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# BLACK RULE APARTHEID IDEOLOGY?

By Tom Nkosi - the publisher of Ziwaphi

When the Acting Editor of Ziwaphi asked me to write a piece to mark the existence of the newspaper, drawing on my own experience as the publisher of the newspaper. My preoccupation was, predictably, to focus on how we are going to ensure the continued existence of the publication than to focus on our achievements.

Admittedly, that is an injustice, particularly to the journalists who have to assess each and every article if it will meet the objectives of the publication or the information needs of the readers; the newsmakers who have never dreamt in their lives that stories would be written about them – these include the women who have self-help businesses in their backyards or hair saloons; and the loyal readers who religiously buy the newspaper.

There are also other important role players such as advertisers and the theoreticians who have to conceptualise, analyse and develop thought provoking articles. As a publisher I wish to thank them all, for making sure that the voice of our people has survived this long.

I must admit that when we started the newspaper, profit was not the motive, as it is still not. As former activists who had ensured the demise of apartheid regime and all its ramifications, we were more concerned that apartheid ideology remained predominant, as it still is. We felt that we had an obligation to ensure that it was completely obliterated.

We also realized that the problem was not that white racists have to be on the offensive to promote their ideology, but that as a result of years of colonial and apartheid misrule, some black people have succumbed to the apartheid ideology. They have accepted, as Steve Biko once said, “that blacks cannot formulate their thoughts without white guidance and trusteeship.”

Our own government also acknowledged this when it instituted an investigation on the ownership and control of the media in the country. The outcome of the investigation confirmed what was already known, that the ownership and control of the media had a profound bearing in shaping public discourse.

It recommended the formation of the Media Development and Diversity Agency to encourage ownership and control of, and access to, media by historically disadvantaged communities, historically diminished indigenous language and cultural groups.

As stated earlier, my preoccupation as a publisher is to ensure that the newspaper is sustainable. Therefore

since its inception three years ago, Ziwaphi has been engaging government officials and politicians in the province and municipalities, which are the main sources of revenue for our newspaper, and the private sector to appeal to them to support the diversification of the media through equitable placement of advertisements in black owned and white newspapers.

We have managed to score some successes with some of the government departments and municipalities, however, there is still resistance from some government officials, particularly the younger generation who have to be made familiar with the objectives of our revolution.

The same resistance, though more arrogant, was evident in the private sector, where one businessman said to our representative, “blacks must solve their own problems”.

I have never been a Black Consciousness fanatic, but I almost felt as if the late BC leader Steve Biko were talking to me when he said, “Black man, you are on your own.” Biko was killed by the apartheid police inside prison for merely expressing his views which were aimed at liberating the minds of those blacks who still believe that everything white is right and that everything black is inferior.

Not that Biko downplayed the fact that blacks were oppressed and needed to be liberated, but his philosophy emphasised the need to liberate the black people from, a sometimes, self-imposed mental slavery.

He, clearly, was killed too soon! There are a lot of souls out there that still need to be liberated.

Overall, Ziwaphi has not only survived the most hostile political environment, journalist buying and the worst economic recession in our lifetime, but it has succeeded to play its role in shaping public opinion on issues affecting our province and our people.

In its short history, Ziwaphi continues to build on its proud record of fearless and independent reporting and provides the most respected and credible forum for debating matters of public interest.

To the editorial collective under the capable leadership of, firstly our former editor, Mpumi Mtshali and current acting editor, Phinda Comrade Mzala, we say, Unwele olude!



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## A red salute to Ziwaphi

The YCL in MPUMALANGA wishes ZIWAPHI and its management a happy 3rd anniversary. On behalf of our membership and many progressive young people of this province, we thank ZIWAPHI for giving us another perspective about the media and its role in a society like ours, your paper has given us a space to debate and share our ideas with the broader society. Ziwaphi has been a political school for the past two years, we hope the voice of the working class will continue to be recognised as a definite destination of the human kind.

We thank comrade Mzala for his/ her unbiased analysis and by protecting our revolutionary history which is being distorted by the commercial media.

We wish you many years of progressive contribution.

Socialism in our life time

Maviyo Ndinisa ( provincial spokesperson)

# MEC, security boss deny R14m was stolen from Premier's farm

**"Our reporting is true and factual enough to stand in a court of law," say the journalists who broke the story**

NELSPRUIT

By Tshwarelo eseng Mogakane

A security boss whose company was hired to provide security on residential farm belonging to Mpumalanga premier David Mabuza has rubbished claims that he was fired after R14-million allegedly went missing from the premises.

Noah Dlamini, managing director of Mbovula Security Services, released a media statement, disputing reports in the Sunday Times and Sowetan Sunday World newspapers, in which they reported that Mabuza kept R14-million cash at his home in Barberton.

"We dismiss that any of the journalists that drafted the story had spoken to either the managing director or any of our managers," said Dlamini, on Tuesday.

"We would like to distance ourselves with (sic) the assertions and attributions levelled at me as managing director or any other managers in the company," he added.

Dlamini said he did not know any of the co-authors of the story, which was run



**Premier David "DD" Mabuza did not lose R14 million from his farm**

in both newspapers over the weekend.

The journalists, Mzilikazi wa Afrika and Charles Molele, reported that senior officials in the provincial government told their newspapers that a relative of Mabuza's was a suspect in the alleged multi-million theft.

They also reported that soon after the theft, which allegedly took place in December last year, Mbovula Security Services was replaced with members of the South African Police Service (SAPS) after safety, security and liaison MEC Sibongile Manana alerted Dlamini of the alleged theft.

However, Dlamini denies this.

"It is true that our security personnel were removed from Premier Mabuza's house. [This was] because of security threats and [the company was therefore] replaced by the SAPS," he said.

"I do not know who [the] sources are, but I can state without any fear of contradiction that nobody called me about R14-million and its disappearance in the premier's house," said Dlamini.

Manana's spokesperson, Joseph Mabuza, also denied that the security company was replaced because of the theft of R14-million.

"The department can confirm that the MEC replaced the security company after guards were found to be sleeping on duty at the property. The MEC and the department do not know about any theft of cash, let alone R14-million," said Mabuza.

Spokesperson for the provincial police, Captain Leonard Hlathi, said the premier's office should respond to questions about the matter as it involved the premier's office.

Spokesperson for Mabuza, Mabutho Sithole, referred questions back to Manana's office.

"For comment on this matter, please contact the office of the MEC," said Sithole.

Wa Afrika, representing both the weekend newspapers, stuck by his story.

"The newspapers and the two reporters stick by the story. Our reporting is true and factual enough to stand in a court of law," said wa Afrika.

# COPE members arrested for computer 'theft'

BY SYDNEY MASINGA

NELSPRUIT

*The arrest of James Nkambule, Ehlanzeni regional chairperson of COPE, has caused serious divisions within the party in Mpumalanga.*

Nkambule was arrested on charges of defeating the ends of justice and fraud two weeks ago and released on R8 000 bail last Wednesday.

On Saturday, Ehlanzeni regional secretary Bheki Malaza opened a case of theft against fellow party member Murrel Zitha and provincial COPE Youth chairperson Sibusiso Shakwane after a laptop that had been used by Nkambule was removed from the party's office in Nelspruit.

"The two comrades went into our offices on Tuesday and took a laptop without authorisation from the party. They told a volunteer in the office that the computer was wanted by the police who are investigating James. After consultation with COPE nationally and provincially, I was advised to open a case of theft against the two comrades," said Malaza on Monday.



**COPE leader, James Nkambule on the day he was released from jail after spending a weekend in jai. Since then infighting started over his lap top**

"There are proper channels that should have been followed by the police if they wanted the computer, like submitting a formal request to the leadership of the party. What the comrades did was pure

theft. Maybe James is right to claim that there are some comrades who are selling him out," he added.

In a statement last week, Shakwane

accused Nkambule of being "a malicious liar, traitor and a political reject".

"Nkambule is so desperate for political attention that he's gone as far as fabricating a hit man and a hit list. To us he is nothing but a political reject, peddler of lies and a political scavenger who belongs to the political dustbin of history," said Shakwane.

Provincial COPE spokesperson John Nkuna said Shakwane and Zitha were arrested on Saturday and released on warning. He described their arrest as unfortunate and an "internal misunderstanding".

"The computer in question was not stolen. Shakwane gave it to the police after they requested it as part of their investigation against James. Maybe the comrade who opened the theft case was just trying to settle some personal scores," said Nkuna on Monday.

Zitha and Shakwane are expected to appear in the Nelspruit Magistrate's Court on Tuesday. They were not available for comment

# Julius Malema is a leader, not a murderer, says Mpumalanga YL

BY SYDNEY MASINGA

NELSPRUIT

*The ANC Youth League in Mpumalanga has asked opposition parties to refrain from using Eugene Terre Blanche's murder to "score political points".*

ANCYL provincial secretary Hamzar Ngwenya said opposition parties were "opportunists who will blame the ANC for the murder of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader".

"They use the death of Mr. Terre Blanche to score political points. They don't think of the family in this difficult time because they make uncalculated statements about his death. They want the family and the police to lose focus of the real matter," said Ngwenya on Tuesday.

"It is also not right to link ANCYL president Julius Malema to this killing. He is not a murderer but a leader ... All those that are saying our president should be associated with this killing must wake up from their dreamland. There is no way we would succumb to the political failures of the opposition parties by allowing



Hamzar Ngwenya (above) in defence of the President, Julius Malema (left)

them to make our president their subject matter ..." Ngwenya said.

In a statement released on Tuesday, DA leader Helen Zille said Malema's "kill the boer" song was inciting people to murder and created a climate in which murder was legitimised and romanticised.

"Political leaders must acknowledge the legitimacy of the feelings being

expressed in response to the murder of Mr. Terre Blanche. Merely pointing out, as the ANC has done, that there is no direct evidence linking Malema's hate speech to Terre Blanche's murder is unhelpful, to say the least, at a time like this," said Zille.

She said it was time for Jacob Zuma to act like a president and tell "his youth league and its leader that we cannot allow our history of division to destroy our chances of building a shared future".

"If President Zuma cannot take a stand against Malema, the rest of South Africa must," she added.

Afriforum has also linked Terre Blanche's death to Malema's repeated singing of the song during public appearances.

"While we welcome President Zuma's condemnation of the killing of Mr. Terre Blanche, he should also condemn the continuing singing of the song "shoot the boer". We will also approach the United Nations to start monitoring the situation in this country," said Afriforum chairperson Flip Buys.

## Don't blame ET's death on Malema - YCL

BY MAVIYO NDINISA

*It is disappointing the way the media is sensitizing this matter as a racial matter or political matter. We agree Terreblanche was a human being but with a history against humanity. We convey our condolences to his family and friends. However the truth must be told about Terreblanche's history. He killed, assaulted and abused many black people mainly the farm workers. Terreblanche and his friends never appeared before the Truth and Reconciliation even after his release from prison as a born again, he never apologised to the families and the orphans for the pain they have caused to them and the nation.*

The media's obsession or hatred for Julius Malema is very dangerous for the country. Attaching Julius to this murder will never assist us in addressing the real issue concerning the farm killings and the killings in general. We know very well that the North West has been on the news since the democratic dispensation about the abuse and exploitation of the farm workers,

inhuman farm evictions and nothing was done about done about this. The former Premier of Mpumalanga comrade Thabang Makwetla when he was still a MEC for safety and security made analysis about the farm killings and he was under attack from the media and the AGRISA. We know that many black businesspeople were killed by their employees and ordinary black people are still dying from the violent crime in South Africa. We condemn these acts of violence from anyone, the rich bourgeoisie being black and white must do some introspection about the way they treat the workers and their relationship with their workers.

We never revenged the dead of CHRIS HANI and many more innocent South Africans who died in the hands of white people. We condemn the opposition parties for sensationalizing this matter as racial polarisation, they must remember that their organisations were formed on the pillar of racial and class segregation that is DA, FFPLUS, ACDP and COPE and they started racial polarisation. We warned all those who seek attention by diverting this matter by linking it to comrade Julius Malema

will lead to serious defiance by young people and they will sing this song if irresponsible leaders continue to incite them by continually undermining our history and our liberation movement.

We support the ruling party in calling for a national dialogue on the issues of songs and other traditions of our liberation movement because we feel that people want to undermine our movement through the conservative and untransformed courts. We know that our courts are sentimental, they never use the historical facts as they did with the COPE VS ANC over the name, the court robbed the people of this country their historical inheritance and they awarded it to COPE; the ruling was supposed to be against both the ANC and COPE because the Freedom Charter and its history belongs to the people of South Africa not political parties, that is why it formed basis of our constitution.

We have sung these songs in every conference of our movement, including the alliance but nobody went out of the meeting to kill white people therefore the linking the song to the killing have

no political basis and it cannot be traced in our history. Terreblanche said he is not a racist but a nationalist who defended his own and there is a common denominator between Malema and Terreblanche both of them are defending their own and are not racists just Nationalists .who do not hate others

We call for an investigation on the working condition of the farm workers in South Africa, including the child labour in the farms evidently by the arrest of a 16 year old that is supposed to be protected by the South African labour laws. We further call all South Africans to join hands in fighting crime because crime has no colour affects every race. Let us isolate racists whether black or white who want to drag our country down. We condemn the utterances made by the AWB which vowed to revenge the dead of Terreblanche through their history we know they meant to kill black people and we hope our security agencies will take this threat very seriously.

(YCL PROVINCIAL SPOKESPERSON)



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## Multi-million road for Nkomazi

**SIYA DELIVER MANJE:** Ehlanzeni District Municipality, recently handed over to the community of Steenbok, in Nkomazi Local Municipality, the Steenbok road made up of 9.2 km.

The project consists of upgrading 9.2km of gravel to surface road which starts at the existing surfaced road from Kamaqhekeza and ends at the intersection of Mbuzini and Komatipoort. The road is used at the main bus route and is the link that connects the local

community to the main roads.

The community of Steenbok gave gratitude to the Executive Mayor and Ehlanzeni District Municipality for answering their plea for a new gravel road.

She was accompanied by the Executive Mayor Johan Mavuso and Nkomazi Local Municipality councillors.

The project value is R 25,068,808.44.

## HANI remembered

The South African Communist Party in the Phillip Radebe District (Ehlanzeni) will be hosting memorial lectures throughout the district to commemorate the organisation's former General Secretary, Chris Hani, who was assassinated by a foreign Polish racist.

The SACP has declared the period from 29 March to 1 May as "34 days of activism against corruption."

Hani joined the ANC's armed wing, Umkhonto WeSizwe at a very young age and fought in wars alongside Zimbabwean liberation forces and was also MK's Chief of Staff.

He led the SACP during the negotiations for a democratic South Africa, but did not live to see it coming to fruition.

It was after his assassination that the regime agreed on a date for South Africa's first democratic election.

According to SACP spokesperson, Sizwe Motha, all the Memorial Lectures start at 10am on Saturday 10 at the following community halls Ka Hoyi; Driekoppies; Zwelisha; Chochocho; Mjindini



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*Ehlanzeni District Municipality is comprised of the following local municipalities: Nkomazi, Umjindi, Tlaba Chweu, Busbbuckridge and Mbombela.*

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# Mbombela Local Municipality



## Public Notice

### COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS FOR THE 2010/11 DRAFT IDP AND BUDGET

Mbombela Local Municipality hereby invites members of the communities and interested stakeholders, in terms of Section 34 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, Act 32 of 2000, to actively participate in the Draft IDP and Budget Consultation processes. The consultation meetings are arranged as set out in the table below:

ACTIVITY	WARD	DATE	VENUE	TIME
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	03	17/04/2010	Lundanda Primary School	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	05	17/04/2010	Mdzimba Primary School	2:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	01	17/04/2010	Shabalala Centre	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	06	17/04/2010	Mshadza High School	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	07	17/04/2010	Manzini Community Hall	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	08	17/04/2010	Legogote Primary School	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	09	17/04/2010	Mganduzweni Community Crèche	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	25	17/04/2010	Nkambeni Primary School	2:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	34	17/04/2010	Kusile Primary School	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	10	18/04/2010	Malekutu Primary School	08:00
CONSULTATIVE MEETING	10	18/04/2010	Spelanyane Community Hall	02:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	21	18/04/2010	Gutshwa Tribal Authority Offices	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	31	18/04/2010	Half way Sports Ground	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	33	18/04/2010	KaBokweni Community Hall	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	32	18/04/2010	Dwaleni Primary school	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	35	18/04/2010	Clau- CLau Community Hall	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	36	18/04/2010	Mthombo Secondary School	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	02	25/04/2010	Zwelisha Community Hall	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	11	18/04/2010	Mlilo Primary School	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	04	24/04/2010	Gedlembane High School	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	26	24/04/2010	Msogwaba Traditional Authority Office	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	29	24/04/2010	Shishila Primary School	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	22	24/04/2010	Pension Pay point	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	23	24/04/2010	Thembisa Community Hall	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	24	24/04/2010	Bonginhlanhla High School	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	24	24/04/2010	Luphisi Community Hall	02:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	27	25/04/2010	Mbokodo Community Hall	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	18	24/04/2010	Tekwane South Community Hall	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	19	25/04/2010	KaNyamazane Community Hall	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	20	25/04/2010	Lekazi Primary School	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	13	25/04/2010	Matsulu Community Hall	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	28	25/04/2010	Funindlela Primary School	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	17	25/04/2010	Mamelodi Taxi Rank	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	17	25/04/2010	Nelspruit Civic Centre	02:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	15 & 16	21/04/2010	Nelspruit Civic Centre	17:30
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	14	25/04/2010	Emphakatsi	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	12	25/04/2010	Landshoek Community Hall	08:00
IDP/BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING	30	20/04/2010	White River Community	17:30

For any enquiries in this regard, kindly contact the Senior Manager: Corporate Strategy, Mr Jefferson Nkuna @ 013 759 2257 or the IDP Manager: Mr Johannes Mulaudzi, @ 013 759 2289 during office hours.

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# Eugene Tereblanche, Julius Malema and race relations in South Africa

BY COMRADE SPIKIRI

**E**ugene Tereblanche is no more! The media predicts an all out war between blacks and whites. The rhetoric of the bearded airheads, clad in khakhi drab, wielding the old nationalist party flag is drowning sanity out of a nation. Opportunists who feed on occasions of chaos are shouting their lungs out baying for Malema's blood for singing a struggle song. They are supported by the court of the land which has effectively banned the "dubula" song by branding it a "hate speech". One would be justified to think that if the Afrikaaner pressure group, Afri Forum, were to ask the court to banish the word "racism" or "apartheid" it would get its way. There are black people who are prominent in the media fraternity as employees of one or the other of the four white-owned media monopolies in the country, who have become apologists who for a salary and a little bit of fame and power are trumpeting views and agendas of their masters as universal truths.

These journalists are increasingly becoming brothers-in-arms, they decide what the nation should know and they use the power of the media to advance their own agendas. A case in hand is the recent stone walling of information about a journalist who the ANC Youth League alleged was taking bribes for publishing propaganda from his dark alley paymasters. The media bosses acted like some Cosa Nostra bosses. They colluded openly to keep the story from the public eye. They practiced their own code of silence epitomizing the sign of ometa. Instead, they mounted an attack on the provider of the information about a crooked journalist. Whether there was substance or not in the allegations about the dirty journalist, it was not the preserve of the media to decide.

They should have published the story alongside their own views about the veracity or lack thereof of the allegations. Unfortunately, they decided to collude and crush the story. They have the power to decide what the public must and must not know. It is called press freedom! There are those who unashamedly try to link every bad thing that happens under the skies of South Africa to Julius Malema. Like his namesake, Julius Caesar, who was accused of being over-ambitious, Malema is made out to be the tyrant who has become a national threat. Some among the press even had the temerity to blame Tereblanche's death on Malema. What Cheek!

Terreblanche, was no saint, to the knowledge of everyone in this country, many people have lost their lives at the hands of Eugene and his ilk. When Rocky Malebane Metsing toppled Lucas Mangope from this Bophutatswana throne, the hotheads in AWB stormed the Tswana homeland, armed to the teeth and killed at least 50

innocent black people until one brave soldier decided to put a bullet on a prostrate AWB 'soldier' in full glare of television cameras.

The racial divide in South Africa took many decades of formulation and implementing. It is so deeply entrenched not only in culture but also in veins of our bodies. Illusions about a rainbow nation are necessary to help us tolerate one another but they are just that and no more!

## David versus Goliath

Terreblanche symbolized a Goliath - a bully, who terrorized black people for a long time. He represented everything evil associated with apartheid. Like Goliath, he was slain by a 15 year old who, arguably, could be likened to David. Should we celebrate like the David's clan the death of a bully who struck fear in the bosoms of even the bravest of our black people? His teachings found resonance with the likes of Barend Strydom who took a gun and randomly shot to death seven people in broad light in Pretoria. In court Barend had the following to say:

"I grant the right to live, but not in our country. They should not be seen in Pretoria, but in their homelands" Strydom said. "Scientists have proved there is less oxygen in this country as a result of all the black people." "Wit Wolf" Barend Strydom testifying in mitigation of sentence after being convicted of shooting seven black people in a rampage in central Pretoria, Argus, May 18 1989. He said he smiled during the shootings because as a "friendly person" it was hard for him not to smile at his victims. He also said that when the British ruled South Africa there had been permits to shoot 'Hottentots', "I see no reason why we cannot obtain permits to shoot blacks as well"

Barend received amnesty from our very generous presidency. He has not stopped his war talk and his hatred for blacks. There are millions of Afrikaaners who idolize him and wish they had his courage and resolve. He is a hero.

## The real De-Klerks

There are those who in the media who love to portray F.W. de Klerk as a doyen of democracy, a man of vision who gave black South Africans their freedom. Little do the lazy journalists know exactly what a racist de Klerk was or still is. The following quotations from him and his late former wife Marike should at least shed some light on the views he held about race relations at one point:

"The government has no intention of putting each race into a separate compartment. However, we would never accept integration" Mr. F.W. de Klerk (National Party Vereeniging), July 1975, Weekly Mail, August 1989

How many Afrikaaner people are holding on to words of their leader, today?

"You know they are a negative group. The definition of a coloured in the population register is someone that is not black, and is not white and is not Indian, in other words a no-person. They are left overs. They are the people that were left after the nations were sorted out. They are the rest" Mrs Marike de Klerk 1983, (source: Sunday Tribune February 5, 1989).

This view is still shared by millions of white people across the country, at least the people of Orania and the Afrikaaners in Venterdorp do not even try to hide their feelings

## What about Indians?

Indians were first brought to Natal in 1860. As the years passed, they began to create certain problems. By the time of the Union they had become a national problem - History for standard 9, C Joubert and JJ Britz 1987

Racism was taught at school, at a tender age, hatred and intolerance for races other than white was fed to young boys and girls

## ... and the Coloureds?

Coloured girls can now work as usherettes in White cinemas - provided they do not look at the screen, Mr. John Rodman, general manager of Kinekor's theatre division, told me this week. "when we show a film which non-white girls are not allowed to see, they usher patrons with a torch and watch the floor," he said. "We discussed the matter with the Department of Labour and I raised this point with them. As a precautionary measure - since non-whites are not allowed to see some films restricted to only whites - we decided that they should not look at the screen." (source: Sunday Express, October 24, 1971).

Laugh if you want to at the stupidity of the business community and the government of racists.

## Baaskap and religion

A predikant recently instructed a congregation of illiterate labourers that they should not say "Onse Vader", wat in die hemele is, since Jesus was a white man, only white men can say "Our Father". Letter from Rev. Leanard Heap to the Cape Times, August 18, 1959, it elicited angry replies from some Afrikaans churchmen. Similar controversy arose in 1970 after allegations that white churchmen were telling Coloured farm children in the Southern Cape about "Baas Peter, Baas Mathew and Baas Paul when they spoke of Apostles

Racism was preached in church and many white people claim to be god-fearing today while they think of themselves as BAAS (boss).

## The De-Klerk's views on separate development

The Nationalist Government's policy is separate development. Now if a white man marries a black Transkeian woman, the man will be voting for

the white parliament, the black for the Transkei Parliament and the children for the Coloured person's Representative Council. I do not think this makes for a happy family life. Mr. F.W. de Klerk explaining why the Prohibition of mixed Marriages Act was necessary, July 1975. Quoted in the Weekly Mail, August 8, 1989.

This is classic from a man who went on to win the Nobel Peace Prize alongside Nelson Mandela. Today our media has managed to make black shameful of talking about apartheid and racism. Any black person who blames apartheid for whatever reason is made to look like a lazy bum who is looking for a scapegoat. We are told over and over again than apartheid is a thing of past and that we must move on.

## It's a sin to be black and rich!

Some black people have tried to move on in the business world. Almost all of them are questioned for being rich. Robert Matana Gumede, a billionaire from around Nelspruit, recently got married in a fanfare wedding which surpassed in style, class and splendour even the wedding of Prince Charles and Diana. The media, surprisingly, gave a positive coverage of the wedding except for one white woman journalist from a weekly newspaper whose coverage of the event was more about how Robert made his money. She spun the whole article to leave a reader with lingering questions or suspicions that Robert's wealth might have been amassed through crooked links.

## Rich whites tenderpreneurs are left untouched

Now lifestyle audits are called for any black person who seem to be doing well. If Crous, the old playboy who is going out with Khanyi Mbau were black, the media would be questioning his wealth because the little that we know about him points to him being a "Tenderpreneur" who rakes in money by building the poor quality matchbox RDP houses. It is a sin to be black and rich. The media and those behind them are so powerful that they utilize state apparatus such as the SARS, HSRC, Public Protector and CIPRO to advance subliminal messages to the effect that if you are black 'get rich at your own peril, because if you do we are coming after you'

## Make-up smile

In the democracy that we live in, we are bit civil to one another across the racial divide but the truth is that we still hate each other's guts with well passion. The practiced smile we wear on our faces is like cheap make up that does not change who we really are. Terre'Blanche died for his sins and he will answer to his God. The living have a choice whether to make a martyr of him and perpetrate all the rot that he stood for.

As for the lazy journalists who respond rather than research, the less said the better.

# A government of the people, by the people, for politicians and civil servants only?

**MUNTU SIYAYA, COMRADE MZALA AND SPIKIRI VISITED THE GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, ONLY SIYAYA MANAGED TO GET THROUGH, MZALA DOES NOT EVEN HAVE A LICENCE.**

BY MUNTU SIYAYA

*This is the question that people are beginning to ask after the provincial government introduced stringent measures to control access to the provincial government complex at Riverside Park recently.*

Jackson Mthembu, who was the MEC for Public Works when the construction of the building started in 1998 said, the building was designed to “provide an accessible friendly environment for interaction with the public.”

The building which was one of only three buildings in South African that were nominated for the 2002 World Architecture Awards has become anything but an accessible friendly environment for interaction with the public.

A Nelspruit based business man, who refused to be named for fear of reprisals described the access to the building as a “nightmare”.

“You have to leave your vehicle near the exit and walk almost a kilometer, wearing a suit, a tie and a white shirt in the sweltering heat of Nelspruit, carrying lap tops and other heavy gadgets. Get frustrated at the gates. If you have forgotten your Identity Document or drivers’ licence, you have to go back, and by the time you reach the Office of the Premier, you are sweating and smelly. It is a nightmare to do business with government since the new administration took over,” he said.

A team from Ziwaphi secretly visited the premises to verify the allegations, and indeed when we tried to enter the complex we were told to go park the

vehicle at an open field, about 150 to 200 metres from the entrance.

There was, however, no parking space, and vehicles were already overflowing to the street leading to the entrance. We were then forced to park the vehicle at the Riverside Mall parking, which is not free.

Two of our team members did not have their ID’s and the last time they carried these was under apartheid, when it was compulsory for black people to carry their dompas.

A policeman refused them entry, and they had to go back to the car, while I made my long trip to the Office of the Premier. By the time I reached the Office of the Premier my clothes were drenched with sweat.

I made a U-Turn and headed back to the entrance. I fielded a few questions to an unsuspecting policeman, who was not so polite.

“It is the MEC for Safety who has given

us the instruction, because visitors are stealing lap tops when they are allowed to bring their vehicles into the premises,” he said.

In what seemed like an afterthought, he changed his tune, “We are also unhappy about the situation, but we have received orders,” he said.

The question that rang in my mind was, ‘is this what National Police Commissioner, Bheki Cele was talking about when he said “police must be ordered and not managed” when he introduced the new ranking system for the police?’

A crew from a television station vowed never to go back to the government complex as they were also subjected to the same procedure with heavy TV cameras on the day it was raining very heavily in Nelspruit.

Government remains adamant that the building remains accessible, and that they have introduced the measures to

improve the security for politicians after the complex was declared a “National Key Point” (See full response).

When I reached our vehicle, my colleagues were no longer there! They had decided to refresh at a coffee shop at the Mall. I joined them and I was as smelly as hell.

“Are these the warning shots from the Mabuza administration?” Comrade Spikiri asked rhetorically as he took a sip from his strawberry flavoured milkshake.

He knew that it was our duty to find out, and when the response eventually came from government, Comrade Mzala who could not access the building because he has even given up on his efforts of getting a drivers licence, said:

“This is what I call a government of the people, by the people for the politicians and civil servants,” said the controversial Comrade Mzala.

## Government Complex remains accessible to the public

The Riverside Government Complex remains accessible to the public even if after it has been declared a National Key Point (NKP) by then Ministry of Safety and Security.

When a building is declared a National Key Point, it would require maximum security and strictly regulated access.

The government complex was declared a National Key Point since it houses the Premier, the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker of the Legislature and Members of the Executive Council (MECs) as well as other critical and

valuable information of the state.

Obviously the implementation of the new security measures would have serious implications on the overall security requirements and access control because they will have to be in line with the requirements of the National Key Point Management.

The department will continue to improve both infrastructural and physical security of the government in line with the National Key Point Act 192 of 1980.

As part of complying with National Key Point requirements, access to the building will be strictly regulated so that even visitors could feel safe around the complex.

The new security measures do not only affect the general public but also the employees who work at the complex as they will be expected to carry access cards and name tags at all times.

Joseph Mabuza: Mpumalanga Department of Safety, Security and Liaison.

## Happy Birthday, Ziwaphi - ANC

Another year older. If the saying “Three is a magic number” is true, then you will prove that to the readership of your newspaper by continuing to be an informative, educative and entertaining weekly newspaper a you are turning three this month.

The African National Congress in Mpumalanga conveys its good wishes on the occasion of your Three Years Anniversary as you (Ziwaohi) have always kept the public discourse so interesting since your birth on April 13, 2007 to be precise. You have always strove to project yourself as a People’s

Paper despite your age.

As you would understand, growth comes with its own challenges, that is why you also have experienced some ups and downs as you were making your way through the big world of news and information. As one grows in this world of competition, scoops, deadlines and others, it is natural that one would consider closing shop, believing that it is a solution. It would not be surprising if you also at some stage considered that, but you continued to keep going. May we congratulate you in that despite all the challenges, you kept strong.

Sometimes some of us would criticise you for writing and publishing stories that we believed were unfair about and to us. Equally so you would sometimes criticise us for not being helpful when it comes to sourcing information, everybody should contribute their fair share without of course losing the objectivity and abiding by the ethics that govern the information world.

As you are celebrating your birthday today, we believe that you will continue to feed the information-hungry readership of Mpumalanga with the information that would help the

transformation agenda and improve the lives of the people of South Africa.

You should seek to contribute to the effort to portray South Africa as a better place where people feel safe to be, especially now that we are less than hundred days before we host the historic 2010 FIFA World Cup tournament.

Happy Birthday Ziwaphi! May you see many more years to come and extend your reach to other parts of the country.

Paul Mbenyane – ANC Spokesperson, Mpumalanga Province.



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# Government should respond to community complaints within 48hrs - public protector

BY ERIC MASHABA

NELSPRUIT,

*Public Protector Advocate Thuli Madonsela says the violent community protests that have rocked Mpumalanga are an indication that government is often not as responsive as it ought to be.*

Madonsela was addressing a Stakeholders Forum comprising provincial government officials, political parties, non governmental organisations and traditional leaders in Nelspruit on Tuesday as part of a two-day visit to the province.

“It helps to respond within two days when a community has a complaint. It’s better to tell them where the problem is, and what you are doing to resolve it because if we make promises we can’t keep, we lose integrity,” she said.

She said that following the service delivery protests in Siyathemba township in Balfour early last month, she and Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Sicelo Shiceka, visited residents and heard that they had been complaining to the Dipaleseng local municipality about the irregular use of state funds



**Public Protector Advocate Thuli Madonsela and MEC Clifford Mkasi**

for some time.

She said a team of investigators from her office was busy investigating the allegations.

“We hope that all these measures will bring about relief to distressed communities,” she said.

Since March last year, violent protests have rocked nine municipalities of the province, including Dipaleseng.

Madonsela noted that government only fixes the symptoms temporarily instead of finding out the cause.

“There is also a Ministerial Committee which meets regularly to try and address the bottlenecks that hinder the effective and efficient delivery of services in a specific area,” she said.

Mpumalanga MEC for Public Works, Roads and Transport, Clifford Mkasi said the Public Protector must assist in restoring confidences to government.

“We hope this will contribute towards enriching the functions of the office in investigating queries and conducts of government officials, parastatals and public office bearers to eradicate corruption and run a clean government,

without fear, favour or prejudice,” he said.

Madonsela’s visit to Mpumalanga forms part of a project to promote Public Protector Vision 2020, a programme that seeks to encourage the public to regard the Public Protector as a trusted, effective and accessible institution that rights administrative wrongs and consistently acts with integrity to ensure fair, accountable and responsive decision making, service and good governance in all state affairs and public administration in every sphere of government.

On Wednesday, she will interact with the general public in Carolina to promote the Public Protector’s services.

The Constitution has established the Public Protector as one of six institutions mandated to support and strengthen constitutional democracy.

The Public Protector has the authority to investigate any suspected improprieties within the state or public administration to right administrative wrongs and ensure fair, accountable and responsive decision making, service and good governance.

The Public Protector may not, however, question judicial decisions.

## Mbombela Local Municipality



### PUBLIC NOTICE 1: REPRESENTATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2008/2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Mbombela Local Municipality tabled its 2008/2009 annual report on the 31st March 2010 and invites local communities and stakeholders to submit representations and comments in connection with the annual report for 2008/2009 financial year in terms of Section 127 (5)(a) of Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003.

Copies of the annual report are available from the 8th April 2010 at: Mbombela Local Civic Centre, Kanyamazane Service Centre, Kabokweni Service Centre, Hazyview Service Centre, Matsulu Service Centre, White River Service Centre, [www.mbombela.gov.za](http://www.mbombela.gov.za)

Written representations and comments must be forwarded to the Acting Municipal Manager, Mbombela Local Municipality, P. O. Box 45, Nelspruit, 1200 or physically to all service centres. Members of the community who cannot write must come to be assisted at Mbombela Local Municipality offices (Civic Centre) in office 124 and at all Service Centres during office hours (07H30 to 16H00).

### THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF REPRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTS IS THE 30TH APRIL 2010

For further enquiries please contact:

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## Mbombela Local Municipality



### PUBLICNOTICENO2:DRAFTINTEGRATEDDEVELOPMENTPLAN(IDP)ANDDRAFTMEDIUMTERM REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FRAMWORK (BUDGET) 2010/2011 – 2012/2013

Notice is hereby given that the Mbombela Local Municipality has adopted the draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and the draft Medium Term Revenue And Expenditure Framework (Budget) 2010/2011 – 2012/2013, in accordance with Section 34 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, No. 32 of 2000 and Section 16 of the Municipal Finance Management Act no.56 of 2003.

Mbombela Local Municipality hereby invites comments from communities and stakeholders on the draft IDP and Medium Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework (Budget) 2010/2011 – 2012/2013.

The draft IDP and the Medium Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework (Budget) 2010/2011 – 2012/2013 documents are available for inspection in all Municipal offices (Civic Centre, Hazyview, White River, Kabokweni, Kanyamazane and Matsulu), between 07:30 and 16:00, from the 9th April 2010 and have also been published on the municipal website: [www.mbombela.gov.za](http://www.mbombela.gov.za)

Written comments and submissions must be forwarded to the Acting Municipal Manager, Mbombela Local Municipality, P O Box 45, NELSPRUIT, 1200, alternatively can be physically delivered to the Office of the IDP Manager, Room 235, Second Floor, Block C, Civic Centre, No. 1 Nel Street.

### CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS IS 30 APRIL 2010

Enquiries can be directed to the following officials:

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# Church leads by example

BY THOBILE MLANGENI

NELSPRUIT

*Forty-three needy children from Mpumalanga had reason to smile when they received school jerseys and shoes from a local church during Easter weekend.*

"This is a weekend to love and share with our community what God had blessed us with," said Pastor Mcolisi Lephoko, founder of Church on the Hill in KaMagugu outside Nelspruit, during the handover on Good Friday.

Lephoko said he was touched when he saw the children, who live on farms around the area, walking long distances to school barefoot and wearing tattered clothes.

"The elders of the church decided to visit the families of the children and discovered that they were too poor to buy them uniforms yearly. It touched my heart to see a child dressed like that. It was even sadder to see that most of them were being raised by single parents who work on the farms and earn very little," said Lephoko.

The church noted down the names of 45 children between the ages of five and 15 who needed assistance.

"We decided to buy them school jerseys and shoes because the winter is near. It was our way of serving the community near the church," he said.

Poor families were also given second-hand clothes such as jerseys, jackets, dresses, jeans and shoes.

"As a church it is our duty to care for the hungry, the naked and those who



**Pastor Mcolisi Lephoko of Church on the Hill with his wife, Ofentse, right, and elders with some of the children who received jerseys and shoes**

have nowhere to sleep," Lephoko said.

He urged all churches to set a good example by giving to the needy.

This year, Church on the Hill has committed itself to working hand in hand with local schools to motivate pupils and provide psychological counselling to abused children.

"I have instructed my team to identify the most notorious school in Nelspruit so that we can partner with

it by providing leadership support to learners and educators, using our members," Lephoko said.

The church is also paying tuition fees for several poor students.

"Education is the key to one's success and we need to be involved in empowering people around us," he added.

Nkosinathi Maziba (15), a Grade 5 pupil at Dwaleni Primary in Pienaar, said he

was delighted by the presents he had received.

"It was really a Good Friday for me. Now I will look like other pupils because I will have school shoes on my feet," he said.

Mother of three Gugu Mthethwa said she was surprised by the church's kind gesture.

"We are pleased - it shows that God loves us all."

## Socialise, yes, but studies come first, says outstanding student

BY SIPHIWE NYATHI

NELSPRUIT

*Out of fifty-five students who received their national certificates in plant production from the Lowveld College of Agriculture in Nelspruit recently, Muzi Mhlanga stood out head and shoulders by scooping no less than 10 awards.*

Mhlanga (23) was awarded the Karino Citrus Co-op floating trophy for best student in citrus production, two Landbouweekblad medals for the best performance in agronomy and horticulture, the Omnia floating trophy for the best performance in soil science, the Sentra-Oes floating trophy for the best performance in crop production,

the Farmers Weekly medal for the higher certificate DUX student, the PotatoSA floating trophy for the best performance in potato practical, the Levumbu Vallei floating trophy for the best performance in plant propagation, and the Corobrick floating trophy for the best student in agricultural engineering.

"This is the reward for my hard work. I had to manage my time very well because, as a young person, I had to socialise with my peers too. But my studies always came first," said Mhlanga.

He is doing his practical training on a citrus farm in Schoemansdal and wants to become a plant pathologist.

Encouraging the graduates, guest speaker Eliot Zwane, Limpopo



department of agriculture manager in Modimolle municipality, told the graduates to create jobs for themselves.

"There are many financial support programmes such as the comprehensive agricultural support programme and Letsema that aim to develop aspirant farmers," he said. "Make use of them to develop yourselves while progressing with your studies."

The Lowveld Agricultural College is a state facility that falls under the jurisdiction of the department of agriculture, rural development and land administration.

**GREEN FINGERS:** Plant production graduate Muzi Mhlanga scooped 10 awards at the Lowveld College of Agriculture

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# Hand over of Mataffin schools postponed

BY TSHWARELO ESENG MOGAKANE

## NELSPRUIT

*Two new Mpumalanga schools that were built to replace the ones that had to make way for the Mbombela Stadium in Nelspruit will remain closed for now.*

This comes after the official handover of the first phase of Cyril Clarke Secondary and John Mdluli Primary schools in Mataffin was postponed twice this week.

Public works, roads and transport MEC Clifford Mkasi and education MEC Reginah Mhaule were expected to hand over the schools to the community on Tuesday but postponed the event to Wednesday. This handover was then postponed "until further notice".

"We had to postpone the handover because of coinciding schedules as the premier [David Mabuza] asked to meet with all MECs on Tuesday. Another problem is that schools [were] closed and people [were] preparing for the Easter weekend," said provincial education department spokesperson Jasper Zwane.

He said the two departments would decide on a new date as soon as schools reopened on April 12.

Zwane said the first phase in the building of the two schools was already completed and that they were ready to



**Education MEC Reginah Mhaule and Public works, roads and transport MEC Clifford Mkasi and were expected to hand over the schools to the community**

accommodate pupils and teachers.

"The reason we wanted to do the handover this week was so that everybody could see the progress made. The two buildings are already in their second phase, which means the government has delivered on its promise to complete the first phase before April 1," he said.

According to Joe Manonga, director of construction company Clear Choice Builders, the classes, administration blocks and toilets of the two schools



have been completed.

"As promised, we have completed the first phase on time. The classes are ready for the children to start learning. The construction of the project has really gone smoothly and we are well near the completion of the second phase," said Manonga.

For the past four years, pupils have been learning in stuffy prefabricated buildings that were provided when they were moved from their original brick and mortar schools in late 2006.

The community was promised two new schools in 2007, and pupils rioted violently against the delays, most recently in October last year. Some were injured when the police fired rubber bullets at them.

The old school buildings now serve as offices for resident stadium engineer Leon Botha and as hostels for construction workers.

Community member and parent Themba Nkosi said the community was impressed with the way the construction of the schools had unfolded.

"We have never seen the government delivering on promises in this fashion. At least our children will no longer have to toyi-toyi and fight police just to gain access to quality education facilities," he said.

Nkosi said it was "saddening" that rural people had to take to the streets to get a positive reaction from the government.

"If only the government could pass a law that forces them to deliver on time like this. We would have peaceful townships in the entire country," Nkosi said.

## Black Chain's MAMA, a matured offering

REVIEWED BY SIWE MAJAZANA

### Black Chain – MAMA review

Sam Ndlovu the KaNyamazane based musician and leader of musical band Black Chain, is a brave man! "Take this CD and develop your own review," he said to me. As a musician myself, I was surprised because seasoned musicians would not take such a risk, but would leave that responsibility to their promoter to say all the good things about their product.

Sam gave me his band's latest offering, Mama to listen and critique. I was reluctant at first and I encouraged him to send me a write up or the band's bio.

To my disappointment, two weeks later all he sent was an email only with the picture that appears on the CD sleeve.

I do not know much about Black Chain's history, except for stories that were told by friends and one incident in 1992, when I was asked to shoot a video of the band's rehearsal in a 4-roomed house in Kanyamazane.

This was before the group released its' first album, Ndabazabantu. While



the product was excellent and the hit *Dankie Sbali* making it to Radio Metro's Top 20, it was hardly played on local radio, except on certain mornings, when Ligwalagwala's Rio Mabunda was still hosting the station's breakfast show. The younger Djs prefer newer genres.

While it was easier to classify *Dankie Sbali*, as Afropop, it is much more

difficult to classify the group's latest album, *Mama*. They have fused various genres, including reggae, *mbaqanga*, afro pop and *maskandi*.

Listeners would be forgiven for thinking that they are listening to Stimela in the track *Trouble Winds*, and the voice of Nana "Coyote" Motijoane, on the track will add to the confusion. Incidentally, this is one of my favourites, particularly the music arrangement.

There is, however, no way that Sam can escape the Stimela "bug", in one concert I attended in Nelspruit, he was used as a caretaker lead vocalist for Stimela, and he acquitted himself well, for someone who had not prior rehearsed with the band.

Other tracks that caught my attention were *Uyanyundza* and *Bayeza*, where the brilliant work of Stimela

guitarist, Ntokozo Zungu is easily distinguishable.

Apart from being a composer of note, Sam's versatility as a singer is proven on all the songs, particularly on the title track, *Mama* where he executes harmonious notes without faltering.

Black Chain obviously took time on this project, bringing in the expertise of legendary Soul Brothers keyboardist, Black Moses Ngwenya, who contributed in the title track.

The group's music has changed very significantly, but one distinct characteristic of the group that has not changed is that the Black Chain leader has not stopped spicing his lyrics with Siswati humour.

His followers, particularly those who understand Siswati will undoubtedly be entertained by expressions such as "Tshela Maguzumbela ngitambhalela" and "Ngitawugucuka Skelm".

*Mama* has everything for everyone, particularly those who love African traditional music, live music and those who feel that they are no longer catered for by newer genres such as Kwaito and Hip-hop.

# Thinking of you ... all the way from England

BY ERIC MASHABA

NELSPRUIT

*England's prestigious West Ham United Academy, in partnership with the Mpumalanga Council of Churches (MCC), donated top-quality soccer kit and boots to disadvantaged young soccer players in the province last week.*

Alison and Nick Lawrie from England, who oversaw the project, said West Ham United took the initiative as part of its outreach programme to children in disadvantaged areas and gave a "most generous" donation of gear.

"The project was founded by the MCC and the recipients were identified by the Bishop of Bethesda Church, Joseph Motaung, who contacted the academy. We are not connected with the academy in any way; we are just private individuals who love the Lord and want to make a difference - however small - and let needy children and those working with them know they are not alone, that there are people out there who care about them," Alison explained.

She said the project organisers all recognised the important social role of sport in South Africa, particularly football.

"Organisations in the UK and South Africa mobilised to transport the kit to Nelspruit for distribution to the needy children in the province," Alison said, adding that South African Airways, Cosmotrans Forwarding, QL Logistics and Renault South Africa all gave their services free of charge to speed the kit on its way.



**Jubilant soccer players of Matsulu share a moment with the MCC's Rev Luke Dlamini and Nick Lawrie from England**

The Lawrie couple has been working with the MCC for nearly a year to bring the project to fruition.

Nick said they heard about the MCC through a friend, Mike Gilbert of Johannesburg, who became interested when they spoke to him about the soccer kit West Ham had donated.

"We had a problem with finding someone here in South Africa to take responsibility for making arrangements at this end. But Gilbert worked tirelessly to help make our project a reality," Nick said.

The presentation of the soccer kit in

Matsulu included even more goodies for the kids.

The team also handed over children's jerseys, blankets and toys that were knitted by residents of Marcham (a village in the UK) to representatives of the Sedibeng Home-based Care Programme and the Tower of Love Children's Home. They then set off to their next stop, the Bethesda Christian Church Mission in Swalala village near Hazyview.

"Here we were eagerly awaited by a large number of boys and girls, who once again were presented with either light- or dark-blue striped

soccer jerseys," said the MCC's Reverend Luke Dlamini.

He said the mission did not have its own soccer team or even a football pitch, but volunteered to host the presentation, following which a spontaneous game broke out ... all around the garden.

Dlamini said seven young soccer teams from Matsulu, KaNyamazane and Swalala village benefited in the end.

"This will assist youngsters to develop their soccer passion and talent to be future stars."

## Suggestions that stadium be renamed after slain speaker

BY ERIC MASHABA

NELSPRUIT

*A proposal has been put forward that the Mbombela Stadium be renamed after assassinated speaker of the Mbombela local municipality Jimmy Mohlala before the start of the 2010 FIFA World Cup.*

Councillors Benjamin Maseko and Jo Koster made the suggestion during the first ordinary council meeting in Nelspruit last week.

"Mohlala lost his life in January 2009 because he was fighting corruption and particularly that the corruption pertained to the building of the 2010 soccer stadium," said Maseko.

Mohlala was shot dead outside his house in KaNyamazane on January 4, 2009, a week before he was due to testify in the disciplinary hearing

of former municipal manager Jacob Dladla, who had been accused of financial mismanagement of the World Cup stadium project. Dladla has since resigned.

"Mohlala fought against the manipulation of tenders, service delivery failures, victimisation and harassment of council employees and failure to implement council resolutions as well as to keep the council informed on matters relating to the World Cup," Maseko said.

After the local working committee of the African National Congress discussed the allegations Mohlala raised, they resolved that Mohlala resign as Speaker of the council, but Mohlala refused.

Despite police offering R100 000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killers, no arrests

have been made yet.

Meanwhile, Mbombela executive mayor Lassy Chiwayo has suggested that late former vice-president of the South African Football Association Reuben Mahlalela and the founder of the Mdluli clan, chief Matsafeni Mdluli, also be taken into consideration as possible names for the stadium.

"While Mahlalela worked for the organising committee as a venue volunteer co-ordinator in the 2010 Fifa World Cup for Nelspruit since in July 2008, he also played an important role in ensuring the world cup stadium in Mbombela made good progress," he said.

He said Mahlalela, who was President of SAFA Lowveld in the Ehlanzeni region and football administrator for a period of two years, also deserved to

be honoured for the role he played in the development of sports, especially soccer, in the province.

He said chief Mdluli was a powerful Swazi chief who conquered the area on which the stadium is built around 1840. His people successfully lodged a land claim on the area, taking it back from the most recent land owners HL Hall & Sons.

"His clan had been living and working on the farm for decades. I propose that his name and those of Mahlalela and Mohlala be presented for the proposal. It will be up to the council to decide which candidate the Mbombela Stadium will be named after," said Chiwayo.

Koster said he trusted that the motion would be presented at the next council meeting and that a name will be chosen then.