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Tzaneen's Ndavi Nokeri wins Miss South Africa title, outshines nine others

Six years after Ndavi Nokeri (left) of Gavaza outside Tzaneen won the Miss Vossie title, she was crowned Miss South Africa on Saturday night. Ndavi was a learner at Tzaneen Primary School and Ben Vorster High School. Here she is congratulated by a fellow constestant after winning the sought after title. Read story in the regional section inside. Photo: Yolanda van der Stoep

DOODSKOKKE 'N RISIKO BY POMPSTASIE

Liesl Pohl

Ontlote elektriese bedrading en vele regulasies wat nie aan voldoen word by die waterpompstasie op Letsitele, stel die publiek in gevaar en dit wil voorkom asof die herstelwerk hiervan nie vir die Groter Tzaneense Munisipaliteit (GTM) 'n prioriteit is nie.

“Dit is lewensgevaarlik en as dit nat is kan dit kinders wat daarmee peuter dood skok,” vertel die inwoner wat gereeld die water vir die plaaslike skool en kerk moet aanskakel by die pompstasie.

DA-raadslede, Chrisma Bredenkamp en René Pohl, het op 18 Julie reeds die area besoek nadat Bredenkamp klagtes van die inwoners op die dorp ontvang het.

“As raadslede het ons nie die nodige ervaring om dit te assesser nie,” vertel Bredenkamp. Sy het toe 'n plaaslike gekwalifiseerde elektrisiën, John McDermott genader om die die potensiele elektriese gevaar by die pompstasie, kraglyne, die transformator en die kragboks by die pompstasie te assesser.

McDermott se verslag is reeds bekend aan die GTM en Bredenkamp het die saak reeds by die betrokke departement, die burgemeester, Gerson Molapisane en munisipale bestuurder, Donald Mhangwana, aangemeld.

McDermott verduidelik dat sy verslag in konteks van die Suid-Afrikaanse nasionale veiligheidsstandaarde, elektriese installatieregulasies van 2020 en die Wet op Beroepsveiligheid nr 85 van 1993 gelees moet word. Die verslag is aan die Herald bekend gemaak, maar kan nie ten volle gepubliseer word nie weens spasiebeperkings.

Dit lees dat op die LV-verspreidingslyn,

munisipale bokse oop is en nie gesluit is nie. 'n Oop 'busbar' (koper geleier wat die stroom versprei in die paneel) stel kinders en mense bloot aan 380V direk tot die aarde, dus 330V bo die perk van aanraking van 'n maksimum van 50V.

“'n Potensiele kortsluiting kan plaasvind tussen 'busbars' op hoë stroomvlakke van 30-50V afhange van die 100kv transformator se gradering,” verduidelik McDermott se verslag.

By die HV/MV-transformator is die volgende geïdentifiseer deur McDermott: “Die beaardingsdraad is gesny of ontbreek by sekere bokse in die area,

asook by die transformatorpaal. Die weerligafvoerders is geblaas en sommige is nie gekoppel nie.”

Op die LA-lyn is daar ook 'n ernstige elektriese lading op die paal via die draad na die grond wat die lading lig na 595V, enige lading tot en met 11/22kV sal gelei, lui die verslag.

McDermott skryf verder:

“Die stroom kan gelei tot omliggende huise, omheinings, verspreidingsbokse, geboue,”

lampalle en metaalpepe wanneer dit reën.” Sy verslag noem wel dat die bevindinge niemand impliseer vir nalatigheid nie, maar dat indien daar 'n ernstige insident plaasvind, die gevolge dodelik kan wees en dat persone in 'n organisasie aanspreklik gehou kan word.

“Dus raai ek die betrokke partye by die munisipaliteit aan om alle installasies te ondersoek wat onder hul toesig is en om spoedig op te tree,” sluit McDermott se verslag af.

Die Herald het reeds op 1 Augustus die GTM se woordvoerder, Vutivi Makhubela genader vir kommentaar rakende die gevaar. Sy het gesê dat die GTM 'n span sal uitstuur om dit te assesser en dis nie seker of dit wel gebeur het nie.



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Fruitful meetings held between Nkownkowa Concerned Group and business owners

Liesl Pohl

Several business owners operating in the Nkownkowa Industrial area met with community members representing a concerned group in Nkownkowa and Dan village on Monday morning at Fairview Hotel to reach an amicable agreement on issues raised by the group after protests raged in the area last week.

Stakeholders including Limpopo Economic Development Agency (LEDA), the Greater Tzaneen Municipality, security companies, police officials, Danko labour desk and Sanco as well as the Department of Labour were present to observe and contribute to the meeting.

Several issues raised by the group, including appointment of residents of Nkownkowa, the hiring of people with specialised skills or qualifications, illegal foreigners working in the industrial area, fair salaries, the repair of roads and the contribution of businesses to the community and youth, were discussed during the proceedings.

Steyn, representing seven of the businesses, opened the meeting by clarifying that not all the concerns can be addressed due to legal implications but that the meeting aims to find solutions to the issues that were raised.

“We are here in good faith to negotiate and we commit to working together to find solutions,” said Malawu Mathye secretary of the group affiliated to Sanco and the labour desk of Danko.

Mathye reiterated that the concerned group, Danko and Sanco distance themselves from violence.

“It was a successful meeting and we all agreed that protests must be halted. After the meeting business owners understood the concerns raised by the community,” said Steyn on Tuesday.

He added that the parties will work together to improve the Nkownkowa community and identify goals to meet socio-economic responsibilities.

“We will work together and plow back into the Nkownkowa community once projects have been identified,” said Steyn.

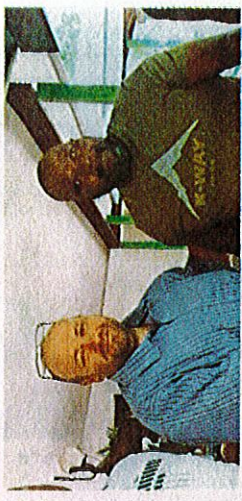


On Monday morning local law practitioner, Johan Steyn and Malawu Mathye, secretary of the Dan/Nkownkowa Concerned group facilitated a meeting to discuss matters that lead to protests in Nkownkowa Industrial area last week.

At the time of going to press on Tuesday at least three different meetings with businesses that were affected by the protests were held.

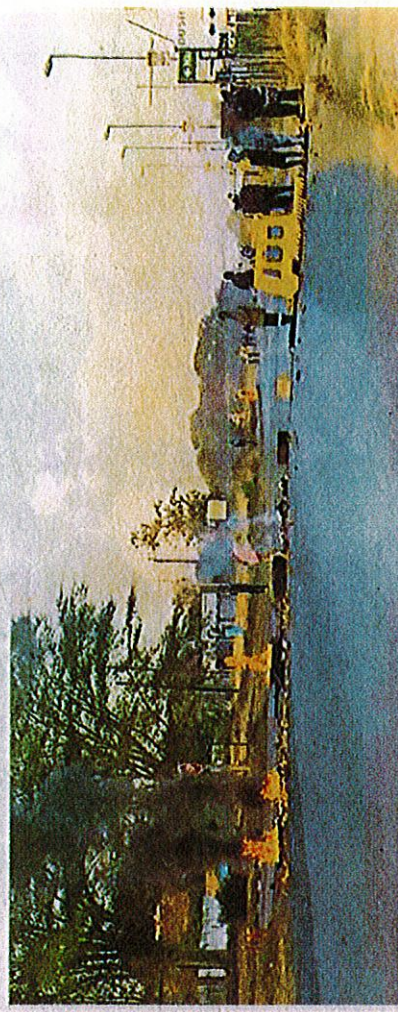
“These meetings went well, there were no intimidation, no racist remarks and no unlawful demands,” said Helgard de Villiers, representative of PeppaDev.

Mathye confirmed that a fruitful meeting was also held with Biligom International on Friday.



Regan Aucamp of Biligom and Malawu Mathye.

Water service delivery protests disrupt traffic on



Road is blocked by residents of Nkownkowa protesting a lack of water. Photo: Supplied

Furious residents from villages outside Tzaneen blocked the R36 road between Tzaneen and the Khufjwana bridge on the R36 after not having water for many days.

The protests caused major disruptions and prevented people from going to work on Monday and Tuesday August 15 and 16.

The protest started on Sunday, August 14 and motorists were advised to use alternative routes, such as the R71 from Tzaneen via Tarentaal and Letsitele and join the R529 back to the R36 at the Harmony junction.

“The Mopani District Municipality’s (MDM) technical team is busy working to restore normal water supply to the areas benefiting from the Nkownkowa (Ritavi) Water Works,” said Odas Ngobeni, spokesperson of MDM.

“The water supply interruption was caused by a damaged gate valve, which resulted in some areas having low-pressure supply while other areas had no supply at all,” said Ngobeni.

The protests continued and the R71 from Tzaneen via Tarentaal was blocked to prevent motorists from Nkownkowa to use it.

MDM later stated that their technical team managed to complete the repairs on the reservoir and that water was restored to most

areas supplied by the Nkownkowa Water Treatment Works, but the supply remains unstable due to low reservoir levels.

“Therefore, we wish to inform members of the public that it may take up to three days for the system to stabilise as we try to fill the reservoirs while also ensuring that the communities have water supply.

“In the meantime, we will ensure that residents have sufficient water supplied between 04:00 and 08:00 in the morning and again between 16:00 and 20:00 until the system runs at full capacity.

“It is against this background that we wish to appeal to members of the public to use water sparingly,” said Ngobeni.

He also added that a meeting was scheduled on Monday, August 15 to look at the issue of protesting residents of Dan village.

It is alleged that the protesters demanded ‘toll-fees’ from motorists to pass through the area and that Letaba Hospital was closed.

Furthermore, it is alleged that court proceedings in Leneynye was hampered due to a magistrate not being able to travel to the court on Tuesday morning.

Police were at the scene and attempted to maintain order at the time of going to press on Tuesday.



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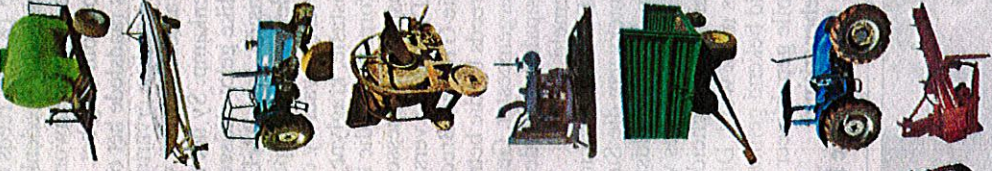
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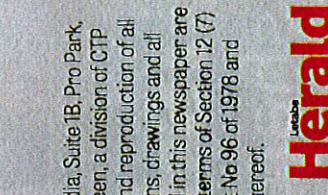
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Messages of congratulations stream in for Ndavi

Tintswalo Shipalana

Congratulatory messages from all over the country have been pouring in for the newly crowned Miss South Africa 2022, Ndavi Nokeri.

The 23-year-old from Tzaneen was named fan favourite from the Top 30 stages up to the finale.

On Saturday, August 13, she outshined nine other beauties, to become the country's most beautiful woman at the SunBet Arena in Pretoria.

As a result she has won R1 million in cash and a sponsorship package totalling more than R3 million, including the use of a serviced apartment at the lavish Ellipse Waterfall for the year of her reign.

She will also get to drive a Mercedes-Benz C-Class sedan.

Ndavi defined her win a groundbreaking moment.

She said it reaffirms that village girls' dreams are valid, regardless of where they come from.

"As your Miss South Africa, I understand the importance of representation, because it is through seeing other women look beyond their fears and their circumstances, that I gained the courage to rise to the call."

"I will represent South Africa, in all its diversity, resilience and beauty. It really does take a village, and I am so grateful that my village showed up for me."

"It is now for me to work and ensure that every success of mine overflows into my country."

"Thank you for trusting me with this position. As this journey begins, I will work to make it a chapter in which anyone who has ever felt ostracised feels included and reassured of the value that they bring into the world," she said.

The young beauty queen is the only person

from Tzaneen to have won the title and the first ever Tsonga woman to win the prestigious crown.

The Nokeri family told the Herald that her win is nothing but the grace of God.

Her father, Pastor Moses Nokeri, said he could not hold back his tears as she was announced as the reigning queen.

"I'm deeply grateful for the support Ndavi received from the people of Gavaza, Tzaneen, Limpopo and South Africa as a whole," he said.

Residents from her village of Gavaza took to the streets shortly after the announcement was made to celebrate her win by dancing throughout the night.

Some of the messages

of congratulations

received were from

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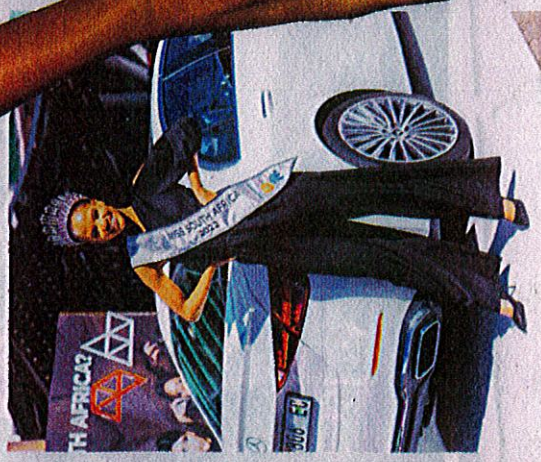
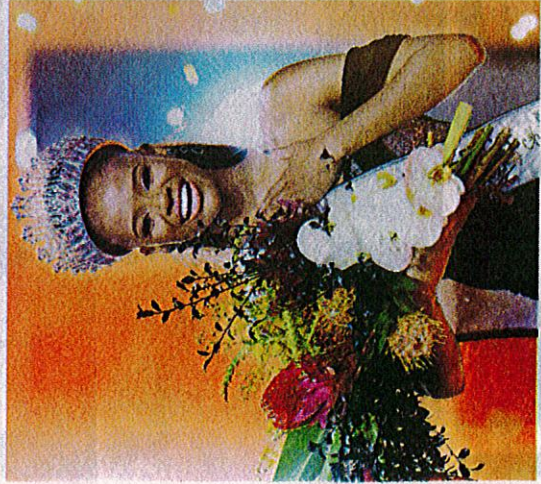
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Tzaneen rally lauded as 'best organised' in country

Tintswalo Shipalana

Debutants JJ Potgieter and his navigator, Tommy du Toit, were crowned the NTT Tzaneen Rally overall winners and also took first position in Class 1 in the MRF South African Rally Championship.

The race on Friday August 12 was the seventh leg of this year's championship and the eighth leg was on Saturday, August 13.

Local driver and the defending champion, Theuns Joubert and navigator, Schalk van Heerden attained second position in their Salon Toyota Yaris.

On Friday they scored zero points, as a mechanical failure forced them out of the race.

On Saturday they were looking to redeem themselves, but the race wasn't as smooth as they would have liked.

They encountered a breakdown in round 8 which led to a one minute and 50 seconds penalty, but managed to run their way up to second position in their class and the overall championship.

Legendary Tzaneen driver, Eddie Simpson and navigator Louis Menge,

did not compete on the first day due to their Opel Corsa having a gearbox challenge, but on the next day they managed to finish the race and attained third position in Class 4.

"The roads were difficult, but the event was awesome," explained Menge.

Meanwhile, a third Tzaneen driver, Erik de Jager, who drove the Subaru Impreza 2000, managed to compete on both days.

On day one he attained seventh position and eighth position on day two in the Class 1 division.

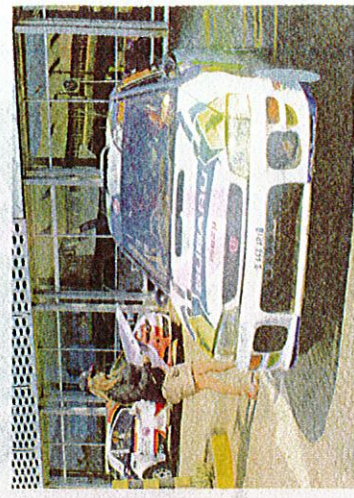
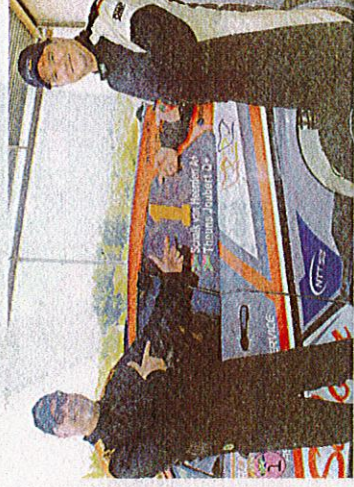
On Saturday De Jager faced overheating challenges when his 'Subie' struggled to start, but fortunately did manage to finish the race.

The NTT Tzaneen Rally has been described as one of the best organised racing events in the country. This is according to Ivan Saayman, secretary of the Tzaneen rally committee.

"The feedback that I have been receiving from the drivers and the crews were that it was one of the best events they have ever attended. I would like to thank the spectators, sponsors and the drivers for making it such a successful event," he said.



Top: Eddie Simpson and Louis Menge. Below left are Theuns Joubert and Schalk van Heerden. Below right is Erik de Jager in his Subaru. Photos: Tintswalo Shipalana. See more photos in regional section of Herald or visit our website www.letabaherald.co.za for a gallery of photos.



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