

## ■ CRIME

## R30 000 reward for information about principal Mfubesi's murder



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TWO weeks after high school principal Zameka Mfubesi was shot dead, her family and authorities were hoping a R30000 reward would lead to an arrest.

The principal at Umyezo Wama Apile High School in Grabouw was shot while in her car on the N2 highway in the Overberg region.

Her family, the police and the provincial education department announced the reward, with the family giving R10000 and the WCED chipping in with the rest.

Mfubesi's brother Loyiso Mfubesi

said they were preparing for the funeral and were looking to the authorities to find the perpetrators.

"It is still a very difficult time for us. We are hoping the reward will lead to more clues.

"It was commendable that the department, as her employer, came on board and helped us. We appreciate it.

"So far nothing has come out and we have not had the chance to really focus on it, as we have been busy with the funeral arrangements."

He said they would look to the police to guide them.

"We still don't know what happened, other than she was shot, at

this point we don't want to speculate too much on it and we are letting the police do what they need to do."

Education MEC, Debbie Schäfer, said the incident came as a shock to them, that a teacher could be killed in such a manner.

"Given that nothing was stolen from the principal's car, it appears that was not a random incident and that the principal was targeted specifically.

"This makes it important that we send a clear message that we will not stand by and let this just happen.

"We need good leaders in the education system, and they need to be and feel safe. There have to be conse-

quences for this kind of behaviour."

She said an interim principal was appointed at the school and teaching and learning was continuing.

"The school has received extensive support from the department – both management support and psychological support for learners and staff."

Police spokesperson Colonel André Traut, said the matter was still under investigation and no arrests were made.

Anyone with information can anonymously contact Crime Stop on 086 001 0111 or SMS Crime Line on 32211.

## ■ TRANSPORT

## SA ready to welcome global travellers

Insurance, medical tests required

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INTERNATIONAL Relations and Co-operation Minister Naledi Pandor yesterday announced that all international travellers would be required to have travel insurance and produce a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) medical test no older than 72 hours from the time of departure of their country of origin.

This comes as South Africa is today welcoming international travellers back to its shores, bar international travellers from a list of 56 countries which the South African government has identified as high-risk using World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines.

"Upon arrival at the point of entry, travellers will be screened for any Covid-19 symptoms, so the fact that you have a certificate does not mean that we won't take your temperature. We will continue to screen and they will also be screened for contact with people who've been infected with Covid-19," said Pandor.

She said that the government, using the WHO criteria, had determined that countries that were significantly above the level of South Africa's infection and death rates would remain high-risk countries.

The government would review the data of all countries in the categories of high, medium and low risk every two weeks as many countries updated their data every seven days, said Pandor.

She added that travellers would also have to provide proof of accommodation addresses in the event that they

needed to self-isolate and undergo the required quarantine period of 10 days from the time of arrival in the country.

"Not all travellers from high-risk countries will be permitted.

"Travellers for leisure purposes from high-risk countries will not at present be permitted to South Africa. Only persons who are high-skills visa holders, who are investors in the economy of South Africa or diplomats, as is currently the regulatory position, will be allowed entry.

"Leisure travellers will be permitted from medium- and low-risk countries.

"We will also allow travellers from the African continent, both for business and leisure purposes, but everybody will be required to be screened and they should have a PCR test," Pandor said.

She added that those who arrived without a PCR test, or if their PCR was old, would be tested, and if found to be Covid-19-positive, would undergo mandatory 10-day quarantine at state-identified facility at the traveller's own cost.

Home Affairs Minister Aaron Motsoaledi announced that those within South Africa whose visas had expired during the lockdown would have the validity of their visas extended until January 31, 2021.

He said holders of visas which had expired would be permitted to remain in the country under the conditions of their visits until January 31, 2021 and those who wished to be repatriated to their countries in this period could depart without being declared "undesirable" travellers.



WITH thousands of employees still not having received Temporary Employee/Employer Relief Scheme payouts, National Union of Metalworkers of SA members demonstrated yesterday, demanding answers. | COURTNEY AFRICA African News Agency (ANA)

## ■ DEMONSTRATIONS

## Numsa pickets over non-payment of relief funds

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DISGRUNTLED National Union of Metalworkers of SA (Numsa) members in the Western Cape picketed at the Unemployment Insurance Fund's (UIF) provincial office in the city centre yesterday over the non-payment of Temporary Employee/Employer Relief Scheme (Ters) funds.

The union, which represents more than 29000 workers in the province, handed over a memorandum of demands which included that the Ters/UIF management set up a meeting within seven days to explain why workers had not been paid.

Department of Employment and Labour spokesperson in the province Candice van Reenen said the department's chief director for provincial operations, Mawele Ntamo, together with members of the management

team, received the memorandum.

"The Western Cape management acknowledged the concerns of the group and assured the members of Numsa that the memorandum would immediately be brought to the attention of the office of the acting commissioner of the UIF, Marsha Bronkhorst for further interrogation and response."

Numsa regional secretary Vuyo Lufefe said: "Numsa led a picket in the manner in which the department has handled the payment of Ters.

"We are unhappy with how they have stolen workers' money; the UIF administration has failed the workers, and now that there have been suspensions, it shows that corruption is rife in the department.

"We have always blamed employers for not paying employees their Ters money because we were told by UIF

officials that employers were to blame and they were failing to submit all the necessary documents.

"At some point we even accused employers of stealing Ters money.

"We do not want to rush and exempt all employers because we know that some of them are indeed corrupt, but at the same time it is very clear that the problem also lies with the UIF and its administration.

"Our members are angry and frustrated with the lengthy delays in payment, and the UIF has failed to respond to our queries and has not given us proper feedback on these issues.

"All our attempts to find a solution to the outstanding payments have failed because the problem is with the UIF administration. The UIF has failed miserably and it has intensified the suffering of workers and their families."

## ■ TRANSPORT

## Taxi associations welcome route-suspension proposal to curb violence

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TAXI associations have, in part, welcomed the provincial Department of Transport and Public Works (DTPW) proposal to issue a notice of intention to suspend routes in the event of further taxi violence.

Transport MEC Bonginkosi Madikizela drafted 10 resolutions for the Cape Amalgamated Taxi Association (Cata) and the Congress of Democratic Taxi Associations (Codeta) leaders to

review and discuss with their members in efforts to end the bloody fight.

More than 60 taxi operators have been killed in violence over routes which also claimed the lives of passengers this year.

Route B97 between Mbekweni in Paarl and Bellville recently saw taxis being hijacked and torched. Cata Boland and the Codeta-aligned Paarl Alliance Taxi Association have been in deadlock over the route since last year.

"The DTPW will establish an inde-

pendent commission of inquiry to hear and review the matter regarding the registration of route B97 and historical operating licence processes affecting that and other affected routes," Madikizela said.

A memorandum of understanding between Cata Boland and Paarl Alliance Taxi Association would also be signed by both parties and implemented while the inquiry was under way.

Codeta's spokesperson Besuthu Ndungane said they had made sub-

missions and requested to be given a facility to replace the Bellville taxi rank, as their members had allegedly stopped operating from there amid the shootings.

"We gave our comments to the MEC and suggested that as a solution he must support our application to the City to be given a facility that we identified in Bellville. We will rank there as our members had to leave for safety reasons.

"So when Madikizela said he will engage municipalities in the imple-

mentation of proper access control, he left out a big part of our discussions," said Ndungane.

He said Codeta supported the suggestion to close an affected route if violence continued. However, it would be unfair to close a rank because one party did not abide by the resolutions – this would mean other parties would be affected by the actions of one.

Cata secretary Mandla Hermanus said: "Cata supports all endeavours by the government to bring an end to the senseless killings in the taxi industry."



## ■ COURT

## Hero finally laid to rest after court orders release of body

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YUSUF Kiroboto who drowned while trying to save eight-year-old Abieda Pause in the Vygieskraal canal two months ago, was finally buried yesterday after an order was granted by the Western Cape High Court for his body to be released from the Salt River mortuary.

Kiroboto, from Tanzania, dove into the water to rescue Abieda, who was playing along the canal with a few friends when she slipped and fell backward.

They were both swept away by the strong current and their bodies were found after an intense two-week search.

Following the court order, the Al Jama-ah party members, who brought the application for his body's release, took it to the Al Ansari mosque for shrouding in preparation for burial, which was held at the Klip Road Cemetery at 5pm yesterday.

Al Jama-ah president Ganief Ebrahim Hendricks said they approached the court because they were tired of delays.

"There has been this two-month delay because of the red tape on the person that died, Yusuf, who didn't have an ID document or a passport from Tanzania.

"So the authorities refused to release the body, and they took us from pillar to post.

"There were so many unnecessary delays. In terms of the Constitution; as the Al Jama-ah we have a right to take matters of our constituency, we

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This judgment opens door for future burials without the red tape

Ganief Ebrahim Hendricks  
AL JAMA-AH PRESIDENT

did so and the judge wanted to know why a political party is involved in a burial and we told them that it is our constitutional obligation and we are just carrying out our mandate," he said.

Hendricks said the party would be approaching Parliament with proposed amendments to the national burial policy to prevent delays in the release of Muslim bodies from mortuaries, particularly those of foreign nationals.

"This court judgment now opens the door for future burials without the red tape."

Kiroboto's cousin, Juma Bakar, said they were grateful that they could finally bury their brother.

"Alhamdulillah, it took too long but now we can finally bury him.

"Shukran to the Masjid. Yusuf cared for people too much, for children too much, he was teaching children the Qur'an in Tanzania.

"It's going to be a hard time, he was the one helping the family back at home," Bakar said.

Provincial pathology services spokesperson Deanna Bessick said they received an unopposed court order from the high court to release the body of the person matching the description.

"The deceased was from Tanzania and had no ID in his possession and was thus unidentified.

"On his recovery, the body was badly decomposed so a visual identification could not be performed, and we had to perform a scientific identification in terms of the Inquest Act.

"The deceased's fingerprints could also not be used to determine identification due to the state of decomposition.

"The SAPS were exploring the DNA route when this case came before the court," she said.

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Kalk Bay and St James SRA NPC will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) as follows:  
Date: 26 October 2020  
Time: 20:00  
Venue: Community Centre, Main Road, Kalk Bay

All stakeholders are invited to a review of the year's activities and to approve an annual budget and plan for 2021/2022.  
PLEASE NOTE: The AGM will be subject to COVID 19 regulations in force at the time. Members will be provided with updates to the meeting procedure via the SRA emailing list and our website www.kalkbaystjamesra.org

Resolutions presented at the AGM may only be voted on by bona fide members of the company. This membership is available free of charge to all owners of properties in our SRA area, but they must be registered before 19 October 2020.

For further information regarding AGM documentation and how to apply to register as a member send an e-mail to info@kalkbaystjamesra.org or phone the Manager at 0796091172 or visit our web site www.kalkbaystjamesra.org

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