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Six Mayors dismissed

By Waldie Volschenk

RUSTENBURG - In a week of high drama dubbed the North West Province's Mayoral clean-up operation, at least six Executive

Mayors in the province were dismissed on Monday this week. Rustenburg's Executive Mayor, Mr Matthews Wolmarans, were among those who did not survive the first

week of February 2010.

It would not be entirely true to say that the broom went to work unexpectedly in the North West Province. The dismissal of Executive

Mayors followed in the wake of a several weeks long probe into the affairs of North West municipalities prompted by the very top of the ruling party.

In an official media statement the Provincial Task Team indicated that serious difficulties ranging from poor administration, poor service delivery, community protests and poor leadership in general were the reasons for the dismissals.

"On a political level we have assessed how our depoyees perform their duties in relation to service delivery and the manner in which they respond to the needs and concerns of our people. As the ANC we believe we can do better and improve on our work in giving quality service and strengthening the caring nature of our organisation. To this effect the Provincial Task Team together with the national leadership have resolved to effect changes in municipalities that have faced serious challenges of leadership and service delivery", the statement read.

For many the clean-up in Rustenburg came at a high price. Not only did the Platinum City's Executive Mayor, Mr Matthews Wolmarans, fell victim to the intervention, but also the Council's Speaker - Ms Elizabeth Seduke as well as the Chief Whip. As it stands Mr Matthews Wolmarans will be replaced by Ms Jeanette Dibetso-Nyathi (currently a member of the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality), while the Speaker is to be replaced by a former Speaker, Ms Shiela Mabale-Huma. Councillor Mdanagae will be the new Chief Whip of the Municipality, according to the statement.

Furthermore, in a surprising decision, Rustenburg learned that in addition, six councillors of the Executive Mayor's Mayoral Committee comprising nine councillors, were dismissed as a result of the shuffle.

Although the dismissals were surprisingly not announced in the Council meeting of Tuesday, 2 February, it was confirmed in an official statement by the ANC's Provincial Task Team on Monday. The excuse was that members of the majority party did not have enough time to study the agenda. The feeling of indeed the majority councillors in the Council chambers (To page 3)



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verkeersvolumes op die N4 gaan beteken. Die projek sal in vier fases ontwikkel word - die eerste het reeds in November 2009 afgeskop en sal in Augustus vanjaar finaliteit bereik. Fases 2, 3 & 4 sal onderskeidelik in 2011, 2012 en 2013 afgehandel word. Sien volledige berig op p 3. (Foto: Waldie Volschenk).



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