

Police issue over N\$560 000 in traffic fines in a month

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Staff Writer

Traffic fines worth N\$562 250 were issued during a nationwide crime prevention operation conducted from 30 January to 2 February. Inspector general of the Namibian Police, Joseph Shikongo, released the results of the month-end operation, code-named "Wilya Shikakudhi Tala Pombada", which was carried out across all 14 regions. Oshana issued traffic summons worth N\$114 750 and arrested 15 suspects. Ojosondjupa followed with N\$124 750 in traffic fines and confiscated eight firearms, the highest number of firearms seized in a single region. The operation was launched in response to rising cases of robbery, drug dealing, stock theft, poaching, illegal hunting, and financial and online crimes reported in different parts of the country. It aimed to reduce crime during the month-end period, increase police visibility, raise public awareness, and ensure that Namibia remains safe for citizens and visitors. Police conducted foot and vehicle patrols in urban and rural areas, enforced road traffic laws, monitored liquor outlets, and carried out ATM surveillance in malls and shopping centres. In total, 212 suspects were arrested for minor and serious offences. Police confiscated drugs valued at

N\$90 840 and illicit goods, including cigarettes, fuel and alcohol, worth N\$163 813. Suspect of stolen property valued at N\$4 500 was recovered. The heaviest theft cases were reported. Fifteen unlicensed firearms were confiscated and two firearms were seized for safekeeping, bringing the total firearms removed from circulation to 17. Hardap recorded 51 arrests, the highest number of suspects arrested in one region, and confiscated five firearms. Oshana arrested 46 suspects and seized illicit goods valued at N\$18 535. Oshana recorded the highest value of confiscated illicit goods at N\$126 000. Omasandara confiscated drugs worth N\$44 240, the highest drug value among the regions. Kunene recovered stolen property worth N\$82 000, the highest value of recovered goods in one region. Zambezi issued traffic summons worth N\$40 000 and confiscated one firearm. Shikongo said the operation faced challenges such as poor mobile network coverage in some areas, a shortage of patrol vehicles and limited manpower. He said the operation achieved its objectives and will continue in all regions. Speaking during a debriefing parade at the Israel Patrick Iyambo Police College on Tuesday, Shikongo also announced the temporary transfer of the Tourism Protection Subdivision from the regional command structure to the Office of the Inspector-General with immediate effect.

He said the move aims to strengthen command and control, improve national coordination and ensure a uniform approach to protecting tourists and tourism sites across the country. Officers will be appointed and transferred to serve under the subdivision based on experience, professionalism and suitability for tourism protection duties. The Tourism Protection Subdivision is tasked with safeguarding tourists, tourism infrastructure and the country's tourism industry. Shikongo also raised concerns over the arrest of 13 police officers since January 2024 on various charges. Three officers were arrested for possession of cannabis and remained in custody, while one officer has an outstanding case involving attempted murder, kidnapping and assault and is out on bail. Three officers were arrested on corruption and extortion charges, with two remaining in custody and one granted bail. Another three officers were arrested under the Anti-Corruption Act and the Stock Theft Act and were granted bail. Three officers were arrested for corrupt use of office and extortion and remain in custody. A student constable was arrested for forgery and contravening the Education Act and was granted bail. Shikongo said the arrest of police members is regrettable and undermines the integrity and image of the force.



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CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for a 20 MW Solar Power Plant near Windhoek Suburb in the vicinity of Windhoek (Orange Square)

Publics are hereby invited to all interested and Affected Parties (APs) to apply for an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) to be submitted to the Environmental Commission in terms of the Environmental Management Act, 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (ER 20 of 2007).

Project description

A 20 MW Solar Power Plant is proposed on an alluvial area of approximately 20 ha, located 400 km north of Windhoek and 270 km north of Windhoek along the R1 road. The area is accessible via the R1 paved road from Windhoek or Swakopmund, with a gravelly gravel road to the alluvial area. The project intends to construct and operate a solar power plant that will generate up to 20 MW of electricity.

Prepared by:

JCM Power Corporation

Deadline to register and comment:

All APs are invited to register as stakeholders and submit written comments on or before 16 February 2024.

Registration and enquiries (EIA Practitioner):

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Please include your full name, contact details, and any professional qualifications when registering.

Shoprite sales grow by N\$9.2bn in six months

Staff Writer

Shoprite Group reported higher sales for the six months to end of 23 December 2024, with merchandise sales from continuing operations rising 7.2% to about N\$46.8 billion.

This compares with restated sales of N\$12.6 billion in the same period last year. The increase represents an extra N\$9.2 billion in sales during the interim period.

The group's Supermarkets South Africa segment contributed most of the growth.

The segment accounted for 84.3% of total group sales and recorded sales growth of 7.1%, adding N\$7.7 billion over six months.

The group said its pricing approach continued to support affordability. Internal selling price inflation averaged 0.7% for the period, well below official food inflation of 4.7%. Selling price inflation eased through the half year and moved into deflation during the November to December 2024 trading period.

Like-for-like sales in Supermarkets South Africa increased by 1.9%, reflecting the lower selling price inflation.

Within the segment, Shoprite and Uave, including Shoprite LiquorShop, grew sales by 5.1%.

Internal selling prices showed deflation of 0.1% at Shoprite and 0.7% at Uave. Shoprite LiquorShop increased sales by 10.1%.

Checkers and Checkers Hyper, including Checkers LiquorShop, reported stronger sales growth of



The Shoprite Group said its pricing strategy continued to support customer affordability. - Photo: Contributor

8.9%. Internal selling price inflation averaged 1.9% at Checkers and 1.1% at Checkers Hyper.

Checkers LiquorShop grew sales by 12.7%.

Supermarkets South Africa expanded its footprint over the past year, opening a net 262 stores to reach 2,747 outlets. Those included 50 Shoprite, 42 Uave, 32 Checkers, four

Checkers Hyper and 81 LiquorShop stores. New-format stores accounted for 53 net openings. Petshop Science added 45 stores, bringing its total to 173.

Outside South Africa, supermarkets non-South Africa increased sales by 12.1% in constant terms and contributed 8.4% to total group sales. In constant currency terms, sales rose by 9.5%.

When a personal loan makes sense

NATASHA WINKLER

Personal loans often get a reputation they do not deserve. They are blamed for over-spending, financial stress and long repayment cycles. The truth is simpler.

A personal loan is a tool, and like any tool, it only causes harm when it is used for the wrong job.

There are moments when a well-priced, well-managed loan can protect your stability, create opportunities and save you money over the long term. The key is to pause before signing and ask the right questions.

The first question is about purpose. Is this a need, a want or an emergency?

Needs are the essential parts of life that keep everything else moving. A car repair that gets you safely to work. A medical gap that cannot wait for payday.

A fridge that stops working when you have a family to feed. Emergencies are the surprises that cannot be postponed. Wants are the nice-to-have items that can be saved for. Loans are made for needs and emergencies; they are rarely the answer for wants. When you use debt for a want, you pay a premium that steals from your future self.

The second question is about cost. A loan should never be taken in isolation. Compare the interest rate, fees and repayment term to your



Natasha Winkler

other options. If the loan replaces more expensive forms of debt, overdrafts, store accounts, and revolving credit, you may end up paying far less overall. Consolidating costly debt into one structured loan with a fixed term can create a clear finish line and reduce the pressure of scattered repayments. The aim is not just affordability today but efficiency over time.

The third question is about impact. A good loan should make your life better, safer or more stable. Repairing a leaking roof before the rainy season can prevent thousands in damage later. Funding a short

course that boosts your earning power can change your income path. Settling an overdue bill that could escalate into legal action is not indulgence; it is protection. When a loan strengthens your position rather than weakening it, it becomes part of a healthy financial strategy. The final question is discipline.

Borrowing is a commitment you make to your future self. Only take on an amount you can repay comfortably. Set the debit order for the day your salary arrives. Do not pair the loan with new spending that cancels out the benefit. If the numbers feel tight, the solution is not a bigger loan; it is a smaller plan. The loan should create breathing room, not pressure. Honesty in this step is what separates smart borrowing from stressful borrowing.

A personal loan is not a life raft or a lifestyle upgrade. It is a bridge: a temporary structure to help you cross a difficult patch or reach an opportunity you cannot access on your own. Used with intention and discipline, it strengthens your financial footing. Used carelessly, it becomes the very hole you were trying to escape. The difference is not the product; it is the purpose.

Keep your future self in the conversation and choose the path that brings you closer to stability, not further from it.

**Natasha Winkler is the finance managing director at Old Mutual Namibia.*

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Notice is hereby given to all interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) that an application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner in terms of the Environmental Management Act, 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (R19 of 2012).

Project description

A 20 MW Solar Power Plant is proposed on an allocated area of approximately 99 ha, located 4.8 km north of Rehoboth and 4.9 km south of Windhoek along the B1 road. The site is accessible via the B1 tarred road from Rehoboth or Windhoek, with a smaller portion accessible via an informal gravel road. The proposed intends to construct and operate a solar power plant that will generate up to 20 MWh of electricity.

Proprietor

20M Power Corporation

Intention to register and comment

All IAPs are invited to register as stakeholders and submit written comments to us before 14 February 2025

Registration and requisite (EIA Practitioner)

Anglo Environmental Consulting

Dr. K. Kangwani

Email: kkangwani@angloec.com

Cell: 081 196 9621

Please include your full name, contact details, and any project-related comments/requests when registering.



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SUBSTITUTED SERVICE
INTHEHIGH COURT OF NAMIBIA
(Main Local Division)

CASE NO: CD-1168
CON 2025/01168

Interim order between

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF NAMIBIA
PLAINTIFF
And

EPANDULO INVESTMENT CC
1ST DEFENDANT
PANDULENINAKARIATEMBU
2ND DEFENDANT

To: **1ST DEFENDANT** IS **EPANDULO INVESTMENT CC**, duly registered as such in accordance with the applicable legislation in Namibia with its residential address: **655 TROAS STREET/DORAPARK, WINDHOEK, KHOMAS REGION, REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA** and whose full and further particulars are unknown to the Plaintiff.

2ND DEFENDANT IS **PANDULENINAKARIATEMBU**, a major male, with identity number **9001300217**, whose address is being **687 10, HANNEMANN STREET, WINDHOEK WEST, WINDHOEK, REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA** and whose full and further particulars are unknown to the Plaintiff.

Additional names, the Defendant's occupation. The Second Defendant, is a 100% member of the First Defendant and is bound jointly and severally to the First Defendant's liabilities by virtue of a Deed of Suretyship.

TAKE NOTICE that by summons issued out of this court, you have been called upon to give notice, within 18 days after the publication of this notice, to the registrar and to the plaintiff's legal practitioner of your intention to defend (if any) in an action wherein the Plaintiff pays for the following order:

1. Payment in the amount of **N\$ 343 178.00 (Three Hundred and Forty Three Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Eight Namibia Dollars)**.
2. Plus interest thereon at Personal Loan Base Rate (currently 13.50%) plus 7% per annum as from the 31 of January 2025 until date of full and final payment of the Principal Debt, which has become due and payable.
3. Costs as an attorney-at-law scale; and
4. Further interest as may be ordered.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in the event of you defending the action, you are to deliver a notice of intention to defend which must, therein give your full residential or business address, and must also appoint an address, not being a post office box, post-resteante, for service on you of all documents in this action within a flexible radius from the office of the registrar or if you elect to

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that subsequently with the delivery of the notice of intention to defend, the defendant must deliver the summons in terms of rule 6(4), which contains the following information about the defendant:

- (a) in the case of a natural person, his or her full name, identity number where available, and if a Namibian citizen or any other person ordinarily resident in Namibia, his or her principal address and where available, his or her telephone or cellular phone number, mobile telephone number, facsimile number and personal or workplace email address or both;
- (b) in the case of a close corporation, its name and registration number, postal address and registered office referred to in section 25 of the Close Corporation Act 1988 (Act No. 26 of 1988) and the particulars referred to in paragraph 6(b) of that Act; or a member or officer as defined in that Act and the particulars referred to in paragraph 6(b) of that Act; or an accounting officer appointed in terms of section 59 of that Act;
- (c) in the case of a company, its name and registered number, postal address and registered office referred to in section 178 of the Companies Act 2004 (Act No. 28 of 2004) and the particulars referred to in paragraph 6(b) of that Act; or an individual director and the secretary referred to in section 223 of that Act including all particulars referred to in section 223(1) of that Act and the name of the officer or secretary of any other body corporate the particulars referred to in paragraph 6(b) of section 223(1) of that Act;
- (d) in the case of any other juristic person, the particulars referred to in paragraph 6(a) of at least one officer or secretary or a person, by whatever name called, running its affairs; and
- (e) in the case of a trust which is duly authorized to litigate, the particulars referred to in paragraph (a) of all trustees and a reference number given by the master to the trust deed registered with the master.

The particulars provided herein binding on the party to which they relate and may be used by the court or by the other party to effect service of any notice or document on such party or to give notice to such party.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that as soon as the managing judge has given notice of a case planning conference in terms of rule 2(81), you as defendant will be required to meet with the plaintiff in order to agree to a case plan in terms of rule 2(82) for submission to the managing judge for the exchange of pleadings and the time within which you will deliver your plea and counter claim (if any) will be determined by the court having regard to such plan and, if necessary, to submitting such a plan, the court will determine the time within which you must deliver your plea and

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Project description:
A 20 MW Solar Power Plant is proposed on an allocated area of approximately 50 ha, located at 110 km north of Rehoboth and at 70 km south of Windhoek along the B1 road. The site is accessible via the B1 tarred road from Rehoboth or Windhoek, with a smaller portion accessible via an informal gravel road. The proposed intends to construct and operate a solar power plant that will generate up to 20 MW of electricity.

Proposed:
JCM Power Corporation

Invitation to register and comment:
All I&APs are invited to register as stakeholders and submit written comments on or before:

14 February 2026

Registration and enquiries (EIA Practitioner):
Auzite Environmental Consulting
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Cell: **081 704 9027**

Please include your full name, contact details, and any project-related comments/concerns when registering.

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

NILE Vocational Training Centre (NILE VTC) invites suitably qualified and experienced individuals to apply for the position of **CENTRE MANAGER** at Onipa Campus.

CENTRE MANAGER
NILE Vocational Training Centre - Onipa Campus, Duty station: Onipa

PURPOSE: To manage and provide leadership to Nile Vocational Training Centre, to deliver quality training and related services in line with the mission and vision of NILE VTC and the identified needs of stakeholders.

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KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS:

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QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

1. Technical Diploma, Relevant Honours Degree or equivalent qualification at NQF Level 6.
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3. Ten (10) years relevant experience in TVET, of which six (6) years must be on senior management.

OTHER COMPETENCIES

1. Communication and networking skills
2. Leadership and Management skills
3. Sound interpersonal Relations.

Applications must be addressed to Nile VTC, P.O. Box 25261, Onipa, or hand delivered to: GQM Buildings Onipa, Ondangwa Main Road or alternatively email to: nilevtc@gmail.com

CLOSING DATE: 24 FEBRUARY 2026

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