

Mics unmuted – New Radio Stations on the cards for Metsimaholo

It has been about three years since the microphones have been muted and with no sound of music in Zamdela, Sasolburg, following the closure of Karabo FM. However, microphones are set to be unmuted, the music is set to play again and listeners in Sasolburg in the Metsimaholo and surrounding areas are soon to tune to a radio station again.

A commercial radio called Metsimaholo Radio is on the cards. Its launch is set to be before the end of this year.

Preparations are afoot for Sasolburg to have its own Radio. This time, no more community radio but a commercial radio, which is independent and self-sufficient. And also to be owned by youth.

Metsimaholo Radio's Director, Duncan Sinthumule, said after embarking on a long, difficult and frustrating journey of planning and submitting applications to Icasa the hard work has finally paid off. "We were finally granted a license for fully commercial radio on the 1st September 2020, and the license is valid

for 5 years with option of renewal" said Sinthumule.

The granting of the license according to Sinthumule will usher in a medium that is impartial, responsible and pro-community and mostly importantly that will nurture talent of young people. Formerly known as "Baby B" during his days as a presenter at Karabo Fm, and other roles he played in other radio stations Sinthumule believes he has what it takes to move Metsimaholo Radio to higher levels. "With the experience I have in the sector I believe I will contribute in shaping the future of this radio and to achieve that I will also need support and co-operations of other role players such as businesses, political role players as well as the community" added Sinthumule. The content for this commercial radio will cover majority of the people mainly middle age groups operating in languages such as English(50%), Afrikaans(25%) and Sesotho(25%). "As preparations are on going we are also doing our best to mitigate through

challenges such as acquiring latest studio equipment that will provide quality output, Frequency, training's for presenters and staff, and we are calling young people to submit their demos and recordings. "I would also like to acknowledge the support I have received throughout this process from my former colleagues, friends, business people and everyone who believed in this dream, and I would like to encourage young people to start acting and doing something about those ideas they have, no matter what idea you have start acting on it now, what would have happened if I didn't act on this idea?" said this Director as he ended with a question.

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Crackdown on unscrupulous tuckshops in Zamdela

A crackdown on unscrupulous tuckshops in Zamdela, Sasolburg, is on. There has already been a joint operation by the business forum, police, district and local municipality and traffic officials Metsimaholo Business Consultative Forum, Metsimaholo Local Municipality, South African Police Services and the relevant stakeholders. This resulted in the arrest of four illegal immigrants.

According to Metsimaholo Business Consultative Forum Spokesperson, Motsamai Stefane, the focus of the joint operation was on the selling of fake and expired goods, operating permits, licenses and COA Certificate. The operation also looked at good hygiene and compliance required standards by tuck-shops.

Stakeholders involved in the joint operations were Metsimaholo Business Consultative Forum, Metsimaholo Local Municipality Local Economic Development and Urban Planning Department, Immigration Officers, Fezile Dabi District Health Department and Traffic Department. Stefane said the community had for number of years

complained about the standard of food products sold at the tuck-shops, mostly owned by foreign nationals. "As the stakeholders of all businesses in Metsimaholo through different business forums we realized a need to deal with these issues decisively without fear or favor and these joint operations are here to restore order, discipline and law.

"The landlords for these businesses were taught about the disadvantages of having illegal structures erected in their premises and the importance of approaching the municipal offices to apply for their residential sites to be turned into business sites. The raid discovered expired good and fake goods, structures that are non-compliant, illegal foreign nationals. "Furthermore, we were concerned about the level of hostility we encountered from the foreign nationals some closed themselves inside their shops. About 13 shops were inspected in which all of them were not compliant and were closed until they meet all required standards according to the law and the saddest thing is that after these shops

were closed our team made a routine check later that afternoon only to find out that these foreign owned shops operating again and as such we are holding serious meetings with all joint operation stakeholders to check how to deal with matters of this nature," he said.

The forum called upon Metsimaholo

and SASOL in particular to come on board to bring a permanent and sustainable solution to the lives of the community.

Zamdela police spokesperson Constable Josephine Rani confirmed that the South African Police Service was part of the joint operations.



Eff Free State welcomes long and overdue arrests in the Asbestos case

The Economic Freedom Fighters in the Free State province said in a statement that it welcomes the long and overdue arrests of individuals behind the Free State Province Heist under the pretension of eradicating asbestos. "Asbestos roofs were a health hazard that caused a sickness called Asbestosis that resulted in the scarring of lungs that would lead to lung cancer, mesothelioma and pulmonary heart disease, and that is why eradication of those roofs was so important in order to preserve and save lives". The party said it is convinced beyond any reasonable doubt that individuals arrested are only tip of an iceberg as there are more names in high offices of Government and the ANC that should follow suit. "We understand that Edwin Sodi whose company was awarded the tender to eradicate asbestos roofs confessed to have

given ANC money. Mr Zodi made "donations" to the likes of Zweli Mkhize and Paul Mashatile. A sum of more than 250million was looted from this audit.

We are not shocked that one of the arrested individuals is the disgraced former Executive Mayor of the bankrupt Mangaung Metro Municipality who was recently removed by a notion of no confidence and she is the former MEC of Human Settlement in the Free State. The party further said the act of stealing and looting from the people of the province in this audit is not only a criminal offence but also an act of treason and attempted murder. We hope that the criminals face full arm of the law and that the state will oppose bail applications against arrested individuals. "We call on the state to finalise all outstanding alleged corruption cases in the

Free State province including our provincially dysfunctional municipalities, the collapse of the Free State Provincial and Local Government is attributed to the immoral ANC deploying heartless

individuals who steal public resources". The party said it calls on the Free State people and the whole country to remove the corrupt ANC out of power.

