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## COMMISSIONERS' ACTIVITIES



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Advocate Jonas Ben Sibanyoni, Commissioner of the @SAHRCommission says a journey of 100 miles begins with one step. And today we take another step towards achieving social justice and fundamental human rights for all.



## SAHRC IN THE MEDIA

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Written by defenceWeb, Wednesday, 31 October 2018

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Speaking in the National Assembly on 24 October, Mboweni said he asked President Cyril Ramaphosa, who is also Commander-in-Chief of the SA National Defence Force (SANDF), and Minister of Defence Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula, for the military to assist with engineering and other expertise to resolve the crisis in the Vaal River System.

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Source: Defencweb

## Striking MyCiTi bus drivers request 'go-between'

Cape Town - Striking MyCiTi bus drivers have approached the Human Rights Commission to act as a go-between for them and the City of Cape Town regarding their grievances. SAHRC Commissioner Chris Nissen said some of the drivers' problems remained a "massive and ongoing challenge" and that he would ask Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane to intervene.

Nissen said some of their issues were labour related and some needed the public protector. He said he would consult all parties involved and find out the "legitimacy and truth" before he took the matter further. MyCiTi bus services are expected to operate the same today as on Tuesday, mayco member for Transport and Urban Development Brett Herron said .

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## Jeppe Girls' High to review hijab policy - report

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threatened to take the Department of Education as well as the school to court for prohibiting learners from wearing their headscarves, the Saturday Star reported. Disciplinary proceedings against the Muslim pupils were postponed indefinitely after the law firm's intervention.

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Canny Maphanga and Sarah Evans

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## Nurse uses k-word to describe white woman's black boyfriend

Larochelle Smit has endured attacks for dating outside her race but when she got a racist Facebook message from the mother of a man she used to date, she decided enough was enough.

On Tuesday, 28-year-old Smit said she was shocked when nurse Elaine Jacobs sent her the "absolutely disgusting" private message last month. Jacobs has since claimed that her Facebook account was hacked. The Life Healthcare group, which the nurse listed as her employer on her profile, has stated that it will not utilise Jacobs' services at any of its hospitals.

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## SAHRC preliminary report into expired food due in January

The South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) is set to review public submissions on allegations that counterfeit or expired food is being sold in informal shops. A month ago, the commission started an inquiry into the allegations that caused widespread violent lootings in the Soweto area. It soon emerged that these incidents were sparked by allegations that foreign-owned shops were selling fake or expired goods to the public.

The commission seeks to test the veracity of the allegations in order to determine whether fake or expired goods are being sold to the public, thus threatening the health and safety and human rights of Gauteng residents.

Friday was set as the due date for submissions.

## SAHRC preliminary report into expired food due in January

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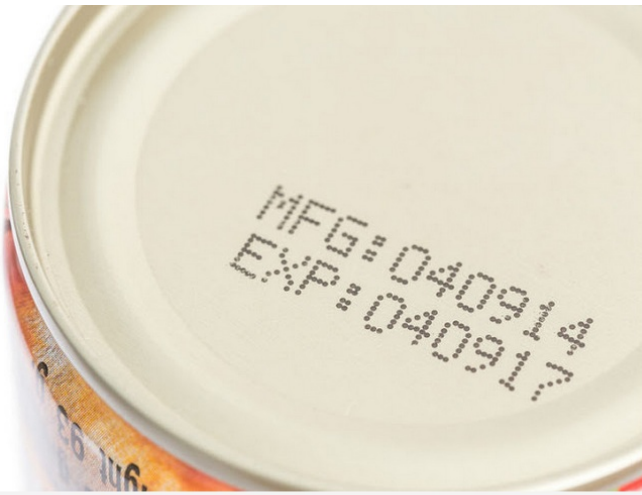


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### Westville CPF slammed for targeting beggars

Durban - A Westville resident has filed a complaint with the SA Human Rights Commission (SAHRC), slamming a plan to fingerprint beggars and vagrants in a bid to maintain a database as unconstitutional.

Kiru Naidoo filed the complaint with the SAHRC earlier this month, after the Westville Community Policing Forum (CPF) published details of the joint plan with the Westville SAPS on its Facebook page.

This sparked an outcry from concerned residents, while others expressed their support for it.

"Someone has to speak up against injustice. I was taught that if no one answers your call, then just stand alone.

"My family has also been victims of crime in our home but that is not solved by harassing people forced to beg or dig in bins to survive," said Naidoo.



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### SAHRC intervention halts farm evictions

Various farm worker evictions in the Mossel Bay area have been halted thanks to intervention from the SA Human Rights Commission. One of the incidents saw a farmer attempting to bulldoze a worker's home while he and his wife were still inside. SAHRC Western Cape Provincial Manager, Lloyd Lotz spoke to Spektrum. [Click here for the audio.](#)

Source: Spektrum

## Health crisis threatens as Emfuleni water system fails

Emfuleni residents are on the brink of a health crisis as the municipality's water treatment system fails. It's been brought about by governance failure, financial constraints and rapid urbanisation

The Mario Milani Drive in Vereeniging could be a wonderfully scenic route. It runs along the banks of the Vaal River — a setting that should make for a perfect weekend escape from the hustle of Johannesburg. But litter lines the road and, even worse, the distinct smell of faeces hangs in the air. In its upper reaches, the 1,200km Vaal River flows into the Vaal Dam, which supplies SA's economic hub and most populous province, Gauteng, with water.



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Source: Business Live

## 'Racism is a daily thing in Hartbeespoort'

Over 150 residents of Hartbeespoort on Friday marched to deliver a memorandum of demands at the local police station. The residents are demanding that racism stop in the community.

Azania Mosaka spoke to Hartbeespoort Community Development Initiative spokesperson Russel Baloyi about their experiences in the community. Racism is a daily thing in Hartbeespoort. Russel Baloyi, Spokesperson for the Hartbeespoort Community Development Initiative.

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## Man who wanted SA “cleansed of whites” found guilty

“The respondent shall within 30 days of the date of this order publish a written apology directed at all South Africans in which he acknowledges that the utterances were hate speech, that he was wrong to utter them, and undertakes never again to utter any remarks prohibited by Section 10(1) of the Equality Act,” ordered Sutherland.

He must also write a letter of apology directed to all South Africans.

He interdicted Khumalo from repeating the utterances and ordered him to remove all references to the utterances off any social media or other forms of public communication.

Velaphi Khumalo guilty of hate speech after he called on Facebook for the country to be “cleansed” of white people, in the same manner Adolf Hitler targeted Jews... “The utterances of the respondent are declared to be speech prohibited in terms of Section 10(1) of the Equality Act,” ruled Judge Roland Sutherland.





Maksym Yemelyanov - 123rf.com

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## Victory for debtors as judges rule that cases must be referred to lower courts

The Pretoria High Court finds that access to justice is denied when banks drag cases into high courts. By Ciaran Ryan.

The Pretoria High Court struck another blow on behalf of distressed debtors last week. A full bench of three judges ruled that magistrate's courts should be the first port of call for financial institutions seeking judgment against their clients, where matters fall within the lower courts' monetary jurisdiction.

This follows a ruling two weeks ago by a full bench of the Johannesburg High Court that repossessed homes must be sold with reserve prices at sheriffs' auctions. This is to stop homes from being sold for a fraction of their market value. Banks frequently go to the high courts for judgment against defaulting clients, even when relatively small amounts of money are owed.



*The Pretoria High Court has ruled that banks must take action against distressed debtors in magistrates' courts, not high courts. Photo: [Wikipedia user Cvanrooyen](#) (CC BY-SA 3.0)*

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#MTBPS Mboweni: We are dealing decisively and urgently with the water crisis in the Vaal River System. Our immediate focus is to mobilise short-term financing by reprioritising funds and increasing capacity.

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Commissioner Bokankatla Malatji (HO) - 04<sup>th</sup>

Buang Jones (GP) - 09<sup>th</sup>

Sibongile Camanso (HO) - 15<sup>th</sup>

Alfred Ramanyoga (HO) & Gabaikangwe Ndondo (FS) - 19<sup>th</sup>

Lybon Maluleka (LMP) - 21<sup>st</sup>

Nelther Magazi (WC) - 22<sup>nd</sup>

Alice Price (HO) - 23<sup>rd</sup>



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