## **SAPS lead crime prevention Imbizo**

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A COMMUNITY policing crime prevention Imbizo is set to take place in Kokstad, KwaZulu-Natal, on Friday, March, 1 to strengthen relations between the police and communities to ensure that no space is given to criminals to run riot among communities.

Community members will be afforded the opportunity to engage with the management of police and voice their concerns and suggestions and propose a way forward, said KZN SAPS spokesperson Colonel Robert Netshiunda.

He added that the SAPS deputy provincial commissioner responsible for visible policing in KZN, Major General Phumelele Makoba, will lead a Community Policing Crime Prevention Imbizo in Kokstad.

Incidents of stock theft and slaughtering of cattle are rife in the Harry Gwala district. Netshiunda said that the Imbizo will bring solutions to prevent such incidents from happening as well as to protect farmers.

On February 21, in Kokstad, a police ceremony to show appreciation and acknowledge police officers for their loyal service during the years they had been in the organisation was conducted.

Some police members received 10-Year Loyal Service Medals, others received 20-Year Loyal Service Medals, 30-Year Loyal Service Medals, centenary medals, and medals for the 2010 Soccer World

Retired senior police officers were also among those who were awarded medals and there were medals for the deceased police officers.



SAPS hosts crime prevention Imbizo. /Siphelele Nketo

## Fight against stock theft continues

EFFORTS to combat stock theft in OR Tambo are in full swing following the recent discovery of 16 goats valued at R3 200 in Qumbu, Eastern Cape, among

SAPS Qumbu Stock Theft Unit conducted their daily operations at the Sanggu locality recently and came across three men on horseback, herding 16 goats.

However, the suspects fled the scene when they saw the police.

In another incident, Tsolo Stock Theft and Endangered Species Unit members conducted a stock raid in Qebeyi and recovered seven cattle valued at R70 000. The cattle were impounded at Tsolo Municipality stock pound.

Then in the Qanda location, 11 cattle valued at R110 000 were also impounded after being found straying.



Police spokesperson Captain Welile Matyolo said that police have arrested a suspect (33) after receiving information that he was in possession of stolen cattle at the Azania squatter camp.

"Five cattle valued at R50 000 were confiscated after he failed to convince police that they belonged to him," he explained.

In Nontyakashe, 23 sheep valued at R46 000 were recovered by police after being stolen from a kraal at night.

Matyolo said that the stock was handed back to the rightful owner.

"The Oumbu and Tsolo stock theft units are appealing to all those with stolen/ missing stock to visit their respective stock pounds with necessary ownership documentation to claim their stock," he concluded. -Supplied



Police find stolen stock. /Supplied

# **Bizarre behaviour** forces school to close

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ASCHOOL in Kokstad, Mount Currie Senior Secondary, had to be closed early on Tuesday, February 27, following the unusual behaviour of learners during school hours.

The incident disrupted learning and caused chaos and panic among learners.

School principal Jeffery Solomon confirmed the incident and said the school was closed to calm the situation.

"We have managed to deal with the situation and we had to let learners go home to avoid trauma and chaos inside the school premises. Safety and security is important,' he said.

A prayer session by local pastors was

organised to offer support to the affected learners. Pastor Mbuyiswa Nocanda told the Post that the strange behaviour of the learners may have been caused by the act of being oppressed by evil spirits or depression, anxiety and being in denial of other situations that one may be going through in life. He explained that the way to fight these spirits was through deliverance, counselling and motivation.

"These spirits may come and go and sometimes may come back stronger. People affected should attend counselling programmes that will help them to be able to deal with such and also raise awareness in communities and schools because of the dangers this may carry," he said. On Wednesday, the school was back to normal according to Solomon.



#### DR NKOSAZANA DLAMINI-**ZUMA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE ADJUSTMENT BUDGET 2023/2024**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 21A of the Municipal Systems Act, No. 32 of 2000, Section 28 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, No. 56 of 2003 and part 4 of the Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations that Council of Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma Municipality has revised its adjustment budget and SDBIP for the financial year ending 30 June 2024, At the Council meeting that was held on 28 February 2024. The adjustment budget is available for viewing in Municipal buildings and on the Municipal website.

DESCRIPTION	2023/2024 FINAL BUDGET	2023/2024 ADJUSTMENT BUDGET
REVENUE		
Property Rates	45,404,434	42 329 146
Service Charges	4,421,331	4,421,331
Licences and Permits	1,112,762	1,114,762
Fines	552,475	552,475
Government Grants and Subsidies	202,347,000	202,952,905
Interest Earned - External Investments	11,491,036	15,277,890
Penalties: Property Rates	6 159 526	5 659 526
Other Revenue	5,088,982	12,254,358
Total Revenue	276 577 546	284 562 393
EXPENDITURE	+	
Employee related costs	92 616 030	92 491 030
Councillors' remuneration	12,483,886	12,483,886
Programmes	16,301,869	18,936,626
General expenditure	61 982 255	82 713 140
Repairs and maintenance	15,620,253	23,869,598
Provisions	65,788,653	48 687 960
Total Operating Expenditure	264 792 950	279 182 240
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	+	
Internal Capital Expenditure	60,015,000	52,807,187
Municipal Infrastructure Grant	31,779,000	29,654,000
Disaster Management Programme	-	1,000,000
Greenest and Smart Municipality Competition	-	1,200,000
Total Capital Expenditure	91 794 000	84 661 187

#### REVISED SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUDGET **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR**

Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma Municipality hereby gives notice in terms of Section 53(3) of the Municipal Finance Management Act, 56 of 2003 that the 2023/2024 Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan(SDBIP) has been approved by the Mayor of Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma Municipality and is now made public.

The above adjusted documents are now available at the following sites for viewing:

- Creighton Municipal Offices
- Bulwer Community Service Centre
- Municipal Libraries
- · Himeville Municipal Offices and,
- The Municipal website: www.ndz.gov.za and on our facebook page: Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma Municipality.

For further information, queries may be directed to the Office of: The Municipal Manager at the Main Offices in Creighton I Main Street, Creighton, 3263, or e-mailed to: vezin@ndz.gov.za

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