



N4 UPGRADES ON TRACK

NW - Bakwena Platinum Corridor Concessionaire (Bakwena) confirmed that the upgrades along the N4 Bakwena route are on track.

Continuous maintenance, rehabilitation and upgrades are necessary to ensure the N1N4 route meets the highest international standards for toll road using motorists.

The current upgrades include the addition of a 32km of a second carriageway on the N4 between the M17 and R512 (Brits interchange). Part of this upgrade also includes additions and extensions to 5 existing bridges which cross the section of the N4 being dualled.

Recent developments include the dualling of the N4 bridge which crosses the Crocodile River.

This bridge has 5 spans, each consisting of 10 precast reinforced concrete beams. Each beam weights 26 tons and is individually transported in a process that involves

a horse truck on the one side and a steering trailer where a crane lifts each individual beam onto the bridge piers structure for it to be secured. The expected completion time for the dualling of the bridge is end of March 2020.

Bakwena's commercial manager Solomon Kganyago said that the projected cost of the current N4 upgrade is R582 million with a 36-month construction period that is scheduled to be completed in June 2021.

The addition of the carriageway will enhance motorists' driving experience and improve their overall safety on the route.

Bakwena would like to thank motorists for their patience while work is being carried out on the N1N4 routes and advises them to adhere to all designated road signs and exercise caution throughout the construction processes.

Bakwena N1N4 press release, 18 November 2019



POLICE NET 247

NW - On Friday 15 November, surprise operations carried out by the police in various areas of the North West province resulted in the arrest of 247 suspects.

Police spokesperson brigadier Sabata

Mokgwabone said 47 of the suspects apprehended during the raids were from Rustenburg.

In one of the incidents, a 23-year old suspect was arrested in Marikana after police found him in possession of stolen property.

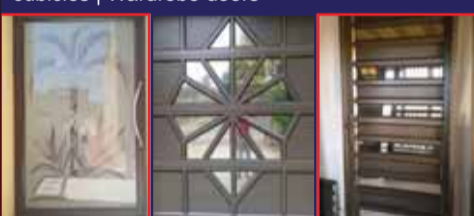
"The suspect was found in possession of a G4S bullet-resistant vest. In addition, a trailer of which the chassis number was tampered with, was seized at one of the three suspected chop shops police investigated during the operation," brigadier Mokgwabone added.



Community members attended the launch of a crime prevention operation in Marikana.



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CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON

NW - Police in the North West province urge community members to be alert and on the lookout for any suspicious activities as we approach the festive season.

SAPS' safer festive season operations, which were implemented by the police from Friday 15 November to Sunday 18 November yielded positive results. The police managed to arrest 77 suspects in Klerksdorp, 58 in Rustenburg, 47 in Brits, 23 in Zeerust and 16 in Vryburg and Mahikeng. Additionally, three vehicles, two firearms, 615 litres of liquor, 2.6kg of dagga and other drugs were seized by the police in Marikana. Several suspects were apprehended for drug related crimes, driving under the influence of alcohol and illegal possession of firearms and ammunition.

Police spokesperson colonel Adèle Myburgh said communities have an important role to play to ensure their own safety and that of their loved ones. "By following important safety tips, we can all play our part in reducing crime," she added.

SAFETY TIPS AT HOME

Always make provision for good lighting, especially on the outside

of your house. Remember, outdoor lights that are on during the day draw the unnecessary attention of thieves.

SAFETY IN YOUR CAR

Always know where you are going. Never drink and drive. Avoid speeding by leaving on time. Never pick up strangers and do not stop next to the road. Do not use your cell phone while driving, unless you have a 'hands-free' kit. Never display your valuables in the car, rather lock them in the boot.

SAFETY ON THE STREET

Do not drink and walk on or along the road. If possible, avoid walking alone. If you walk alone, plan your route carefully and stay in well-lit areas. It is advised not to carry cash or valuables. Rather use your bank cards to do transactions.

SAFETY AT THE ATM

Always protect your pin by shielding the hand that is typing. Never accept help or ask anyone to assist you at an ATM. Avoid isolated ATMs and using ATMs at night.

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