

Residents complain as taps remain dry

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RESIDENTS in the rural villages of Matatiele, Magma, Outspan and Zwelitsha say that they were told that they could expect water from their taps on October 3, however, their taps are still dry.

This was after a local forum called Sibi Water Crisis said it organised several meetings with the Alfred Nzo District Municipality to make sure that residents get clean running water. The forum's spokesperson, Bongani Gugushe, said that after the meetings a team from water maintenance in the district municipality was sent to the area and they provided boreholes.

"Through engagements with the district municipality, a maintenance team was sent to the villages to fix boreholes, and they told us to expect water on October 3. To our surprise, we never received water," Gugushe said.

He added that the district municipality is not saying when they will get clean water and residents



PHOTO: SUPPLIED
A vandalised dry tap at Zwelitsha village.

are having to use unclean water from nearby streams, with animals getting water from the same streams. Several taps have been vandalised in the area.

He said the taps have been dry since last year.

Questions were sent to the district municipality that is responsible for the supply of water, but there was no response at the time of printing.

Three arrested for hijacking

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KOKSTAD police responded swiftly when a local teacher's car was hijacked next to the Shayamoya Community Hall at 11.30 am on October 11.

As a result, three suspects aged 23, 27, and 32 were arrested on the same day. One suspect ran away.

It was reported that the teacher, who was driving the vehicle with her colleague in the passenger's seat, was approached by a red vehicle

which blocked their way, said SAPS spokesperson Captain Dumisani Nongo. One of the suspects occupied the driver's seat, pushing the driver out of the way, while another suspect occupied the passenger seat and they drove away.

On the same day, police managed to arrest three suspects and the vehicle was recovered.

Nongo said the suspects appeared in the Kokstad Magistrate's Court on October 14 and their case was remanded to October 21 for a formal bail application.

Residents accuse ward councillor of unfair evictions

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RESIDENTS of New City in Umzimkhulu have accused their ward councillor Jabu Mzizi of illegally evicting them from their prefabricated homes after they have been staying there for four years.

One of the unhappy residents, Fikiswa Chiya, accused the ward councillor of removing their belongings from their houses without giving them a reason, on October 14.

"Some of our belongings were damaged. We occupied 50 houses that were not used, and now we are being evicted," said Chiya.

Councillor Mzizi denied the claims, saying that there was an agreement reached with some residents to leave the houses in order to allow others to move in.

"The houses were built to be accommodated by residents whose RDP houses are under renovation, however, the houses were illegally occupied. Now the municipality is in the process of letting the right people in," said Mzizi.

The South African Communist Party Umzimkhulu Sub District secretary Madoda Ndzelu accused Mzizi of dividing the community. In response to the allegations, Mzizi said the SACP is personally fighting her and is against the development that she is bringing to the community.



PHOTO: SUPPLIED
The prefabricated homes from which residents claim they are being evicted.

Sexual offences criminals get harsh sentences

DETECTIVES who deal with the Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit in KwaZulu-Natal secured 35 terms of life imprisonment as well as 621 years imprisonment, for criminals accused of sex-related cases in the month of September.

They worked tirelessly to ensure that those accused of the shocking crimes were successfully prosecuted. With sexual-offence cases being reported across the province, the detectives were faced with cases where the accused ranged between six and 60 years old, while the

victims ranged between seven and 58 years old.

The highlight of their investigations was the conviction of serial rapist Moses Mavila (27), who received 32 terms of life imprisonment for terrorising women in the Westville area.

During September, police arrested 242 suspects for sexual-offence cases, and 23 cases were finalised, with the accused being incarcerated for their deeds.

The accused in these matters were convicted for crimes such as rape, sexu-

al assault, robbery, assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and attempted rape.

The KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Khombinkosi Jula, commended the detectives for their hard work in securing these convictions.

"These stiff sentences send a clear message to those who abuse women and children that we remain committed to fighting gender-based crime on all fronts," he said.

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SAPS investigate Kokstad house robberies

AN investigation into a house robbery was established at Kokstad Police Station after three suspects forcefully entered a house in Horseshoe while a 37-year-old man was asleep on October 10.

The suspects instructed the man to drive with them to Shayamoya. Along the way, the suspect who was driving the vehicle lost con-

trol of the vehicle and the three suspects ran away.

SAPS spokesperson Captain Dumisani Nongo said the incident occurred between 11 pm on October 10, and 1.30 am the next day.

He said no arrests have been made.

In a separate case, a 35-year-old suspect was arrested for house robbery in Bhongweni.

"The house owner was watching television when a suspect forcefully entered the house at 9 pm. The suspect demanded cell-phones and money," said Nongo.

The suspect was arrested and he appeared in the Kokstad Magistrate's Court on October 14 for house robbery.

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Suspects escape from police cells

THREE suspects who were being kept in the Ixopo police cells were reported missing after they escaped from their cells on October 10.

"Police officers were doing normal check-ups in the male cell and were shocked to see just eight suspects, with three suspects missing.

"There was a hole in the wall, and it is suspected that it was created by the escapees," said SAPS spokesperson Captain Dumisani Nongo.

He said the suspects had been arrested for business burglary, housebreaking and possession of unlicensed firearms.

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PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL
KZN 435

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The UMzimkhulu Municipality an equal opportunity employer requires the services of suitable qualified, skills and experienced candidate for the under mentioned challenging positions.

ADMINISTRATOR (REGISTRY) (TG9)

• Salary: R184 298.40 p.a. • PERMANENT POSITION

Minimum requirements: • Matric • Computer literacy - Office Applications • Higher Certificate in Management • Drivers licence Code: B/C • 2 - 3 years' experience as Admin Clerk.

Key performance areas: • Perform activities/tasks associated with registering and recording of incoming/outgoing mail correspondence • Perform specific task/activities associated with monitoring the circulation and retrieval of documents and correspondences • Perform tasks/activities associated with the provision of general office support • Receive incoming/outgoing mail from main Registry and commences with recording sequence in mail registers, inserting dates, details of address etc. • Insert acknowledgement of receipt on incoming mail, stamping and reflecting circulation details • Seek approval and executing sequences to facilitate the archiving and disposal of aged/obsolete records.

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Minimum requirements: • Matric • National Diploma in Town and Regional Planning or equivalent • Computer literate and Communication skills.

Key performance areas: • Assist planning unit in scrutinizing building plans • Assist in assessing land development applications submitted to municipality • Assist in writing report, correspondences with regard to development and community issues • Attend to public queries.

All applications with comprehensive curriculum Vitae and application letter, certified copies of educational qualification must be addressed to: The Municipal Manager, Attention: Deputy Manager Corporate Services, UMzimkhulu Municipality, P O Box 53, UMzimkhulu, 3297, or hand delivery to 169 Main Street UMzimkhulu Municipality Old Main Building to: The Deputy Manager Corporate Services Office.

CLOSING DATE: 25 OCTOBER 2019.

Enquires can be directed to: The Deputy Manager Corporate Services Manager, tel: (039) 259 5019.

No faxed or e-mailed application will be accepted.

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MR Z. S. SIKHOSANA: MUNICIPAL MANAGER



DR NKOSAZANA DLAMINI-ZUMA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

ERRATUM

This refers to the advert published in this publication on 04 October 2019 for the project as specified on the table below.

For the project mentioned below attending briefing meeting is not compulsory and bid documents will be available from 18 October 2019 during office hours to 05 November 2019 at 12h00 at a non-refundable fee of R418.00.

PROJECT NAME	CONTRACT NO.	CLOSING DATE AND TIME
SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF RESCUE TOOLS (JAWS OF LIFE).	COMM-B022/19/20	05 November 2019 at 12h00.

The Municipality apologises for any inconvenience caused.

Mr N.C. VEZI: MUNICIPAL MANAGER