

## Sunday UPDATE

■ TSHWANE Mayor Solly Msimanga has distanced himself from the appointment of Previn Govender as acting city manager.

Msimanga said that it was the prerogative of city manager Moeketsi Mosola to name someone to act in his place while he was away.

Msimanga said he would have queried the appointment with the City's council, but it was already in recess when the decision was made.

"There is a report which will be tabled to council soon, and some of those queries will be engraved in it for its consideration," Msimanga said.

■ THE ANC in Limpopo has denied that millions of rands allegedly stolen in Polokwane last weekend were meant to be used for party activities.

The municipal manager of the Mopani District Municipality, Republic Monakedi, was reportedly with a friend in a private office when a group of unknown suspects allegedly barged in.

"They were robbed [of] an undisclosed amount of cash and other valuable items before the suspects fled the scene," police spokesperson Moatshe Ngoepe said.

Sources reportedly said the stolen money amounted to R5m and would have been used in Durban during the ANC's January 8 statement event.

■ ESKOM will extend its strategy of trimming top executive positions to include lower ranking managers and finally the general workforce, according to a person familiar with the plans.

The state-owned company last month reduced its highest executive structure to nine positions from 21 by regrading and combining roles.

The next phase is to cut a 600-strong layer of managers by at least 70%, according to the person who requested anonymity.

The latest notice on job cuts "is only limited to executive level," Eskom spokesman Khulu Phasiwe said in a text message. He didn't comment on cuts for other managers or staff.

■ IN THE 2017/18 financial year, R45.85m was spent on maintenance for official ministerial residences in Pretoria and Cape Town, according to Public Works Minister Thulas Nxesi.

Nxesi said R14.59m was spent in Pretoria in the 2017/18 financial year, and R31.26m for residences in Cape Town.

"Maintenance on Pretoria ministerial residences is done through day-to-day maintenance and in Cape Town, through a facility management service provider," he added.

The total monetary value of residences in Pretoria is R116.7m while the value of residences in Cape Town is R824.7m.

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