in the BAR.

NOTICE OF INTENSION TO APPEAL:

An appeal can be lodged against the decision as stipulated in the National Appeals Regulations 2014 should you wish to appeal. The appeal must be lodged within 20 days from the date of receipt of the notification to the minister of Environmental Affairs. The appeal must be lodged as prescribed in the National Appeal Regulations 2014 by means of the following methods:

Appeal to the Department of Environmental Affairs:
Attention: Directorate Appeals and legal review
Email: appealsdirector@environment.gov.za
By post: Private Bag X 447, Pretoria,0001
By hand: Environmental House, corner Steve Biko and Soutpansberg Street, Arcadia, Pretoria,0083

Copy of the lodged appeal to the Department of Mineral Resources
Attention: Regional Manager: Limpopo Region
Email: tebogo.mangaba@dmr.gov.za
Fax: 086 7101 045 | By post: Private Bag X 9467, Polokwane, 0700
By hand: DMR building, 101 Dorp Street, Polokwane, 0699

SOULFOOD

JOHN 1

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

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LIQUIDATION- AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT IN DECEASED ESTATE LYING FOR INSPECTION

Estate Number: 2744/2016
Estate Late: DIEDERIK JOHANNES KOEKEMOER
ID number: 4912255004089
Last known address: 8 Knoppiesdoorn Avenue, Thabazimbi, 0387
First Names & Surname of surviving spouse: JOSEPHINE KOEKEMOER
ID number: 5102040069089

The First and Final Liquidation- and Distribution Account in abovementioned estate will lie for inspection for 21 days from 10 JULY 2020 at the Magistrate's Court, Thabazimbi and the Master of the High Court Polokwane for all parties with an interest therein.

If no objections are received during the abovementioned period, the agent for the executrix will continue to make distribution in accordance with the account.

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