NON-DELIVERY FURY

GIYANI

The residents of Mohlabaneng Village took their anger over service non-delivery to the streets, barricading the R81 Road between Polokwane and Giyani last week. *Photo by Joshua Sebola*

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LIMPOPO motorists travelling from Polokwane to Giyani were left stranded last week.

This after angry protesters from Mohlabaneng Village barricaded the R81 Road between the two areas at Jamela intersection with burning tyres and rocks.

According to the protesters, the community is tired of its grievance to the municipal since 2017 falling on deaf ears.

The first protest took place more than two weeks ago when protesters first barricaded the main road in the village.

Protest leader Msabeni Baloyi said the 11km D3200 stretch of road to Mokwakwaila had to be refurbished.

Msabeni said: "We've been patient with the government.

"We're sick and tired of our pleas for refurbishments to this road being ignored.

"We've knocked at every government door for help, wrote letters to the MEC of public works, roads and infrastructure but still nothing has happened.

"We know coming here and blocking this road will force them to come down to us and address this matter."

Local schools and clinics were disrupted during the protest.

Greater Letaba Municipality manager, Innocent Seroba said: "Our mayor Peter Matlou is in talks with MEC Monica Mtshadi to ensure this matter receives the attention it needs."