



FARMERS BLESSED WITH RAIN

Rustenburg – On Friday 1 November when the first rainfall for the summer season poured down, petrichor (the smell or scent of rain on dry soil) filled the air in Rustenburg and surrounds.

After six months without a drop of rain in our area, the floodgates of heaven finally opened.

According to a press release by South African Weather Service (SAWS) dated 4 November, the rainfall forecast for early-summer (Nov-Dec-Jan) indicates enhanced probabilities of below-normal rainfall over the far eastern parts of the country. They also predict above-normal rainfall for the western to central parts.

In an interview with *Platinum Weekly* farmer Ulrich Neumeyer said: “We have thirsted for rain for over six months and are extremely thankful to God. We recorded 29mm rainfall and you can already see little bits of green sprouting up everywhere – a truly remarkable sight.”

Ulrich and Lezander Neumeyer farms Selu Safari, just outside Rustenburg.

Lezander added: “Good rainfall lifts the financial burden on farmers as we do not have to buy so much feed for the game and livestock.”



Emmanuel Muteedzi driving a tractor.



Ulrich Neumeyer handling a sheep.

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PLAASWAG VANG VIER VERDAGTES

Thabazimbi – Op Donderdagmiddag 31 Oktober het 'n aantal gewapende rowers op 'n PEP Store winkel in Lephalale toegeslaan. Die verdagtes het van die toneel gevlug met gesteelde goedere.

Polisie in die area het soos blits reageer en dadelik skouer aan die wiel gesit om die paaie in die rigting van Thabazimbi en Vaalwater te patrolleer.

'n Quantum bussie is om 21:15 deur die Hoopdal polisie, 'n paar kilometer van die Lephalale T-aansluiting op die Thabazimbi Sentrum pad afgetrek. Voor die bussie tot stilstand kon kom, het van die verdagtes uitgespring en die bosse ingevlug.

Twee vuurwapens en 'n aantal gesteelde selfone is in die voertuig gevind wat daarop gedui het dat dit moontlik die winkelrowers se voertuig was.

Die Hoopdal polisie het dadelik die Matlabas plaaswag in kennis gestel en binne 20 minute was die eerste plaaswaglede en lede van die Heritage Protection Group (HPG) op die toneel ontplooi. 'n Halfuur later was daar meer as 20 bakkies besig om die area te fynkam en alle toegangsroetes te patrolleer.

Volgens Matlabas plaaswag lid Gustav Opperman het die spoorsnyers hul goed van hul taak gekwyt en

teen 22:30 verskyn die eerste foto van 'n verdagte spoor op die plaaswag se kommunikasiekanale. Verdere ondersoek het daarop gedui dat die verdagtes in twee groepe verdeel het.

Op grond van die rigting van die spore is die buitenste perimeter van die soektog aangepas. Plaaswaglede het binne 'n paar meter van mekaar stelling ingeneem. Om te verhoed dat die verdagtes opgelaa kon word en sodoende ontsnap, het die groep seker gemaak hulle is heeltyd in verbinding met mekaar en 'n opgeleide spoorsnyhond is ingespan.

'n Kledingstuk en 'n knipmes is op die spoor gevind. Die soektog het voortgeduur tot 01:30 Vrydagoggend toe die eerste verdagte gearrester is.

Kort daarna is vier verdagtes in aanhouding. Die manne van Matlabas plaaswag, die HPG spoorsnyers en die polisie het teen 02:50 van die toneel onttrek.

Dit is met groot dankbaarheid teenoor ons Hemelse Vader dat hierdie manne met soveel opoffering, toewyding en bekwaamheid die landelike gebied in die Dwaalboom, Thabazimbi en Lephalale-distrik beveilig.



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SUSPECT ARRESTED IN HOSPITAL

Brits – A 28-year old man, believed to be part of a spate of business robberies in Brits and Rustenburg, is set to make two separate court appearances in the next two months to answer for his crimes.

Talent Moyo, who was on a police list for the most wanted suspects in the North West province, was arrested on Saturday 2 November as he was discharged from Ga-Rankuwa Hospital.

Talent sustained serious gunshot wounds during a failed house robbery in Brits when a home owner shot him while he was committing the robbery.

After fleeing the scene, Talent was admitted to hospital under a false name.

Police spokesperson brigadier Sabata Mokgwabone said the officers who were investigating the house robbery and other cases, identified Talent and established his whereabouts while he was receiving medical attention.

The suspect appeared before the Brits Magistrates' Court and will remain in custody until

his second court appearance on Wednesday 27 November.

Besides the house robbery incident in Brits, the suspect is linked to several business robberies.

The police have established that the suspect played a key role in business robberies committed at the Panorama shopping complex in Brits on Monday 21 October. During that incident, three shops at the busy complex were robbed of an undisclosed amount of cash by 12 heavily armed men.

"The suspect is also linked to several other cases of business robbery committed in Brits and Rustenburg," Sabata said. He added that the suspect will be back in the docks of the Brits Magistrates' Court on Monday 6 January 2020 to face charges related to the other cases.

Investigations continue.