

HEADS UP

LET me sound a note of caution to the tenderpreneurs. This is not an invitation to Radical Economic Looting, whereby a few politically-connected syndicates receive huge contracts in return providing minimal service. Rather, we will be targeting emerging black entrepreneurs in the property and construction space who offer a real value proposition and tangible benefits to the government.

– Public Works Minister Thulas Nxesi, who promised a zero-tolerance approach to corruption by his ministry on Tuesday.



WHEN will the world's conscience mobilise to give Palestinians the rights so many of us take for granted? May God have mercy on those who lost their lives defending Jerusalem's proud Arab identity.

– Queen Rania of Jordan, another close US ally, tweeted that it was "a dark and sad day in history, marked with more Palestinian sacrifices". She was reacting to the killings on Monday.



BY WITHDRAWING its ambassador, South Africa is essentially walking away from playing any meaningful role in finding a sorely needed resolution to the conflict. The rhetoric used by the government has already spilt into anti-Semitic comment on various social media platforms and the biggest losers are the South African Jewish community, and other peace-loving South Africans. This is a victory only for extremism in the Middle East.

– A statement issued on Monday by the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, condemning the recall of South Africa's ambassador to Israel.



IN TERMS of the Batho Pele principles, the attitude of both councillors and staff must demonstrate we respect, love and care for our people that we serve. While great strides have been made, many challenges still remain in local government.

Based on our assessments and reports, the performance of the majority of municipalities is below expectations.

– Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs Minister Zweli Mkhize, during the Cogta budget vote on Tuesday.

