

# Temporary Manager appointed for the Mangaung prison



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Mangaung Correctional Centre in the Free State, Correctional Services National Commissioner, Makgothi Thobakgale, has announced the appointment of a Temporary Manager for the facility. Patrick Ali Mashabathakga has been named as the Temporary Manager for the facility with immediate effect.

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Thobakgale said Mashabathakga is an official from the Department of Correctional Services. He was appointed to the post of Temporary Manager according to the prescriptions of the Correctional Services Act.

Addressing media at Mangaung prison on Thursday morning, Thobakgale said the department has invoked section 112 of the Correctional Services Act, read with clause 55 of the Concession Contract.

"This is a necessary remedy following this embarrassing incident, which has undermined the authority of the State. The contractor (G4S) has been informed of the decision.

"The findings of the report [on Thabo Bester's prison escape] points to the fact that the Director of Mangaung Correctional Centre has lost effective control of the facility, and the Correctional Services Act does provide for a mechanism to restore

safety and security by taking control of the correctional centre by means of appointing a Temporary Manager," Thobakgale said.

Thobakgale said the Temporary Manager will perform the functions of the Director.

"The contractor has been duly informed of this decision. Mr Mashabathakga will be supported by other officials that I have appointed in order to ensure that the Mangaung correctional facility is able to render the required services without experiencing shortcomings.

"Restoring control and prudent management systems are key priorities in the effective running of a correctional

facility.

"Critical to this is the enforcement of standard operating procedures where rules and regulations are aligned towards humane treatment, safety and security of inmates, officials and service providers," Thobakgale said.

Thobakgale explained that it is necessary that an intervention of this nature be undertaken due to a number of security breaches and other disturbing practices identified by the investigation report on Thabo Bester.

"When compounded with the post-mortem and DNA sequencing results, it becomes vividly clear that as Correctional Services, we are dealing with a well calculated and organised escape debacle," Thobakgale said.

He said the South African Police Service is continuing with investigations with regard to Bester's escape.

"Thabo Bester was assisted to escape from lawful custody on 3 May 2022, yet the contractor maintains that he died in his cell. This is contrary to overwhelming scientific evidence available," Thobakgale said.

Thobakgale said a private vehicle was allowed inside the facility without a gate pass on the day of the escape, possibly carrying an unknown body that was burnt beyond recognition in cell 35.

"Tampering with surveillance cameras points to a failed monitoring system deliberately orchestrated to conceal crucial evidence and individuals who aided Bester to escape.

"This is also a failure to guarantee safe custody of inmates and a breach in terms of the responsibilities allocated to the contractor," Thobakgale said.

Bester was thought to have died in his prison cell back in 2022, but it was confirmed he escaped from Mangaung prison last year. – SAnews.gov.za

## Sebedisa mantse ka nepo, ho bolela Moruti Matefu Mokoena

**K**a mantse a rona re ya aha kapa re ya heletsisa. Re ya phedisa kapa re ya timetsa. Re ya hlohonofatsa kapa re ya rohaka. Re ya phahamisa kapa re ya diha. Re ya lokolla kapa re ya tlama. Re ya kgothatsa kapa re ya nyahamisa. Re ya tsota kapa re ya seolla. Re bua nnete kapa mashano.

Hape ka mantse a rona re ka ipulela mamati kapa ra ikwallwa mamati. Re theha setswalle kapa re iketsetsa lebotho la dira. Re ka hlomphele kapa ra hlomphele kapa mantse a rona. Le wena ka bo wena o ka iphedisa ka mantse a hao kapa wa ipolaya ka mantse a hao.

Hlokomela mantse a hao ha o buwa le mang kapa mang. E ka ba motho e moholo ho wena. E ka ba e monyenyanane ho wena. E ka ba thaka ya hao. E ka ba molekane wa hao. E ka ba moratuwa wa hao. E ka ba ngwanano. E ka ba motswadi wa hao. E ka ba ngwana wa hao. E ka ba morui kapa mofutsanyana. E ka ba mohiri wa hao. E ka ba moseleetsi wa hao. Ekaba ya rutehileng kapa ya sa rutehang.

Ekasitana leha e ka ba motho eo o mo nyatsang ka ho fetisisa.

Sebedisa mantse a hao ka nepo ha o bua le mang kapa mang hoba ka nako tse ding motho eo o buang le yena e ka nna ya e ba yena monga kapa mokamedi wa hao ka moso. E mong e ka nna ya e ba yena ya tla tla a o bulela lemati la katleho ya hao. E mong o tla hloka thuso ya hae ka moso. Bothata e tla ba ba hore o tobana le yena jwang ha o ile wa mo kgahlapetsa ka mantse kapa wa mo hlomphele ka mantse kapa wa mo seolla ka mantse kapa wa mo etselletsisa. O tla reng ho e mong ha o teana le yena a le ho panel ya interview moo o tla beng o bitsitswe teng bakeng sa interview.

Ka mantse a hao o ka bontsha bohloko ba hao kapa bothoto ba hao jwalekaha re bala mantse a Bibeleeng ho Moekesela 10: 12 a reng: "Mantse a tswang molomong wa ya bohloko a kgahlisa kahohle, empa melomo ea lewatla e a le timetsa."

Kgetha mantse ka bohloko ha o buwa e tle e le hore batho ba kgahlwe ke polelo tsa hao. Mantse a monate, a matle, ha a kgahlise feela empa a ya

hohela. A hohela tlhompho. A hohela ditlhothonolofatsa. A hohela batho ba bohloko. A hohela dintho tse ntle. A hohela menyetsa e mengata. A hohela le setswalle sa mankgonthe. A hohela bolatedi ho bao e leng baetapele. A hohela bareki ho beng ba dikgwebo.

Sebedisa mantse ka nepo. Sebedisa mantse a nepahetseng. Sebedisa mantse a bohloko. Sebedisa mantse a hlwekileng. Sebedisa mantse a maphodi. Sebedisa a thabisang pelo le maikutlo a motho.

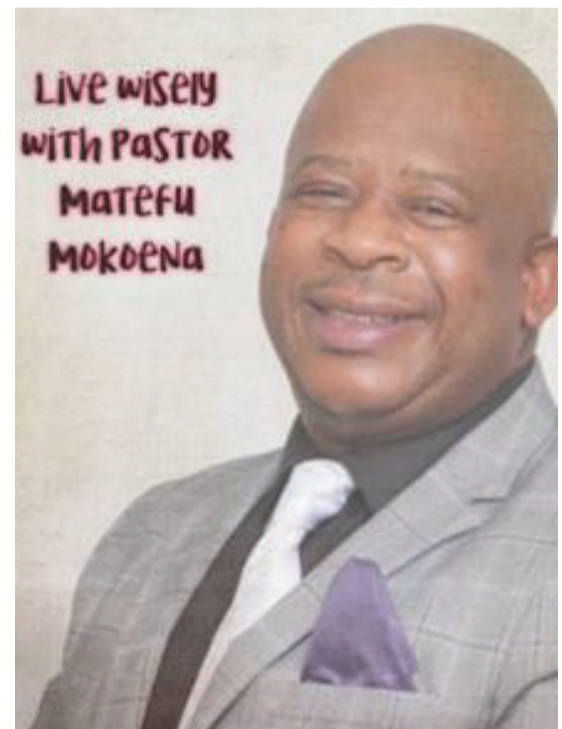
Hopola hore lentse ha le kgutle. Ha le tswile, le tswile. Le tshwana le lebeso ha le qhalehile. Ha ho kamoo le ka boelang le bokellwa kateng.

Se thebele ho hlokoletsa motho e mong ka mantse hobane ho tla ba bohloko mohleng a o hopotsang wona.

Se bue dintho tseo o tlang ho di swabela hosasane. Se bue dintho tse tla etsa o swabe ha o kopana le bao o di buileng ho bona. Ho bua ho bonolo empa polelo ka nngwe e na le moputso wa yona.

Phela ka bohloko ka ho sebedisa mantse ka nepo.

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