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Wes-Kaap beveg dalk taalwet tot in hoogste hof



Dr. Ivan Meyer

Jan-Jan Joubert

KAAPSTAD. – As die parlement die omstrede Wetsontwerp op Suid-Afrikaanse Tale in sy huidige vorm aanvaar, sal die Wes-Kaapse regering dit moontlik tot in die hoogste hof beveg.

Dr. Ivan Meyer, Wes-Kaapse minister van kultuur en sport, het gister gesê die wetsontwerp is in stryd met die gees en die letter van die Grondwet, en die DA-be-

heerde Wes-Kaapse regering is heeltemal daarteen gekant.

“Ek sal op die eersvolgende vergadering van die Wes-Kaapse kabinet voorstel dat die Wes-Kaapse regering dié wetsontwerp tot in die konstitusionele hof beveg as dit nie bevredigend verander word nie. Ek is baie seker daar sal geen probleem wees om die voorstel deur die kabinet aanvaar te kry nie.”

Meyer het gesê die wetsontwerp



Die wetsontwerp is in stryd met die Grondwet.

—DR. IVAN MEYER

is in stryd met art. 6 van die Grondwet, wat pariteit tussen tale waarborg. Omdat net een van die

voorheen bevoordeelde ampstale (saam met twee voorheen benadeelde ampstale) luidens die wetsontwerp as yoertaal in 'n provinsie gebruik mag word, dwing dit elke provinsie om tussen Afrikaans en Engels te kies.

“In die praktyk sal die wetsontwerp Afrikaans waarskynlik uitrangeer. Afrikaans is 'n gevestigde akademiese en 'n gefundeerde regstaal. Dié voorstel kom in die praktyk van die ANC, en 'n mens

kan nie meer verbaas word deur hul jongste poging om die Grondwet te ondermyn nie.

“Maar die Wes-Kaap het, terwyl die nasionale ANC-regering sloer, sy grondwetlik opgelegde plig uitgevoer en al in 1998 'n provinsiale taalwet, -beleid en -komitee vir die oplos van omstrede taalkwessies gestig – en dit funksioneer.

“Wat die gees van die Grondwet betref, is oudpres. Nelson Mandela ons voorbeeld. Hy het altyd 'n

persoon se taalvoorkeur vasgestel en na die beste van sy vermoë met dié persoon in dié taal gekommunikeer – ook in Afrikaans.”

Gevra wat die Wes-Kaapse regering se belang by die wetsontwerp is, siende dat dit vir die kommunikasie van nasionale staatsdepartemente geld, het Meyer gesê dienslewering aan Wes-Kaapse kiesers sal geraak word, en die Wes-Kaapse regering sal inwoners se belang optree.

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Spring die prez voor met werkvoorstelle

Premier Helen Zille het pres. Zuma uitgedaag om in sy staatsrede vorendag te kom met 'n spesifieke plan om meer werk te skep.

Ek wil voorstel dat die DA sy eie plan vir werkskepping voor dié rede die lig laat sien. Sodoende sal dit die president behaag om te reageer op die opposisie se beleid – en nie andersom nie. Dit is tog 'n subtieler en effektiewer manier om blootstelling aan die DA se planne te gee, eerder as om die presidentsrede in die wag en dan te

reageer met ou en afgesaagde teenvoeters.

Die persepsie (reg of verkeerd) is dat opposisiepartye nie met 'n sigbare en praktiese beleid vorendag kom nie. Spesifieke doelstellings (à la Zille) bly die antwoord. Me. Lindiwe Mazibuko se nuwe skinkabinet moet hom ten doel stel om hierdie belangrike aspek aan te pak. Dit is nie genoeg om net aaneen te opponeer nie.

Cliff Buchler
George

Accused cops remain in custody

By ANELE TSILO

THE case against four cops accused of murdering Zamuxolo Zozo (31) was postponed by the Athlone Magistrates Court yesterday.

The officers are accused of killing Zozo at Samora Machel near Philippi last month.

Zozo was arrested after his wife Bukeka Qaku (25) reported a domestic violence case against him.

He died in custody at the Samora Machel holding cells.

Daily Sun published several reports of protests by residents who demanded that the Samora Machel cops leave the area.

Residents and Community Safety MEC Dan Plato marched to the Nyanga Police Station and handed over a memorandum of their concerns.

Independent Complaints Directorate spokesman Moses Dlamini said the case was postponed after the officers' legal representatives asked the court to set a date for a formal bail application.

They will now remain in custody until they reappear on 17 February for a formal bail application.

The postponement angered the Community Policing Forum, which wants a speedy trial.

Chairman Xolani Joja told *Daily Sun*: "We are not satisfied with the postponement. We want this case to send a strict message that we don't want murderers for policemen."

He said he believes there is concrete evidence against the officers.



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Zuko needs his results

By TIYESE JERANJI

ZUKO Thetyana was a very happy matriculant when he heard that he passed his supplementary exams.

But his joy turned to sadness when the Western Cape Department of Education was still not able to produce his statement of results two years after he wrote the exams!

The 20-year-old from Gugulethu has been visiting the department's offices every day as he is desperate to go to university.

Thetyana said every time he inquires about his results, he is told to come back later.

Towards the end of last year, he was forced to ask them to post his results to the Eastern Cape because he can't afford to live in Cape Town anymore.

"But the person who assisted me said they won't post my documents unless I pay postage money. I came back this year to get my results in person.

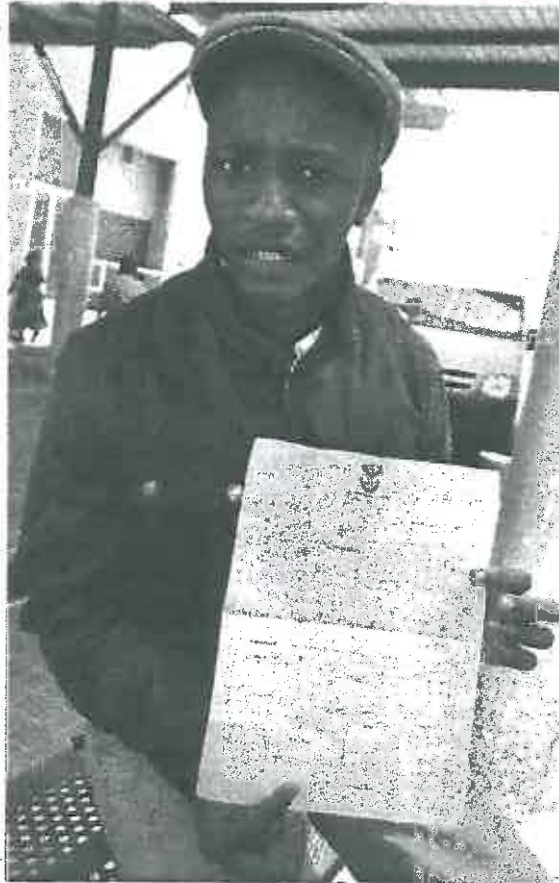
"But this isn't helping. No one can tell me what happened to my results.

"Universities are closing and it saddens me that I will miss another year. This education department does not care about my education.

"My wish is to study graphic design or information technology at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology. My dreams are now fading. No university will accept me without matric results," said Thetyana.

Education spokesman Paddy Attwell said they posted Thetyana's results after he passed his supplementary exams.

"He can get another copy by filling in the right form at our walk-in centre. Our officials will then print another copy for him," said Attwell.



Zuko Thetyana cannot register at university because he has been waiting for supplementary exam results for two years.

Photo by Lulekwa Mbadamane

No end in sight to kasi gang violence

By **NOMBULELO DAMBA**

LAST Monday, Dan Plato and the community met to discuss gang violence in the kasi.

Plato, MEC for Community Safety in the Western Cape, and the concerned Khayelitsha parents agreed that something had to be done urgently.

But only two days later, on Wednesday, a 20-year-old man was stabbed in the back in a gang-related fight at Makhaya Sizimisele High School.

The stabbed man and a fellow member of the Voora gang were looking for a Vato-Slokos gang member (16) on the school playground.

Margaret Ngcukana of the neighbourhood watch described how she saw three boys she knew from Makhaya sitting at a bus stop next to a school.

"Two of them jumped the fence. They were armed with knives," said Ngcukana.

"It was lunchtime and the pupils were queuing for food at the back of a school building.

"When the pupils saw the two boys with knives, they started screaming and some threw stones at them.

"One of the boys managed to flee but the other one was injured and

fell down.

"The other pupils came running. They stabbed him with his own knife."

The school principal, Dominic Mapuring, said the gang fights have been happening since last year.

"Both these groups are here at my school. They don't fight in the school premises, but only after school.

"One of my pupils is in a coma at Tygerberg Hospital. He was stabbed last weekend, allegedly by a fellow pupil."

Mapuring said cops had been patrolling the area since last Tuesday, but the gang members must have seen them leave.

Captain Frederick Van Wyk confirmed the incident.

He said: "A 20-year-old man jumped a school fence and pupils assaulted him.

"He was immediately taken to hospital. A case of trespassing has been opened."

The ongoing fighting between the Voora gang in Makhaya and Vato-Slokos in Makhaza has suddenly reached new levels.

Five stabbings have been reported since schools opened this year, one of them fatal so far.

- WCN

Fireman killed by boulder

By **MARVIN ADAMS**

A FIREMAN was killed when a boulder fell on him while he was battling a blaze between Piketberg and Velddrif in the Western Cape, emergency services said yesterday.

Spokeswoman Keri Davids says the man, in his thirties, had been helping fight a four-day-old fire in the Moutonshoek valley on Sunday.

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"He was with six firemen and somehow the ground they were on gave way, and three of them fell," she says.

"He fell about 30 metres and a boulder landed on top of him, crushing him to death."

The other two men escaped injury.

The fireman's body was hoisted by a helicopter from the scene.

Pressure's on Mr Dan!

DAN PLATO had better put his money where his mouth is.

The province's safety boss has vowed to clamp down on foreign crime bosses living here.

And with three of them appearing in court yesterday, Dan has to get his act together quickly.

His provincial predecessor vowed to lock up all gang "high flyers".

That turned out to be a complete joke with only a handful of the local crime bosses locked away out of the scores that have been identified. Dan faces a similar situation.

But he must deliver on his promise to get rid of these crime kingpins dragging our country further down the path to lawlessness.

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AANGEKEER:
Dave McNamara
moet in die hof
se oor die
bewing.
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HOË IN TIK- SKOK

**Cops skraap direkteur
'met drugs' by vuil flats**

IN MAAMA PRETORIUS

'N SKANDAAL hang oor die Wes-Kaapse departement vir maatskaplike ontwikkeling nadat een van sy hoofdirekteure glo met drugs betrap is.

Dave McNamara verskyn weer binnekort in die hof.

Hy is na bewering by 'n sleazy flat met onder andere 'n tik-lolie betrap.

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TIK-VEGTER SELF IN SOP

Arrestasie maande stil gehou

EEN van die Wes-Kaapse grootbase in die stryd teen drugs is glo self met dwelms in sy besit betrap.

Dave McNamara, hoofdirekteur van social welfare, implementering, beplanning en ondersteuning van anti-dwelmprogramme, is



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na bewering in Kaapstad gevang met drugs en 'n tiklollie in sy broeksakke.

McNamara is in die vroeë oggendure van 28 Junie verlede jaar by die omstrede Senator Park flats deur die cops voorgekeer.

Hy is omstreeks 03:00 deurgesoek.

Vier gebruikte tik-straws, een volle en 'n tiklollie is by hom gevind.

Hof

McNamara is in hegtenis geneem en het in die Kaapstad-polisiestasie se selle oornag.

Hy het die volgende dag in die hof verskyn.

Kapt. FC van Wyk, 'n polisiewoordvoerder, bevestig 'n saak van besit van dwelms word teen McNamara ondersoek.

Hy verskyn weer op 13 April in die Kaapse landdroshof.

McNamara sit steeds rustig in sy top-pos waar hy as hoofdirekteur 'n oog hou oor drie ander maatskaplike

ontwikkelingsdirekorate.

Dit sluit gesin- en kindersorg, spesiale programme en maatskaplike misdadaadvoorkoming in.

Sondag, sowat agt maande nadat McNamara betrap is, het sy baas, die provinsiale minister van maatskaplike ontwikkeling, Albert Fritz, nog niks hiervan geweet nie.

Fritz het gister by navraag gesê die regsproses moet sy gang gaan.

Sou daar 'n skuldigbevinding wees, sal die nodige stappe gedoen word.

Volgens Fritz kan die regsproses nie vooruit-geloop word nie, want die proses en die individuele regte moet gerespekteer word.

■ Die stryd teen dwelms



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TJOEF-TJOEF?
Dave McNamara is na bewering met drugs betrap.
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in die provinsie is lank reeds een van die regering se grootste kopersere. Die departement van maatskaplike ontwikkeling is in die voorste linie in die stryd.

Verder is Kaapstad in 2006 al deur die Mediese Navorsingsraad (MNR) as

die tik-hoofstad van die land bestempel.

Volgens die MNR kom sowat 98% van al die tik-pasiënte landwyd van die Moe-derstad.

Hierby wys verlede jaar se misdaadsyfers Mitchells Plain het steeds die meeste dwelmverwante misdade.

New eyes on Khayelitsha

Violent crime has the community acting to combat teen gangsterism, drug abuse and housebreaking

A NEW neighbourhood watch launched with community safety MEC Dan Plato on Sunday is hoping to reduce the increasing incidence of teenage gang fights and criminality in Khayelitsha's Ilitha Park.

The initiative to combat crime in the area was started by Bishop Daluxolo Mtsolo of Ilitha Methodist Church of South Africa, who roped in community leaders, Lingeletu police, the MEC and the community police forum.

Church members sang and danced at the launch of the neighbourhood watch, where Plato thanked Mtsolo for making the effort to create a safer community and said he supported the initiative "100%".

Plato said he was worried about the increase in gangsterism, housebreaking and violent crime in Khayelitsha.

"We must act fast to stop this gangsterism, housebreaking and blood.

"To fight crime is not only the job of the police and the community police forum alone, it's everyone's business.

"Mtsolo has my and the police's support. He must come to us and we will assist."

Plato said the government should look at what was required to provide alternative activities for young men so that they did not turn to gangs.

"Community safety is not about arresting people.

"It's about changing the lives of the people," he said.

"There are other things that can keep the youth busy instead of crime and drugs."

Bishop Mtsolo said about 30 people had volunteered to work



COMBATTING CRIME: MEC Dan Plato, right, dances with police commander Richard Kopman, Bishop Daluxolo Mtsolo and Busisiwe Simayile at the launch of Ilitha Park's neighbourhood watch.

Picture: WCN

during the day and night to keep their neighbourhood safe.

"I have been hearing lots of complaints about housebreaking in our area.

"People are scared to go out at night. Here in Ilitha Park you find people closing their doors

in daylight.

"When you ask why, they tell you that they're scared of being mugged.

"That's why I came up with this initiative," said Mtsolo.

He said he wanted residents to feel safe.

"The police gave us their full support.

"We will work with schools during the day.

"We will stop this gangsterism and drug abuse at our schools."

The Ibandla lamaNazaretha

church in Khayelitsha also supported the initiative.

Pastor Eric Dyatyi said if the community united they could stop crime.

He urged people not to buy stolen goods and not to steal.

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Mountain fire forces evacuations

Rusana Philander

EMERGENCY workers evacuated residents of a retirement village yesterday afternoon because of smoke caused by a fire on Hout Bay mountain.

The evacuation started at about 2.10pm on Victoria Road, said Emergency Medical Services spokesperson, Keri Davids.

Fire and rescue spokesperson Theo Layne, said a number of vehicles had been sent to the scene, which bordered on a residential area.

Fires were also burning in Piketberg, north of Cape Town, in Aurora on the west coast, above Caledon and in the Ouplaas area near Dutoitskloof.

Working on Fire spokesperson, Leanne McKrill, said a fire in the Stanford area, also near Hermanus, kept "standing up and dying down".

She said another fire in the Macassar area, outside Cape Town, had been extinguished by yesterday afternoon.

A number of smaller fires were burning around the city and firefighters were dealing with them.

One of the raging fires in the province claimed the life of firefighter Callie Muller, 34.

The fireman was killed on Sunday when a boulder fell on him while he was battling the blaze between Piketberg and Velddrif at the Moutonshoek mountain range near Redelinghuys.

Provincial minister of local government, environmental affairs and development planning, Anton Bredell, said that trauma counseling and debriefing had been arranged for his colleagues. - with Sapa

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