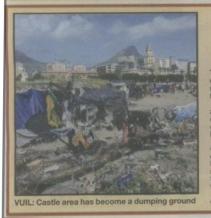
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THE chief executive of the Castle of Good Hope is worried that squatters will not as the deadline for their eviction looms. The Castle's moat has become a dumping ground and is obloged up with vullis, as scores to the same squat at the business mense squares the business menses squares the business menses the

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The Castle's CEO, Calvyn Gil-felan, believes the squatters will teast eviction despite assist-ance with relocation offered. Gilfellan says: "Any act, even if they (the Sheriff's department) break up one tent, will be seen as a act of aggression. "It's not like the community did he court order to take up the City's offer for safe spaces." The Castle, recognised as the

oldest structure innie Kaap and a designated Grade 1 National Monument, has faced challen-ges in recent years with mense putting up makeshift tents.

Eviction

According to Gilfellan, the eviction will take place in the believes the homeless were not adequately informed about their impending eviction. We says: "If people don't viacate, then a new process vicks in. The Sheriff of the court now has the necessary permis-sion to relocate the people."

But the City of Cape Town says social workers have been work-ing with the DPWI to document the unlawful occupants through on-site interviews. The City says no specific date has been set for the eviction. The City confirms: "Offers of transitional shelter at City Safe Spaces and NGO-run night shelters have been made, and remain available."

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Earlier this year, squat-ters at several City-owned locations were removed and accommodated.

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