



LIMPOPO

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM

MEDIA ALERT

Thursday: 11 April 2024

THE DEPARTMENT IS DISTURBED BY 100% OF ALL CONFISCATED ILLEGAL GAMBLING MACHINES FOUND ONLY IN FOREIGN OWNED SPAZA SHOPS

The Limpopo Gambling Board together with the South African Police Service have over the past five months conducted law enforcement raids across the Province which resulted in confiscation of illegal gambling machines.

From the raids, suspects were arrested and all accused were issued with a written warning to appear before court. Sekhukhune and Mopani Districts are leading as the current findings indicates the highest percentages of illegal gambling machines confiscated within the two Districts.

The Department is disturbed by the 100% of all confiscated illegal gambling machines being found within Spaza shops operated by foreign nationals.

These illegal gambling machines are distributed throughout the province by unknown suppliers, especially in the evening to various Spaza shops within various towns, townships, and villages. Once distributed, the machines are then utilized for illegal gambling activities, where cash which is not accounted for through provincial financial platforms is generated. Such monies are then easily and untraceably utilized to fund corrupt and criminal activities such as illegal cigarettes, illegal mining activities, human trafficking, drugs and prostitution.

MEC Rodgers Monama together with the Limpopo Gambling Board and the South African Police Service will brief members of the Media prior to destruction of gambling machines confiscated during the Law Enforcement operations.

The Media Briefing session will take place as follows;

Date: Friday, 12 April 2024

Time: 08h30

Venue: Uhuru Lifestyle Emporium, Cnr. Grobler street and Burger Street, Polokwane

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