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Gatvol of empty promises

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GA-MALEBOHO residents showed little respect for Limpopo Premier Stan Mathabatha on Tuesday.

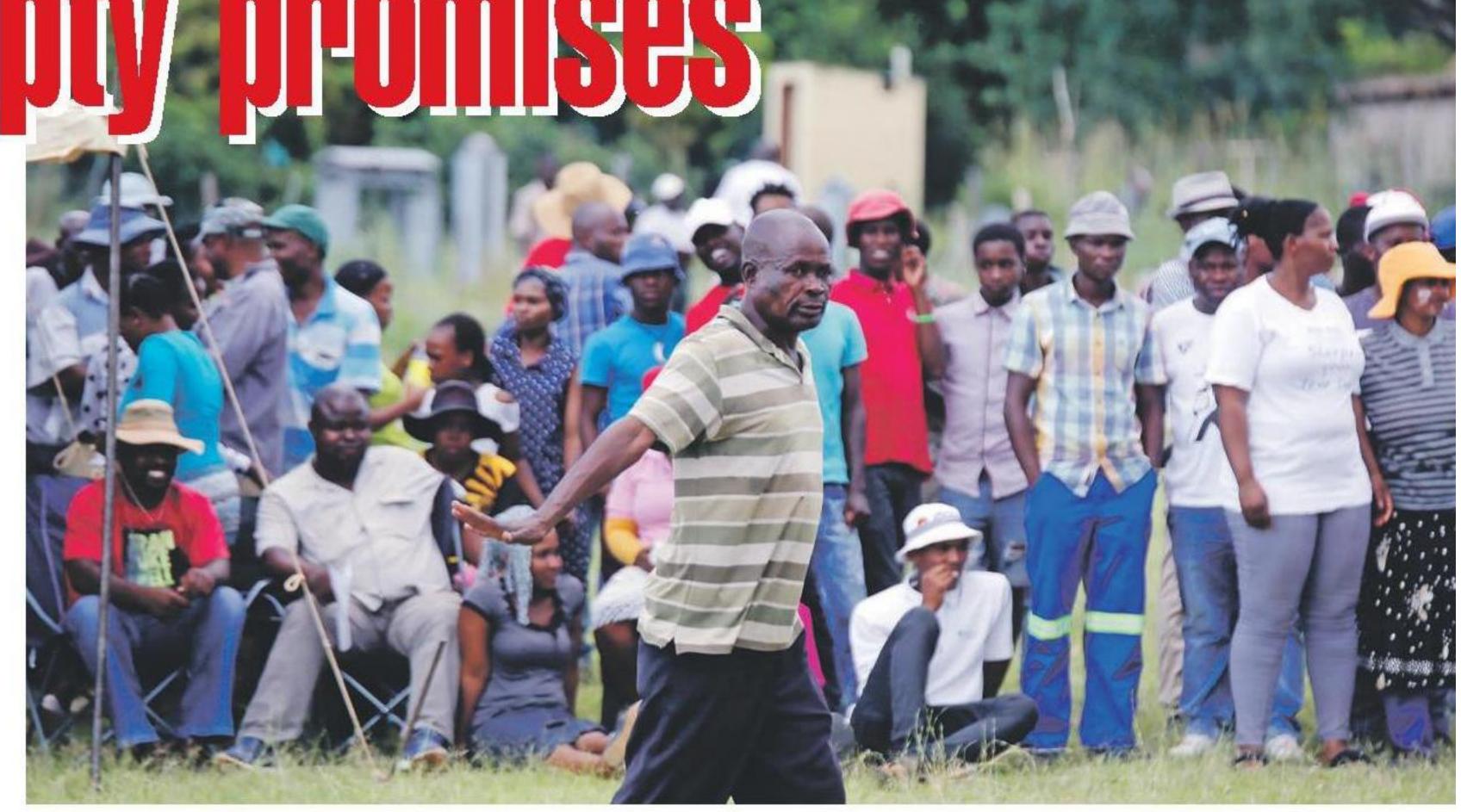
The villagers were angry when the premier told them their road would not be tarred immediately.

Residents, who have long been protesting for a tar road, started leaving before Mathabatha had even finished his speech.

Speaking at Kwarung Village, outside Bochum in Limpopo, Mathabatha told villagers not to disrupt him.

He said the government was committed to building quality roads but in the meantime, the Limpopo Road Agency would gravel the road again.

Villagers stormed off when the premier announced the road would be tarred in October.



Angry villagers left a meeting with Limpopo Premier Stan

Mathabatha after he told them a local road would only be tarred in

October.

Photo by Joshua Sebola

Last year, protesters barricaded roads and looted shops until public works MEC Nandi Ndalane promised to tar the road by January this year.

Chief Ngoako Maleboho said he hoped the premier would keep his promise as there had been many protests over the road, which had still not been tarred.