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The Northern Cape recorded the largest drop in unemployment in South Africa, with the official unemployment rate dropping from 30,4% to 27,4% in the Quarter 4:2024 alongside significant job gains in key sectors such as agriculture and finance.

The Province saw an increase of 18 000 jobs between the third and fourth quarter of 2024, bringing the total number of employed people to 355 000. This reflects a 5.3% in employment quarter-on-quarter positioning the Northern Cape among the top provinces that recorded positive employment rate.

Provincial government remains committed to working with the private sector to ensure that more jobs are created for the people of this Province.



COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS FROM POLICE AND DEPARTMENTS LEAD TO DRASTIC DROP IN CRIME RATE



The Northern Cape Province has taken a firm stance against crime through a coordinated effort involving police and multiple government departments. Over a week, significant actions were taken to combat priority crimes, with 180 arrests made for serious offenses, attempted murder, assault GBH, and illegal drug and liquor trafficking.

The operation also included extensive roadblocks, vehicle checkpoints, high-visibility patrols, and stop-and-search actions, resulting in the search of over 5,600 people and more than 2,100 vehicles.

Compliance inspections were carried out at various establishments, leading to the closure of 12 unlicensed liquor outlets and the destruction of illegal homemade concoctions.

In a proactive effort to address rural safety, 78 farms were visited, involving cooperation from the Department of Home Affairs and the Department of Labour. Community outreach initiatives raised awareness about child safety and gender-based violence, further contributing to public education and crime prevention.



SOL PLAATJE MUNICIPALITY EXECUTIVE MAYOR MARTHA BARTLETT AND SPEAKER DIPUO PATERS UNVEILED A 138-HOUSEHOLD ELECTRIFICATION IN COLVILLE AND FLORIANVILLE ON SUNDAY EVENING

That's a significant development for the community! The electrification project in Colville and Florianville, unveiled by Sol Plaatje Municipality's Executive Mayor Martha Bartlett and Speaker Dipuo Paters, is sure to have a positive impact on the lives of 138 households involved.

Access to electricity is essential for improving quality of life, offering more opportunities for education, health and economic development.

It's great to see local leadership prioritizing these kinds of infrastructure projects to support and uplift the community.



ASTONISHING EVOLUTION FOR NAMAKWA DISTRICT

Vedanta Zinc International (VZI) is making significant progress in constructing a new Oncology Centre at Dr. Izak Niekirk Hospital in Springbok. This state-of-the-art facility will provide essential palliative care and chemotherapy services for cancer patients in the Namakwa District.

In 2022, VZI partnered with the Northern Cape Department of Health at the Mining Indaba to ensure the establishment of this much needed Oncology treatment facility. Recently a follow-up meeting was held to align the execution of the project.

This high-level engagement was led by MEC for Health Mr. Maruping Lekwene, alongside senior management from Provincial office, District Health Department and VZI. The Oncology centre is expected to be complete by December 2025.



MEC BENTLEY VASS HOSTS A SUCCESSFUL SPECIAL MUNIMEC MEETING IN SPRINGBOK

Critical issues affecting local government were once again on the spotlight when Northern Cape Cooperatives Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs MEC Mr Bentley Vass hosted a successful MUNIMEC meeting recently in Springbok in the Namakwa District.

The purpose of the meeting was to deliberate on critical issues affecting the sector, and how the ward configuration process led by the Municipal Demarcation Board (MDB) in preparation for the 2026 Local Government Elections.

MEC Vass concluded that Cabinet is finalising plans to host the Northern Cape Local Government.



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NORTHERN CAPE PREMIER'S

GOLF DAY



FRIDAY 14 MARCH 2025
KIMBERLEY GOLF CLUB



▶ **INDIVIDUAL: R 4000**

▶ **FOURBALL: R 16 000**

*Four-ball Fees including:
Greenfees, Half Way Meal, Dinner
Golf Apparel, Goodie Bag*

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BRANCH CODE: 050002
BRANCH: KIMBERLEY



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PROGRAMME

Registration from: 7:30 / Tee off from: 09:00

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