

Foot-and-Mouth Disease vaccination drive targets 14 million cattle countrywide

Government is set to vaccinate the national herd of at least 14 million cattle, as South Africa grapples with one of the worst outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) the country has experienced.

According to President Cyril Ramaphosa, the vaccination drive requires 28 million vaccines over the next 12 months.

"This disease is damaging our economy, resulting in export bans, trade restrictions and devastation of herds. The state will facilitate the acquisition of the vaccines centrally to ensure that we get the right vaccine for the particular strain of the virus in South Africa," the President said on Thursday night.

He was delivering the State of the Nation Address (SONA) to a Joint Sitting of the two Houses of Parliament, the National Assembly and the National Council of Provinces (NCOP), at the Cape Town City Hall.

"We will work closely with the private sector to enable an efficient rollout and most importantly we will ensure that commercial, private and communal farmers have immediate access to vaccines," he said.

The President has established a task team made up of farmer organisations and experts, working together with the Minister of Agriculture and his department.

The task team will report to the President every month on the progress the country is making in dealing with this pandemic.

"We have classified foot-and-mouth disease as a national disaster and will be mobilising all necessary capabilities within the state to deal with this crisis."

Last week, Agriculture Minister John Steenhuisen announced that South Africa has resumed local production of foot and mouth disease vaccines.

The President noted that the agriculture sector is expanding rapidly.

"Already, we are the second largest exporter of citrus fruit in the world. We are opening new markets for our exports, from citrus and avocados to maize, livestock, grapes and wine.

"Through the Blended Finance Scheme, working with the Land Bank and commercial banks, we have provided R7.8 billion in innovative funding to black producers. We will deploy 10 000 new extension officers to support farmers and improve agricultural productivity," President Ramaphosa said.

He said these interventions will give rise to many opportunities for young people to be employed in the agricultural sector.



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GOVERNMENT WARNS AGAINST ILLEGAL SPRINGS GOLD RUSH

The Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR) has condemned the recent illegal mining activities taking place around the Gugulethu informal settlement in Springs.

This, after the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality reported that it had become aware of illegal excavation at a site believed to contain gold particles.

"The department reiterates that any mining activity conducted without the required permits or mining rights, as prescribed by the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, is unlawful and constitutes a criminal offence. The Act clearly outlines the mandatory application and approval processes that must be followed by any individual or entity intending to undertake mining activities in South Africa.

"Illegal mining undermines the rule of law and poses serious threats to public safety and the environment. Unregulated excavation may result in ground instability, placing nearby communities and particularly children at significant risk of injury or loss of life," the department warned.

The DMPR emphasised that it provides support for small and artisanal miners who "wish to operate within the legal framework".

"This includes guidance on the formalisation process, assistance with applications for permits and mining rights, and access to technical support and regulatory information to ensure compliance with the MPRDA.

"Aspirant artisanal and small-scale miners are encouraged to engage directly with the department to explore lawful mining opportunities and to contribute to safe, environmentally responsible, and sustainable mining practices," the department said.

Last week, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced that the SA National Defence Force will be deployed to Gauteng to assist the police in fighting the growing scourge.



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APPLICATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 47 (7) and 58 OF THE MORETELE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY SPATIAL PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT BY- LAW, 2024: PROPOSED SUBDIVISION OF THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 2 OF THE FARM HAAKDOORNLAAGTE, 167 – JQ AND THE DEMARCATION OF SITES ON THE SUBDIVIDED PORTION.

We, **Anesu Development Specialists (Pty) Ltd**, being the authorized agent for Moretele Local Municipality, hereby give notice in terms of section 88(1)(h); (2)(a) and 91(1) of the Moretele Local Municipality Spatial Planning and Land Use Management By-Law, 2024 for the proposed site subdivision and demarcation of sites application over the above-described property, located on south of Lebotloane in Moretele Local Municipality within the North West Province.

The application contains the following proposals:

- i. Subdivision of the Remainder of portion 2 of the Farm
- ii. Demarcation of 205 sites (mixed-use) on the Subdivided portion

Any objections or comments, including the grounds for such objections or comments along with contact details of the person submitting them, must be lodged within 30 days from the first date of which the notice appeared, with or made in writing to Moretele Local Municipality: 4065B Mathibestad 0418, contact person: Latani Nemavhola, nemavholal.moretele@gmail.com or 0127171320/21 or posted to Private Bag x367, Makapanstad 0404. Any person who cannot write may during office hours visit the abovementioned address where the contact person will assist that person to transcribe their objections or comments.

Full particulars and maps of the application will be available for inspection at the municipal office at the address above for a period of 30 days from date of publication of this notice. Interested parties can obtain a copy of the application from the municipality for the same period. Additionally, details will be available electronically from the authorized agent upon receipt of an email request.

KOPO GO YA KA KAROLO 47 (7) le 58 YA MOLAOTLANO WA THULAGANYO YA LEFELO LE TAOLO YA TIRISO YA LEFATSHE WA MASEPALA WA SELEGAE WA MORETELE, 2024: KAROLOGANYO E E SISINTSWENG YA MASALELO A KAROLO YA BOBEDI. HAAKDOORNLAAGTE, 167 – JQ LE GO TLHOTLHOMISIWA GA MAFELO MO KAROLONG E E AKGOLILWENG.

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Kopo e na le ditshitshinyo tse di latelang:

- i. Karolwana ya Masalela a karolo ya bobedi ya Polase
- ii. Go kgaoganngwa ga mafelo a le 205 (a tiriso e e tlhakaneng) mo karolong e e akgololilweng.

Dikganetso kgotsa ditshwaelo dingwe le dingwe, go akaretsa le mabaka a dikganetso tseo kgotsa ditshwaelo mmogo le dintlha tsa kgoagano tsa motho yo o di rometseng, di tshwanetse go tsenngwa mo malatsing a le 30 go tloga ka letlha la ntlha le kitsiso e tlhageletseng ka lone, ka kgotsa di dirilwe ka mokwalo go Mmasepala wa Selegae wa Moretele: 4065B Mathibestad 0418, motho yo o ka ikgoaganyang le ene: Latani Nemavhola, nemavholal.moretele@gmail.com kgotsa 012 7171 320/21 kgotsa e romele go Private Bag x367, Makapanstad 0404. Motho mongwe le mongwe yo o sa kgoneng go kwala a ka nna ka nako ya tiro a etela aterese e e umakilweng fa godimo kwa motho yo o tla ikgoaganyang le ene a tla thusang motho yoo go kwalolola dikganetso kgotsa ditshwaelo tsa gagwe.

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RAMAPHOSA DELIVERS STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS

At the State of the Nation Address (SONA) delivered at Cape Town City Hall on 12 February 2026, President Cyril Ramaphosa unveiled an ambitious economic reform and infrastructure agenda anchored on large-scale investment, job creation and service delivery reforms.

R1 Trillion Infrastructure Drive

At the centre of the address is a historic R1 trillion commitment to public infrastructure over the next three years — the largest allocation of its kind in South Africa’s history. Of this, R156 billion has been earmarked specifically for water and sanitation projects, while R54 billion will be used to incentivise metros to reform water, electricity and sanitation services.

Government also announced the launch of the country’s first national infrastructure bond to crowd in private sector investment. Building on the R1.5 trillion pledged at previous Investment Conferences — of which R600 billion has already flowed into projects — government has now set a new target of

Energy, Water Crisis Reform and Renewables

By 2030, more than 40% of South Africa’s electricity supply is expected to come from renewable energy sources. The first round of independent transmission

projects will begin this year, alongside the continued restructuring of Eskom into separate entities, including a fully independent transmission company.

Economy on the Positive Path

The Presidential Employment Stimulus has created 2.5 million work opportunities. Government will allocate R2.5 billion to support 180 000 small and medium enterprises this year, alongside R1 billion in additional guarantees. The Youth Employment Service has placed more than 200 000 young people in work experience roles.

Government has provided R7.8 billion in blended finance support to black farmers and will deploy 10 000 new agricultural extension officers. In response to foot-and-mouth disease, 14 million cattle will be vaccinated, with 28 million doses required over the next 12 months.

South Africa’s ore reserves are valued at an estimated R40 trillion, with R300 million allocated to the Frontier Rare Earths Project.

The Social Relief of Distress (SRD) grant will continue and be redesigned. Government also announced a major rollout of Lenacapavir, a six-monthly HIV prevention injection, and a campaign to eliminate child stunting by 2030.

R500 million has been allocated to Phase 4 of District Six

restitution housing. Government signalled a shift towards housing subsidy models that support both ownership and rental in well-located areas.

Tourism reached a record 10.5 million international arrivals last year, with every 13 tourists supporting one job. In the digital economy, 55 data centres have already been built, with R50 billion in further digital infrastructure investment expected over three years.

South Africa continues to position itself within the African Continental Free Trade Area, a market of 1.4 billion people, as the continent’s working-age population is projected to double over the next 25 years. International Just Energy Transition pledges now stand at R250 billion.



SPORTS

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League Table

Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. Barcelona	4	3	1	0	11	2	9	10
2. Selesele	4	3	0	1	7	1	6	9
3. Lephengville	4	3	0	1	6	3	3	9
4. H/Lions	4	2	2	0	8	4	4	8
5. Maubane	4	2	2	0	4	0	4	8
6. Skomboys	4	2	2	0	2	0	2	8
7. Fast 11	4	2	1	1	5	3	2	7
8. 3 Rand	4	2	1	1	4	2	2	7
9. Tsebe S.	4	2	1	1	4	2	2	7
10. Kekana	4	1	3	0	4	3	1	6
11. Refentse	4	1	2	1	4	4	0	5
12. Moretele	4	0	4	0	2	2	0	4
13. Temba	4	1	1	2	2	5	-3	4
14. Marokolong	4	0	2	2	1	4	-3	2
15. Swingers	4	0	2	2	0	4	-4	2
16. Inter Masters	4	0	2	2	0	4	-4	2
17. Renstown	4	0	2	2	3	8	-5	2
18. Mak 11	4	0	2	2	2	7	-5	2
19. TYS Masters	4	0	1	3	1	5	-4	1
20. Ndweza	4	0	1	3	3	10	-7	1

HMSL WEEK 01 RESULTS

FIXTURE A

G01:Fast 11 02-00 TYS]
G02:Tsebe 03-01 Ndweza
G03:Refentse 00-00 Maubane
G04:Selesele 02-00 Lephengville
G05:Moretele 00-00 Swingers

FIXTURE B

G01:Temba 00-01 Kekana
G02:H/Lions 03-00 Makapaanstad 11
G03:3 Rand 01-01 Renstown
G04:Skomboys 01-00 Marokolong
G05:Barcelona 02-00 Inter

BOOKINGS

Maepa S of Barcelona Masters, will miss week 05 and week 06 serving his suspension

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