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## BAŠUMI, LET'S TOYI-TOYI TO THE RALLY, AND DRIVE HOME TO OUR FAMILIES ALIVE



MEC Violet Mathye leading the Road Safety Campaign on R81 road near Solomondale . Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS

Matome Taueatsoala

**From the Desk of the MEC - Dumelang Bahlabani ba Ditokelo. Dumelang Bašomi ba Limpopo.**

As your MEC for Transport and Community Safety, I speak to you today wearing two hats: First, as a worker who understands the power of May Day. Second, as the custodian of your safety on our roads.

This Friday, **01 May 2026**, over **15,000** of us will fill Old Peter Mokaba Stadium. COSATU workers

from Waterberg, Sekhukhune, Mopani, Vhembe, and Capricorn will travel on **N1, R101, R37, R71, R81, R524, R578, and R567**. Buses and taxis will move from sunrise. The Deputy President of the ANC, COSATU, SACP, and SANCO will be there. Five artists will lift our spirits. The struggle will be celebrated.

But *Bašumi ba gešo*, the real victory is getting home at 18h00.

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**TO MY COLLEAGUES IN THE DEPARTMENT:  
YOU ARE MESSENGERS FIRST**

Before you are drivers, before you are workers attending rallies, you are messengers of road safety. Our communities listen when we speak. **This week, share our road safety messages on your WhatsApp Status, Facebook Stories, and Reels.** Let's flood Limpopo with safety, not sirens. **Weekend Enkulu is over. Now we face Weekend Endaweni - endaweni safe, endaweni alive.**

**TO EVERY WORKER TRAVELLING TO THE RALLY:**

Salary e kene, sense a e tsene. It's month-end. Money is in. Taxis are full. Buses are loaded. Don't turn payday into Pay-The-Price Day. **Check your brakes. Check your tyres. Check your attitude.** May Day Rally ≠ Mayday on N1. 183km/h won't get you to the speeches faster. It will get you to a crash scene. **Our Traffic Officers will be on every route from 05h00. Overloading? Arrest! Drinking? Arrest! Racing? Arrest!**

**Amandla! Awethu!** Accident? Hayi! You fought for a living wage. **Don't lose your life on R37 from Sekhukhune or R81 from Mopani. Leave alcohol. Leave speed. Leave early.** The only thing you must carry is workers' power — not a case number. The Home Stretch is the Hard Stretch. After 18h00, it will be dark. You will be tired. Rain might fall. **Capricorn on R521, Vhembe on N1 North - lights ON, wipers READY, patience ON.** You marched for workers' rights. Now drive for your family's right to see you tonight.

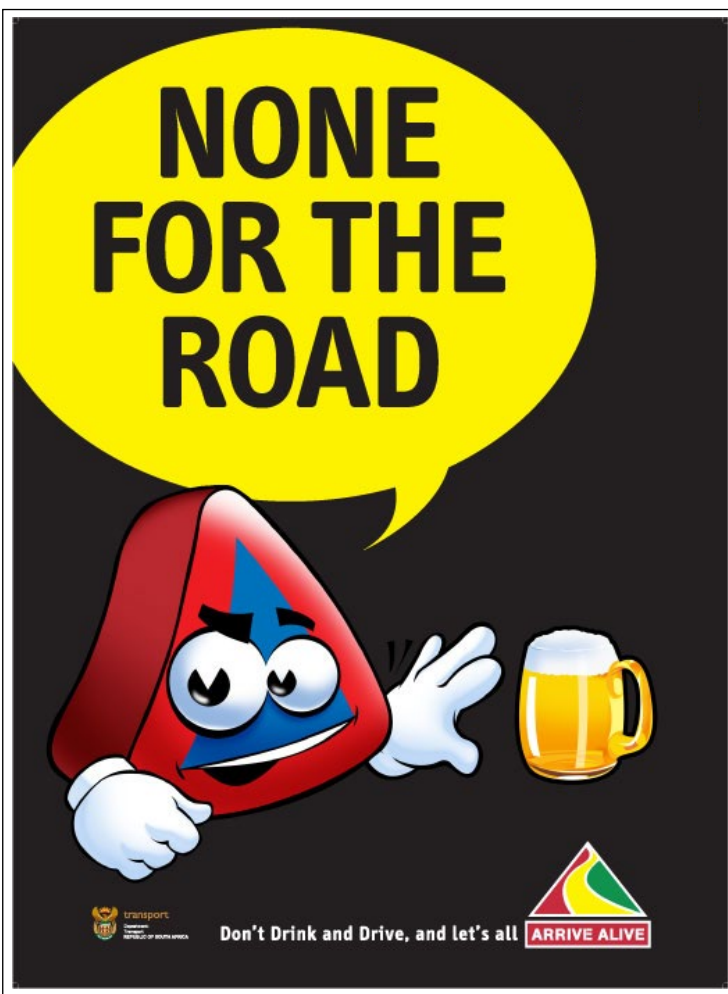
**Bašumi, the revolution needs you alive. COSATU needs you alive.** Your children need you alive.

We won the struggle for political freedom. We are still fighting for economic freedom. Let's not lose that **fight to a reckless overtaking on R71 or an overloaded bus on R101.**

**Toyi-toyi** hard at the stadium. **Drive smart on the road.**

I will see you at Old Peter Mokaba Stadium. And I expect to see you at work next Monday.

**Aluta Continua! Arrive Alive!**



# CAPRICORN DISTRICT LEARNERS SET THE BAR AS 2026 COMMUNITY SAFETY DEBATES BEGIN



Acting Chief Director for Provincial Secretariat for Police Service, Melita Mogashoa (3rd from left) flanked by departmental stakeholders and winners at the Debate Competition. Photo: Dumisani Nghomani

Nghomani Dumisani

**Polokwane** - The Department of Transport and Community Safety, through its Social Crime Prevention kick-started the 2026 season by hosting the Capricorn District Community Safety Debate Competition on Saturday, 25 April 2026, at the Polokwane Royal Hotel. As the first district event of the year, it set a strong, impactful tone for the competitions to follow.

The event was attended by Departmental Stakeholders, South African Police Service (SAPS) and Community Policing Forums, Department of Correctional Service, Department of Education, ABSA, Eyes of the Nation, Road Safety Ambassadors, Teachers and learners from all participating schools. Their presence underscored the importance of partnerships in advancing community safety and amplifying youth voices. It highlighted the department's commitment to promoting community safety through learners engagement.

Participating Schools were Sethwethwa Senior Secondary School, Sechichi Secondary School, Rehologile High School, Maroba Secondary School, Kgakoa Secondary School, and Seshego High School all took part.

Learners debated on pressing crime prevention and awareness topics, demonstrating sharp research and

presentation skills. The motions were “Awareness campaigns are more effective than law enforcement in combating human trafficking”\_ and “Cultural practices are the main driver of gender-based violence.” Teams argued both for and against each topic. The debates proved insightful and informative, raising awareness of crime-related issues in our communities.

The competition was a resounding success and produced the **top five learners who will represent Capricorn District at the Community Safety Provincial Debate Competition in August 2026:**

1. **Palesa Koopedi** - Sethwethwa Senior Secondary School
2. **Retang Thamaga** - Rehologile High School
3. **Ofentse Sethakgwe** - Kgakoa Secondary School
4. **Tshiamo Ledwaba** - Sethwethwa Senior Secondary School
5. **Michael Semanya** - Kgakoa Secondary School

**The next district competitions will be held as follows:**

**Sekhukhune District: 9 May 2026**  
**Vhembe District: 23 May 2026**  
**Waterberg District: 30 May 2026**  
**Mopani District: 06 June 2026**



Acting Chief Director for Provincial Secretariat for Police Service, Mogashoa Melita (left) and Provincial Head for Proactive Crime Prevention, Brigadier Isaac Mhlongo (right) addressing learners at the Debate Competition. Photo: Dumisani Nghomani



Learners from different schools awaiting to debate during the competition. Photo: Dumisani Nghomani



Adjudicators(Left-Right): Sergeant Lesedi Mafalo, Mokgadi Ramohlale. Photo: Dumisani Nghomani

# WHEELS TODAY, RESULTS TOMORROW



MEC Violet Mathye addressing learners. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS

## Matome Taueatsoala

**Makhado** - On Friday, 24 April 2026, I stood before 195 young faces at Rivubye Secondary in Valdezia and Vhafamadi Secondary in Tshirando. Each learner had walked too many kilometres, for too many years, just to sit in a classroom. That morning, we changed that.

We handed over 95 bicycles at Rivubye and 100 bicycles at Vhafamadi under the Shovakalula Bicycle Project, because no child should walk 5km to school when we can give them wheels.

Shovakalula means “Pedal Easy”, but I did not come to Vhembe to make life easy. I came to make success possible.

To the learners of Vhembe: These bicycles are not a gift. They are a tool. A tool to reclaim your time, your energy, and your focus. Every hour you no longer spend walking is an hour you can spend reading, revising, and resting.

To the Class of 2026 matriculants of Rivubye and Vhafamadi, I want to be very clear: our mission will only be complete if, come January 2027, at least two or three of you are on that stage in Polokwane during the Provincial Matric Results Celebrations.

I want to shake your hand as one of Limpopo’s top performers.

I make no apology for setting that target. Government can provide bicycles. We can tar roads. We can deploy scholar patrols. But only you can open that textbook at night. Only you can choose to arrive early, stay late, and push through when you are tired.

I thank the political leadership of Makhado Local Municipality, Collins Chabane Local Municipality, and Vhembe District Municipality, our Head of Department, the Department of Education led by the Vhembe West District Director, and the Local Traditional Council for standing with us. This is how a caring government works together.

The Shovakalula Project removes transport barriers, yes. But more importantly, it removes excuses. So pedal hard, study harder. Make these wheels count. Make Vhembe proud. Make Limpopo proud. When the Class of 2026 results are released, I want to see Rivubye and Vhafamadi on the honour roll. That is the return on investment we seek.

Until then, ride safe, study well, and remember: the road to success starts with showing up.



Learners of Rivubye Secondary School riding Shova Kalula Bicycles. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS



Learners of Vhafamadi Secondary School receiving the Shova Kalula Bicycles. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS



Learners of Rivubye Secondary School receiving the Shova Kalula Bicycles. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS



DTCS Vhembe District Director, Adv. Thixedzwi. Photo: DTCS/Sello Sebela.



Mashau Traditional Council Representative. Photo: DTCS/Sello Sebela.



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## GO NWA LE GO OMLELA

- “Le se ke la otlela difetanaga le nwele madila - gore le kgone go fihla le bolokegile” ”
- “Madila le go otlela sefatanaga ga di sepelelane - sephetho se tee se ka senya bophelo bja motho”

Fihlang le bolokegile - ga go leeto leo le swanetšego go fetsa bophelo bja motho.



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