

HOOLIGANS!



Mayor lashes out at striking workers

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KING Sabata Dalindyebo mayor **Dumani Zozo** described the dumping of rubbish in the streets of Mthatha as an act of hooliganism.

Yesterday Zozo held a briefing at his office as municipal workers protested in front of the building, which was guarded by heavily armed security guards.

“Workers are allowed to strike or withdraw their labour but a situation where they engage in illegal activities is another matter,” said Zozo.

“We have called on workers to come to a local labour platform where matters can be discussed and resolved. We hope we can reach this stage. We cannot continue like this.” He said they had hired a private security company to guard the municipal offices and obtained a court order for workers to return to their duties.

“Those who want to work must come. We have talked to the police to help enforce the court order. We apologise to the public and appeal to them to understand.”

Dumani Zozo apologised to Mthatha residents for the litter.

Photos by Ziyanda Zweni



Rubbish is still piling up in the Mthatha CBD as angry King Sabata Dalindyebo municipal workers continue to strike.

Zozo said a meeting would be held tomorrow with those involved to help clean the city and restore order.

He said the issues raised by the strikers, including the permanent appointment of expanded public works programme workers, were discussed by the council.

“The council was supposed to have a report yesterday but could not. The discussion will be held there,” he said.

Police spokeswoman Captain Dineo Koena said they accompanied the sheriff to present a court order to allow those who didn't want to strike to return to work.