

Lenasia South's Kaamilah shines at SA Campfest



Between 6 and 8 February Volkswagen enthusiasts gathered at SA Campfest in Warmbaths, Bela Bela to showcase their vehicles. Among the standout participants was Kaamilah Ebrahim, who took home both the Best Low and Best Ladies awards for her striking VW Golf Mk2 R32. Kaamilah, who has made a name for herself in a male-dominated automotive scene, told **GLOBE POST**: "As a female, it's very hard to get recognition for modifying cars and driving stance cars. We are forced to work twice as hard to stand out. The most challenging part of my build was and still is the criticism you get. Stepping into a male-dominated area will never be easy," she added, "The SA Campfest awards were built in collaboration my husband, Ziyaad Ebrahim and his team at Zee Tech Auto. I'm grateful to Ziyaad for the motivation and for working late nights to complete the build." Inspiration for her modifications came from a deep love for VW, especially the Mk2. Kaamilah told **GLOBE POST**: "I'm a big VW fan and love the concept of modifying. Since the age of 20, it was always a dream to own a Mk2. When I finally bought it, we immediately started modifications on it. It was a lot of work, extremely stressful, but the end result makes it all worth it."

BEST LADY AWARD WINNER: Proud moments after a standout show, breaking the stereotype and bringing the win home

Teen girl found dead in Vlakfontein: DA demands answers as police probe shocking killing



The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Gauteng has condemned the brutal killing of a 17-year-old girl in Vlakfontein, Lenasia South, describing the incident as shocking and deeply disturbing. According to the party, it received information from residents alleging that the teenager was raped and her body dumped in the street. The DA said it immediately alerted Lenasia South SAPS, who confirmed that a 17-year-old girl was reported deceased in the early hours of the morning. At this stage, police have not confirmed whether the teenager was sexually assaulted, stating that investigations are ongoing.

In a statement, the DA Gauteng strongly condemned the killing and highlighted what it described as the continued violence plaguing townships and informal settlements across the province. The party expressed concern that women and children remain especially vulnerable, despite government assurances that crime is being addressed. The DA also called on Gauteng Premier Panyaza Lesufi, who serves as the de facto MEC for Community Safety, to act swiftly and decisively. The party urged provincial authorities and the South African Police Service to thoroughly investigate the matter, apprehend the

perpetrator or perpetrators, and restore a sense of safety in Vlakfontein and surrounding communities. Community members with information that could assist the investigation have been encouraged to contact Lenasia South SAPS, with the DA stressing that cooperation will be critical in ensuring justice for the victim and her family. The party extended its deepest condolences to the family of the deceased and reiterated its position that stronger policing, visible law enforcement, and effective crime prevention strategies are urgently needed to protect vulnerable communities in Gauteng.

Ramadan Kareem

Sending love, peace and blessings to our Muslim staff, patients, community and friends during the Holy Month of Ramadan.



From vision boards to business breakthroughs: Highlights from Ennerdale's Women's Conference



Attendees celebrated empowerment, collaboration and growth, building strong networks to uplift the community

On 7 February, Ennerdale Ext 9 Hall was filled with inspiration and purpose, as women from across the community gathered for the 3rd Annual Women's Conference.

The event held under the theme "Work Life Balance & Business," focused on equipping women with the tools, confidence and networks needed to succeed in both their professional and personal lives.

The event was hosted by award-winning author and entrepreneur Mel Jay, founder of Insurepreneur Academy and visionary behind Iron Sharpens Iron. As a Mrs Africa pageant finalist, Jay exemplifies purpose-

driven leadership. In her address, she highlighted the importance of financial literacy, education and collaborative growth, emphasising that sustainable success requires both strategy and community support.

The conference brought together dynamic voices in leadership, entrepreneurship and personal development, creating a space for meaningful dialogue and practical empowerment.

One of the keynote speakers, Sharon Khosa, popular known as "The Success Coach," shared career-building strategies drawn from her books Winning CV, Interview

Success Secrets, and Want Success? Go Get It! Her message centred on self-belief, preparation and the courage to seize opportunities.

Organisers emphasised that the conference was more than a motivational gathering - it was a catalyst for change. By bringing women together to share knowledge, experiences and encouragement, the event reinforced the idea that balancing work, life and business becomes more achievable when women support one another. Sponsors including Insurepreneur Academy, Iron Sharpens Iron and Mel J were acknowledged for their contribution in

Centre. The event will honour and celebrate women in the community, with guests encouraged to dress in smart casual attire. For more info, contact Pops Rathiram on 072 205 8945.

Liverpool pipe replacement project tender notice

TILBIT Construction - appointed by Johannesburg Water for the Lenasia South Ext1 Water Pipe Replacement Project (Contract No: JW14220BH - Phase 1) - invites security companies based in Ward 120 to submit quotations for 24-hour site security services (1 unarmed day guard and 2-armed night guards). Preference will be given to Ward 120 residents. A compulsory SMME briefing will be on 26 February at 11am at Lenasia South Civic Centre. All required documentation, including compliance and registration certificates, must be submitted by 5 March at 12pm at Lenasia South Civic Centre.

JMPD by-law contact directory

Residents are encouraged to report by-law related matters to the relevant Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department unit.
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Cancer support workshop

African Revival Church will host this event on 28 February from 9am to 1pm at 2 Kiaat Street, Lenasia. For more info or to reserve your place, contact Geeve Chetty on 083 231 4672 or Samantha Phillips at 082 950 4948.

Haleem distribution points

Saaberie Chishty will be every Sunday at 2pm during Ramadan, at the following points: Saaberie Chishty Masjid, corner Gum & Oak Crescents, Ext 6, Lenasia; Jamia Razvia Masjid, Marlin Street, Ext 8, Lenasia; and the Saaberie Chishty Dawah Centre,

Drieziek 3, Orange Farm. For contributions or enquiries, call 082 762 8877 or 082 815 6624.

Andes Street Lenasia South

Every Sunday during the month of Ramadan free lamb knuckles and chicken haleem, chicken akhni, and naan will be distributed in Lenasia South Ext 4 (3730 Andes Street) at 3pm. Please bring your own containers (x3). All are welcome.

Jay Crescent Lenasia South

Khanqah Sabriya Shamshiya Jilaniya invites the community to collect Haleem every Saturday during Ramadan at 3pm. Distribution is at 5 Jay Crescent, Lenasia South. For enquiries, call Hafez Mahomed Irshaad Habib on 061 404 9536. All are welcome.

Giant Castle Lenasia South

There's a free haaleem distribution by Khanqa Chisti Sabiri Jehangiri, Lenasia South after zohr salaah at 89 Giants Castle. For more info, call 072 949 3547

Firewalking festivals next month

Shree Kali Amman Mandir, located at 594 Greenwich Street, Lenasia South, welcomes all devotees and members of the community to participate in the annual Theemithi Thiruvizha Firewalking Festival. The main festival will be on 7 March from 9am, with the firewalking ceremony scheduled for 7pm. A Theemithi Hamper Drive will also be held on 14 and 15 March. All devotees undertaking offerings are reminded that Mala Dharanam and Guru Pratanay are compulsory. An additional activity, Karagams Decorating is on Friday, 6 March at 1pm. For info, contact Prakash Diar Gurukkal 084 552 8317, Thiru. Seelan Naidoo 073 815 4740, Guru Theolin Padayachee 076 404 5022, or Thiru. Kresan Moodley 078 030 4170.

Shree Adi Parasakthi Thirukovil, situated at 23 Muller Street, South Buccleuch, hosts the annual Maha Draupadi Firewalking Festival on 21 March at 4pm. Devotees are also invited to participate in the Kulsum Foundation Prayer on 4 March at 6pm, marking the beginning of 18 days of daily prayers leading up to the main festival. For more info, please contact Spiritual Head, Guru Deena Govender, on 072 760 9021. All are welcome to join in this spiritually uplifting occasion.

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Voice for change: Peaceful March for jobs and dignity

The Unemployed People of South Africa (UPSA) will host peaceful march on 17 March from 9am to 1:30pm, with participants gathering at Gembok Street Park in Lenz. Organisers urge attendees to arrive on time, bring their own water, wear a cap, and note that no weapons allowed as the march is intended to remain peaceful.

King Kabaza Birthday extravaganza comes to Grasmere

NawaLamaPiano in partnership with Peace Corner Venue presents the King Kabaza Birthday Extravaganza - an Arabian themed event to take place in 28 February at Peace Corner Venue in Grasmere, Finetown.

Tribute to Women Event

Daxina Senior Citizens will host special "Tribute to Women" celebration on Saturday, 15 August at 4pm at the Lenasia South Civic

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Operation Restore brings major road repairs to Ward 7, 121



MMC Kenny Kunene, Cllr Lois Simonse, and a JRA official overseeing service delivery interventions

On 10 February, Johannesburg MMC for Road and Transport Cllr, Kenny Kunene, launched a 2-week initiative focused on improving road conditions and infrastructure through targeted interventions by Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA) teams in Ennerdale, Lawley, Meriting, Finetown and nearby communities. Operation Restore aims to fix damaged roads, clear drainage systems, install speed humps and improve overall mobility and safety for residents. In Ennerdale Ext 8, work is in progress on Cryolite Street where speed humps and new road markings are being installed to calm traffic and enhance pedestrian

safety. MMC Kunene emphasised the importance of sustained service delivery and community involvement: "We have to take this campaign forward and ensure our people understand the importance of protecting infrastructure. We are committed to doing the work on the ground, repairing potholes and installing speed humps to improve road safety." Kunene added: "JRA Region G teams are on the ground in Ennerdale to clear stormwater drainage blockages along Poseidon Road and Carina Street, while pothole repairs are also underway on key routes including James Street and Poseidon Road." Ward 7 Cllr Lois Simonse welcomed the MMC and JRA

teams: "The MMC is known for keeping his promises. While there are many pothole problems in the area, we know that progress will take time and cannot happen all at once." She said, "This operation aims to fix potholes and restore road safety in the community. I urge residents to work together with local authorities to rebuild pride and ensure a safer, cleaner and more functional Ennerdale." Simonse also thanked community members for their patience and participation in the launch of the programme. "I welcome the MMC and his office to Ward 7, and I thank everyone who came out today," she concluded.

Illegal power connections plague Lenasia South



This is Stellenberg Street after the community, TDP and Joy Govender removed the cabling on Valentine's Day

Lenasia South is grappling with a growing problem of illegal electricity connections, putting residents and infrastructure at risk. Ward Committee member for Infrastructure, Joy Govender, told GLOBE POST: "Every street in Lenasia South has illegal connections. We've been struggling with Stellenberg Street since November, where some residents have been particularly problematic." She explained that some locals took matters into their own hands by connecting electricity without authorization. "Around November, some residents took matters into their own hands and connected electricity themselves. They intimidated our team and made threats, creating a very hostile environment for us while we were carrying out our work," Govender added. According to Govender, TDP, a security company contracted by City Power to monitor the area has addressed this issue for months.

Over the past weekend, TDP removed unauthorized cables and disconnected illegal power lines. Despite these efforts, the problem persists, with similar activity now reported at Mount Aux Source. Govender voiced frustration over City Power's response, saying, "When we call and provide a reference number to City Power, their phones often get disconnected within minutes, especially when they hear it's Lenasia South. We are then forced to call again, generate a new reference, and resend it, which makes the whole process extremely frustrating." City Power continues to urge residents to follow proper procedures for electricity connections, warning that illegal tampering not only puts lives at risk but will also lead to arrests. For assistance or to report illegal connections, residents can contact City Power at 0800 002 587 or the Joburg Call Centre at 0860 56 28 74, or visit www.citypower.co.za



Lenasia South SAPS Station Commander, Col Priscilla Xaba, W/O Josiah Narayanan - SAPS fleet manager and CPF's Ridwaan Minty

"Are they really for policing or for rides home?" Lenasia South residents react as SAPS receives two new vehicles

"Two vans to go do shopping," Sharif Jasmith, commented on a Facebook post published by GLOBE POST. The recent arrival of two brand-new police vehicles at the Lenasia South station has sparked mixed reactions among residents, with many questioning whether the vehicles will genuinely improve service delivery or simply become another source of frustration. Station Commander Col Xaba confirmed that the vehicles were received to strengthen policing and enhance service delivery within the community. However, residents raised concerns about accessibility and response times. "They always say no cars while busy escorting their kids to school sometimes the use to buy lunch," said Gaza Nation. Several residents pointed out that while extra transport sounds positive on paper, actual availability and purpose remain unclear. Victor

Shabally, commented: "Yes, go shopping, take kids to school - but when you call the station there's no vans." Some residents claimed that police vehicles are often seen parked at officers' homes after hours, questioning whether the new additions would face the same fate. Khanya Khanya, said a Facebook post published by GLOBE POST: "Let's see, hope they will serve their purpose - not driving family members from point A to B and dropping and picking kids from school as they are doing." Many residents said they hoped the vehicles would be used to boost visible policing, crime prevention and emergency response, rather than being repurposed for personal errands or family transport - a perception that has dogged perceptions of police resources in other parts of the country. Irvin Ndlovu said: "Try call the police station and see if the number goes through."



On Wednesday, 04 February, Pastor Jairus Silas of Emmanuel's Christian Fellowship church based in Lenasia South, in partnership with the University of Johannesburg (UJ) and other stakeholders

Emmanuel's Christian Fellowship church gives out 190 eye glasses to the community



donated close to 200 eye glasses to the community. The programme, which began on 9 October to coincide with World Sight Day, resulted in 190 pairs of prescription glasses being distributed

free of charge to community members who do not have the ability to afford them. "UJ came on board to partner with us and chose our church because of the facilities we have and our work in the community. We conducted eye screenings, and after that we fed about 900 people on the day," said Silas. Pst Silas explained to GLOBE POST: "Not everyone can afford the process of getting new glasses. A consultation starts from around R600, and a pair of glasses can cost about R2 000. Many people simply don't have that kind of money, which is why we provide glasses for free," he said. "We are making a difference. Some people thanked me for giving them an opportunity to see clearly again. We are a community service and a community church. We believe that people are

hungry spiritually and physically," Silas added. Lenasia South East resident, Sydney Tommy, expressed heartfelt gratitude after receiving his glasses: "I can see clearly now. I had eyesight problems for a very long time. When the opportunity came along to have my eyes tested at the church, I got excited." Ext 4 resident, Mandla Sibanyoni, told GLOBE POST: "I've been waiting for this for a very long time. It is a good feeling because we didn't pay anything. Sibanyoni explained that he has struggled with poor vision since 2009. "My right eye does not see completely; the left eye is the one that is fine," he added. Another grateful resident, Julia Jacobs, from Ext 4, said: "I am very happy. I will be able to read again and see my Bible. Thank you, Pastor Silas. I started having eyesight problems from 50 years."

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Ramadan 2026: What it is and what it means?



Easy Naan Tacos

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Ingredients:

- Naan Dough
- 2 cups flour
- 4 tsp baking powder
- Salt to taste
- 2 tbsp butter or ghee (clarified butter)
- 1 cup sour milk (add gradually)
- Chicken Filling:**
- 1 kg chicken fillet, cut into small pieces
- 3 tbsp ghee (clarified butter) or butter
- 1 tbsp fine red chillies
- 1 tsp turmeric (arad)
- 1 tbsp dhana jeera powder
- Salt to taste
- 1 tbsp ginger garlic paste
- 1 tbsp crushed green chillies
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp onion powder
- 1 tsp chicken spice
- 1 tsp Innapamans garlic & herb
- Little water (for cooking)
- Tomato sauce (optional)
- Mustard sauce (optional)
- Fresh dhana (coriander) for garnish
- Salad & Toppings (Optional):
- Grated carrots
- Shredded lettuce
- Grated green peppers
- Sliced onions
- Mayonnaise
- Grated cheese



Method:

1. Start by mixing the flour, baking powder, salt and butter/ghee together until crumbly.
2. Gradually add the sour milk to form a soft dough.
3. Cover and let it rest for 20 minutes.
4. Roll the dough out into saucer-sized circles, then fold each into a semi-circle shape.
5. Fry on a hot tawa with a little ghee until golden on both sides.
6. Remove and allow to cool. Once cooled, gently open to create a pocket.
7. For the chicken filling, heat ghee in a pot.
8. Add the chicken and all the spices.
9. Mix well, add a little water and cook until the chicken is tender and fully cooked.
10. Remove from heat and stir in a little tomato sauce and mustard (if using). Garnish with fresh dhana.
11. Fill each naan pocket with the saucy chicken (or steak/mince of choice).
12. Add grated cheese if desired, then top with carrots, lettuce, green peppers, onions and drizzle with mayo.
13. Serve fresh and enjoy your homemade Naan Tacos!

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a sacred time of devotion. It commemorates the month in which the Qur'an was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. Fasting during Ramadan, known as sawm, is one of the Five Pillars of Islam and requires Muslims to abstain from food and drink from dawn until sunset. Beyond physical fasting, the month encourages spiritual growth, self-discipline, compassion for the less fortunate and stronger community ties. Ramadan 2026 began on the evening of Tuesday, 17 February, with the first full day of

fasting on Wednesday, 18 February. Ramadan is expected to conclude around the evening of Wednesday, 18 March, subject to moon sighting. The end of the holy month will be marked by the celebration of Eid al-Fitr, the festival of breaking the fast, likely to be observed on Thursday, 19 March or Friday, 20 March, depending on lunar confirmation. During Ramadan, Muslims wake before dawn for a pre-fast meal known as suhoor and break their fast at sunset with ifthar. Evenings are often spent in additional prayers called Taraweeh, held at mosques and community centres.

MESSAGE FROM WARD 120's CLLR PUSELETSO NZIMANDE

"On behalf of the office of the Councillor, I wish all those observing Ramadan a meaningful and spiritually uplifting month. May this time of fasting and prayer deepen our shared values of compassion, generosity, and service to others. Let this sacred month strengthen the bonds that unite us as one community."



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That makes you happy! If it doesn't turn out that way, you will be disappointed! God, having created Adam and Eve, had fellowship with them in the Garden of Eden.

He also got the man to cultivate and care for the garden (**Genesis 2:6-24**). God also gave commandments to Adam. He told him that he and his wife can eat fruit from all the trees of the Garden except from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil which was in the middle of the Garden. Eve, being very well aware of the Adamic Covenant, somehow, found herself being deceived by the devil.

Immediately Adam and Eve tried to hide themselves from God but He confronted them

(**Genesis 3:1-24**). Was God disappointed? Yes, He was. Did Eve fail God? No, she failed herself. Eve's failure didn't affect God nor did it change God's love for her because He promised that through her Seed (Jesus Christ), the devil's head will be crushed (**Genesis 3:15**). That was fulfilled in John 19:30. Faithfully, God judged her actions but did not discard her.

Eve's action brought consequences to herself and all women thereof until Jesus came and destroyed the curse. When you fail to walk in God's plan for your life, you never fail God. You fail yourself. But, does that mean you lose hope and give up? No! Failure is an opportunity to find out more about God and yourself. It helps you to adapt to changes, confronting your fears and shortfalls. Eve spoke too much.

She gave extra information to the devil and even exaggerated the story. Surely, in her failure, she

could have taught herself as she went on with life, to be slow to speak and quick to listen. Look out for improvements in your life.

God is right there to pick you up and help restore you. The plan He had for you is not discarded, but God gets it to work for you right at the time of your restoration. He is a Just and loving God and He is not there to take from you but to give to you and help you.

He's not holding a gun to your head, watching when you going to make a mistake or fail and condemn you. Remember, Eve yielded to temptation. God didn't jump at her throat and say, "why did you yield to that temptation?" God was patient, calm and tactful.

The source, which was disobedience was addressed. You most probably will feel guilty but don't camp there. Trust the Lord, because He always makes a way out.

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SA Hindus Marks 10 Blessed Years with Hanuman Rasik Utsav and welcomes the Hindu & Telugu New Year



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SA Hindus humbly and gratefully will celebrate its 10th Anniversary on 21 March 2026 with a sacred Hanuman Rasik Utsav, a devotional offering of song, dance and spiritual reflection dedicated to Hanuman Baba, honouring the embodiment of strength, humility, loyalty, and pure bhakti.

For a decade, SA Hindus has served as a platform for dharma, unity, and cultural preservation within South Africa. This milestone is not merely a celebration of years, but of seva (selfless service). The organisation extends its heartfelt gratitude to Globe Post for graciously providing a platform over the past 10 years, enabling the voice of the Hindu community to be heard, respected, and shared.

This sacred period is further sanctified by the arrival of the Hindu and Telugu New Year on 19 March, a time symbolising renewal, divine alignment, and spiritual awakening. The New Year reminds us that life moves in sacred cycles, each year offering a fresh opportunity to grow in devotion.

The beginning of the year is especially significant with the observance of the NauGraha

fast - the first nine days dedicated to the nine celestial influences in Vedic tradition. Through prayer, mantra, fasting, and introspection, devotees seek harmony with Surya, Chandra, Mangala, Budha, Guru, Shukra, Shani, Rahu, and Ketu.

The NauGraha observance is not merely ritual; it is a conscious act of aligning oneself with cosmic order. By honouring these divine forces at the start of the year, devotees pray for balance, protection from obstacles, clarity of mind, spiritual strength, and divine grace for the months ahead. Should you require guidance on observing the NauGraha fast, kindly send a WhatsApp message to SA Hindus on 067 638 2008.

As SA Hindus celebrates ten years of service and steps into a New Year filled with promise, we pray for unity among all communities, strength in faith, and the continued upliftment of dharma in South Africa. All shall be well by His grace and mercy. Jai Hanuman! Globe Post and SA Hindus wish the Hindu community a very Happy New Year!

If you would like Globe Post to feature your temple or organisation's prayer event, kindly contact Lucy on 067 638 2008.

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On 12 February, Tsepiso's Kiddie's World Preschool and Tshepiso Ya Lerato Preschool marked Valentine's Day in a unique and meaningful way, moving beyond the usual classroom activities to create a day filled with learning, talent and community engagement. Instead of focusing only on traditional celebrations of love and friendship, learners showcased their talents through modeling, dancing and other lively performances. As part of the programme, the children were taken on an educational visit to a local medical surgery, where they were introduced to a professional working environment and gained early exposure to the corporate world. The learners also toured the local police station, where they learned about safety and the important role police officers play in protecting the community. Educators from both centres actively participated in the celebrations, entertaining and guiding the children throughout the day.

Little stars from Tsepiso's Kiddie's World Preschool shined with talent and community fun this Valentine's Day

SONA 2026: Ramaphosa puts local communities at the centre of recovery plan



President Cyril Ramaphosa

On 12 February, President Cyril Ramaphosa outlined an ambitious programme aimed at strengthening local communities, tackling poverty and improving service delivery, placing issues such as social relief, water access, housing and job creation at the heart of his 2026 State of the Nation Address in Cape Town. A key announcement was the continuation of the Social Relief of Distress (SRD) Grant. Introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic, the grant has supported millions of unemployed South Africans. Ramaphosa said the SRD grant will not only continue but will be redesigned to better connect beneficiaries to livelihoods, skills development and work opportunities.

"This grant has kept millions out of food poverty. For many families in townships and rural areas, where job opportunities remain scarce, this commitment offers a measure of stability," he said. Ramaphosa announced the establishment of a National Water Crisis Committee, which he will personally chair, to coordinate urgent interventions. Ramaphosa said: "Government has committed more than R156 billion over the next three years for water and sanitation infrastructure, including dam construction and upgrades. Municipalities failing to meet their obligations could face direct intervention, with legal action already initiated against dozens of local authorities."

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SPORTS

Ennerdale's young boxers excel at Novice Championship



Locked in focus before the bell: Head Coach - Virgil Debeer shows off Duran Randall, Liam Meyer, Joshau Delanga and Zoe Simons

Undisputed Boxing Academy, is celebrating four of its young fighters were selected to represent Johannesburg at the recent Novice Championship - with Liam Meyer returning home with gold.

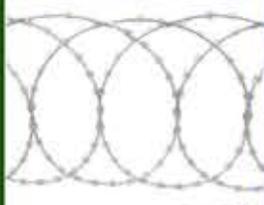
Saturday, 14 February, marked a significant moment for the Ennerdale-based club when Duran Randall, Zoe Simons, Joshua de Langa and Liam Meyer were officially chosen for the Johannesburg championship team. The selection reflects the steady growth of the club and the dedication shown by its athletes throughout the season.

Meyer delivered an outstanding performance at the championship, walking away with gold after a series of disciplined

and focused bouts. Speaking after his victory, he explained his preparation and commitment gave him the confidence to pursue one clear objective. "I stepped into the championship with one goal - victory. I'm proud that my hard work paid off and that I could represent my club and Johannesburg with honour," he said. For Duran Randall, the opportunity to compete at this level was the result of relentless effort in the gym. Known for his discipline and determination, Randall said wearing the Undisputed name comes with responsibility. He explained that representing both his club and city motivated him to push harder in every round. Zoe Simons also embraced the moment with courage and resilience. Her

steady development has been evident in her speed and ring awareness, qualities that earned her a place on the team. She said the experience reinforced her belief that dedication and self-confidence can open doors in the sport. Joshua de Langa brought strength and composure to the Johannesburg squad. Calm under pressure, he described the championship as a valuable learning opportunity and said he was honoured to compete alongside his teammates. His focus, both inside and outside the ring, continues to position him as a promising talent. The club's success extended beyond the fighters. Head coach, Virgil Debeer was nominated as one of the coaches

representing the Johannesburg team - a proud milestone for the Ennerdale gym. He said the selection of four boxers to the city squad reflects the unity, discipline and shared vision within the club. According to Debeer, the focus at Undisputed goes beyond winning titles. "It is about building character, instilling pride and creating opportunities for young athletes in the community. This is bigger than medals. It's about representation, growth and showing what can be achieved through commitment," he added. With four fighters selected to the Johannesburg team and a gold medal secured, Undisputed Boxing, Ennerdale, continues to strengthen its reputation in amateur boxing circles.

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