

‘Mahlangu belongs to ANC’

MEMORIAL: MK PARTY ACCUSED OF OPPORTUNISM IN ROW OVER LIBERATION HISTORY

Itumeleng Mafisa

The ANC Youth League (ANCYL) has slammed uMkhonto weSizwe (MK) party founder Jacob Zuma for allegedly attempting to exploit the legacy of ANC freedom fighter Solomon Mahlangu.

This comes after Zuma’s party held a memorial event in Mahlangu’s honour in Pre-

toria on Monday. Mahlangu was an operative of the ANC’s armed wing, uMkhonto weSizwe. He was trained in exile but was later hanged by the apartheid government on 6 April, 1979.

At the gathering, Zuma told his supporters that his party has the right to commemorate Mahlangu’s life even if he is recognised as an ANC anti-apartheid activist.

“We as soldiers trained this soldier, we worked with him and sent him back home

[South Africa] to come fight. He fought and he was captured by the regime. We cannot say this is an ANC person. They [ANC] know that we were with this soldier and we cannot simply forget him because now we are uMkhonto weSizwe party.”

Zuma said there should be no quarrels over Mahlangu’s legacy since some people in his party knew him well and had served with him in exile. Zuma himself was an MK commander during the

apartheid era, serving in the ANC’s underground structures. He was also responsible for recruiting liberation soldiers.

But ANCYL president Collen Malatji said on Tuesday Zuma is trying to claim ANC heritage for his party.

“Zuma and that party can hold as many events as they wish, history cannot be stolen, rewritten or changed. Mahlangu was a soldier of the ANC liberation movement and his legacy is rooted in the struggle traditions of our movement” said Malatji.

“That party [MK] is a crime scene. It is defined by chaos, opportunism and serious allegations rather than by any genuine commitment or values that Mahlangu stood for.”

He said the ANC has preserved Mahlangu’s legacy in various ways.

“It is under ANC-led governments that the memory of comrade Mahlangu has been preserved and honoured through institutions and programmes bearing his name, including the Solomon Mahlangu Freedom College in Tanzania, Solomon Mahlangu House in Wits and various roads, schools and community projects across the country,” he said.

“These are tangible efforts to ensure that future generations know and remember his contribution.

“Our heroes are not available for political recycling by those seeking relevance.” – itumeleng@citizen.co.za



SLAMMED. MK party leader Jacob Zuma with Portia Mahlangu, niece of Solomon Mahlangu. Picture: Gallo Images

‘Murder ads’ gone

Stockholm – Sweden’s government said yesterday it planned to introduce legislation requiring social media platforms like TikTok and Snapchat to take down criminal gangs’ “murder adverts” within an hour, or face hefty fines.

Criminal gangs active in Sweden increasingly use social media to recruit people to commit murders and other violent acts amid a surge in “crime as a service”.

The recruits are often children under the age of 15, Sweden’s age of criminal responsibility – meaning the kids cannot be prosecuted and fall under the responsibility of social services, making them valuable assets to the gangs.

“We will be first [in the European Union] with this kind of legislation targeting organised crime’s recruiting of children and youths,” said Swedish Justice Minister Gunnar Strömmer.

The minority right-wing government, propped up by the far-right Sweden Democrats, has been pushing through a rash of proposals cracking down on crime and immigration in the run-up to Sweden’s general election on 13 September. – *AFP*



The Bushbuckridge Local Municipality seeks to appoint suitable people for the following permanent positions.

EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT
DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER
LOCATION: HEAD OFFICE
POSITION: SENIOR MANAGER: SERVICE CENTRE X1
(REF NO: HO/2026/05)
SALARY: ENTRY R975,839.54 PER ANNUM

Minimum Requirements

- Grade 12 Certificate.
- Bachelor’s degree in public administration / B-Tech in Public Management or Relevant degree.
- A wide knowledge of municipal governance.
- Certificate in municipal governance will be an added advantage.
- A sound understanding of municipal operational systems and Integrated Development Plan (IDP)
- More than eight (8) years’ experience of which 3 years should be at managerial level
- Understanding relevant laws in local government.
- Effective multidisciplinary management skills
- Excellent communication and networking skills
- A valid driver’s license

Key Performance Areas:

Reporting to Municipal Manager, the incumbent will be responsible for the following functions:

- Provide strategic advice and guidance to the service centre managers to ensure high performance and achievement of departmental goals.
- Develop and implement strategies to enhance service delivery at the service centres.
- Oversee the daily operations of services centres including the handling of customer inquiries and resolving escalated issues in timely and professional manner.
- To respond to service centres customer enquiries.
- To champion the revenue collection at service centres and oversee the performance of all centre managers.
- Monitor and assess the response time and customer satisfaction and implement corrective actions as needed.
- Direct and supervise the work of service centre managers.
- Supporting the accounting officer with alignment of service centre functionality and municipal goals.

Applications must be submitted on the compulsory prescribed application form (www.bushbuckridge.gov.za), a comprehensive CV, and copies of certified certificates and ID copy should be addressed to: Municipal Manager, Bushbuckridge Local Municipality, Private Bag X9308, Bushbuckridge, 1280 OR hand deliver to Registry, Head Office. Correspondence will be limited to shortlisted candidates only. The successful candidate will be expected to sign performance compact / agreement which is in line with performance framework.

NB: All shortlisted candidates will undergo background checks, verifications and criminal records. Fraudulent qualifications or documents will immediately disqualify any application. People with disabilities and from previously disadvantaged backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Closing date 21 May 2026 at 16H00 Enquiries: Mr. RD Tshobete-HR Manager (013) 065 0983

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EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT
DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER
LOCATION: THULAMAHASHE, ANGINCOURT AND HLUVUKANI SERVICE CENTRES, AND DWARSLOOP, SHATALE AND MAVILJANE SERVICE CENTRES
POSITION: SERVICE CENTRE MANAGER X 2
(REF NO: THA/2026/01)
BASIC SALARY: ENTRY R852,261.60 PER ANNUM

Minimum Requirements

- Grade 12 Certificate.
- Bachelor’s degree in public administration /B-Tech in Public Management or Relevant degree.
- A sound understanding of municipal operational systems and Integrated Development Plan (IDP)
- Eight (8) years’ experience of which two (2) years must be at supervisory level.
- Understanding relevant laws in local government.
- Effective multidisciplinary management skills
- Effective communication and networking skills
- A valid driver’s license

Key Performance Areas:

Reporting to Senior Manager: Service Centre, the incumbent will be responsible for the following functions:

- Act as a critical link between the municipal administration and the public.
- Ensuring that the community needs are met in line with the municipal Integrated Development Plan (IDP)
- Managing the day-to-day activities of the service Centre to ensure a smooth, efficient and customer-focused environment.
- Ability to manage daily operations.
- Manage financial, human and information resources of the service Centre
- Collecting and monitoring revenue payment for services rendered
- Control and maintain assets including property, plant and equipment within the Service Centre
- Implementation of council resolutions
- Responsiveness to public complaints and suggestions
- Project monitoring within the service Centre

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EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT
DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
LOCATION: HEAD OFFICE
POSITION: MPAC RESEARCHER X1
(REF NO: HO/2026/01)
BASIC SALARY: ENTRY; R567,749.13 PER ANNUM

Minimum Requirements

- Grade 12 Certificate
- National Diploma in Financial Management/ Accounting/ internal audit or equivalent qualification.
- Three (3)- Five (5) years’ relevant experience in municipal governance.
- Understanding of MFMA legislation
- Sound knowledge of council matters or operations
- A valid driver’s license

Key Performance Areas:

Reporting to the Manager of Office of the speaker, the incumbent will be responsible for the following functions:

- Review and analyses financial reports, performance reports, annual reports and Auditor General reports to identify risk and irregularities.
- Investigate unauthorized, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure as assigned by the council.
- Compile detailed research reports, oversight reports and recommendations based on findings to be tabled to the council.
- Create annual MPAC programmes.
- Maintain accurate records and prepare for committee, hearings or stakeholder interview.
- Facilitate communication between MPAC and other municipal departments, Internal auditors or the public.
- Evaluate the functionality of MPAC against other municipalities to improve efficiency.

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EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT
DEPARTMENT: TECHNICAL SERVICES
Location: HEAD OFFICE
POSITION: ELECTRICAL TECHNICIAN x1
(REF NO: HO/2026/01)
BASIC SALARY: ENTRY 567,749.13 PER ANNUM

Minimum Requirements

- Grade 12 Certificate.
- Diploma in Electrical Engineering
- Electrician trade test certificate
- Three (3) -Five (5) years’ relevant experience
- A valid code 8 driver’s license.
- Interpersonal skills
- Ability to work under pressure

Key Performance Areas:

Reporting to the Electrical & Mechanical Manager, the incumbent will be responsible for the following functions:

- To install, inspect, maintain and repairs electrical infrastructure.
- Respond to power outages and emergencies callouts to restore services promptly.
- Identify and mitigate safety hazards and ensure all work complies with electrical codes and standards.
- Installing lighting, wiring and security systems in municipal buildings include specialized facilities.
- Providing technical support services for electrical contractors.
- Coordinate with the services provider for installation of high mast lights.
- Servicing and maintaining traffic lights.
- Ensure that the electrical network in the municipal buildings complies with the Occupational Health and Safety Act

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