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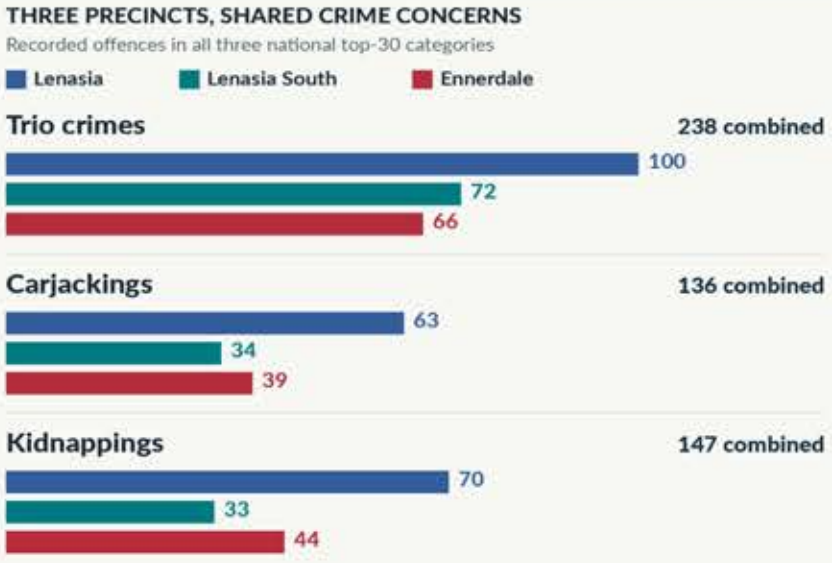
Crime spikes in Ennerdale, Lenasia South and Lenasia



OTHER CRIMES IN THE TOP 30

Same quarter, year-on-year comparison

	2025	2026
ENNERDALE		
Murder	23	**30**
Attempted murder	29	**36**
Assault GBH	120	**152**
LENASIA		
Attempted murder	28	**39**
Aggravated robbery	182	**175**
Business robbery	13	**16**
Vehicle / motorcycle theft	40	**51**
LENASIA SOUTH		
Residential robbery	20	**30**

“ Lenasia, Lenasia South and Ennerdale feature among the country’s top 30 police precincts for kidnappings, carjackings and trio crimes, raising serious safety concerns ahead of the festive season ”

The latest South African Police Service (SAPS) crime statistics for July to September 2026 paint a disturbing picture of community safety across Johannesburg’s Deep South, despite several crime categories declining nationally.

Particularly concerning is the rise in kidnappings across all three precincts, with a combined 147 recorded offences compared to 89 during the corresponding period in 2025. Lenasia ranked fourth nationally with 70 kidnappings, followed by Ennerdale, ranked 18th with 44, and Lenasia South, ranked 28th with 33.

Trio crimes, comprising carjackings, residential and non-residential robberies, also increased across all three precincts, collectively rising from 209 to 238. Lenasia ranked fourth nationally with 100 offences, Lenasia South 23rd with 72 and Ennerdale 27th with 66.

Carjackings remain a significant concern, with Lenasia recording 63, Ennerdale 39 and Lenasia South 34 — a combined 136 offences in just three months.

Violent crime in Ennerdale

Ennerdale recorded 30 murders, up from 23, while attempted murders increased from 29 to 36. Assault with intent to inflict grievous bodily harm increased by 26.7%, from 120 to 152.

Lenasia also recorded an increase in attempted murders, from 28 to 39.

Homes, businesses and motorists under threat

Lenasia recorded 175 robberies with aggravating circumstances, despite a 3.8% decrease. Business robberies increased from 13 to 16, while theft of motor vehicles and motorcycles rose from 40 to 51.

Residential robberies in Lenasia South increased by 50%, from 20 to 30.

While SAPS has committed to intensifying intelligence-led policing and targeted operations during the festive season, the local figures highlight the need for coordinated policing across precinct boundaries, strengthened crime prevention and greater collaboration with community safety structures.

Residents are encouraged to remain vigilant, report criminal activity and cooperate with law enforcement and community policing forums.

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Lenasia South family appeals for help



Firefighter's truck at the scene of the house fire

The Naidoo family in Lenasia South is appealing for community support after a devastating house fire left them facing significant losses.
The family is calling on residents, businesses and organisations to assist as they work towards rebuilding their lives following the incident.
Community members are encouraged to contribute towards the family's recovery, with donations and other forms of assistance welcomed. The appeal highlights the importance of community solidarity in supporting families during difficult times. For further information or to arrange donations, residents can contact the organisers via **WhatsApp:**

- **Niri: 081 040 0694**
- **Bhavesh: 067 382 4191**
- **Boppas: 073 287 8038**
- **Manisha: 083 250 0895**

Every contribution counts. Let us not allow this family to rebuild alone



From left: Nishtara director - Ra'eesah Waja, Mrs Rusty, head therapist - Fatima Wadee and nurse, Padma Dayah

Image: Nishtara

Nishtara celebrates recovery milestones

Men and women who have overcome substance addiction were honoured during SANCA Nishtara Recovery and Wellness Centre's Recovery Celebrations at Park Primary School on Saturday, November 21.
Held under the theme "Nishtara's Ripple Effect", the event recognised recovery milestones ranging from six months to 11 years. "The occasion celebrated people who had refused to let their past define their future." Nishtara Director, Ra'eesah Waja, told *GLOBE POST*.
The centre also honoured the late Graham Leukes, who past away in November 17 after achieving 11 years of recovery, with the inaugural Shahida Kazie Award.



Esports showdowns, cosplay and live entertainment will take over Level 8 of Fourways Mall from 27 to 29 November.
The three-day festival will also feature hands-on tech experiences for gamers, families and first-time visitors. ragenation.howler.co.za
The *GLOBE POST* team will be there on Saturday, 28 November, and Sunday, 29 November, to bring you highlights from the festival floor. Spot us there? Stop us for a photo and you could be featured on *GLOBE POST*'s socials that same day. See you there!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Joburg maskandi picnic

Music lovers are invited to the Joburg Maskandi Picnic on Saturday, 28 November, from 11am to 8pm at Fun Valley Resort, Olifantsvlei. The event will feature Maskandi artists, including Khuzani, Limit Nala and Mthandeni SK. Tickets are advertised from R150. **For info, contact 060 268 2007.**

Pen's down celebration

Learners and young people are invited to a Pen's Down Celebration on Saturday, 28 November, from 2pm at The Grill, 5343 Mayfield, Ext 6, Lenasia. The event promises music and entertainment, with tickets advertised from R30. Kwa Sphola Shisanyama is listed as the organiser. **For info, contact The Grill on 082 835 2238.**

Karthigai deepam celebration

Siva Gnana of Lenasia Sivan Koil invites the community to attend Thiru Annamalai Woli, Tuesday, 24 November, from 18:00-20:00 at corner Hummingbird and Robin Avenue, Extention 1, Lenasia. For info, contact **Thiru Villa Pillay 083 263 9911.**

Summer is now Halaal Market

Residents are invited to Summer is now Halaal Market, Residents are incouraged come through and enjoy a weekend of food, shopping,entertainment and family activities while supporting local vendors and businesses on 28 & 29 November at the Venue, 8 Dimple Road, Lenasia. **For info, contact 011 214 4300.**

Celebration service for Bishop Bugana in Vlakfontein

Residents are invited to a special service celebrating Bishop Bugana on Sunday, 29 November, from 10:00 am at Holy Mount Worship Centre, Vlakfontein Ext3. The event will bring together community members. **For info, contact 073 233 2214**

Siva Gnana Sabay celebrates 40th Anniversary

Join a programme of song, music and dance starting at 2pm on Sunday, 29 November. The celebration will take place at corner Hummingbird Avenue and Robin Avenue, Extension 1, Lenasia. **For bookings, contact Thiru San Pillay on 082 569 6710.**

Savanna Fest 6.0 Festive

Residents can look forward to a day of music and entertainment at Savanna Fest 6.0 on Wednesday, 16 December. The event will take place at Khubas Lounge in Lenasia South, starting at 1pm until midnight. **Tickets start at R50. For info, contact 064 686 4358.**

Show brings laughter to Ennerdale

Virgil Prins presents comedy on Saturday, 28 November, from 7pm to 9:30pm at Candy's Elite Hub, Ennerdale Ext 5 Shopping Centre. Tickets cost R100 per person with bookings via Quicket. **For info, contact 078 371 0615.**

Helping Hands for the abused calls on the community to give back

Ennerdale residents are encouraged to contribute,Helping Hands for the Abused is appealing for donations towards its upcoming Christmas lunch party for vulnerable community members, including approximately 200 children and 200 adults. The organisation is calling on residents, businesses and generous individuals to contribute food, drinks, party packs and other essentials to help make the celebration possible. Every contribution makes a difference. To donate, contact Charmaine on 063 005 0009. Cash donations are also welcome. Let's come together to spread kindness, hope and Christmas cheer!. **For info, contact Brandon Miller 082 990 1210**





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Meriting garden helps families fight hunger



Ramsenyane Lefenya along with other two Meriting garden volunteers

A community garden is helping tackle food insecurity by providing fresh produce to households while creating opportunities for residents to support themselves.

The garden was started by Mannini Ntlaba, currently it brings together about 40 volunteers who grow vegetables for their families and the wider community.

The one-hectare garden produces spinach, cabbage, carrots, beetroot, tomatoes, onions and maize, with some vegetables sold from R5 to make fresh food more affordable. For volunteer, Ramsenyane Lefenya - a father of three - the initiative provides additional support as he struggles on a social relief grant. "The garden has really helped me make ends meet for my family" Lefenya told ***GLOBE POST***.

He is also using the skills gained to grow vegetables at home and share produce with neighbours. The project further supports two local preschools through monthly vegetable donations.

Lenasia South church marks three years of community outreach



Pastor Jairus Silas, Carol Silas, Sister Veronica, SANCA Nomthandazo Nkosi & Refiloe Sibakeng, FAMSA Yolanda, W/O Thys Mokoena, CPF Secretary, Mandla Sibanyoni and Church representatives

Emmanuel's Christian Fellowship Apostolic Faith Mission of South Africa has supported vulnerable families through weekly Wednesday outreach programmes since April 2023.

Led by Pastor Jairus Silas and his wife, Carol, the initiative provides food, health screenings and social support to residents in surrounding communities.

The 11 November outreach included FAMSA, SANCA, Lifeline, Queens of Courage and the Lenasia South Civic Centre Clinic. With the festive season approaching and concerns over rising crime, residents also received safety tips and information on crime prevention, substance abuse and gender-based violence.

The programme relies on donations, sponsors and volunteers.

Fred Norman Secondary opens media centre to support learners



Teachers and sponsors gathered to mark the opening of the new facility

The facility, which recently opened allows learners a dedicated space to read, study, conduct research and complete schoolwork during breaks and after school.

The media centre is particularly beneficial to learners from informal settlements who may not have access to books, internet connectivity or suitable study spaces at home. Fred Norman's principal, Octavia De Villiers, told ***GLOBE POST:*** "The centre provides learners with an opportunity to focus on their education beyond classroom hours, while strengthening their reading, writing, comprehension and communication skills." The project received financial support from PAW, a church based in California, United States.

Its delegation, led by Bishop Hunt, attended the opening. "The school has donated books and Wi-Fi connectivity, and appeals to businesses, organisations and community members to assist in equipping the centre" De Villiers added.



Community members meet at Hyperland, Ennerdale on Sunday, 15 November, to discuss rising crime and cable theft affecting the area

Ennerdale residents demand action as cable theft and crime concerns mount

Stakeholders from Ennerdale, Lawley and Finetown have called for stronger policing and urgent intervention following growing concerns about crime, cable theft and infrastructure sabotage.

The concerns were raised during a stakeholder meeting held at Hyperland on Sunday, 15 November, where residents, Community Policing Forum (CPF) representatives, patrollers, wardens and faith leaders discussed safety challenges across the Ennerdale SAPS precinct.

Rising cable theft, particularly around the substation, was highlighted alongside concerns about repeated sabotage, armed criminals and inadequate security at identified hotspots. Residents also raised questions about the lack of feedback following an ATM bombing and alleged failures in police response to reported crimes. Among the proposals discussed were increased patrols, surveillance cameras, drones and the deployment of Crime Prevention Wardens at crime hotspots.

A proposed monthly contribution of R10 per household was also raised to help fund community safety initiatives.

Stakeholders agreed to approach Station Commander, Col Romeo Vassen, to compile outstanding case numbers for submission to IPID and strengthen cooperation between the community, CPF and law enforcement agencies. The meeting called for regular stakeholder engagements to address crime and restore public confidence.

Ennerdale mother loses money in alleged fake Wi-Fi scam



A 51-year-old Lakeview, Ennerdale, woman is warning residents about online scams after allegedly losing money to individuals posing as Vuma Wi-Fi agents.

Lynn Kopman, said she was seeking affordable internet access to help her daughter with schoolwork when she came across a website advertising Vuma services. According to her account, she was asked to pay R300, followed by another R100 for delivery and additional expenses. She also purchased a voucher and received screenshots suggesting her router would be delivered. However, the device never arrived. "I used my last money because I believed I was going to get the router, but nothing was delivered," Kopman said. ***GLOBE POST*** approached Vuma for comment, but no response was received at the time of publication. With Black Friday here, residents are urged to remain alert to online shopping scams. Shoppers should use trusted websites, check web addresses carefully, avoid clicking suspicious links and never share banking PINs or one-time passwords. Be cautious of deals that appear too good to be true and verify payment details before transferring money. ***Suspect fraud? Call your bank IMMEDIATELY and also call SAPS' South African Fraud Prevention Service on 083 123 7226.***





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Funeral cover: a checklist to help you get it right

After her mother dies, Nontobeko starts arranging the funeral. She has paid for funeral cover for years, often skipping other payments to afford the monthly premiums. She now finds out that her brother and aunt also insured their mother. Until then, nobody had discussed who would pay for what, or how much cover the family actually needed. Nontobeko realises that if she had talked with her family sooner, she could have taken out a more affordable policy.

Funeral policies serve a specific purpose: to pay out quickly and with no hassle when an insured family member dies, helping the family meet funeral costs. Planning can help you choose cover that meets your family's needs and fits your budget, so you can have enough money to cover all your needs.

Whether you are buying your first policy or reviewing existing cover, work through this checklist.

☑ 1. Start with a plan: what would the funeral cost?

Think about the funeral you would want for yourself or your relatives. Get an idea of the costs, including:

- Transport of the deceased and any family members to a different province or even country.
- The coffin and burial or a cremation.
- A tombstone.
- A venue or marquee, catering and any livestock.
- Flowers, décor and the ceremony.

If you think the funeral will cost R100 000, then cover for R125 000 (the legal limit) makes sense if you can afford the monthly premium. If the cost is lower, then go for a policy that offers less cover at a lower premium. This frees up money for other monthly costs or savings goals you might have.

☑ 2. What cover does your family already have?

Speak to your relatives. Find out who has insured whom, for how much, and agree on who will contribute to each funeral.
Focus on family members whose funeral costs you would need to contribute to. Check with the insurer about which family members are allowed on the policy and the number of people you can cover. Most insurers will only allow policies for direct family. A close friend you call your "sister" does not legally become your sister for insurance purposes.

☑ 3. How many policies do you need?

All funeral policies have a limit of about R125 000 in cover for each insured person.
You can have more than one policy. For example, you may have bought R20 000 for your own funeral, when you were younger and now need more because you have more dependents. But any more additional policies should meet a need. If one policy covers all the expected funeral costs, think if you need another. The purpose is to fund a funeral. A death should not be treated as an opportunity for a payout to fund other financial needs.

☑ 4. Do the premiums fit your budget?

Can you afford the funeral cover as well as money for food, transport, debt repayments and other essentials? Remember you also need to put some money aside for saving. Choose cover you can afford.

☑ 5. When will the cover start?

Waiting periods matter. A waiting period is the amount of time you will have to pay premiums before you will be able to receive a payout.

- Death from natural causes has a six-month waiting period.
- Suicide has a 12-month waiting period.
- Accidental death has no waiting period, with cover starting from the first premium payment.

Before taking a new policy or even changing policies, make sure you understand when the cover starts.

☑ 6. Are you using funeral cover for other financial needs?

Funeral cover pays for a funeral. In return for every monthly payment, you enjoy the peace of mind that you and your family are covered when you need it. As soon as you stop paying for the cover, your cover ends and you do not receive a payout. Funeral cover does not replace a savings account, investment or retirement fund. If you are looking to grow your savings then you should open a savings or investment account.

If your family depends on your income, then consider also taking out life insurance to help with debts, children's education and future living costs. The monthly payments for life cover are higher but provide larger payouts to family dependents.

☑ 7. Did you give complete, accurate information to the insurer?

Answer the insurer's questions honestly, including any questions about health and existing cover. Ask for an explanation if you are unclear. Policies also don't pay out when a beneficiary commits a crime that causes the insured person's death. The insurer will delay payment until after the investigation.

Understanding funeral cover, securing family futures
Like any financial product, funeral cover works best when you understand what you need from it and what you can afford. Take time to plan, compare your options and ask questions so you can make a decision that suits your family and your budget.

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WORRY TOOK THE WRONG TURN



By Ps Radha Moodley
Faith Bible College

You just don't take a wrong turn when you are walking or driving. A relationship can take a wrong turn; a Husband can take a wrong turn; a young lady can take a wrong turn.

Likewise, worry can lead you to take the wrong turn. Jesus taught that what is needed to be eaten, drunk or worn should not become a worry because the Heavenly Father is fully aware that all these things are needed and that it's the Father's good pleasure to meet that need **(Luke 12: 22-31)**. He does that to the birds. He feeds them. He makes the water to gush from springs into valleys so that the birds and wild animals can quench their thirst **(Psalms 104:10-11)**. What a good God! When you worry, it doesn't mean your needs will be met but it surely doesn't extend your life. While worrying, the devil will help tempt you to get into unnecessary debt and make money your master and control your life. Worrying over money will not remove the beggarly and poverty mindset. The pressure of worrying can lead you to take the wrong turn in life; make wrong decisions. Therefore, Jesus said, "Do not worry but Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you." Make that worrying time into a God time and find out God's way of doing things. Worry will not meet your needs; faith will meet your needs! Worry will rob you of your faith. It sends a message that you don't trust Jesus. Worry keeps your mind on lack; Faith keeps your mind on God's Promises. If you are a person who worries continuously, the danger is that you might not recognize it and thus welcome other issues to your life. By faith, switch your mind and heart to God and Say this: "I refuse to worry. I refuse to be anxious about anything. I trust my Father completely. I use my Born-Again Believer's authority and cast all of my worries upon Jesus **(1Peter 5:7)**. I commit it to Him. He is working through it for my good. My God is fully involved in my life. I allow Him to be so. I believe that my Father is supplying all my needs, in Jesus Name! Amen!" Now that you have prayed by faith, the enemy will tempt you to doubt God. Don't take it! If you take it, you will continuously run to God and ask Him for the same things over and over again. This will show God that you don't trust Him and God knows those who put their trust in Him **(Nahum 1:7)**. You don't want to be double minded but unwavering in your faith. Believe that you have received what you have asked of God by faith. You will have God's peace about what you have just asked and now, just begin to thank and praise God.

Finetown artist Leonard Boity uses music to inspire



Image: Supplied

A recording artist, Leonard Boity, is using music to share stories of faith, personal struggles and perseverance, hoping to inspire listeners through her spiritual and emotional sound.

Puleng Boitumelo Leonard Tsotetsi, was born in Free State and raised in Gauteng, where she developed a passion for music at an early age. Her drawing inspiration comes from a South African group The Soil. Her musical journey grew at Finetown Secondary School, where she performed at school assemblies and sang in a church youth choir.

Encouragement from her mother also helped nurture her talent. Blending soulful, gospel-inspired sounds with genres such as Amapiano, She uses her music to reflect on life's challenges, particularly the difficulties young people face after completing matric.

In 2025, she released her four-track EP, Sonini, featuring Sonini, Icilongo, Izitha and Amen. She followed this with Inhliziyo Yami, featuring Fabiano RSA, in 2026.

With dreams of becoming an internationally recognised South African musician, Leonard Boity, hopes to collaborate with established artists and perform on bigger stages.

Above all, she remains committed to creating meaningful music that brings hope, comfort and encouragement to others.



Image: Agnes Ramosela

Young graduands proudly display their certificates as they prepare for the next chapter of schooling

Tshepiso Preschools recognise learners' achievements

Kindergartners from Tshepiso Kiddies World Preschool and Tshepiso ya Lerato Preschool were acknowledged for their achievements during an awards ceremony held on 6 November.

The ceremony celebrated their progress and efforts, with certificates presented to those who successfully completed computer lessons. Six educators also walked away with prizes after taking part in a raffle, while all the children received gifts as part of the celebrations.

Speaking to *GLOBE POST*, Principal Agnes Ramosela, said: 'The awards ceremony aimed to recognise the children's achievements and encourage their continued development." Parents welcomed the recognition, saying the support and prizes would help ease some of the costs associated with school fees and uniforms for 2027. The event brought together children, educators and parents to acknowledge the progress made throughout the year.

Lenmed brings diabetes screenings closer to Lenasia residents



Image: Globe Post

Medical professionals from left, Dr Saajidah Bulbulia, endocrinologist; Dr Ziyaad Mayet, foot and ankle orthopaedic and limb reconstruction surgeon with general practitioner, Dr Naeema Aboo

Lenmed Ahmed Kathrada Private Hospital brought healthcare services closer to the Lenasia community through a World Diabetes Day awareness and screening event held on Saturday, 14 November, at Lenz Quarter.

The initiative formed part of the hospital's World Diabetes Day activities, giving residents an opportunity to check their blood pressure, blood glucose and cholesterol levels between 10am and 2pm. Dr Saajidah Bulbulia, an endocrinologist at the hospital, told *GLOBE POST*, that the initiative encourages early detection and helps residents understand their health status.

"Diabetes can remain undetected during its early stages, as some people experience no symptoms, potentially leading to serious complications if left untreated" Bulbulia said.

She encouraged residents, particularly those with a family history of diabetes, to undergo regular health checks. She also highlighted the importance of healthy eating, exercise, early intervention and appropriate medication in managing Type 2 diabetes. The programme included educational activities, games and spot prizes, with other Lenmed doctors also supporting the initiative. The hospital had made provision to screen more than 300 people, while organisers expressed hope that the community initiative would become an annual event.

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SPORTS



Undisputed Boxing Academy showcases Gauteng talent in Ennerdale



Image: Suprise

Leeyale Oliver and Levano Amojee pose with coach Bongile Martins before the boxing tournament



Leeyale proudly showing off his gold medal

The Undisputed Boxing Academy hosted an exciting boxing tournament on Saturday, 21 November, featuring 20 bouts and bringing together emerging boxing talent from across Gauteng.

The event showcased both male and female fighters, who demonstrated skill, discipline and determination inside the ring.

Duran Randal and Manual Kealin delivered the Best Male Bout of the Day, while Zoe Simmons and Aaliyah Patel, earned recognition for the Best Female Bout following an impressive display of technique and sportsmanship. Fight With Insight, led by Coach Boetie, received the Most Organised Club award for its discipline, teamwork and punctuality.

The academy thanked its sponsors, including Ringpharm Pharmacy, HATH Boxing Academy, FVCK (Forget Violence Create Kings), JMSwordz, Tifflens, Cross Conexion, Tasty Den Takeaways, MONO VISUALS, Brilliant Paints, Bishop Dultan Adams of the ACDP and Mr Hamilton.

The tournament also highlighted the importance of grassroots sport in creating positive opportunities for young people.The academy says more tournaments and opportunities for aspiring boxers are planned as it continues investing in the future of the sport.



Image: Sameer Mulla

Lenasia South boxer celebrates after an impressive night in the ring at Benoni's John Barrable Hall this month

Mulla defeats Mlotshwa to maintain unbeaten record

Sameer Mulla (27) secured a victory over Zimbabwean opponent, Sinenkosi Mlotshwa, after their six-round bantamweight bout at Rise of the Legends on Friday, 6 November.

The Lenasia boxing talent was awarded the decision after a contest in which both fighters showed their willingness to engage. Speaking to ***GLOBE POST***, Mulla said he landed the bigger shots and caused more damage, earning the judges' nod. The win marks a milestone for Mulla, who continues to build experience as he progresses in his boxing career. His record now stands at eight wins, no losses and one draw (8-0-1). The bout formed part of Rise of the Legends, presented by The Mamba Legendary Promotions, at John Barrable Hall in Benoni. Mulla is trained and managed by Damien Durandt, with Tyson Kazembe assisting in his corner. ***GLOBE POST*** calls on residents to support Sameer Mulla in his upcoming matches.

