

OUR LOCAL

SAPS ON SILENT MODE



MORE THAN HALF OF OUR POLICE STATIONS WON'T PICK UP THE PHONE

The South African Police Service has left the chat. Many victims of crime are being left on read when they call their local police station. A National Calling Audit by the Democratic Alliance found that 56% of SAPS stations didn't answer their phones.

The DA called 1025 stations across South Africa. 571 didn't answer. In Limpopo, the results were shocking. Out of 87 stations, only nine answered their phones.

Every unanswered phone call could be an emergency. A robbery. A break-in. A missing child. Only the Western Cape and Gauteng had more stations answer their phones than missed calls. In every other province police stations failed to answer the majority of calls.

Even high-crime stations, which receive extra resources, were unreachable. This means that people in some of the most dangerous communities, like areas like Hillbrow, Nyanga and Phoenix are not getting help when they call.

The DA will hand the findings over to the Minister of Police and the National Police Commissioner.

When a nationally run police service fails across province after province, South Africans are left with one question: Who do you call when SAPS won't answer?

BIGGEST DRUG BUST IN SA HISTORY: R1-BILLION SEIZED AT BORDER



How a DA minister is creating an immigration system that South Africans can rely on:

In May, a truck pulled up to Beitbridge border post, carrying a hidden cargo of 700 kgs of the chemicals used to make mandrax, worth almost a billion rand. It never made it through.

Border officials, tipped off by their intelligence team, scanned the truck, and seized the lot. Three men were arrested. It's one of the biggest drug busts in SA, ever. This is what Home Affairs does routinely now.

For years, our borders leaked. Drugs, guns and undocumented people were allowed to pass by corrupt officials. State failures like this grow fear and anger.

The DA's Leon Schreiber is fixing it. New drones spot illegal crossings. Body cameras on officials roots out corruption. A smarter visa blocks thousands of fraudulent applications. 109,000 illegal immigrants have been sent home, and our six busiest border posts are being rebuilt.

The law, however, must be enforced by the state, not by vigilantes. South Africans must reject xenophobia. Hardship cannot turn into violence against vulnerable people.

Our struggles are not caused by foreign nationals. They are caused by an economy that has not grown and has not created enough jobs. The real fix is growth, investment and work.

The DA is building a country that is lawful, safe, and works for everyone.

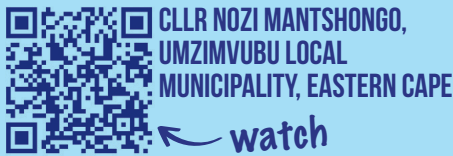
THE PEOPLE SPEAK



Mitchells Plain - Randall never thought stairs would become a barrier in his life. After an accident in 1990, he had to learn to accept a different future. For 34 years, he has lived in a wheelchair. He studied mouth painting and graphic design, and taught himself to create art in a new way. But talent still needs opportunity. Through a DA councillor in his community, Randall got his first chance to work and earn an income as an artist. The DA also helped fight for ramps so people with disabilities could move safely through their community. For Randall, that is what hope looks like: dignity, opportunity, and a community where no one is left behind.



Welakabini - The community built its own bridge in 2004 from materials donated by a visiting missionary. It was all they had. Twenty-two people drowned crossing the Umzimvubu River over the years. Men carried coffins across it. Pregnant women crossed floodwater on foot to reach a clinic. Children walked eight kilometres around the river when the rains came. DA Cllr Nozi Mantshongo walked that bridge with her community, wrote letter after letter, and refused to leave when officials did. Six years of pressure later, on 18 November 2025, a real bridge finally opened. This is what happens when DA public representatives keep fighting.



75% OF RAPE CASES NEVER EVEN REACH COURT

The DA is demanding a justice system that actually convicts:

Rape survivors are doing what the law asks them to do.

They report the crime. They tell their story. They wait for justice.

But then the system fails them.

Too many police stations do not have enough DNA kits to collect the evidence needed to build a case. When evidence is collected, DNA samples can sit in a queue for months. And while survivors wait, too many rape cases never even reach court.

Over the past four years, 75% of reported rape cases did not make it to court.

For children, it is even worse. Of 53,003 child rape cases reported, almost 98% were never heard in court.

This is a justice system failing children.

The longer a case waits, the harder it becomes to convict. Evidence can be lost. Witnesses can disappear. Survivors get exhausted. Cases are delayed, dropped or quietly closed.

And rapists walk free.

South Africa does not have enough prosecutors and magistrates to hear the cases already in the system. Empty posts mean empty courtrooms. Empty courtrooms mean criminals are not convicted.

Every criminal who is not convicted is free to harm again.

The DA uncovered these horrors in Parliament. Now we are demanding action.

Every police station must have DNA kits. Every sample must be tested faster. Every empty prosecutor and magistrate post must be filled with competent people.

Every rape case deserves a prosecutor. Every survivor deserves a court date.

Catch the criminals. Convict them. Clean up our justice system.

MZANSI REALITY CHECK!





DA TOWNS GET THE BASICS RIGHT



SAFE ROADS IN THE WESTERN CAPE



POTHoles IN MAKANA

DID YOU VOTE DA FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 2021 OR 2024?

Tell us your story in 100 words and you could



a Power Bank.



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ANC STOLE WATER FROM YOUR TAPS

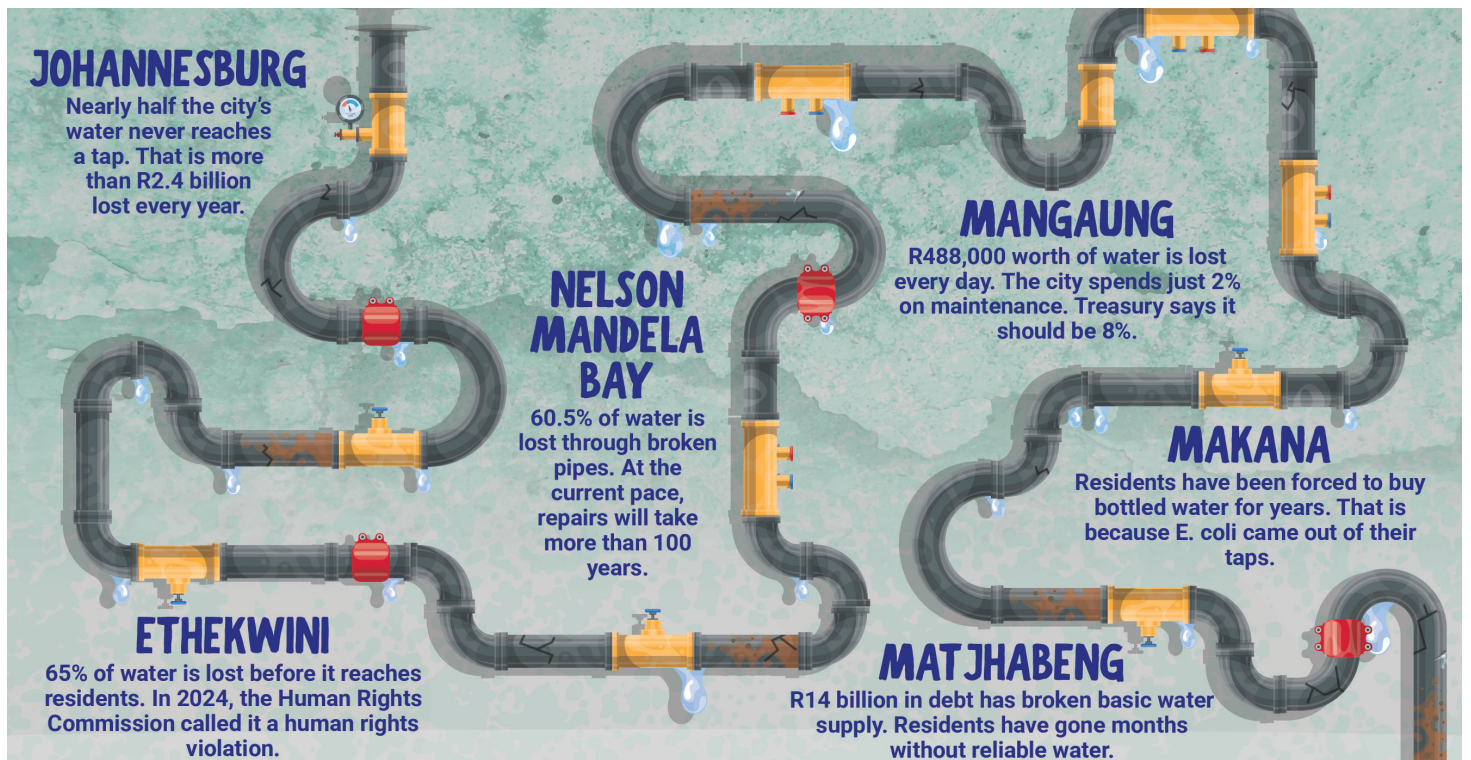
Money meant to fix pipes wasn't spent. Contracts were handed to people who couldn't do the job. Skilled engineers were pushed aside while loyal cadres were protected.

This isn't drought. It's a man-made water crisis built by the ANC.

Where government is competent and accountable, the basics work. Taps

run. Pipes are repaired. Budgets are protected. Residents come first.

Vote DA to put water in your taps.



ZERO WATER INTERRUPTIONS FOR 75% OF FAMILIES IN DA-RUN WESTERN CAPE OVER THE PAST YEAR.

WORKING FOR ALL: THE DA HAS A NEW LEADER

Geordin Hill-Lewis is the new Leader of the Democratic Alliance. He believes South Africa can be a place where every person feels more secure, more hopeful, and more in control of their own future.

Geordin is a man who hasn't given up on this country.

As Mayor of Cape Town he built the best-run city in South Africa. More officers on the streets. Roads fixed. Taps running. Money spent on services, not stolen. Residents feel it in their daily lives.

He didn't talk about it. He delivered it.

Now he leads the DA nationally. And he's thinking bigger than one city.

"Cape Town was never meant to be the ceiling," he says. "It was meant to be the proof."

Human. He doesn't talk about policy. He talks about people. The family with dry taps. The child walking past broken streetlights. The young person who's stopped believing work will come. "I'm interested in what government does to people's lives," he says. "What it costs them when it fails. What becomes possible when it works."

Optimistic. He knows how bad things are. Unemployment. Crime. Corruption. Infrastructure stripped bare. But he also knows failure isn't permanent. "Every problem can be fixed with

the right government," he says. "Cape Town proves it. Every South African community deserves to see that in their own town."

Patriotic. He's not here to manage decline. He's here to build. He wants South Africa to win. Not for one group, not for one city, but for everyone who calls this country home.

For everyone. The DA must earn votes it's never had before. Hill-Lewis knows it. "We govern for people, not for parties. That doesn't change depending on the neighbourhood."

South Africa can still surprise us. He's counting on it.

Geordin Hill-Lewis is the Leader of the Democratic Alliance.

The DA is fighting to get more towns and cities working for all in the upcoming Local Government Elections on 4 November 2026.

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HILL-LEWIS

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VOTE  **DA ON 4 NOVEMBER TO GET YOUR TOWN WORKING FOR ALL.**



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