



## Northern Cape Provincial Government to Rename Kimberley Airport after a Local Struggle Icon Mr. Ulysses Gogi Modise

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By Staff Reporter

Northern Cape MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture has reiterated the provincial government's stand to rename the Kimberley Airport after a local freedom fighter Ulysses Modise. Currently there is a process to rename 4 airports in South Africa of which Kimberley Airport is one of them. The Provincial Administration of the Northern Cape and the Members of the Executive Council led by Premier Sylvia Lucas endorsed that as a province the Kimberley Airport should be renamed to the "Ulysses Gogi Modise Airport".

The name of Ulysses Modise was nominated and comprehensive discussions took place around renaming the Kimberley Airport, after a pioneer who was born and raised in Kimberley and who tirelessly and relentlessly fought for the emancipation of the citizens of Kimberley and South Africa.

As a province we are encouraging the citizens of the Northern Cape to endorse the name of Ulysses Gogi Modise and support the Provincial Administration of the Northern Cape to rename the airport to Ulysses Gogi Modise.

The Northern Cape continues to suffer from historically-induced social and linguistic inequalities where we are still commemorating street names and symbols of people who founded colonialism and apartheid. As province we are expediting the process of renaming as a matter of urgency. But is also a process that we will be expediting within the legal framework of geographical name changes.

We must realize that name changes are important for us as South Africans to reclaim our heritage and cultural identity, as well as honoring our heroes and heroines who fought the liberation of this country which we are all enjoying today.

As South Africans we must be reminded of the fact that geographical name changes are a form of symbolic compensation for human rights abuse.

In a fractured society changing names can also be considered as a mechanism of transitional justice. As a form of symbolic reparation street names can assist in restoring dignity and public recognition to victims.

The Geographical Names Act of 1998 is not only a law of this country but an essential part of transformation. It is a legislative process intended to redress historical imbalances and thus contribute towards eradicating a history filled with oppression and forge, instead, a national identity to which all South Africans can ascribe.

## Who is Mr. Ulysses Gogi Modise

Mr Ulysses Modise was born Julius Gogi Kgabegenyane on 23 December 1942 to Johannes and Miriam Saitsiwi Daniels Kgabegenyane in Kimberley in the Northern Cape. It was in the midst of this oppression of one by another that Modise took a conscious and voluntary decision to join the African National Congress (ANC).

He was one of the first youths from Kimberley to skip the country and join the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK). He underwent military training in Lusaka, Zambia and became part of the Luthuli Detachment in 1967.

Reporting to the late OR Tambo, Modise would go on to systematically perform, engage and lead cover intelligence and counter-intelligence operations exposing spy rings within the movement. Modise served in the ANC both during the tough times of exile and back home in the democratic ANC- led government.

Between 1976 and 1980, he served as a member of the Department of National Intelligence and Security Directorate. He also served in the Department of Intelligence and Security between 1980 and 1983. In 1981 he served as Deputy Head of Security. After the 1994 elections, Modise was

appointed Intelligence Head in the Northern Cape.

In September 1998 he was promoted to the position of Coordinator of Intelligence for the Northern Cape. He was a member of the Eminent Persons Group and was responsible for the formalisation and welfare of the MK Military Veterans in the Northern Cape.

Modise collated information of the Struggle veterans and former MK combatants, including those who worked in the underground operations of the ANC in the Northern Cape. He endeavoured to create sustainable economic empowerment ventures for the stalwarts and veterans of the struggle. Modise passed away on 30 May 2007.

Ulysses Modise was posthumously awarded for: His excellent contribution to the struggle for the liberation of the people of South Africa. He selflessly left his loved ones for exile where he devoted his military skills to fight the apartheid regime. Mr. Ulysses Modise was bestowed with the Order of Mendi for Bravery by President Jacob Zuma on the 28 April 2016.



Mr. Ulysses Modise

# MEC Mbinqo-Gigaba and her Executive Management Meets ACSA Over Kimberley Airport Renaming

By: Staff Reporter

MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture Ms. Bongive Mbinqo-Gigaba leading a delegation of DSAC's Executive Management in a meeting with Aiprorrts Company South Africa, ACSA over the name changing process. Northern Cape Provincial Government has announced intentions to rename Kimberley airport into a former local struggle icon Ulysses Modise.



# DSAC Brings Relief to 50 Hectares Community During Exco Outreach Programme

By: Nelly Pheleu

Christmas came early to the community of 50 hectares informal settlement outside Upington in the ZF Mgcawu District in Northern Cape. This was when they were paid a visit by the Provincial Executive Council which intended to gain a first-hand experience of their living conditions. The executive council which allocated a number of households to each department for relieve was led by Premier Sylvia Lucas. They donated gifts including food parcels, blankets and clothing.

It was an unusual day for 50 hectares community as the small settlement was swamped by big cars and lots of government officials. Officials led by their principals went from house to house in a bid to bring some relieve to the communality.

Head of Department for Sport, Arts and Culture Ms. Ruth Palm led her officials to 20 households where they donated food packs, blankets and clothing. Officials together with the Head of Department Ms Ruth Palm, the Chief Director for Programms and Service Delivery Mr. David Mdutwana as well as Head of Ministry Mr. Eric Gaborone rolled up their sleeves to hand out the goods.

Shack dwellers of the 50 hectares would normally have no idea where their next meal is to come from.

The deed done by the department did not go unnoticed, as a few community members were filled with emotions when they were handed food parcels. Many community members in the small town are unemployed and depend on government social grants for survival. The community lives under inhumane conditions without proper sanitation, electricity and running water with some using solar panels for lights. Many if not all community members relieve themselves nearby bushes, said one resident.

One family within the community consists of a young couple with three children. The couple was overwhelmed by government gesture towards them. They stated that they cannot afford to feed their children as the father does not have a stable income. The young mother expressed her gratitude *"This serves as hope for us, we haven't eaten for days, now I can prepare something for my five month old baby"*.

Community members could not contain themselves, as they skimmed through the plastic bag filled with clothes and school uniform. One elderly gentleman expressed that, *"This is the only suit I've owned in my entire life". A little truly, does go a long way.*

# DSAC TEAM BRINGS RELIEF TO 50 HECTARES COMMUNITY DURING EXCO OUTREACH PROGRAMME



# MEC Bongive Mbinqo-Gigaba Donates Sporting Equipment and Library Toys to the ZF Mgcawu Community during Exco Outreach Programme

By: Staff Reporter

The MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture Ms. Bongive Mbinqo-Gigaba has touched the lives of people in the ZF Mgcawu District. The MEC donated sporting equipment to various sporting clubs and schools at Kenhardt and Luivalle Weg during the Exco Outreach Programme in the area on Tuesday, 29 May and Thursday 31 May 2018. She was accompanied by Head of Department Ms. Ruth Palm and other members of Dsac senior management team.

**On Tuesday, 29 May 2018** MEC Mbinqo-Gigaba handed out library toys to kids at Kokerboom Public Library in Kenhardt. She had spent her time to read a short story to the children inside the library before going out to interact with them on the jumping castle and on the sporting field.

The MEC continued to interact with local sporting federation at the Kai Gariep Local Municipal chambers before hand over sporting equipment. She donated sporting equipment to the local high school and later joined in on the community meeting.

**On Thursday, 31 May 2018,** MEC Mbinqo-Gigaba led her delegation to the Jacky Greeff Public Library in Luivalle Weg outside Upington.

Here the MEC engaged the young ones in short stories and proceeded to meet with the family of the late struggle icon, Jacky Greeff whom the library facility is named after. She handed out sporting equipment to the Luivalle Weg Intermediate School before resolving community concerns during an afternoon meeting.



MEC autographing a ball for the school kids

The Kenhardt based ZF Mgcawu Cricket Federation also benefited from cricket material donated by MEC Mbinqo-Gigaba. The team with 27 players also assists in developing kids from the local schools. Team Manager Vincent Lombard says in 2016 team had a player who was selected to participate in Grikwa A team. They however had to stop playing their league games due to shortage of equipment *"Now we can get our games back and get head on with our league matches.*

## MEC MBINQO-GIGABA DURING EXCO OUTREACH PROGRAMME



Donation of Sporting equipment to the local school



MEC story telling

*The team is played for by kids between ages of 15 and 37. We also assist under 15/17 with the equipment, this will go a long way towards reducing crime." said Lombard.*

The principal of Soverby Primary School expressed his gratitude to HOD Palm on how the new equipment will aid the schools young teams and keep learners occupied on positive things. Several sporting club coaches in the district were pleased at receiving the new equipment. Computers were also donated to the Hendrick Goeiman Youth Centre at Loivalle Weg.



MEC interacting with kids



MEC handing over sweet packs



MEC B. Mbinqo-Gigaba alongside HOD Palm

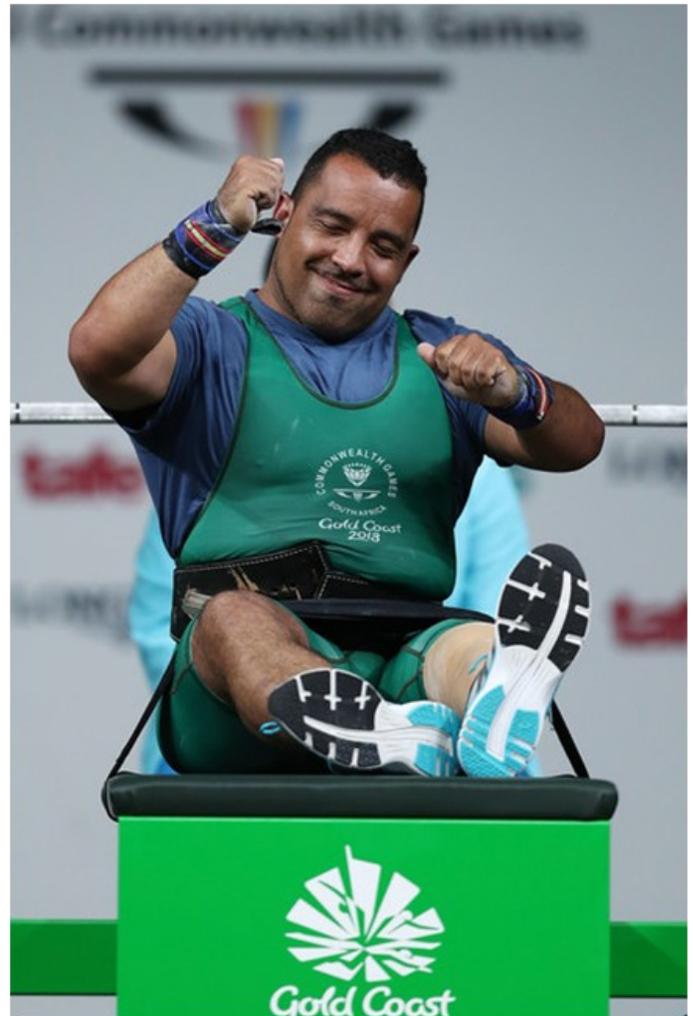
## Ricardo Fitzpatrick becomes Number one in Men's World Para Powerlifting Ranking in Africa

By: Staff Reporter

Ricardo Fitzpatrick would like to thank the Ministry of Sport in the Northern Cape for their contribution towards his preparation towards the 2018 Commonwealth Games. Ricardo Fitzpatrick competed at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games in Para Powerlifting in 10 April 2018 at the Carrara Sports Arena, Gold Coast Australia.

The Kimberley strongman managed to get a lift of 167kg which was not his best at an international paralympic qualifier but the result has placed Ricardo very high on the - 88kg men World Para Powerlifting Rankings.

Fitzpatrick is now currently ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Africa and 4th on the - 88kg men World Para Powerlifting Rankings.



Ricardo Fitzpatrick

# MEC Mbinqo-Gigaba Inaugurates Board Members of the Newly formed Provincial Sport and Recreation Authority

By: Staff Reporter

The MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture Ms. Bongiwe Mbinqo-Gigaba has inaugurated members of the Northern Cape Sport and Recreation Authority. The inauguration process took place in Upington on Thursday, 31 May 2018 as part of the Exco Outreach Programme. The authority which is the first of its kind in the country will be tasked to oversee the development of sports across the province. During her address to the authority board members, MEC Mbinqo-Gigaba urged the board members to ensure visibility of sport in the province.



MEC B. Mbinqo-Gigaba giving board members their blazers



MEC Bongwiwe Mbinqo\_Gigaba, HOD Ms. R. Palm, Chief Director for Programmes Mr. D. Mdutyana alongside board members

## DSAC FOR MADIBA

DSAC officials are well oiled in preparation for Mandela Month whereas the Finance Directorate have begun to knit scarves in commemoration of the day. To date the unit has produced 40 scarves in total the male colleagues of the unit did not sit back as they also took part in the initiative. Head of Department Ms. Ruth Palm commended the officials on their Management WhatsApp Group, *“thanks colleagues for the teamwork and for working towards Mandela Day, this is indeed beautiful”*.

She further went on to challenge other units to take part and share their progress, *“the men in finance are challenging men in the other units to get involved, post your pictures colleagues!”*



Mr Shuaib Wookey trying his luck



Acting Finance Director Mr. Chris Du Toit taking his chance in knitting

# Joke of the Week

**As if being an anti-apartheid hero who transformed his nation wasn't enough, Nelson Mandela also had an enviable sense of humour.**

The formidable public speaker often used it to loosen up audiences before unleashing his soaring rhetoric, preaching reconciliation and peace. And to top it off, he could dance like nobody was watching.

Here is one of the funniest moments from Madiba, and those who remember him not only for what he did for the world, but also his unique wit.

I do not intend to hide away totally from the public. But - henceforth - I want to be in the position of calling you to ask whether I would be welcome, rather than being called on to do things and participate in events. The appeal, therefore, is: "Don't call me. I'll call you."

## Inspirational Quote of the Week



By: Ben Opperman

You should have no desire to advocate for people's approval of you, you are created uniquely in the image of God. He is happy with His creation why should you be overwhelmed by people's opinion and remarks of you. People will always speak ill of what they do not understand and they will always judge what is not in tune with their vision.

So let your being, happiness and prosperity not be determined by individuals who seek to deter your from reaching greater heights. Let your destiny remain written amongst the stars and the universe where no one can lay claim to your individuality and unique ability to transform beyond expectations. God should be your only judge.

Have a blessed week-end

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