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## Covid-19 used as cover-up for state capture's impact

**T**ransnet is abusing the economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic to compromise for the R210 billion

the state-owned enterprise lost due to state capture by implementing orchestrated plans to privatise and/or separate certain divisions.

Steve Harris, General Secretary of UNTU, says the Board of Transnet appointed Portia Derby, Chief Executive Officer of Transnet, and allowed her to appoint new executives at an additional cost of R65 million per year during the first months of South Africa's hard lockdown in 2020.

"It is clear out of all the developments in recent months that Transnet deliberately ignored its recognition agreement with Organised Labour and blindsided unions while drafting restructuring plans for its various divisions to make more profit at the expense of workers," says Harris.

In June 2020, UNTU confronted Dr Popo Molefe, Chairperson of the Board of Transnet, with rumours about privatisation after Derby and Public Enterprises Minister Pravin Gordhan failed to respond to numerous letters from Harris. Molefe instructed Transnet's Management Team to respond.

Transnet Management said in October 2020 that the "corporatisation" of the Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) was led by Government as the shareholder and was waiting for Government's direction in this regard.

"When President Cyril Ramaphosa announced that Government will establish the TNPA as an independent



The South African Government believes that passenger rail and freight transport hold untapped potential that could be unlocked by public-private partnerships and third-party access.

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subsidiary of Transnet eight months later, he gave a special mention to the team at Transnet

for their work in trying to reverse the damage done by state capture and to put the company on a new footing," adds Harris.

According to him, Transnet deliberately misled Organised Labour about these plans when it announced in January 2021 that the head office of TNPA will move from Johannesburg to Gqeberha without consulting with UNTU about the fate of the affected employees.

"Although Transnet reported cash flow problems in the wage negotiations when it proposed a 0% wage increase for its hardworking employees, it had R144 million to use specifically towards the move," says Harris.

UNTU is waiting for Transnet to reveal how it plans to privatise freight

rail after Ramaphosa explained to Parliament in October 2020 how public-private partnerships would be used for the modernisation and restoration of the decimated rail network within six months.

This would be done in accordance with the Draft Bill on the Economic Regulation of Transport. The draft bill puts the privatisation of the rail services of the country's two busiest rail lines high up on the priority list.

In March 2021 Gordhan said rail transport holds untapped potential that could be unlocked by third-party access.

Harris says to date no mention was made about this to UNTU who represents almost 54% of Transnet Bargaining Council employees and is the majority Union.

According to Harris, Transnet is practising double standards.

"Transnet Freight Rail short three hundred locomotives for its rail system to deliver on time, yet a hundred of the 1 064 locomotives that were procured

by Transnet at a cost of R54 billion, can't be repaired because Transnet do not have spare parts.

**"According to Transnet more than 2 900 employees at Transnet Engineering are idle and consultations are underway that might lead to the closure of some depots and centres."**

"These employees have the expertise to build the spare parts needed to get the locomotives going.

"Although Transnet was reluctant to commit to a no-retrenchment clause in the current financial year, it has not yet adhered to UNTU's demands to place a moratorium on the filling of non-critical vacancies as it is required to do, when possible retrenchments are foreseen."

Despite all the evidence heard by the Zondo Commission which is only the tip of the iceberg of the impact of state capture on Transnet, no arrests have been made. "Justice delayed is justice denied." ❖





## Better future is built on trust



**Hendrik Fourie**  
PRESIDENT SAYS

**T**rust, mutual respect and honesty should be at the core of the relationship between Organised Labour and Transnet.

Without workers there is no Transnet and without Transnet,

employees will be left without jobs.

Transnet's Executives and Organised Labour do not have to like each other, but we must work together in the best interest of both parties to find solutions to the many challenges we are faced with today.

This was my message and caution to Portia Derby, Chief Executive Officer of Transnet, and various members of her management teams in recent months.

Since Derby's appointment there has been a growing tendency at Transnet to make announcements to employees and in the media about various issues which severely impact workers, without consulting with Organised Labour first.

The principles of collective bargaining, one of the cornerstones of the Labour Relations Act, the reason for the existence of the Transnet Bargaining Council, are being cast to the wind.

This behaviour has an extremely negative impact on the recognition agreement between Transnet and Organised Labour and the various variation agreements which amongst others, allows the state-owned enterprise to operate 24/7.

The job security of the affected employees, what their conditions of service would be, future job creation, the timelines involved and how Transnet will be able to afford the cost of two Boards after pleading poverty in the ongoing wage dispute, are some of these issues.

The leaders of both unions told Derby she should have confided in them when she held an "open and honest" meeting with them earlier to prevent a national strike of Transnet employees by amending the final wage offer of the state-owned enterprise to a 5% wage increase with a no-retrenchment clause for the current financial year.

We are disappointed. If we cannot be honest with each other, we are wasting our time, I told Derby. 🌟

## A lot of reforms, zero results



**Steve Harris**  
FULL SPEED AHEAD

**I**t is a worldwide phenomenon that organisational instability and turbulence in management structures lead to destructive leadership.

The same phenomenon is found in the state-owned

enterprises of South Africa where the decade of state capture, frequent changes of Boards and Chief Executive Officers and general staff turnover have run them to ruin.

Government is set on implementing structural economic reforms to enable a strong economic recovery and to place the economy on a more sustainable growth trajectory.

President Cyril Ramaphosa says these reforms are necessary to modernise and transform the country's industries to increase efficiency, reduce costs, make South Africa's exports more competitive and most importantly, to accelerate the creation of jobs.

According to the latest figures of Stats SA, the country's official unemployment rate increased from 32,5% in the fourth quarter of 2020 to 32,6% in first quarter of 2021, a new record high.

The rate under the expanded definition, which includes those who have given up on the hunt for a job, is 43,2% with

unemployment under the youth reaching 74,7%.

This means that only one in four school matric graduates under 24 has a job in South Africa.

This is a terrible reflection on Government's job creations plans to date.

In this edition of *Labour Report* UNTU unpacks how Transnet expects workers to bear the brunt for state capture with Government's announcement to establish the Transnet National Ports Authority as an independent subsidiary of Transnet, in order to revive the country's economy by getting private participation in the rail network, both freight and passenger rail, while consultations commenced with Organised Labour on the restructuring of Transnet Engineering where the employer believes more than 2 900 employees are idle.

The reality is that the very same Government awarded the contract for the work that these employees used to do, to private companies of which most is abroad.

So much for Proudly South African.

State capture has left the fiscus depleted. The money for Government's ambitious promises of a better life for all, went into the pockets of individuals.

In the case of Transnet, Public Enterprises Minister Pravin Gordhan referred questions as to why there are no arrests and no prosecutions, to the National Prosecuting Authority and the South African Police Service. Both took note of UNTU's letters questioning the status of investigations but failed to provide any response. 🌟



▲ UNTU Executive Council Members Zonke Cebekhulu and Fisani Mabaso visiting UNTU members in Vryheid with the newly elected UNTU Branch Leadership.



▲ Sonnyboy Mosebedi, UNTU Full-time Trade Union Representative, with the first all ladies Transnet Freight Rail Network Construction (RNC) team in Butterworth in the Eastern Cape. All these ladies made the right decision to join UNTU. They were recruited by UNTU Organiser Liam MacKay.



▲ Clayten du Plessis, UNTU Executive Council Member who serves on the Board of Trustees of the Uitenhage Provincial Hospital, assisted Gift of the Givers, a humanitarian non-governmental organization, with handing out goodie bags to nurses on International Nursing Day to thank them for the hard work and sacrifices they have made in the Covid-19 global pandemic and to wish them all the best in the fight against the third wave of infections in South Africa.



▲ Hendrik Fourie, President of UNTU, visited UNTU Palms, the Union's holiday resort on the Hibiscus Coast, to check on the progress made with the multimillion-rand renovations of the Jewel of the South Coast.



#UNTUCares



▲ Sonja Carstens, Editor of *Labour Report* and Media, Liaison and Communication Officer of UNTU, decided to challenge all UNTU ladies to join forces by donating sanitary towels.  
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# UNTU women challenged to donate sanitary towels

## Thousands of girls miss out on school because of menstruation

**T**hree years after Government announced that schoolgirls in their puberty will get free sanitary towels at schools, thousands of girls nationwide still miss out on schooling every month because of menstruation.

Knowing it will take years for Government to reach her former school, Transnet Train Control Officer Maria Kekana started her own project to annually donate sanitary towels to underprivileged girls in rural schools in Limpopo.

*Labour Report* reported in its previous edition that Kekana's project suffered a massive blow due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic. People who have been supporting her project for years, were retrenched or their salaries were cut, or they simply no longer had the money to buy sanitary towels to donate.

This year Sonja Carstens, Editor of *Labour Report* and Media, Liaison and Communication Officer of UNTU, decided to challenge all UNTU ladies to join forces by donating sanitary towels to Kekana's project in celebration of Women's Day on 9 August 2021.

"The theme for this year's International Women's Day was Choose to Challenge. As a woman and as a mother of two teenage girls I know how imperative something so basic as sanitary towels can be for all women.

"Having been involved in community projects throughout my life I can confirm that underprivileged girls stay at home during that time of the month because they do not have money for sanitary towels and are afraid to get teased at school. The Covid-19 pandemic worsened this reality in South Africa, the most unequal country in the world according to the World Bank," says Carstens.

- **Anyone willing to accept the challenge and support Kekana's project, must please ensure that the donation is delivered to UNTU's Head Office, 182 Louis Botha Road, Houghton, Johannesburg, by Friday 10 September 2021. Carstens will ensure that all donations get delivered to Kekana, who works at Transnet Pyramid South in Pretoria. Please also share photos of yourself and your donations with Carstens on 082 463 6806 so that she can post it on UNTU's social media pages.** ▼



Betsie van der Westhuizen (middle), the librarian of Laerskool Montanus Primary, with Ruth George and Alice Masukume, two bookstore owners who donated books after hearing about the #UNTUCares Donate a Book project.

## Members open hearts and donate books

**F**ormer President Nelson Mandela said everyone should try to read for at least an hour every day. "Be a lifelong student, read as many books as possible," Madiba said. But how can you read if you are too poor to afford books?

The Laerskool Montanus Primary in South Hills, Johannesburg, approached Sonja Carstens, Media, Liaison and Communication Officer of UNTU who runs the #UNTUCares projects, with this problem.

Many of the books in the school's library are outdated or damaged. Some of the books are more than six decades old. Carstens took it upon herself to request donations in the form of books in any of the eleven official languages on her personal Facebook page and by sending WhatsApp messages to UNTU members who have assisted with previous projects.

"The response made me cry. I am so humbled by the goodwill of everyone

who supported the project and donated books," she said.

Within days Carstens received hundreds of donations from UNTU members, their families and friends who wanted to make this year's Nelson Mandela International Day on 18 July 2021 special for the learners of this school by donating a book.

According to Betsie van der Westhuizen, the librarian, the school was hit hard by the Covid-19 pandemic. The financial burden of the school continues to increase.

Carstens says research has shown that access to online learning amid Covid-19 is far from universal, and children who are poor suffer from a digital divide. "Poor students are less likely to have access to the key tools and experiences they need to attend school online. The same applies to reading books. If you do not have internet access, you cannot read a book online," she said. ▼



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The Railway Safety Regulator is only allowing Prasa to operate the People's Train on the route from the Pretoria Station to the Pienaarspoort Station in Mamelodi. Many train sets stand idle at the Prasa Wolmerton Depot in Pretoria North (pictured below). The warranty has already run out on some of the train sets without them being used.

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# The People's Disaster

## From "critical milestone" to commuters' nightmare

**I**t has been nine years since Prasa announced its plans in 2012 to buy thousands of new trains while revamping and modernising stations and the signalling system.

Lucky Montana, who was Prasa's Chief Executive at the time, told the National Council of Provinces that he expected the new train sets to be running by 2014.

A feasibility study at that stage showed that South Africa required 7 224 modern coaches. According to Montana, the manufacturing of train sets locally would create about 75 000 jobs and boost the number of artisan skills in South Africa.

Montana was fired in June 2015.

In 2013 the Gibela Rail Transport signed a R51 billion contract to supply Prasa with 600 six-car trains for its Metrorail service. Gibela also has a contract to deliver post-delivery train maintenance and technical support to Prasa, and to manufacture and supply spare parts.

These trains, named the People's Train, can transport up to 1 200 passengers in six cars at 120 km/h, which can be increased to 160 km/h. To date, Gibela has produced 64 of the total 600 train sets.

On 9 May 2017 former President Jacob Zuma officially launched the People's Train

as a critical milestone in the infrastructure development programme of South Africa.

"It is a worthwhile investment on infrastructure that will improve the lives of our people, and which will also last for many decades," Zuma said.

"The handing over of this world-class train today, the People's Train, indicates that the days of having an uncomfortable, unreliable, and unsafe rail service must become a thing of the past.

"We made a commitment as Government to maintain road infrastructure, upgrade rail infrastructure and services and to build a reliable public transportation service. This is aimed at improving the quality of life of our people by developing accessible, safe and modern public transport in the country," Zuma said.

According to him, Government, through Prasa, owns 2 280 kilometres of South Africa's rail network and uses 22 000 kilometres of rail track under the control of Transnet. Prasa has 585 train stations and a total fleet of 4 735 coaches, with an overall staff complement of 18 207.

Today, four years later, the Railway Safety Regulator (RSR) is only allowing Prasa to operate the People's Train on the route from the Pretoria Station to the Pienaarspoort Station in Mamelodi.

Plans to have the People's Train

operational on the route from the Pretoria Station to Saulsville failed due to faulty overhead cables installed by a contractor Prasa appointed.

At the Wolmerton Depot in Pretoria North several People's Trains stand idle, and time is running out for Prasa. The warranty on some of the People's Trains provided by Gibela already lapsed. Prasa is under pressure to start utilising the rest before the warranties run out. In Cape Town and Durban, the RSR is only allowing Prasa to conduct test runs with empty coaches with the People's Train.

In May 2021 Transport Minister Fikile Mbalula announced that R57 billion of the budget of the Department of Transport will be used to improve Prasa's infrastructure and get more trains running by October 2021.

With every passing month, more and more commuters are turning their backs on Prasa. They are tired of waiting for the dream to become a reality.

Train tickets have become costly since Metrorail has stopped selling weekly or monthly tickets, but only allow daily tickets. Trains are never on time and the service often gets cancelled without warning.

Only time will tell if the People's Train will ever get on track. ❖





# Covid-19 dealt a death blow to boxing

## World-renowned Transnet Engineering Boxing Academy devastated by pandemic

**T**he restrictions to combat the spreading of the Covid-19 pandemic dealt a death blow to the world-renowned Transnet Engineering Boxing Academy and the dreams of its boxers to participate in provincial and national championships.

Johan Prinsloo, UNTU member and Gauteng-North Provincial Boxing Academy manager who operates the academy, says some of its boxers who had been training to compete in the Olympic Games have left the academy to join other boxing clubs who opened its doors when gyms were allowed to.

"The employees of Transnet Engineering Koedoespoort who use the gym could return, but not the rest of their family members or any private members who were boxing at the academy. Transnet is extremely strict on limiting access to the Depot and its premises



where the academy is situated," says Prinsloo.

The result was that Prinsloo could not enter a boxing team in the Gauteng-North Provincial Boxing Championship held in June and the boxers could also not qualify to participate in the National

Championship that has been postponed to September 2021.

"It is the first time since the existence of the academy that we had no boxers in the provincial championship which usually consists out of mostly our boxers. The academy had 49 registered boxers when

the pandemic closed our doors.

"It is incredibly sad for all of us who love the academy and for boxing in South Africa in general.

"There is no aspect of one's life that has not been deeply affected by the impact the deadly virus had on the world. It is simply devastating."

This boxing academy delivered fourteen South African boxing champions, two Commonwealth boxing champions and three Women World boxing champions to date.

The remaining boxers keep fit by exercising in parks, at the Union Buildings and on the grounds of the South African National Defence Force where they can use the open space.

Prinsloo, who used to be the coach for the South African National Boxing Team, said he decided to spend more time with his family and wanted to focus his attention on the development of the sport to develop upcoming boxers into champions. 🏆

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# Pregnancy & promotion: Say NO to discrimination

Mother of five denied position “because she did not fit criteria”

**S**ocial media followers were shocked when they read the horrific stories of pregnant female employees posted under #SoWhatImPregnant since February 2020 because South Africa's Constitution prohibits any form of discrimination.

The social media campaign to create awareness about the fate of pregnant women was the brainchild of actress Gabisile Tshabalala who allegedly lost her job because of her first pregnancy. It seems unthinkable, but it happens, also in our own midst.

Nokuleleko Carol Sebeko (27), a mother of five children and an UNTU Trade Union Representative (TUR), had to submit a grievance with the help of Obert Mudalathohe, UNTU Full-time Trade Union Representative, after Transnet unfairly discriminated against her because she was pregnant.

Sebeko worked at Transnet Infra Perway in Middelburg, Mpumalanga, and applied for a position as a training yard official last year. According to Mudalathohe, she completed the recruitment process and was found suitable. The process was then put on hold due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic.

“In July 2020 Sebeko had to undergo a medical, but was pregnant at the time. The baby was born in November last year. Yet when the appointments were made on 15 March 2021, she was denied the position because she did not fit the criteria due to her pregnancy,” says Mudalathohe.

He submitted a grievance on her behalf. The outcome was that Sebeko was not discriminated against because she was pregnant at the time and she would get



▲ Nokuleleko Carol Sebeko



▲ Obert Mudalathohe

another chance at a later stage. This was not acceptable to her.

“I started working for Rail Network Construction (RNC) in 2015 on contract. In 2018 I got a permanent appointment and was elected as an UNTU TUR. In RNC you wait an exceptionally long time to get the opportunity to be promoted. When your time comes, you must grab it. To say ‘better luck next time’ is to force me to decide between keeping my baby or getting the promotion,” says Sebeko.

Mudalathohe appealed the outcome of

her grievance and escalated the matter. It was found that Transnet unfairly discriminated against Sebeko and she got her appointment letter.

“I believe all UNTU members must know their rights. I don't think I am the only employee who was discriminated against by Transnet. I believe all women should follow my example and speak up,” says Sebeko.

Mudalathohe adds he will not tolerate any form of discrimination and encourages all members to report incidents to their elected TUR's and FTUR's.

What legislations protect pregnant employees?

- ▶▶ The Constitution;
- ▶▶ The Employment Equity Act (EEA);
- ▶▶ The Basic Conditions of Employment Act (BCEA);
- ▶▶ The Labour Relation Act (LRA); and
- ▶▶ The Code of Good Practice on the Protection of Employees During Pregnancy and After the Birth of a Child.

Section 6 of the EEA prohibits discrimination on the grounds of pregnancy.

No employer can demote an employee because they are pregnant.

No employer can deny an employee a new job/promotion because they are pregnant. No employee should be treated differently because they are pregnant. ✨

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## Train driver acquitted after derailment

**T**ransnet train driver Petrus Swarts will forever be grateful to UNTU after he was acquitted of all the charges he faced after a derailment at the Prieska siding.

“It was the most traumatic period in my life. I knew I had a strong case, but one can never predict what the outcome will be. It was the first time in my life that I needed the help of a Trade Union Representative,” says Swarts who is based in De Aar in the Northern Cape.

Lincoln Visagie, UNTU Full-time Trade Union Representative, assisted him in his defence against the two charges of gross misconduct and two charges of gross negligence.

According to Swarts, his acquittal restored his dignity and integrity.

Visagie says if the charges against you are indicated as “gross”, it means that the company is seeking a dismissal if you are found guilty. “It was a difficult and a serious case, but after studying the evidence I realised that there are a lot of loopholes and discrepancies.”

Swarts says he learnt a lot out of



▲ FTUR Lincoln Visagie and Petrus Swarts.

this experience. “My advice to UNTU members is to trust yourself and know your abilities. I am an immensely proud UNTU member and will remain loyal to my Union family,” he says.

There are a lot of reasons for the increase in derailments experienced by Transnet. According to Portia Derby, Chief Executive Officer of Transnet, its rail infrastructure is more vulnerable than ever before. Freight trains are the emptiest they've been in over a decade,

with more cargo being diverted to trucks. The unprecedented vandalism and theft of railway infrastructure also had a massive impact on Transnet.

Derby says 30% of Transnet's rail operations are disrupted every week due to cable theft, with 650 of these crimes reported monthly.

“For cable theft to be disruptive, you don't need hundreds of kilometres to be stolen, just a few metres stolen and the train can't move.”

Transnet must also increasingly deal with unpredictable and severe weather patterns, like Cyclone Eloise which affected the rail network negatively in January 2021 due to heavy rainfall across South Africa. The rain caused unusual disruptions on the heavy-haul lines, including the iron-ore and the manganese channel, leading to a number of “wash-away” incidents.

According to Transnet, wash-aways occur when there are sudden heavy rains, which scours away the base of the railway track, leaving the rail and sleepers hanging without any support. ✨



## UNTU complies with POPIA

**U**NTU would like to assure all its members that the Union is fully compliant with the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA) that took effect on 1 July 2021.

UNTU intends to protect the quality and integrity of the personal information of its members.

Steve Harris, General-Secretary of UNTU, has been registered with the Information Regulator of South Africa as the Union's Information Officer.

In accordance with the Act, Harris is the person who is responsible for ensuring that the Union complies with the Act.

UNTU also appointed a committee to serve as “responsible party” in terms of the Act to secure the integrity and confidentiality of personal information in the Union's possession or under UNTU's control. ✨



# Caylee makes her mark as top model

Matric learner a finalist in *Sarie* magazine's Cover Face of the Year competition

**C**aylee Saul (18) has never done any formal modelling, but she loves to model when her mom and two brothers take her photo.

This matric learner of the Hoërskool Jan van Riebeeck in Cape Town earlier only participated in a single beauty pageant, Miss Blue Jeans.

But when she discovered that *Sarie*, one of Media24's gloss magazines is searching for a cover face for 2021, she decided to enter and take a chance. Saul was selected as one of the 30 finalists and awaits the next round of the competition. The top 10 will be announced at the end of July.

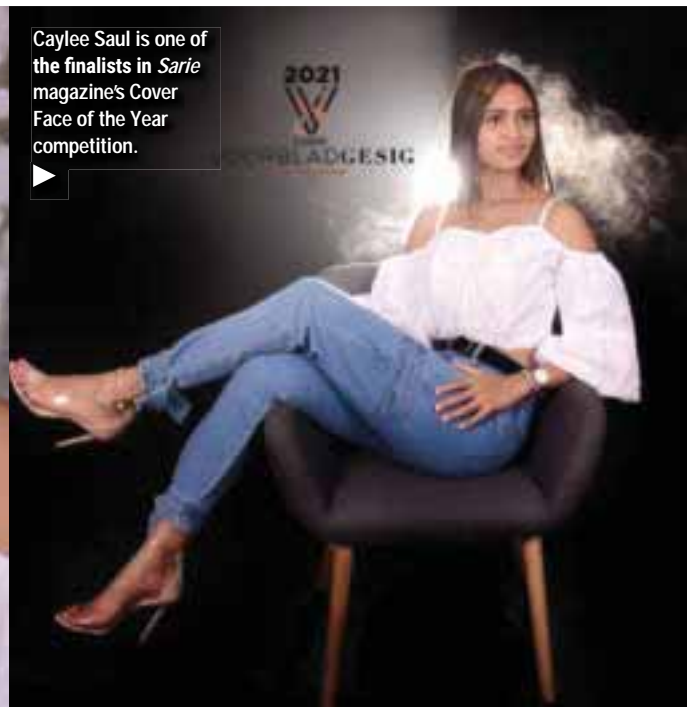
"I have nothing to lose, and I believe it is great exposure. It might be my first break to join a modelling agency and take up modelling part-time. It is something I believe I might enjoy. I would even one day love to have my own modelling academy for young girls," says Saul.

She is the youngest daughter of UNTU Executive Council Member Lutwena Saul.

"My mom has always been my biggest inspiration and role model. I learn so much from her. She works very hard to serve UNTU's members, but still manages to be the best mom for us and wife to my father – always putting our best interests first.



Caylee Saul is one of the finalists in *Sarie* magazine's Cover Face of the Year competition.



"If I can grow up to become half the women she is, I will be very grateful and fortunate," she adds.

Saul applied to the Stellenbosch University to study law next year. "I love to argue with people, and I love to help others. I believe law would be the perfect field to combine both passions. I take after my mom who is always helping UNTU members or our community where she can. I also want to make a difference."

Saul used to love to socialise with her friends, but this is something of the past due to the Covid-19 pandemic and her studies to complete matric.

"We did not have much of a Grade 11 year as we should have had. The result is that we now have to catch up on work that we were supposed to have done last year. It is very difficult and tiring for any matric learner and I want to wish them all the best with the upcoming exams," says Saul. 🌟



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I would love to have my own modelling academy for young girls one day.

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I fully understand and accept that this STOP ORDER can only be cancelled by giving a month's written notice to the General Secretary.

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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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▲ Pontsho Maloma

## UNTU rocks on social media

**P**ontsho Maloma (30), newly elected UNTU Trade Union Representative at Prasa Pretoria-North electrical, just love the Union's Facebook Page.

“It is simply the best. I love how it keeps me informed of all the developments in the Union and in Prasa and the rail industry in general,” says Maloma.

Growing up in Soweto, Johannesburg, he wanted to become a marine biologist, but did not have the funds to do so. He loved the sea and to watch fish. In 2009 his sister gave him the opportunity to live in Cape Town where he worked as a cashier. “I really enjoyed living in the Mother City. It was a totally different vibe to what I was used to.”

Maloma had to move back to Pretoria to study electrical engineering at the Tshwane North College.

After completing his studies, he got a job at Prasa as a process worker.

“I first joined Satawu because most of my colleagues belonged to the Union.

“In 2016 we were told that Prasa was going to retrench us and we had to go to Prasa House in Hatfield. When we got there, they handed us posters demanding to bring back the fired Chief Executive Officer, Lucky Montana. I did not like being misled.”

Maloma was very impressed with Michael Mashige, UNTU Branch Chairman for Metro Pretoria.

“He was motivating and represented what I wanted, so I decided to follow him. I have not regretted my decision. I enjoy the feedback, debate and inputs we get at our monthly UNTU Branch meetings and the participation as a collective in our Union.

“I enjoy all the added benefits I get being an UNTU member. I love all the communication I receive from my Union. It empowers me to keep the members I represent updated on developments.”

When Maloma is not at work, he loves to spend time with his wife. The couple is expecting their second child.

“We love to watch movies together. I am a family man.” 📺



# UNPROTECTED UNTRUSTWORTHY UNRELIABLE UNSAFE UNCERTAIN

▲ Metroguard Sumentha Moodley waited forever for Prasa Protection Officers to come to her rescue.  
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## Metroguard assaulted, robbed and almost raped during power-cut

**"A**

ll I could think of while he strangled me, was that I had to hold

on to the railway line because I would be raped if they managed to turn me around."

Sumentha Moodley (36), a metro guard for Prasa in Durban, is horrified and traumatised after she was attacked, assaulted, strangled and almost raped in broad daylight when the power of the Metrorail train she was working on was cut between stations on the Umlazi route.

"I don't wish what I went through upon my worst enemy. But to Prasa it is just another incident; one of six attacks on train

crews in KwaZulu-Natal within a month. There is this apathetic attitude of 'just forget about it and go on with your life'.

"What about our safety? What if the day comes that I do not return home to my husband and two children? When will enough lives be lost?"

She was in the cabin at the back of a train when the power was cut at 06:50 on 2 June. The train was stuck in a township. The train driver reported it and requested protection. The passengers jumped off the train to try and find taxis.

"I phoned the train driver at 09:00 to ask why the Prasa Protection Officials have not yet surrounded the train. When I cut the call, a guy started to break open the cabin door. I tried to fight with all the strength that I had, but another one came to help him.

"They managed to gain entry and grabbed me from behind. I had nowhere to escape. They assaulted me while their hands were inside my blouse, and they touched my breast searching for my cell phone. They found it in my pocket.

"I managed to free myself. I ran and jumped off the train. I was screaming at the top of my lungs and managed to run about three coaches to the front of the train when I fell on the railway line. They were chasing me.

"The one started strangling me while the other grabbed my legs and tried to turn me around. I kept my legs stiff and shouted for help. Some of the residents in the shacks must have heard me because they came running up the railway line. The attackers ran away. Those residents saved

my life."

She managed to reach her train driver who reported the incident at 09:15. Only after 10:00, four Prasa Protection Officials from the stations on either side of the train came to protect them.

Moodley only got a relief at 11:30 and could then leave the train to seek medical help and report the incident to the police. She has been booked off for an Injury on Duty since the incident.

"Up to now there has been no feedback as to why protection was not deployed. I can run, but I cannot hide. What if they managed to rape me? We are loyal employees who dedicate our lives to serving our employer and commuters. But please just protect our lives," says Moodley. 🌟

## Prasa mum on payment, help for rape victim

She managed to survive the hellish ordeal of being raped and robbed at a "world-class facility of Prasa" but the fact that her employer simply does not care has left her deeply disturbed and heartbroken.

Prasa must refund her for medical bills she incurred when she was admitted to a psychiatric hospital for treatment after she was placed on a waiting list for months to see a Prasa psychologist after the incident on 24 December 2017.

She had a breakdown and was admitted to a hospital for treatment. Prasa agreed to reimburse her for these costs.

Despite UNTU's repeated enquiries and a written undertaking to pay, Prasa has still not responded.

She must also visit her psychiatrist for a consultation to be able to submit a final report to the Compensation Fund for her Injury on Duty claim. For 20 months she has been requesting the Prasa Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) to arrange

her appointment, but all efforts have been in vain.

"Prasa is in a worse state now than ever before and if asked about progress, the excuse is that it is Covid-19. It is difficult when I think of the way I have been and continue to be treated by my employer to whom I have always been loyal.

**"I fear that this will drive me insane. I am still taking medication for anxiety. God is protecting me and with His grace I have managed, but my story reflects how state capture killed humanity, morals and ethics in Prasa."**

The way Prasa has handled her case to date has left her stripped of any dignity, humiliated, frustrated, victimised, and has

destroyed the little that was left of her self-esteem.

She was on duty on premises that had been advertised in the media by Prasa as being equipped with state-of-the-art technology while the electric fence was not working, and they only had a single armed guard to protect them. She was working unarmed at the reception of the building.

She was taken hostage by armed robbers and held at gunpoint and had to show them where the screens and laptops were before one of the robbers raped her in the change rooms. It was clear that the robbers had obtained inside information.

Prasa is liable. The Occupational Health and Safety Act, Act 85 of 1993, requires the employer to provide and maintain as far as reasonable and practical a work environment that is safe and without risk to the health of employees.

"My heart is bleeding." 🌟

## Prasa's 'army' dysfunctional

Ten months after Transport Minister Fikile Mbalula announced Prasa's new intelligence driven security plan, there is still no change to the attacks on employees and commuters or the vandalism of the rail infrastructure. More than 3 100 new Prasa "armed response" protection officials were appointed. Although they are called "armed" they are not issued with firearms.

Mbalula again promised that the security plan will be operated in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies. This never materialised. Despite efforts by UNTU and its affiliated federation, Fedusa, there is no explanation from Police Minister Bheki Cele as to why the Rapid Rail Police with its more than 3 200 members is dysfunctional. In March, the Minister launched the People's Responsibility to Protect Project (PR2P) of more than R100 million which saw the additional appointment of 9 860 community volunteers and 80 veterans of uMkhonto we Sizwe deployed in 46 rail corridors nationwide.

"Despite the efforts of the Minister and the Department of Transport and the cost thereof to the taxpayer, the plan is not working when Prasa employees continues to die or are attacked on duty," says Steve Harris, General Secretary of UNTU. 🌟



**480 ml**

The amount of blood you may donate by law during each session.

**56 days**

You may donate blood every 56 days (or eight weeks).

**5,6 litres**

The average amount of blood in men's bodies. Women have a fraction less – 4,5 litres. A newborn baby only has a cup of blood in its body.



**16 years+**

You may donate blood if you are older than 16, weigh more than 50 kg and follow a healthy lifestyle.

**3 000**

The number of units of blood required daily in South Africa.

# UNTU members roll up sleeves to donate blood

**L**ess than 1% of South Africans are active blood donors, but these statistics do not apply to UNTU members who continue to step up wherever they can to continue to carry our country through the Covid-19 pandemic.

The leadership of UNTU was overwhelmed and humbled to see how UNTU members nationwide showed ubuntu towards humanity by accepting a challenge by a fellow UNTU member to

donate blood.

The South African National Blood Service (SANBS) has been struggling with a critical shortage of blood and desperately pleads with those who can to donate blood. The service needs to collect 3 000 units of blood per day to cater for the demand of blood in our health system. Donors can donate blood every eight weeks. A unit of blood only lasts 42 days after donation.

Every unit of blood can save a minimum of three lives as blood is separated into red blood cells, plasma, and platelets.

South Africa is now in its third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic which has claimed the lives of more than 57 000 people in the country, of whom more than three hundred are UNTU members and their loved ones.

Nobody escaped the devastating impact of the virus killing our frail economy, sky-rocketing our high unemployment figure, highlighting that South Africa is the most unequal country in the world and impacting on our mental health.

But these shadows have never prevented UNTU members of putting

shoulder to the wheel to find solutions and give meaning to our slogan: Pride, Unity, and Trust: Phambili.

This was also the case with Albertus Posthumus of Transnet Engineering in East London who challenged all UNTU members to follow his example by donating blood in celebration of the 204 units of blood he donated to date.

Thank you to each UNTU member who participated in the challenge to donate blood and continues to encourage those who can, to follow your example by donating blood. We are proud of all of you. 🇿🇦



Albertus Posthumus of Transnet Engineering in East London – 204 units of blood.



Christiaan Strydom of Transnet Freight Rail Network Construction in Richards Bay – 18 units.



Nadeemah Kriel of Transnet Vryheid Operations – 14 units.



Malcolm Bubb of Transnet Engineering in Uitenhage – 137 units.





**Motshenete Radebe, UNTU Branch Secretary in Bethlehem, donated his 29th unit of blood.**



**Zandile Khuzwayo is a Transnet Train Driver at Ermelo Diesel Loco – 8 units of blood.**



**Ryino Errens of Transnet Freight Rail in Bloemfontein – 46 units of blood.**



**Richard Berry from Transnet Pipelines at the Tarlton Depot near Krugersdorp – 72 units.**



**Simphiwe Soci of Transnet Port Terminals at Ngqura Terminal – 50 units.**



**Phuti Marutla of Prasa Protection Service – 5 units of blood.**



**Edmond Auburn November is a Prasa Train Driver in Cape Town – 13 units.**



**Lazarus Mtimkulu, UNTU TUR for Transnet Capital Park Wagon Maintenance in Pretoria.**



**J.G. Claasen of Transnet Klerksdorp is a Shed Assistant – 278 units.**



**Johan Kriel of Transnet in Klerksdorp is Chief Admin Official Safety – 115 units.**





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## #GoSouthKZN for unique holiday experience

Call to support South Coast tourism and hospitality crippled by the Covid-19 pandemic

**Phelisa Mangcu, CEO of Ugu South Coast Tourism (USCT), writes:**

"With tourism being one of the biggest contributors to the KwaZulu-Natal South Coast's economy, the impact of Covid-19 and the lockdown measures have been devastating for many businesses. The second wave, and beach closures, hit the industry hard at the height of the tourism season.

Ugu South Coast Tourism (USCT) keeps visitors and businesses informed of the Covid-19 regulations through our portal at [www.tourismsouthcoast.co.za](http://www.tourismsouthcoast.co.za).

"The KZN South Coast remains a key tourism destination offering domestic tourists a number of unique and diverse experiences. USCT works closely with key provincial and national stakeholders such as Tourism KwaZulu-Natal, EDTEA, South African Tourism, the Tourism Business Council of South Africa and SATSA to make sure that the KZN South Coast receives support and remains on the map.

"Our #WozaForWinter campaign is



Phelisa Mangcu

highlighting the fact that the area, with the incredible climate and sea conditions, is an ideal winter holiday destination. This also touches on the #GreatestShoalOnEarth

and #SardineRun drives, which promote the fact that visitors can witness the world-renowned phenomenon from our shores.

"Through #ExtendYourStay,

we are encouraging product owners to offer discounts for extra days and mid-week specials, as well as the option of

'work-cations' where visitors can work remotely on the KZN South Coast. Our rural tourism development programme focuses on enabling local operators, and we're committed to highlighting hinterland experiences such as the KwaXolo Caves Adventures, the KwaNzimakwe Multi-Trails, the Nyandezulu Cultural Experience and the Ntelezi Msani Heritage Centre.

"Through our marketing efforts, we have seen the KZN South Coast receiving recognition through the *Kwêla Dorp van die Jaar* competition, with Port Edward (2020) and Umtentweni (2021) announced as semi-finalists for Town of the Year.

"The KZN South Coast is also gaining much-deserved attention as a film destination.

"This was the chosen location for the shooting of SABC3's season 2 of *The Longest Date*, and large portions of filming for the upcoming *Trippin' with the Kandasamys* shot here as well.

"Please support #GoSouthKZN and our tourism and hospitality industry to address the challenges caused by the global pandemic as a united front." 🌟



## UNTU Palms' new borehole will alleviate water crisis

After months of frustrations due to the Ugu District Municipality's challenges to ensure that there are no water supply interruptions, UNTU Palms drilled its own borehole of 150 m deep and installed our own water plant, to be self-sufficient.

The borehole water is currently being used as grey water for bathing and washing dishes.

This was done to ensure that visitors at the Jewel of the South Coast, situated 140 km from Durban in Sunwich Port on the Hibiscus Coast, are not inconvenienced by frequent water disruptions which are now something of the past according to the municipality.

Ugu South Coast Tourism (USCT) is aware of the impact the challenges associated with ongoing water

shortages had on the tourism sector and is hard at work to market the area now that it has been addressed.

"While the Ugu District Municipality is responsible for water supply, USCT continues to work with all stakeholders to alert the municipality to problems as they arise, and ensure visitors have a positive experience," says Phelisa Mangcu, Chief Executive Officer of USCT. 🌟

## Bookings are booming at Jewel of the South Coast

The Jewel of the South Coast is fully Covid-19 compliant, and bookings are booming for all those who want to break away from business inland. Come and enjoy true hospitality at our seashore holiday resort!

UNTU Palms is one of the most affordable holiday resorts on the South Coast after having kept our rates unchanged to ensure that our loyal holidaymakers can still afford a visit despite the financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on all households.

We currently have space available in our caravan park for those of you who want to enjoy the lovely days we have rather than the cold winter weather.

From the 19th of July we are relatively



open for bookings at our chalets. There is still ample availability for the upcoming Women's Day long weekend in August and for the October school holidays. From 15 December 2021 to 4 January 2022 the resort

is fully booked.

Remember to make your booking for 2022 now. Visitors can book up to a year in advance at UNTU Palms.

UNTU Palms strives to provide families with a safe holiday destination where they can relax and enjoy the variety of facilities the resort offers.

Besides the beach, there is a tidal pool ideally suited for small children and the resort also has ample playground space for children to play, a volleyball court, a swimming pool, a putt-putt course, and a games room.

UNTU Palms also boasts one of the best surfing and rock fishing spots on the South Coast. You will never be bored. 🌟