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Gama to face Transnet after court setback

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TRANSNET said yesterday it would continue disciplinary action against its freight rail division CEO, Siyabonga Gama, after he lost his court bid to stop the action and quash his suspension.

Judge Brian Spilg dismissed the case on the grounds that there was insufficient evidence to prove acting CEO Chris Wells had tainted the process that led to disciplinary action against Gama.

Gama now has to face up to the allegations of irregularities relating to a security tender and contract to buy 50 [like-new](#) locomotives.

The court ruling places Gama in a difficult position. He now has to face up to his accusers while containing the fallout from his high-profile [battle](#) for the Transnet CEO post, for which he was not short-listed. :

The ruling also contradicts comments from Cabinet ministers Jeff Radebe and Siphwe Nyanda, who implied Gama was a victim when they publicly supported him. Radebe described the accusations against Gama as a [miscarriage](#) of justice, while Nyanda said [powerful interests](#) were trying to stop Gama from taking over as the Transnet CEO.

After the judgment, Gama said he felt [comfortable](#) that the

court had allayed his fears in connection with the circumstances that led to the disciplinary process and suspension. He said he was prepared to clear his name through the disciplinary processes and [prove my innocence](#).

Themba [Langa](#), Gama's lawyer, said they would study the judgment. Transnet spokesman John Dlodlu said the internal disciplinary hearing against Gama would take its course with an independent chairman.

Spilg said he found insufficient evidence that Wells had conspired to oust Gama.

Gama had claimed that Wells, in" delegating the power to Transnet group human resources

executive Pradeep Maharaj to institute the disciplinary action, had â\200\230conspired to prevent him from becoming Transnet CEO.

The judge said Maharaj's decision to institute the disciplinary action and suspend Gama was not influenced by Wells, and there was no â\200\234perceived. biasâ\200\235 against Gama.

Spilg said the Transnet board had endorsed the decision to suspend Gama. Maria Ramos, the former Transnet group CEO, had passed the details of a forensic investigation relating to Gama on to the board.
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Manyi plays down
a conflict of interest

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DEPARTMENT of Labour
director-general Jimmy Manyi
was re-elected president of the
Black Management Forum (BMF)
yesterday after his opponent
Bonang Mohale withdrew as a
candidate at the last minute.
This means Manyi holds two
positions of power one in the
government and one in civil
society raising concern of a
possible conflict of interest.
Manyi's role as labour director-
general requires enforcement of

labour law. while the forum is a

policy lobby group and represents
managers many of whom are in
the private sector that Manyi will
be policing.

I continue to hold both these
positions unashamedly. There is
definitely no conflict of interest in
both these positions, he said.

Manyi said there were two
factors at play when considering a

conflict of interest. First you must
declare conflict and manage it.

I have declared to the BMF
that I'm the labour department's
director-general, and now I have
to manage it, he said.

Conflict of interest will always
happen, it's the name of the
game, Manyi said.

According to Manyi,
positions are intertwined.

The forum would not disclose
reasons for Mohale's withdrawal.

Manyi said that Mohale, a
seasoned BMF member, felt that
in the interests of preserving unity
it was best that he withdraw from
the race.

Mohale, who is the chairman
and vice-president of sales and
marketing at Shell SA, was not

present at the media briefing to
the
comment.

I want to thank Bonang for
allowing the process to run
smoothly. I really owe him one, 1

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Manyi plays down
level of interest

think he did what was in
the interests of this organ-
isation, Manyi said.

Mohale was reportedly
approached by some of the
provinces to stand against
Manyi. It is understood
that he initially declined,
citing work pressure, but
then agreed.

Manyi is the former
chairman of the Commis-
sion for Employment
Equity, and he represents
the forum at Business
Unity SA.

Even before taking up
the position of director-
general, he threatened
legal action against
companies that did not

comply with employment
equity targets. -

In both positions, I
have only one mission, and
that is to ensure that SA is
totally transformed.

Manyi said he believed
there would be a lot of
collaboration between the
department of labour and
the BMF.

Gaba Tabane, MD of
the BMF, said that he
welcomed the news of
Manyi's re-election. *

We recommend " to
corporate SA to take
advantage of this oppor-
tunity to engage with
policy makers in govern-
ment, and government

- leaders to take time off to listen to some of the private sector imperatives,â\200\235 he said.

The BMFâ\200\231s KwaZulu-Natal chairwoman Tembakazi Myaka was elected deputy president.
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Shiceka warns of shortage of municipal finance skills

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CAPE TOWN â\200\224 Co-operative Governance Minister Sicelo Shiceka yesterday took a hard line against municipal chief financial officers who lacked the skills to do their jobs, saying if they could not be trained â\200\234they should goâ\200\235 and should not have been there in the first place.

A lack of skills is one of the main reasons for the financial mismanagement of local authorities, which results in poor service delivery, fraud and corruption â\200\224 ill Shiceka is determined to eliminate through Operation Clean Audit 2014, which aims to ensure that all municipalities and provincial departments get unqualified audit opinions.

Shiceka told a meeting of several

parliamentary committees that matters in local government â\200\234are not rosyâ\200\235. He could not understand how chief financial officers and municipal managers continued in their jobs year after year despite negative audit opinions, and he intended to include this in their performance contracts.

He also wanted the law changed so that the appointment of municipal managers and chief financial officers

â\200\224and their suspension and dismissal â\200\224 required the concurrence of the provincial MEC to ensure they had the necessary skills and to prevent municipal managers being suspended when they refused to award tenders in the way politicians desired. He stressed that the clean audit campaign needed the buy-in of all political parties and appealed to

â\200\230them to put â\200\234petty politicsâ\200\235 aside.

Meanwhile, Independent Democrats MP Haniff Hoosen dismissed as â\200\234ludicrousâ\200\235 Shicekaâ\200\231s proposal that municipal councillors be paid the same as MPs. â\200\234Working on an MPâ\200\231s salary of around R700 000, it would cost well over R6bn a year to pay the more than 9 000 councillors countrywide. This R6bn would be better spent on poverty reduction.â\200\235
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Too many guns floating around SA, says Zuma

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PRESIDENT Jacob Zuma
yesterday criticised the level of
gun ownership in SA, hinting
at the possible tightening of

firearm licence regulations.
Zuma repeated his call for
tough action against violent
crime, saying criminals should
not be allowed more rights
than law-abiding citizens. "We
need to be firm to those who

undermine the human rights
of others," he said in Pretoria
at the official launch of the
presidential hotline.

Zuma's government is

pushing for police to get shoot-

to-kill powers against violent

criminals, in an overhaul of the
criminal justice system.

"This country is too armed.
There are too many guns float-
ing around," Zuma said.)

Gun Free SA spokeswom-
an Sheena Duncan welcomed

Zuma's comments, saying he
was showing that gun control
had not fallen off the govern-

ment's agenda since the

Firearm Control Act was
passed.
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Why so much

EDIA reports that President Jacob Zuma met more than 1000 police station commanders to find out why crime is out of control should be welcomed. What he heard from the commanders made his hair stand on end. Some of our most notorious offenders are police officers. Palpably shocked at such reports, Zuma is exploring solutions to this worrying state of affairs.

To ordinary citizens, this comes as no surprise. Unlike politicians, who enjoy 24-hour security, we all are victims of crime, and we all have our stories of rape, robbery, theft, murder and unsolved crime, made worse by gross police incompetence.

The most disheartening aspect of police incompetence is their failure to do the basics when investigating crime. The ability to provide forensic evidence, improve detection skills and increase conviction rates has eluded our police force since 1999, when Thabo Mbeki took over, simply because he chose to politicise and racialise crime instead of exerting his authority over the criminals with power and conviction.

To make matters worse, the chronic lack of basic resources has paralysed the police from doing their work effectively. Under such circumstances, police officers, except for a few, are tempted to act with impunity, and many have become a law unto themselves, using their powers to empower themselves.

No wonder SA has slipped several notches

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Our elected officials fail to lead by example, and corruption has become endemic. Their adherents follow suit

down the Index of African Governance, inline with the deterioration in the Human Development Index. Harvard professor Robert Rotberg puts the slippage down to the crime rate, the severe decline in the physical integrity rights of South Africans, and growing disregard for the rule of law, especially corruption. Wanton crime has

infected the body politic of SA, and its effects are visible everywhere.

Overly bold City Press headlines, asking

why we are losing the war on crime, paint a picture of a police force that is so endemically corrupt that cleaning it up will be a futile exercise. The Economist (October 3) lists a range of causes: the apartheid legacy, high unemployment, poverty, inequality, absence of fathers, alcohol and drug abuse, and lack of

education. While all these causes need long-term and sustained sociopolitical and economic interventions, one reason is most often overlooked: our law makers in Parliament are the worst law breakers. Rotten to the core, they are to blame for the crime in this country, and no one is more articulate about this than prisoners, gangsters and drug lords. Nyami Boo, the fall guy for all those MPs protected in the Travelgate scandal, epitomises what I am talking about. Covering up for the great and the good who were implicated in the scandal, he must, of course, be rewarded, his reward being to retain his seat in Parliament and chair the portfolio committee on defence. The African National Congress has closed ranks around this saga, and the ramifications of covering up the crime of the ruling elite are already haunting us and will do so for generations to come. The police are acting out their frustrations with a Parliament that fails to be exemplary; with a government that is rotten to the core;

~and with an unscrupulous Judicial Service

Commission that is willing to be the handmaiden of the ruling party. Our elected officials fail to lead by example and corruption has become endemic. Their adherents follow suit, and beat them at their own game.

The result is we are reaping the harvest sown by former police commissioner Jackie Selebi. His was the worst political appointment to a job that needed someone with integrity, moral stature and competence of

is rotten in the state of SA today

the highest order. That he became head of Interpol was an indication of how far that supposedly august body had sunk. Under his command, crime in the police force escalated while he was openly declaring that Glenn Agliotti was his friend, â\200\234finish and klaarâ\200\235, When he should have demonstrated leadership, Selebi was allegedly involved in all manner of intrigues and criminal activity. Worse, he politicised the police force to the extent that the lines between the National Prosecuting Authority, the intelligence services and police became horribly blurred.

When Zuma decreed the police should shoot to kill, the gangs responded with revenge shootings in Cape Town and Johannesburg, just to let the government know they are in control. While Zumaâ\200\231s efforts to get to grips with issues troubling our society should be lauded, his doublespeak is troubling.

One cannot speak about honour while
condoning dishonour. One cannot speak
about accountability while endorsing the un-
accountability of party officials. One cannot
condemn corruption but reward the corrupt.
As long as this happens, we will continue to
slip on the international indices that measure
good governance, societal health and demo-
cratic wellbeing.

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Another day of astonishing testimony â\200\224 including shopping trip to buy shoes for Thabo Mbeki

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FORMER police commissioner Jackie Selebi did not act on information given to him by UK law enforcement = authorities about Glenn Agliottiâ\200\231s drug-smuggling activities, but instead passed the information to Agliotti, the South Gauteng High Court heard . yesterday.

The court also heard from Agliotti that Selebi shared with him the contents of a document he believed was from the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) that detailed how businessman Jiirgen Kogl said mining magnates Roger and Brett Kebble were paying Selebi.

The prosecution adduced that evidence from Agliotti meant to show that Selebi was guilty of defeating the administration of justice by sharing with Agliotti the secret information from the UK authorities and details of the NIA report.

â\200\234It will be shown by the state that this document was sent by UK authorities to the South African Police Service, of which the accused was the head,â\200\235 prosecutor Gerrie Nel said.

Selebi has pleaded not guilty to three charges of corruption and one charge of defeating the administration of justice.

Selebi has claimed that the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) approached several people and offered them indemnity for

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DISH!NG UP DIRT: Self-confessed drug dealer Glenn Agliotti leaves the high court in Johannesburg yesterday after testifying in the corruption trial of former police commissioner Jackie Selebi. Picture: WERNER BEUKES/SAPA

crimes such as murder, fraud and drug trafficking in exchange for false statements implicating him. Agliotti, the prosecution's first witness, reached a plea bargain with the prosecution in 2007. He pleaded guilty to receiving money from an acquaintance in exchange for

transporting and storing drugs. His 10-year jail sentence was suspended for five years and he was also fined R300 000.

Agliotti will appear in court next year, accused of murdering Brett Kebble.

Agliotti said Selebi came to his offices in Midrand in 2005 with a document containing allegations from Kogel that the Kebbles had paid Selebi. Agliotti said he did not know who Kogel was, "The accused said it was an intelligence report."

In the UK report, Agliotti said Selebi went to his business premises

in Midrand in 2006 where he produced a two-page document.

The document stated that Agliotti went to London with his associate, Clinton Nassif, who was also the head of Brett Kebble's security, and that his movements there were tracked.

"The accused said my movements were being monitored by authorities in the UK," Agliotti told the court yesterday.

Agliotti also testified that he had bought shoes for former president Thabo Mbeki.

"The accused said he wanted to buy the president shoes. I indicated to the shop assistant that I needed to buy size 7 because the president had small and broad feet." Agliotti did not know whether the shoes were presented to Mbeki.

Agliotti also mentioned receiving a copy of an e-mail from Selebi in 2006. The e-mail was sent by Paul O'Sullivan, a former head of security at Airports Company SA, to an official in the NPA,

The e-mail contained notes that
Oâ\200\231Sullivan took from a casual source
in Nassifs company. The e-mail
claims that Nassif bragged that he
had paid Selebi R50 000 as he had
Selebi â\200\234in his pocketâ\200\235.

Selebiâ\200\231s advocate, Jaap Cilliers
SC, told Judge Meyer Joffe that Nas-
sif had denied giving Selebi any
money at all. â\200\234The state knows what
it is reading is actually wrong. We all
know it is false,â\200\235 Cilliers said.

The trial continues.
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Agriculture's missing millions

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[E provincial legislature's finance watchdog, the standing committee on public accounts, is expected to ask the provincial Treasury to release the long-awaited report on missing millions at the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Agriculture.

Yesterday members of the committee agreed to call an urgent meeting with the Treasury to discuss the contents of the forensic audit report.

" The forensic investigation was conducted in 2007 after it emerged that the department had overspent its budget by more than R100 million over four consecutive financial years.

Of that amount, about R75m remains unauthorised, partly because of lax financial control measures in the department.

The committee found yesterday that some of the funds could not be properly accounted for because some of the missing documents had not been found.

About 32 percent of the documents requested by the auditor-general could not be obtained from the department, raising suspicion that they might have been deliberately destroyed by corrupt officials who wanted to cover their tracks.

While members of the finance portfolio committee have been briefed on the contents of the report, it has never been publicly released because the

Treasury has argued that its release could have a negative impact on any potential criminal investigations.

Opposition parties, especially the IFP, have dismissed the explanation as an excuse by the ANC to protect some officials who might be implicated in acts of corruption in the department.

Before the elections, the IFP threatened to go to court to force the provincial government to release the report.

The IFP's Alex Hamilton said the release of the report would ensure that those implicated in corrupt activities were brought to book.

Unpunished

These people are walking around unpunished. Some have even gone to the extent of being awarded other government tenders in other spheres of government.

John Steenhuisen, the leader of the DA in the legislature, said his party hoped that the report would finally be made public because all parties had agreed.. :

It is high time that those people who are fingered in the report are held accountable, whether they are still employed by the government or not.

Unless we do this we will be sending a wrong message to other civil servants that

this government is soft on corruption.

All parties, however, congratulated the new administration at the department, saying the turnaround strategy being implemented was already bearing fruit.

For the first time in more than four years the department got an unqualified audit report from the auditor-general for 2008/09.

Speaking to the Daily News after the meeting, the acting head of the department, Siddig

Adam; said he and his team
had had resistance from within
when implementing the turn-
around strategy. -

One had to be fearless and #
ruthless when dealing with
these issues because there was
a lot of resistance, partly
because some people had
benefited from the weak inter-
nal financial controls in the
department.

Adam said the department
had reached a state of anar-
chy because of lack of
controls.

Agriculture MEC Lydia
Johnson said she . was pleased
that her department seemed to
be turning a corner.

She said her administration
would work hard to ensure
that service delivery was not
compromised. i

I] know we have an unpleas-
ant history in this department
and all of us here do not want
to have a repeat of that situa-
tion, she said.

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ALEX ELISEEV
and KARYN MAUGHAN

@ NCE upon a time they

o were close friends, meet-
= ing, eating and shopping
together regularly. Now
Glenn Aghottl and former police
chief Jackie Selebi canâ\200\231t even bear
to look at each other.

During a long day inside court-
room 4B at the Johannesburg High
Court yesterday they failed to lock
eyes. ;

Even when the two men found
themselves a metre or two apart,
Agliotti swung his back to the
former police commissioner whose
gaze burnt through his expensive
suits.

Inside the witness box, Agliotti
was careful to look only at prosecu-
tor Gerrie Nel and at Judge Meyer
Joffe, whom he addressed politely
as â\200\234my Lordâ\200\235.

Selebi, whose life has been
shaken by his friendship with the
self-confessed drug dealer, looked
on from the dock.

Stare .

Yesterday, after Agliotti began
making damning allegations
against Selebi, the pair walked past
each other outside the courtroom.
Selebiâ\200\231s stare was firm while
Agliotti changed course and found
himself at a- wrong door, back-
tracking to find his way out.

When their friendship was ex-
posed, Selebi famously said that
Agliotti was a friend, â\200\234finish and
klaarâ\200\235.

Now it is clear: the friendship is
finish and klaar

Today, once the legal wrangles
had been resolved, Selebiâ\200\231s
â\200\234friendâ\200\235 was due to continue telling
the court how he paid about R1 mil-

lion to buy the top cop's protection for his shadowy friends.

Yesterday it emerged Agliotti's friendship with Selebi was a lucrative investment that earned him millions - if his testimony is to be believed.

As the self-appointed gatekeeper to the country's former top cop, Agliotti commanded - massive consultancy fees from the Kebble family and former fugitive businessman Billy Rautenbach.

And, as a police informant nicknamed 'Piccone', Agliotti also coined R110 000 for his recruitment and for snitching on an R80 million

mandrax deal orchestrated by a mysterious 'Madame Cheng'.

While testifying that he paid a total of about R1million to keep Selebi on board, Agliotti charged the Kebbles \$1million (about R7.5m) and Rautenbach \$100 000 for access to the then national police commissioner.

He said the Kebbles wanted Selebi's assistance because they had 'problems' with the Associated Intelligence Network (AIN) investigative company, and Rautenbach wanted the arrest warrant against him quashed - which he believed was motivated by a conspiracy driven by then prosecuting chief Bulelani Ngcuka.

Agliotti said his efforts to 'take care' of Selebi over a period of a year and a little bit included

shopping sprees in Sandton City and expensive designer gifts from his travels abroad. Only the best – Gueci, Louis Vuitton and Hugo Boss – would do.

He further recounted how he and Selebi's wife had shopped together for her birthday present from him: a R10000 red patent leather Louis Vuitton handbag.

Agliotti said he also gave Selebi R30000 to host a dinner in Paris that he hoped would assist him in lobbying for the Interpol presidency – a position he won in 2004.

Asked by prosecutor Gerrie Nel how Selebi responded to the payments, Agliotti replied: "he was obviously grateful."

Agliotti told the court about how he had befriended Selebi in the 1990s, and offered to pay a R1 200

medical bill run up by one of his children.

While his initial payments to Selebi were "of no significance", Agliotti said they grew as the years went by and finally reached the highest payment of R200 000. This payment had been made in response to Selebi's claim that he had "a problem" and needed Rim, he said. i

Agliotti told how the money was channelled from the Kebble-controlled JCI and CMMS mining companies through an outside company called Spring Lights, and then paid in cash to Selebi.

Most of the money was handed over to Selebi at a company called Maverick Masupatsela, which was owned by his then girlfriend, Agliotti said.

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Asked if he had ever been con-

fronted by the authorities about the payments he was making to Selebi, Agliotti revealed that crime intelligence boss Mulangi Mphego had called him to an urgent meeting.

According to Agliotti, Mphego said he had been monitoring â\200\234my phone and everyone else, and asked me about the \$1 million (that he was paid by the Kebbles)â\200\235.

â\200\234I denied it emphatically and

. told him I used the accusedâ\200\231s name

to secure payment from the Kebbles
... I didnâ\200\231t want Selebi to know the

-amount of money I had asked for.â\200\235

Agliottiâ\200\231s evidence further revealed that he had been protective over Selebi out of fear that allowing the Kebbles to have greater contact with the commissioner would be bad for business.

Dinner

He said he had then reluctantly arranged several dinner dates for

. Selebi and Kebble, whose â\200\234assisted

suicideâ\200\235 the state claims Agliotti masterminded.

Agliotti said Selebi had helped arrange for Kebbleâ\200\231s complaints to be heard by Mphego and other police officials, and had also made inquiries, at Rautenbachâ\200\231s behest, about whether there was an inter-

national arrest warrant out for

him.

He â\200\230was yesterday afternoon about to spill the beans on what Selebi allegedly did in return for his cash and gifts when an error in the Stateâ\200\231s indictment effectively gagged him. Ã©

Lawyers for the state and Selebi were expected today to battle over whether Agliotti can give evidence about how Selebi allegedly showed him a top-secret UK intelligence report about his suspected involvement in international drug smug-

' gling.

Nel is expected to try to persuade Joffe to allow him to lead this evidence, which concerns events outside the time period specified in the indictment against Selebi.

National Prosecuting Authority spokesman Mthunzi Mhaga declined to explain the reason for

the apparent mistake, but said the
NPA was â\200\234considering its optionsâ\200\235.

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IFP calls for full probe of Nedbank fire

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THE IFP has urged a full investigation of the cause of a fire at

a Nedbank building on Monday, saying the incident occurred just, after ANC Youth League (ANCYL) leader Julius Malema spoke of teaching the bank a lesson.

The fire started in the basement of Nedbank in Beyers

NaudÃ© Drive, Johannesburg, and staff were evacuated.

It is unfortunate that this incident occurred just after Julius Malema's irresponsible instruction to the youth to teach Nedbank a lesson, said Velaphi Ndlovu, the IFP's spokesman on police.

It would be comforting to us all if the police could rule out any connection between

these events, he added.

Nedbank withdrew its sponsorship of Athletics South Africa president Leonard Chuene admitted that he had lied about sex tests being done on Caster Semenya without her knowledge.

Malema's call to teach the bank a lesson came after he accused them of pulling out because only black

athletes had won medals.

Responding to the IFP's statement this morning, the ANCYL said: We can't dignify anything said by the IFP. Spokesman Floyd Shivambu then cut the call. _

Malema did not answer his
phone this morning and did not
respond to SMSes.

Nedbank said no one had
been injured.

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& SIYABONGA MKHWANAZI
POLITICAL BUREAU

OLICE Minister Nathi
Mthethwa spent 17 days
living in the presidential
suite of one of Cape

Town's most luxurious hotels, -

accompanied at various times by
five policemen and two departmen-
tal officials, racking up a bill for
taxpayers of about R235000. .

Mthethwa's stay at the five-star
Table Bay Hotel was over a period
of weeks during May, June and
July, while his official residence
was being renovated.

The total cost of his accommo-
dation - the hotel usually charges
R25 000 a night for its presidential
suite was just under R85 000, sug-
gesting a special deal was made.
Over the 17 days Mthethwa's bill
for meals came to R5843 and he
spent R630 on drinks. Other costs -
including tips, laundry, valet ser-

vices and phone calls came to-

R2 227.

Deputy Police Minister Fikile
Mbalula - whose residence is still
being renovated spent a single
night in the hotel. His spokesman
Paena Galane said last night that
Mbalula had moved out of his su-
perior/luxury room because he
was uncomfortable about the high
cost. His night cost R3 569.

Mthethwa could not be reached
for comment last night. His spokes-
man, Hangwani Mulaudzi, said
he had relayed questions from
The Mercury to an official in
Mthethwa's office, but had re-
ceived no response.

Details of the minister's lavish
accommodation while in Cape
Town emerged late yesterday in a
written reply to a DA parliamen-
tary question.

It revealed that three constables
- presumably responsible for
Mthethwa's protection two police

inspectors and two department officials spent between two and 11 nights at the hotel, in rooms described as superior/luxury.

Minister's residence renovations was the reason given for the

stay in each instance. The combined total of nights spent at the hotel comes to 66.

Of the three constables, one stayed for 11 days at a cost of R26 000, another spent 11 days at a cost of R24 000 and the third two nights at R4 700. The two inspectors spent 11 days and seven days at a cost of R24 803 and R29 201 respectively, while the two departmental officials spent four nights

Ministerâ\200\231sR234 000 splurge

ata combined cost of R19 000.

The combined total cost came to
R234 902.67.

- The DA's shadow police minister Dianne Kohler-Barnard said the ministerâ\200\231s stay at the luxurious hotel was a slap in the face for average South Africans.

She said Mthethwa had not taken heed of President Jacob Zumaâ\200\231s message contained in his State of the Nation address to

reduce waste and to â\200\234cut our cloth according to our sizeâ\200\235. .) Mbalulaâ\200\231s spokesman, Paena Galane, said Mbalula had raised concerns about being accommodated at the Table Bay Hotel because of the costs involved. . When Mbalula travels to Cape Town next week he would be booked into a reasonable hotel in the CBD as his house was still being renovated, Galane said.

â\200\230However, details emerged yesterday of Mbalulaâ\200\231s new official vehicles. He has spent R1.6 million on a BMW 740i and a Mercedes-Benz ML 500 for his Pretoria and Cape Town offices. His new cars come with a host of extras valued at R84 000 - including a rear-view cameraand surround for controls, land-change warning, privacy

- glass and a media interface.

GAYE DAVIS
DEPUTY POLITICAL EDITOR

TOP-LEVEL police

delegation - has been

sent packing from.

Parliament after being blasted for trying to bamboozle MPs with a haphazard and wholly inadequate presentation on how the SAPS intends implementing a crucial draft crime-fighting bill that would cost billions.

Divisional Commissioner Piet du Toit of the SAPS Criminal Records and Forensic Science Division and his team were booted out of a meeting of the National Assembly's police committee yesterday after being roasted for wasting MPs' time and taxpayers' money.

Committee chairwoman Cindy Chikunga is to write a letter of complaint to National Police Commissioner Bheki Cele, with a copy going to Police Minister Nathi Mthethwa.

This is wasted time and -

wasted money by senior (SAPS) managers flying to Cape Town for nothing, Chikunga said.

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Criticising the haphazard presentation, Annelize van Wyk (ANC), said: This is a bill that's going to cost a huge amount of money to implement and raises serious constitutional issues.

John Schneeman (ANC) said: We're not going to sit here and be bamboozled by all sorts of figures flying around.

Approached for comment after being ejected from the meeting, Du Toit said the SAPS

had been informed about the

meeting only two days earlier.

This was disputed by the

committeeâ\200\231s secretary, Jeremy Michaels, who told Chikunga the SAPS had been first informed on September 29.

While Du Toit insisted that â\200\234we do have a planâ\200\235, he said Cele had yet to approve it.

The Criminal Law (Forensic Procedures) Amendment Bill first came before Parliament in January and is intended as a cornerstone of the overhaul of the criminal justice system. -

It seeks to set up a national DNA database, expand police powers to collect and store DNA

samples and fingerprints, and give the SAPS access to millions of finger and thumbprints stored in the databases of Home Affairs and the Department of Transportâ\200\231s eNatis.system.

Shelved before the April elections; the draft bill has become an urgent priority for Chikungaâ\200\231s committee.

At present, for legal and IT reasons, the police can use only the SAPS fingerprint database, the Automated Fingerprint Information System. It holds only around 6.5 million fingerprints â\200\224all of convicted persons.

Access to the home affairs and eNatis databases would allow the police to trawl through about 40 million prints for matches.

This, however, raises important constitutional issues - including the rights to privacy, human dignity and bodily integrity.

Also, there is concern whether the SAPS has the capacity to implement the bill, and about human error or fraud leading to innocent people being wrongly convicted.

Cosatu
members
break up
meeting

CARIEN DU PLESSIS &
NOMPUMELELO MAGWAZA

THE DA and Cope walked out of a public hearing on labour broking in Germiston last night after it turned into a political rally, flooded by Cosatu members who booed MPs and shouted â\200\234voetsekâ\200\235 to speakers they disagreed with.

Tempers rose as about 300 people crammed into the Ekhuruleni council chambers.

Among them were people wearing 'Cosatu T-shirts who were singing and chanting and brandishing placards, as well as labour brokers and members of the public.

Cosatu president Sdumo Dlamini, Numsa president Cedric Gcina and its general secretary Irvin Jim also attended. Jim appealed in vain to members to be quiet so that the process could â\200\234be legitimateâ\200\235.

A very annoyed Cope MP Willie Madisha, the former Cosatu president, bore the brunt of the crowdâ\200\231s disapproval after Cope and the DA last week came out in favour of better regulation, rather than a ban of labour broking.

DA MP Ian Ollis walked out with Madisha after an hour of chaos during which parliamentary staff struggled to bring proceedings under control.

At Isipingo, yesterday, workers from Edcon spent the entire day picketing.

Addressing workers outside the premises, Numsa provincial spokesman Sibongiseni Myezi said the workers should fight against the exploitation taking place in their workplaces. .

â\200\234We would be happy if the
unions help us understand our
rights and also help us get per-
manent jobs,â\200\235 said an employee.

Myeza said a public hearing
on labour broking would be
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e call to assist him with everythmg from a super-modelâ\200\231s blackmail problem with â\200\234Bad Bradâ\200\235 Wood, to a break-in at a friendâ\200\231s flat.

In his second day of testimony about his â\200\234generally corrupt relationshipâ\200\235 with the former national police commissioner, Agliotti also claimed Selebi had shown him three top-secret reports in which suspicions about his potential involvement in criminal activities were raised.

Speaking after yesterdayâ\200\231s Johannesburg High Court hearing before Judge Meyer Joffe, Selebi appeared unperturbed by Agliottiâ\200\231s evidence, in which the convicted drug dealer also claimed he bought size seven designer shoes for ex-president Thabo Mbeki on Selebiâ\200\231s behalf.

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him because â\200\234he is telling liesâ\200\235.

After the State won its legal bid to have its self-admitted â\200\234embarrassingâ\200\235 date errors in its indictment against Selebi corrected, Agliotti started giving evidence about what he claimed the ex-police chief had done in return for the R1 million in cash and gifts he had given him.

According to Agliotti, Selebi:

@ Showed him a top-secret UK intelligence report about his alleged cocaine smuggling activities and warned him that he was being monitored by the British authorities.

@ Gave him a copy of an e-

mail sent to the National Prosecuting Authority by Selebi's nemesis Paul Sullivan, containing allegations - subsequently not persisted with by the state - that convicted drug dealer Clint Nassif had paid Selebi a R50000 cash bribe. Agliotti claimed Selebi told

I bought shoes for Mbeki, says Agliotti

him to give the e-mail to his lawyers because it would discredit the NPA by showing that they relied on Sullivan for helping with the investigation.

@ Showed him an underlined section in an South African intelligence report, which stated businessman Jürgen Kogl had claimed the Kebble family were paying Selebi and then asked him to find out who Kogl was. Agliotti said he did so.

Agliotti's evidence about the e-mail provoked the greatest response from Selebi's senior counsel, Jaap Cilliers, who protested that the state's own witnesses, including Nassif, had shown that claims contained in the document were a bunch of lies.

In an apparent bid to demonstrate how Agliotti effectively kept Selebi on retainer, chief prosecutor Gerrie Nel questioned him about the occasions when he had called on the police chief for help.

Blackmailed

Agliotti testified that Selebi had agreed to meet with Nassif over international billionaire Eyhab Jumean's claims that he

- was being blackmailed for

£500 000 by ex-Big Brother contestant Brad Wood, the ex-boyfriend of his then-wife supermodel Gina Athans.

After hearing of the alleged extortion effort, which Wood has denied, Selebi said he would see to it that the incident was investigated.

In another incident, Agliotti said he had called Selebi after a flat in the complex he was liv-

ing in, 200m from the Sandton police station, was broken into for the umpteenth time.

â\200\234I called the accused from the scene and asked him please to assist, explaining that this had happened yet again in such close proximity to the Sandton police station. _

â\200\234When I called the accused, he asked who was the investigating officer on the scene. I enquired and it was a police re-

Former police commissioner Jackie Selebi, right, arrives with his legal team at the Johannesburg High Court this week for his trial

over corruption and other charges.

AGLIOTTI

servist by the name of (Aubrey Morris) Shlugman. I spoke to Shlugman and handed the phone to him to speak to the accused,â\200\235 he said. He was unable to say what had occurred between Selebi and Shlugman, who is on the stateâ\200\231s witness list.

The final incident recounted by Agliotti involved what he described as an â\200\234embarrassingâ\200\235 encounter with a police official

at OR Tambo International Airport.

According to Agliotti, the policeman had stopped him at the boarding gate of his and his familyâ\200\231s December 2004 holiday flight to Mauritius and asked him to confirm his identity and provide him with his home address. Agliotti said he complied and then called Selebi from the plane to tell him what

PICTURE: CHRIS COLLINGRIDGE/ILLUSIFRA'I'IONS:S!BUSISO DUBAZANA

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had happened. Selebi asked for the officerâ\200\231s name, which Agliotti was unable to provide. He â\200\234left it at thatâ\200\235, he said. Agliotti said-he had maintained contact with Selebi on his cellphone, but admitted that when media interest in his friendship with Selebi reached its peak, he had communicated with Selebi through his driver on a â\200\234pay as you goâ\200\235 cellphone.

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Agliotti also said he had gone shopping with Selebi and paid for a pair of shoes for former President Thabo Mbeki.

He recalled the size as seven and claimed Selebi said the president had â\200\234small and broadâ\200\235 feet.

â\200\234I asked the shop attendant

to put the shoes on my account
as I wished to purchase them
for the president.â\200\235

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Thursday October 8 2009 SOWETAN

ANC is not behind attacks

I READ with dismay the article by Andile Mngxitama that insinuates the ANC and the government are responsible for the criminal attacks on residents of Kennedy Road informal settlement.

Itâ\200\231s my belief that Mngxitama is abusing the platform given to him by Sowetan for God knows what purpose. He decided to be one-sided when writing his article. First, he is alleging that the provincial government and police

appear to be in cahoots with ANC .

militia. I have been following this issue with great interest. Tribalism and vigilantism have no place in South African society.

I wish to bring a few facts to the publicâ\200\231s attention. This information was made available by department of transport and community liaison MEC Willie Mchunu, also deputy chairperson of the ANC in KwaZulu-Natal.

Mchunu visited the area and informed a provincial task team comprising the deputy provincial commissioner, the head of community safety and liaison and Ethekwini municipality. The team arranged a stakeholder meeting to hear from community structures regarding their understanding of what led to the attacks.

Among the findings that were made by the task team were that the majority of the community structures and ordinary residents had lost confidence in the ability of the Sydenham police to deal decisively with crime in the area.

There is no CPF sub-forum that works with the police in terms of

- www.kzntransport.gov.za.

crime-prevention initiatives and a curfew has been imposed on residents. It has forced residents - not to cook, watch TV, or walk around after seven at night.

Some resolutions that were taken during the stakeholdersâ\200\231 meeting were that the SAPS provincial commissionerâ\200\231s office will set up a special police task team to hunt down the criminals involved in the weekend attacks. This team will exclude officers from the Sydenham police station. The curfew, allegedly imposed on the residents by â\200\234the forumâ\200\235, was found to be illegal, inconsistent with the values of a democratic society. It was lifted immediately. It was agreed to place the settlement under 24-hour policing by teams from the provincial public order policing unit and Durban metro police. . Mchunu has also invited people

â\200\230with credible information regard-

ing allegations that the attacks were ordered ,or at very least, occurred with the tacit approval of the ANC, so that they can be investigated. This should be done for the benefit of the residents of Kennedy Road.

I am also concerned that Sbu Zikode was unable to attend the meetings. I acknowledge that you said he is in hiding. The MEC has shown his willingness to meet Zikode.

Please note that most of the information is available at Mbizeni Musa Mdlalose

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' SHARE EVERY CENTâ\200\231
: -~ am building in Limpopo. The
church was burnt down because

Zukile Majova

DESPITE sharp contrasts in his of differences in the leadership of
lifestyle as an upwardly mobile, the church. In the last 10 years,
yuppie politician with a modern they were attending in a shack
home in a leafy Joburg North sub- and I will be opening that church.
urb, ANC Youth League president - Malema says he relies heavily
Julius Malema insists he is one on donations from Good Samari- .
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But, with wheels like a Range â\200\234We are happy that there are

Rover and frequent visits to exclu- still such businesses in South
sive Joburg North eateries, and Africa - unlike Nedbank.â\200\235

his love for single malt whiskey - He told Sowetan two Good
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alcoholâ\200\235 - Malema can hardly help the youth league build a
claim to be an ordinary boy - modern home for Semenya.

- Last week he announced that
the ANC Youth League would
double its prize money for gold
medallist Caster Semenya from
R60 000 to R120 000.

from Limpopo.

Malema says he does
not see anything wrong
with being rich while
claiming to represent the

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those ambitions.â\200\235

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former youth league presi-

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He told a media dent Fikile Mbalula, Malema
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not bother reporting trust to drive youth development.

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did for various poor
families.

â\200\234You may not report
about it but I do that
every day. I build .
houses for poor women,
the latest being a church I

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Mplmpa hotline clogge up

Zinhle Mapumulo

THE presidential hotline is still clogged up with calls from concerned citizens but

few of them have actually ' been attended to.

At the launch last month in Pretoria of the presidential hotline, 17737, Zuma said: 'We are working to address this challenge to ensure that we give every call the attention it deserves.'

But yesterday President Jacob Zuma said the government was trying to deal with people not getting through to the presidential hotline due to high call volumes.

He said the fact that some people could not get through should not be seen as a problem, but rather a success since it indicated the number of people wanting to voice their concerns to their government.

'We will continue to improve the service each day until we reach a stage where each South African is able to obtain quality service with ease, as it should be.'

The hotline was piloted on September 14.

An agent at the call centre this week said they received on average 530 calls an hour. 'Most of them are complaints

about corruption and poor service delivery. We also get compliments and suggestions on how we can improve our services,' Khakhu Nesongozwi said.

She said callers were promised feedback from rele-

vant departments within three days, but admitted that in most cases it took longer than that because of investigations relating to the complaint.

â\200\234If a person does not get any feedback they are allowed to callin again and enquire about what had happened regarding their complaint. We do get a high number of people calling again wanting feedback.â\200\235

The hotline and public liaison staff in the presidency are backed by 43 public liaison officers in all government departments and offices of premiers. They have the responsibility of following up the public enquiries and complaints lodged and ensure that all are attended to efficiently.

Citizens can also fax their complaints to 086-681-0987.

In the first three hours of its operation, the â\200\234mpimpa hotlineâ\200\235, as it has become known, was bombarded with more than 27000 calls, with 2500 received in the first hour.

" HELLO: President Jacob Zuma listens to a caller while viewing call volumes on the log screen. PHOTO: NTSWE MOKOENA

Zuma answered the first call from a woman in Mount Frere, Eastern Cape, who complained about the ill-treatment she received from a local magistrateâ\200\231s court. Nesongozwi could not say if the complaint had been dealt with.

Housing issues included unfinished RDP houses, the slow pace of housing delivery and corruption at municipalities.

There were many queries relating to corrupt officials at the Home Affairs and Land

departments, unfair dismissals and general unemployment problems.

Zuma said the hotline was

aimed at improving service delivery and was not a public relations exercise. _

Calls from Gauteng made up 30 percent of all calls received, followed by Limpopo, Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal and Western Cape. The Northern Cape and Mpumalanga had registered the lowest number of enquiries. - Sapa

BATTLING: Malusi Booi

Power grab rocks Cope Youth Movement

Anna Majavu :

INTERNAL fighting has plagued the Cope Youth Movement since its president, Anele Mda, was suspended two weeks ago.

Three sources from opposing factions in Cope said that Malusi Booi, the national youth coordinator, was battling to block Sipho Nghona, Cope's national youth spokesperson, for the top spot.)

Two Cope sources in the Lekota faction claimed that Booi had replaced Mda as Mbhazima Shilowa's preferred candidate for the youth movement leadership.

But a third source from the Shilowa faction said Shilowa was still backing Mda. ;

The sources told Sowetan that Booi had taken advantage of Mda's suspension to purge the national structure of the Cope youth, and accused Booi of lying to Cope leaders that youth members had disbanded their structures.

They alleged that Booi had arranged a meeting this weekend to set up a new youth structure, but invited only youth he is closely associated with.

The Lekota grouping reportedly

wants businessman and Black Management Forum member Sipho Nghona to be the youth leader.

But a Cope central national committee member from the Shilowa camp said: 'Lekota has for a long time wanted Nghona to take over but Nghona has been getting rejections more than acceptance from the youth.'

Nghona has declined to comment, saying he would only do so

after the weekend meeting.

Booi denied the allegations, saying he had invited all Cope provincial structures to the weekend meeting. ikt A

Blow to brokers
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AS COSATU took up the fight for the scrapping of labour brokersâ\200\231 yesterday, the ANC in Gauteng has also called on the government to ban labour brokers. ANC, Cosatu, SACP and Sanco said they had â\200\234utter contempt in the manner in which labour brokers have undermined workersâ\200\231 rights and labour legislationâ\200\235. The alliance partners said labour brokers allowed â\200\234employers to shift the burden to employ workers permanently, with benefitsâ\200\235.

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listened atten-
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Semenyaâ\200\231s family of the rul-
ing partyâ\200\231s support for the
athletic wonder girl.

â\200\234The youngster needs
support. We are going to
fight to ensure that she con-
tinues to run as a woman,â\200\235
Mantashe said.

Last month Sports and
Recreation Minister Makhe-
nkesi Stofile was even more
forthright about the support
the ANC-led government was
prepared to give to South
Africaâ\200\231s golden girl.

Stofile threatened to go to
â\200\234warâ\200\235 if the IAAF excludes
the 800m gold medallist
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ster was quoted as saying.

It is common knowledge
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l was, however, struck by
the wusage of the war
metaphor by Mantashe and
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Also of interest was how
the ANC and ANC Youth

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what they would actually do .
to ensure that Semenya con-
tinued to run as a female-

athlete if indeed it could be
scientifically proven that

the level of testosterone in her body gave her an unfair advantage over other female athletes. Instead we have ANCYL president Julius Malema threatening fire and brimstone against those who argue that Semenya is a hermaphrodite.

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WONDER GIRL: Athlete
Caster Semenya

As usual, the South African public has been called on to support this great unexplained idea of supporting Semenya.

There is in fact a perception out there that the ANC and ANCYL are engaging in

political posturing.

Those who hold this view believe that the ANC and its youth wing are politically milking a situation in which Semenya's rights

have been infringed by Athletics South Africa and the TAAT.

To correct those in the public holding the view that the politicians are once again engaging in a game of smoke and mirrors there are a few practical things that the ANC and the ANCYL can do.

Firstly they must come out against the use of the word

hermaphrodite when de-

scribing Semenya or anyone else who is found to have the abnormal biological make-up

that she has.

(Semenya is said to have internal testes

also said to have a high level

without - ovaries and an uterus. She is

of the male hormone testosterone that could give her an unfair advantage over female athletes.)

The word "hermaphrodite" is archaic and has been banned by the medical

fraternity. The accepted

medical terminology is

"intersexed". ;
In fact, according to

Johannesburg-based gynae-

cologist Dr Herman Netshi-

dzivhani, the newly accepted terminology used to describe Semenya's condition as "an abnormality of gender development or differentiation".

So instead of questioning whether there is a Sepedi word to describe a "hermaphrodite" the "young lions" and their mother body should be educating the South African public about these new developments towards understanding Semenya's condition.

By the way, the Sepedi name for "hermaphrodite" is

not setabane. It is sekgeramatona. But like its English version, this name is derogatory and demeaning and should therefore not be used. Most importantly, if the TIAAF eventually rule that Semenya cannot compete with female athletes because her condition gives her an unfair advantage, the politicians must put their money where their mouths are and offer to pay for her surgical conversion into a woman. Netshidzivhani explains

that this can be done by

surgically removing the internal testes and introducing more female hormones into her body.

The advantage is that Semenya has external female genitalia, says the doctor.

Lastly the ANC must support any legal action taken against ASA, the â\200\234suitsâ\200\235 who illegally sent Semenya for a gender testing, and the IAAF for the insensitive manner in which it handled her case.

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Top cop â\200\230at Agliottiâ\200\231s beck and callâ\200\231

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After hearing of the alleged
extortion effort, which Wood
has denied, Selebi said he
would see to it that the incident
was investigated.

In another incident, Agliotti
said he had called Selebi after
a flat in the complex he was
living in, located 200m from
the Sandton police station, was

- broken into for the umpteenth
time.)

The final incident recounted
by Agliotti involved what he
described as an â\200\234embarrass-
ingâ\200\235 encounter with a police
official at OR Tambo Inter-
national Airport. :

According to Agliotti, the
policeman had stopped him at
the boarding gate of his and his
familyâ\200\231s December 2004 holi-
day flight to Mauritius, and
asked him to confirm his iden-
tity and provide him with his
home address. Agliotti said he

IN HOT SEAT:

Judge Meyer
Joffe, who is
presiding in the
Jackie Selebi
trial. The State
won its legal
bid to have its
self-admitted
â\200\234embarrassingâ\200\235
date errors in
its indictment
against the
former top cop
corrected.

ILLUSTRATIONS:

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complied and then called Selebi
from the plane to tell him what
had happened.

Selebi asked him for the
name of the officer, which
Agliotti said he was unable to
provide. He then â\200\234left it at
thatâ\200\235, he said.

Agliotti revealed he had
maintained contact with Selebi

on his cellphone, but admitted
that when media interest in his
friendship with Selebi reached
its height, he communicated
with Selebi through his driver
on a pay as you go cellphone.

'CAIPHUS KGOSANA AND
SIYABONGA MKHWANAZI

m OLICE Minister Nathi
& Mthethwa has spent 17
days living in the presiden-

Town's most luxurious hotels,
accompanied at various times by
five policemen and two departmen-
tal officials, racking up a bill for

taxpayers of about R235 000.

Mthethwa's stay at the five-star
Table Bay Hotel was over a period
of weeks during May, June and
July this year while his official res-
idence was being renovated.

. The total cost of his accommo-
dation at the hotel usually charges
R25 000 a night for its presidential
suite was just under R85 000, sug-
gesting a special deal was made.

Over the 17 days, Mthethwa's bill:

for meals came to R5843 and he

spent R630 on drinks. Other costs at

including tips, laundry, valet serv-
ices and phone calls - came to
R2 227.

Deputy Police Minister Fikile
Mbalula - whose residence is also
still being renovated at spent a

&

at the presidential suite of one of Cape .

single night in the hotel. His
spokesman, Paena/Galane, said last
night Mbalula had moved out of his
superior/luxury room because he
was uncomfortable about the high
cost. His night cost R3 569.
Mthethwa could not be reached
for comment on his cellphone last
night. His spokesman, Hangwani
Mulaudzi, said he had relayed
questions from The Star to an

official in Mthethwa's office.
Details of the minister's lavish
accommodation emerged late

yesterday in a written reply to a DA parliamentary question.

. It revealed that three constables presumably responsible for Mthethwa's protection and two police inspectors and two department officials spent between two and 11 nights at the hotel in rooms

OVER THE TOP: The Table Bay Hotel's London Standard room usually costs R25.000-a night, but Mthethwa seemingly received a discount.

described as superior/luxury.

Minister's residence renovations was the reason given for the stay in each instance. The combined total of nights spent at the hotel came to 66.

Of the three constables, one stayed for 11 days at a cost of R26 000, another constable spent 11 days at a cost of R24 000 and the third spent two nights at R4 700. The two inspectors spent 11 days and seven days respectively at a cost of R24 803 and R29 201, while the two departmental officials spent four nights at a combined cost of R19 000.

The combined total for the rooms, meals, drinks, tips, laundry and valet services, and phone costs came to R234 902.67.

.. DA shadow police minister Dianna Kohler-Barnard said the

minister's stay at the luxurious hotel

was a slap in the face for the

-average South African.

His decision to do so constitutes an act of complete self-indulgence, at a time when the economy is suffering and the government is trying to cut back on

the minister's hotel splurge

fruitless and wasteful expenditure, she said.

Kohler-Barnard said Mthethwa had not taken heed of President Jacob Zuma's message, contained in his State of the Nation address, to reduce waste and to cut our cloth according to our size.

Galane said: â\200\234He (Mbalula) had a problem being accommodated at that hotel. Ever since that time, he has moved out of any expensive hotel at his own request.â\200\235

He added that when Mbalula goes to Cape Town next week, he will be booked into a reasonable hotel in the CBD.

Details also emerged yesterday of Mbalulaâ\200\231s new official vehicles. He has spent a total of R1.6 million on a BMW 740i and a Mercedes-Benz ML 500 for his Pretoria and Cape Town offices.

Mbalulaâ\200\231s new cars come with a host of extras valued at R84 000.

Galane said his boss had done everything by the book in buying the vehicles.

He added that Mbalula would return the vehicles if the cabinet decided he should do so.

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We must look to ordinary
folk to end political decay

WHAT is eating the nation?
Where did we go wrong? Why
are we repeating mistakes
perfected by failed African
states? Didn't we learn from
Robert Mugabe's failures?

Poor leadership,
dictatorship, corruption,
poverty, endless wars, hatred
and greed have derailed
Africa's growth.

— As the last country to be
liberated, we are supposed to
be wiser. Listening to Julius
Malema's rantings, you can't
help but feel sad for the
country. You ask yourself if
this is the face of the future. Is
this the best we have?

The same youth league that
blessed us with Nelson
Mandela's sharp intellect is

torturing us with Malema's
mental bluntness.

On the sporting field, the
ASA leadership sees nothing
wrong with supporting its
flawed president.

Cry, the abused citizenry.
South Africa is bleeding.

From the South Gauteng
High Court, we hear horror
allegations about a trusted
police chief bought for R1-
million by a mafia kingpin.

What has become of us? Has
freedom corrupted us?

In Free State, the premier
has money to buy 10 luxury
sedans for his cabinet, but no
cash for ARVs. In Sakhile
township, the mayor has new
wheels, while starving masses
have no toilets. Talk about

" misplaced priorities.

Our president thinks the
only people fit to serve the
nation are his close friends.
What is stopping local leaders
from filling positions with
their loved ones?

The voters have no say. The Polokwane revolution only changed the driver and passengers – same rot, new beneficiaries.

The opposition parties are no different. They are dead. Like bubble gum, Cope promised so much and delivered so little. The DA is singing the same, tired songs without providing any new answers to the ANC's self-

. serving leadership. And

internal squabbles have made

the IFP irrelevant.

Our docile Parliament failed to protect our democratic institutions and state enterprises from ruling-party politics.

Like other African countries, lack of leadership is our biggest challenge. We must shoulder the blame for the current state of affairs. By keeping quiet in the face of Malema's rantings and Chuene's lies, we indirectly support mediocrity.

The electorate defines leadership. Those who betray our values have no business leading us. It is the ordinary people who will liberate this country from political decay.
– Dr Lucas Ntyintyane, by e-mail

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Zuma's buzzing
hotline shows how
bad services are

RESIDENT Jacob Zuma recently
launched hotline in 3am. According
to Zuma himself, many of the people
who call the hotline looking for
government help are unable to get through
because the line is so busy.

We are working to address this challenge
to ensure that we give every call the attention
it deserves, the president said yesterday. We

will continue to improve -

the service each day until 9pm.

We teach a stage where the skill is

each South African is - in ye =

able to obtain quality service. ~audit, we

service with ease as it

should be hope will

Zuma said the: hold: 200/230

demand should be seen in 2002 be

as a success, because it -

showed the public service extended to

enthusiasm about the service = ' quality

hotline and people's

eagerness to man agents

200/230 communicate their . 2

concerns to: government

200/234 But the high volume of calls to the hotline

also tells a troubling story of growing :

frustration among citizens with the failure of

200/230 many local governments, provincial - :

administrations and national departments to .

- deliver services... .

200/234 Zuma said most of the calls relate to

200/230 housing, water and electricity complaints

200/230 These are the responsibility of municipalities:

If most of our municipalities were functioning

properly, we would not have thousands of

people turning to the Presidency for help. * ..

"= Co-operative Governance Minister Sicelo - .

_Shlceka has his work cut out trying to fix-all
that is wrong with our municipal system. -
â\200\234AtTeast he's seems to havehis finger onthe .
pulse. Yesterday, he announcedan .. -

- .unprecedented audit into the competence and
â\200\230qualifications of all chief financial officers in
municipalities across the country: â\200\230This;he. :%
hopes, will be a first step towards rootmg out

-badly qualified officials who block service *
delivery. The skills audit, we hope, will soon be -
-extended to city managers and other key " -
managerial positions in-all municipalities.

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Two deputy ministers splash out big bucks to drive around in style

SALLY EVANS

TWO deputy ministers have joined the government's luxury car shopping spree.

Deputy Police Minister Fikile Mbalulais the latest member of President Jacob Zuma's government to confess to a taste for expensive German cars.

According to a written response to a question from the Democratic Alliance, Mbalula spent a total of R1.6-million on a BMW 740i to use while he is in Gauteng and a Mercedes Benz ML500 with off-road trim and special seats for when he is in Cape Town.

It also came to light yesterday that Deputy Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs Rejoice Mabudafhasi has spent R900 000 on anew, fuel-heavy BMW X5.

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The disclosures come in the wake of warnings by Minister in the Presidency Collins Chabane that lavish car allowances would be reconsidered as a part of a review of government spending.

A ministerial task team, consisting of Chabane, Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan and Minister of Public Service and Administration Richard Baloyi has been established to look

at government spending in the con-

text of the economic meltdown.

The DA revealed that the cost of

Mabudafhasi's = vehicle includes

about R13 00 for the optional extras of a leather sports steering wheel, extended light package and tow-bar with removable head.

The DAâ\200\231s

Lindiwe Mazi-

buko said:

â\200\234This kind of

wastage is

outrageous

â\200\224 this is

y one of the

most ex-

| pensive

/ vehicles

purchased -

by a Cabinet min-

ister yet.â\200\235

Cosatu spokesman

Patrick Craven said: â\200\234We cannot see the justification of spending so much money.

â\200\234It proves once again that people

in. public office dare looking after themselves, rather than those they represent.â\200\235 !

To date, cabinet ministers have spent R39-million on their cars.

Among the governmentâ\200\231s big spenders are Free State Premier Ace Magashule, who spent R1.3-million on his Mercedes Benz S600, Communications Minister Sphiwe Nyanda who spent more than R2.4-million on two BMWs and Higher Education Minister Blade Nzimande, who spent R1.1-million on his BMW 750L. -

Other senior officials who have spent more than R900 000 on their cars include 10 Free State MECs, who spent R970 000 each, and North West MEC for public works Mahlakeng Mahlakeng and North West MEC for housing Desbo Se-fanyetso each spent R900 0000.

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THE WITNESS, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2009

PHOTO: THANDO MGAGA

Workers picket at Trotech Engineering Africa in Mayor's Walk in protest against labour brokering

yesterday.

Unions picket over labour brokers

THANDO MGAGA AND SAPA

CONGRESS of SA Trade Unions (Cosatu) affiliates picketed nationwide yesterday to have labour brokering outlawed, and they threatened strikes if the practice is not ended.

In Pietermaritzburg, picketing went ahead without incident. However, in Durban, police reported that factory workers vandalised property.

"We hope to intensify the action depending on the outcome of the public hearings," said National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) spokesman Lesiba Seshoka.

"We cannot rule out the possibility of a complete shutdown of the economy if our demands for the end of labour brokering are not attended to."

Unions have described the practice of labour brokering as "human trafficking" and "slavery", saying their practices are the opposite of decent work.

Cosatu called for a day of picketing as part of a global worker protest organised by the International Trade Union Confederation.

"Here in South Africa, the focus was on labour brokering, which Cosatu has vowed to see outlawed," it said. :

The trade union federation accused labour brokers of undermining unions by making workers

transferable and difficult to organ-

ise. It said employers frequently look to labour brokers to provide scab labour to break strikes.
â\200\234Labour brokers are also basi-
cally anti-trade union.â\200\235
Protesting factory workers

smashed windows in a Durban in-
dustrial area.

Police spokesman Captain
Khephu Ndlovu said more than

1000 workers downed tools yes-

terday.
â\200\234The workers were supposed to
picket during their lunch time, but

_ they embarked on a massive

march,â\200\235 said Ndlovu, adding that

"no arrests were made.

In Pietermaritzburg, workers at
Trotech Engineering Africa pick-
eted in their lunch time.

Numsa shop steward Lionel
Fortein said workers employed
through labour brokers are al-
ways the first to be laid off when
the company has to cut costs. He
said the workers serve two em-
ployers, the labour brokers and
Trotech, and that workers want to
be employed by Trotech.

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FAKAZI ophambili emacaleni .

abhekene nowayengu-

Khomishana wamaPhoyisa,
uJackie Selebi, ukuqinisekisele izolo
eNkantolo eNkulu yaseGoli ukuthi
wathengela owayenguMengameli
wezwe, uMnuz Thabo Mbeki,
izicathulo.

UGlenn Agliotti utshele
inkantolo ukuthi wathenga lezi
zicathulo esitolo sakwa-Grays
endaweni yomtakabani iSandton,
eGoli. â\200\231

â\200\234Ngazithenga izicathulo
ngithengela owayengekhomishana
nezinye okwabe kungezomunye
umuntu,â\200\235 kusho u-Agliotti.

Umshushisi uGerrie Nel
umbuzile ukuthi kwabe kuhgubani
lo omunye wumuntu. : â\200\231

â\200\234Sabe sikwa-Grays,
ummangalelwa ebheka izicathulo -
ayefuna ukuzithengela uMengameli.
Kwenzeka ukuthi nginaye ngalelo
langa,â\200\235 kusho yena.

Uthe kwaphogeka ukuthi abheke
izicathulo ezincanyana ngoba
uMbeki ngumuntu ongemude futhi
nonyawo lwakhe aluvulekile.

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â\200\234Kwakufanele athenge isicathulo
esingusayiziseveni ngoba
uMengameli wayenonyawo

oluncane. Baghubeka basikhombisa

abanye osayizi ngabe sengibuza
umsizi wasesitolo ukuthi abeke leso
sicathulo ngaphansi kwe-account
yamingobangangifuna
ukuzithengela uMengameli,â\200\235
kunaba u-Agliotti.

Izolo bekungusuku lwesibili

u-Agliotti efakaza emacaleni amabili -

enkohlakalo nelilodwa lokuzama
ukuphazamisa ukusebenza
komthetho abhekene noSelebi.

NgoLwesibili u-Agliotti uveze
ukuthi wakhokhela uSelebi imali
elinganiselwa ku-R1. 2 million eyabe

ivela kuye enye ivela kusozimayini
owabulawa, uBrett Kebble,
nakowabe eyisikhulu se-Hyundai,
uMntiz Billy Rautenbach.

U-Agliotti utshele inkantolo
nokuthi phezu kokuba kwabe
kukhona umbiko wezinhloli zase-UK
mayelana nokulandelwa kwakhe
ngokushushumbisa izidakamizwa
kodwa umbutho wamaphoyisa
kuleli awuzange umgonde ngalokhu.

Utshela inkantolo ukuthi uSelebi
wamvezela umbiko mayelana

nezinhloli nowabe ubika
ngokuphuma kwakhe engene kuleli
naseLondon.

â\200\234USelebi wayefuna ukungazisa

ngokuthi iziphathimandla zase-UK
ziyangilandela. Ngamtshela ukuthi
akukho okumele kungikhathaze
ngalokho,â\200\235 kusho yena.

Yize uSelebi kuthiwa wangaba
ukumkhombisa u-Agliotti lowo

mbiko kodwa kuthiwa wathunyelwa

ngamaphoyisa ase-UK kuSelebi.

Luyalungiswa ucingo lukaZuma

UMENGAMELI wezwe, uMnuz Jacob
Zuma, uthi uhulumeni uzama ngazo
zonke izindlela ukulungisa indaba -
yabantu abangakwazi ukungena
kulayini wamahhala wokubika
izinkinga.

â\200\234Kulkhona esikwenzayo ukulungisa

lesi simo ukuze wonke umuntu oshaya
ucingo athole ukulalelwa ngenkinga

\ yakhe,â\200\235 kuphawula uZuma
ngesikhathi kwethulwa

ngokusemthethweni le nombolo
yamahhala ethi 17737 izolo.

Lo layini wamahhala wokubika
jzinkinga wagala ukusebenza
ngoSepthemba 14 ngesikhathi
usahlolwa. UZuma ubuye waphawula
nangezigameko eziningi zokubulawa
kwabantu kuleli athe zidalwa wukuba
khona kwengwaba yezibhamu
ezisemthethweni nalezo ezingekho
emthethweni.

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ekuseni ngo-8. â\200\234Bangaphezu kuka-1000 abasebenzi ababeke phansi amathuluzi babhikishela ukusetshe-nziswa kwezinkampani ezitholela abantu imisebenzi ngoba bethi ziyabaxhaphaza.

wezinyunyana, iCongress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), ususabise ngokuthi uzongenela ukhukhulelangogo wombhikisho ozokwenza kunganyakazi lutho uma kungavalwa ukusetshenziswa kwezi-

zinkampani zihlukumeza abaseben-ningokuthi zithole izimali ezinkulu bese kuthi abasebenzi bathole ama-kinati. INational Union of Mineworkers (NUM), engaphansi kweCosatn, ithi kuzoba nzima

Lesiba Seshoka, uthe wuma kughubeka lokhu bangase bathathe isinqu-mo sokuwugugisa umnotho wakuleli.

Izolo abasebenzi benye yamafemu eThekwini baphahlaze

Okhulumela amaphoyisa, uCaptain Khephu Ndlovu, uthe abasebenzi ebebehlome ngezagila nezinduku bangene kule femu kwancane indawo, baphihliza amawindi bashisa namathayi emgwageni. '

CELANI SIKHAKHANE

Abantu abahlala kuleli .

. hostela baveze ukuthi sekuna-

bekubangwa izinto ezenzeka emakhaya abasuka kuwo.

Induna yesinye sezakhiwo engathandanga ukudalulwa

ukuthi basuka kuziphi izigodi ngakho angeke bathintwe,â\200\235

ukuthi abantu abenza

amacala akusibona abakhona.

F URHALWA ngezimpi bantu abacuthela abanye Ughube wathi isikhathi ithe isimo asisihle ngoba

wma kuchazale nduna. Uthe kungaba yiphutha
zemibango ezisuka njalo ngezikhathi zanta- esiningi kusuke kubangwa uke wakhombisa ukukhala
Ngesikhathi ilanda ithe wma kungakhalwa
\emakhaya okuthiwa mbama abasuke behlomile. izintombi ezasala emakhaya ngabantu abanodlame
ihostela ligcwele abantu ngamahostela ekubeni iningi
sezidlulenenqwaba . â\200\234Kunzimaukuhlalalapha kantiabanye kusuke uyabhekisiswa kokunye
abasuka ezindaweni eziningi ~ lawo selikhombisa ukuthula
yemiphefumulo ehostela ngoba alipheli isonto kuwumbango wengoma eba ubulawe. okubalwa kuzo
ezingaphe- kanti seligcwele nabantu
KwaMashu, nazo okuthiwa kungabulawanga muntu, . njalo ngesikhathi samaholidi. â\200\234Ngis
ho amaphoyisa sheya koThukela basemalokishini.
zinomthelela omkhulu abanye balalelwa unyendle Ukukhala kwabantu azithola esenkingeni KwaMa
phumulo, kuze â\200\234Phambilini bekwaziwa
ngokwenyuka kwezibalo esiteshini sesitimela uma abahlala ehostela kulandela yokubopha abaso
lwa ngoba kuyoshaya eMsinga. ukuthi ubugebengu basema-
zokufa kwabantu kuleli bebuya emsebenzini, kanti inkulumo yeSilo naso esiveze ~ abanye bane
le benze okubi USuperintendent Vincent ~ hostela budalwa abantu
lokishi. abanye babulawelwa khona ukuthi nakuba izibalo zithusa bese bebalekela ezindaweni
Mdunge uthe nakuba ekhona abasuka ezindaweni zasema-
Lezizimpi kuthiwazigala laphangaphakathi,â\200\235 kuchaza ngobugebengu KwaMashu abadabulka
kuzo amacala abikwayo ehostela khaya kodwa manje akulula
ezindaweni zasemakhaya omunye wabahlala ehostela. kodwa akusibona abantu ezisemakhaya. Kune
zindawo kodwa uima sekuboshwa ngoba sekukhona abavele
zigcine sezikapakele . Uthe iningi labantu bakhona abenza lokhu, kodwa- esezaziwa lapha uku
thi kuvela ukuthi umsolwa basuke emalokishini bezo-
nasehostela lapho kuhlana- abafayo abesilisa okuthiuma kunabantu abasuka kwezinye zinaba
ntuabanodlamefuthi â\200\224 owakhona KwaMashu hlala ehostela,â\200\235 kuphetha

nyela khona wonke umuntut.

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sekuvela kutholakale ukuï¬\2021i

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