

## Politics & Society

### Province 'sheds image of political intolerance'

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DURBAN — KwaZulu-Natal has shed its reputation of being SA's most violent province at election time, Rama Naidu, CEO of the civic group Democracy Development Programme, said yesterday.

His view was supported by the Independent Electoral Commission's (IEC) chief electoral officer for the province, Mawethu Mosery, who, during a political debate, said there were no longer any areas that had the potential for political violence during elections.

Mr Mosery's comments were a departure from his statement last month when, speaking at the launch of a multiple-party task team meant to tackle political intolerance in the province, he said potential for unrest existed in Estcourt, Greytown, Msinga, Nongoma and Ulundi.

Yesterday he said: "Our interventions have started to bear fruit." The IEC was also concerned about hostels in eThekweni, where for instance, election posters were defaced and shots fired into the air early in the morning last week.

African National Congress (ANC) provincial executive committee member Nhlakanipho Ntombela said that while there had been an improvement in political tolerance in the province, there were still some places, such as parts of Umlazi and KwaMashu in Durban, that could be described as no-go areas for parties other than the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP).

IFP treasurer-general Narend Singh said he too could list areas where there was intolerance for people who were not ANC members.

Democratic Alliance national spokeswoman Lindiwe Mazibuko said political campaigning in some areas of the province in the past had been "a life-threatening problem" and the campaigner was not ANC or IFP, but this had improved.

Mr Singh said a call by the ANC Youth League to march to IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi's private residence on Sunday did not contribute "to a state of peace" and the IFP would have expected senior leaders of the ANC to discipline their youth "immediately".

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# Outrage over protester's brutal death

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POLITICAL parties and residents of the Free State town of Ficksburg rounded on the South African Police Service (SAPS) yesterday, after service delivery protester Andries Tatane died at the hands of six policemen during a peaceful protest on Wednesday.

SABC television showed images of a bloodied Mr Tatane staggering before collapsing after police allegedly fired rubber bullets at his chest and beat him with batons.

The images raise tough questions about the SAPS's ability to properly manage protests, and could fuel a groundswell of discontent over service delivery lapses in townships ahead of local elections on May 18.

Mr Tatane was among a group of about 4 000 residents who marched to the Setsoto municipal offices to demand a response to a memorandum of demands sent to the mayor.

They were demanding proper water supply, repairs to sewers and waste removal.

Mr Tatane's death set tempers raging in Ficksburg yesterday, with residents setting fire to two municipal buildings.

African National Congress (ANC)



SHOCKING: Andries Tatane died on Wednesday after he was allegedly assaulted by a group of policemen during a service delivery protest in Ficksburg. Picture: VOLKSBILD

spokesman Jackson Mthembu said the attack "resembled apartheid-era police strong-arm tactics". However, he also took issue with the SABC fighting "such shocking and disturbing images on its prime time news

slot, with disregard to young viewers and other sensitive people". He said he had asked for the Independent Communications Authority of SA to probe whether the SABC had not "overstepped its mandate".

The Democratic Alliance's Wilmot James said the killing showed the ANC government was willing to use apartheid-era policing tactics to clamp down on protests. Police top brass have vowed

## Ship captains held over guns to ward off pirates

WYNDHAM HARTLEY

CAPE TOWN — Masters of ships entering South African ports after having run the pirate gauntlet off the East African coast are being arrested for having firearms on board without the appropriate permit in terms of the Fire Arms Control Act, The Society of Master Mariners SA said yesterday.

The group expressed extreme concern over the recent arrests of visiting ships' masters in local ports. Four ships' masters have been arrested in the past six weeks. News of the arrests broke yesterday as Reuters reported piracy had reached a record high in the first three months of this year.

Society vice-president Capt Rob Whitehead said recent arrests "have resulted from the overenthusiastic enforcement by the South African Police Service of the Fire Arms Control Act on vessels entering

South African ports, such vessels having just navigated the pirate-infested waters of East Africa with armed guards on board for protection."

He said the regulations required a vessel to apply for a weapons permit 21 days before arriving at a port in order to allow them to carry weapons on board.

"This is completely impractical in many instances as vessels are often diverted to South African ports to load cargo at short notice. In the resulting dilemma, vessels arriving within the 21-day application period are deemed in contravention of the act and the ship's master is arrested," Capt Whitehead said.

National police spokesman Col Vish Naidu said police were "between a rock and a hard place". He said there were laws and the police were required to enforce them. "If we don't, we are criticised, and if we do, we are criticised even more."

## Protector asked to probe Shiceka

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CAPE TOWN — In a rare development, Parliament's ethics committee yesterday wrote a letter to Public Protector Thuli Madonsela requesting her to probe Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs Minister Siceko Shiceka, following reports of abuse of public funds.

"We wish to refer this matter to your office in terms of clause 4 (l) of the Executive Members Ethics Act," wrote Ben Turok and Lemias Mashile, the committee's co-chairmen.

The mandate of the public protector is to strengthen constitutional democracy by investigating and redressing improper and prejudicial conduct, maladministration and abuse of power in state affairs.

Earlier this week, Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) general secretary Zwelinzima Vavi called for an investigation into reports that Mr Shiceka spent more than R1m on luxury hotels, limousines and first-class aircraft

tickets to visit a former girlfriend jailed in Switzerland.

The Democratic Alliance and the Independent Democrats called on the public protector to investigate Mr Shiceka, who has been on sick leave since last month.

Mr Shiceka made headlines last weekend when allegations emerged that he and his staff spent R640 000 at Cape Town's five-star One & Only hotel, which has one of the most expensive rates in the city.

Other allegations were that Mr Shiceka went to Switzerland in December 2008 to visit his then girlfriend, SAA air hostess Phumla Masilela, who was in jail on a drug-related offence, while pretending to be on an official visit "on World Cup duties". The visit is said to have cost taxpayers R367 000.

Mr Shiceka said the allegations were "fabricated". However, he admitted to spending one night at the One & Only hotel at a cost of more than R55 000 because "every other hotel was full".

University of Johannesburg pol-

itical analyst Prof Steven Friedman said it was good that "somebody is probing it". But he questioned why the ethics committee had not probed the matter first before writing to the public protector.

"I am not quite sure what the public protector will do about it. It does, however, seem to be a buck-passing exercise and it is very difficult to see how they will justify this," said Prof Friedman.

Last month, former cabinet minister Kader Asmal criticised President Jacob Zuma for his tolerance in granting Mr Shiceka indefinite sick leave rather than asking for his resignation.

But at the time, Mr Shiceka told Business Day that Mr Zuma had agreed that he take time off because he was ill and his workload was too heavy. Mr Shiceka had been unsure of when he would be returning to work.

His department is in the forefront of holding municipal officials to account after next month's local elections. *With Sapa*

### IN BRIEF

#### Voters willing to give party second chance

**ELECTIONS** | Most South Africans would give their political parties a "second chance" even if they had not met their expectations, a survey released yesterday showed. Nearly half the people polled said they would give their parties a second chance and a quarter said they would vote for another party, the Human Sciences Research Council said. The survey was commissioned by the Independent Electoral Commission. *Sapa*

#### Madonsela behind billing success

**ACCOUNTS** | Public Protector Thuli Madonsela is behind the success of the City of Johannesburg's efforts to resolve its billing crisis, it emerged yesterday. Progress made in the past two months was illustrated by Gauteng local government MEC Humphrey Mmemze, who said more than half of the 65 000 accounts that were in dispute at the end of January had been resolved. *Sarah Hudleston*

#### Rosebank roads set to reopen

**GAUTRAIN** | Four roads in Rosebank would reopen after construction work for the Gautrain, the Bombela Concession Company said yesterday. The reinstatement of these roads would mean partial road closures and diversions this month to add road markings and other items, spokesman Kelebogile Machaka said. Oxford Rd, Baker St, Sturdee Ave and Bath St would be affected. *Sapa*

#### SA 'helps' suspected serial killer

**ASSISTANCE** | The South African government was providing consular assistance to a suspected serial killer arrested in the US state of New Mexico, Department of International Relations said yesterday. "We have heard about the case. Normally when a South African is in distress in another country, the embassy will render consular assistance," spokesman Clayton Monyela said. *Sapa*

#### Push to upgrade smaller roads

**INFRASTRUCTURE** | Transport Minister Shu Ndebele would launch a nationwide drive next week to upgrade and maintain secondary South African roads, the Department of Transport said yesterday. Department spokesman Sam Monareng said the programme would be launched on Monday at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre in Durban. *Sapa*

#### Swaziland 'must embrace talks'

**POLITICS** | The African National Congress called on Swaziland's government yesterday to create an open political environment and encourage dialogue with the opposition. "We call on the government to work towards the normalisation of the political environment," spokesman Ebrahim Ebrahim said. Swazis have been protesting to urge King Mswati to allow multiparty democracy. *Sapa*

#### Eastern Cape gets new vehicles

**HEALTH** | The Eastern Cape health department would get 100 new emergency vehicles before the Easter holidays, spokesman Sizwe Kupelo said yesterday. Mr Kupelo said vehicles worth R51m would be stationed throughout the province. "The ambulances will be fitted with specialised ventilators for pregnant women to try and reduce the province's infant mortality rate," he said. *Sapa*

# Stadium a cruel reminder of corruption, says Zille in Mpumalanga

SA Press Association

EVERY soccer match played at the Mbombela Stadium was a "cruel reminder" of how the municipality robbed its people of their land, Democratic Alliance (DA) leader Helen Zille said yesterday.

"I am here today because I have heard about the way you were treated by your municipality," Ms Zille said in a speech prepared for

delivery at the Mataffin village, which is part of the Mbombela municipality in Mpumalanga.

Mbombela was the latest stop on Ms Zille's campaign trail across the country, where the DA leader again trumpeted the DA's success in running Cape Town.

"I have heard how the Mbombela municipality colluded with a representative of the Matsafeni Trust to steal your land so they could build a

World Cup stadium. Your land — which is worth R12m — was taken away from you and given to the municipality for just R1.

"The World Cup has come and gone, but you are still here, living in the informal settlement. Where are the houses and jobs you were promised? Where is the clean water, sanitation and electricity?"

Ms Zille said the stadium was one of the best in the country. "We all

love soccer and we are so glad that we have these beautiful venues where our teams can play, but every soccer match here is a cruel reminder of how the municipality did to you," she said.

"Why should you have to use candles when the stadium is lit with floodlights? Why should you use long-drop toilets when the stadium has flushable toilets?"

Ms Zille said the money for

Mbombela should have been used to improve the lives of the people, but instead it had "gone into the pockets of municipal officials and councillors. The corruption here is so bad that people are killed for speaking out about it," Ms Zille said.

"Some people think corruption is not their problem. They think it is something you must just accept, that it is a way of life. I am here to tell you that corruption is your problem.

When politicians are corrupt, they are stealing your money. They are taking away your opportunity for a better life."

She said poor people in DA municipalities had access to more basic services. "In Cape Town, households that earn less than R3 000 a month receive a 100% rates rebate, free refuse collection, 10 500l of free water and 50kWh of free electricity a month."

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- New bid details are as follows:

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**REQUEST FOR BID: 18296S  
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BID CLOSING TIME: 11H00  
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By comparing trends and analysis between the nine largest municipalities of South Africa, the 2011 State of the Cities Report reflects on progress achieved during the first decade of a transformed and democratic local government system. It outlines at least ten key challenges that will be faced by the next generation of municipal leadership, ranging from political, economic, financial and social issues.

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Suitably qualified, experienced and registered companies are hereby invited to submit a bid to the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) for the following tenders:

**CTICC 007/2011: APPOINTMENT OF A STAFF TRANSPORT CONTRACTOR**

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Attendance of a briefing session is a pre-requisite to bid. Tender documents can be purchased at a non-refundable fee of R200 per document available only at the briefing session. Please reserve yourself a set of tender documents as copies are made according to requests, in order to reserve send an email to [Bronwen@cticc.co.za](mailto:Bronwen@cticc.co.za)

Briefing sessions will be held at the CTICC, Convention Square, 1 Lower Long Street, Cape Town. (See below set date, time and venue).

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**CLOSING TIME FOR BIDS: 06<sup>th</sup> MAY 2011 AT 12:00**

The tender box will be emptied promptly after 12:00 on the closing date. All bids received will be opened in public, late proposals and proposals submitted by e-mail or fax will under no circumstances be accepted.

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