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# Army sued for M24.5 million

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THE family of a police constable who was murdered by the army is demanding a staggering M12 million from the Lesotho Defence Force (LDF).

Five other people who claim they were tortured by the army when Police Constable Relebohile Mokone was killed last week are also demanding payment of M2.5 million each.

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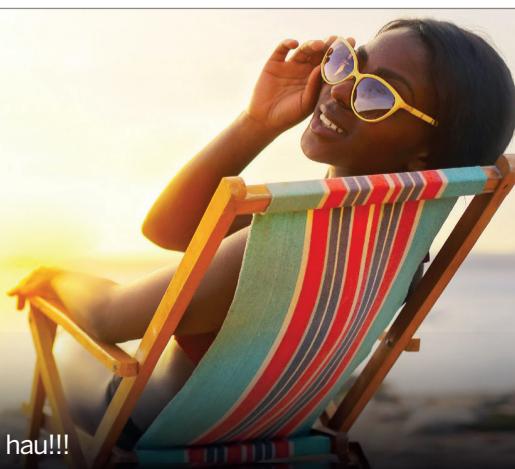
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# Frazer Solar signs power deal with Eswatini

Staff Reporter

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A GERMANY-based company, Frazer Solar, which is locked in a bitter dispute with the government of Lesotho, has now moved to Eswatini where it has signed a US\$115 million solar battery deal.

In a statement on Tuesday, Frazium Energy which is part of Frazer Solar group said it had signed a binding contract with the government of Eswatini for the Mega Solar-Storage Project, which is set to be the largest battery project in Africa.

The Mega Solar-Storage Project will be located at the Edwaleni Power Station in Matsapha, Eswatini, and will supply more than 100 million kWh per year to countries within the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region.

It said the project will also include 75 000 solar panels covering 45 hectares on a total site covering 54 hectares.

The Mega Solar-Storage Project could help reduce load shedding in SADC countries by providing much needed power at peak times,

the statement said.

The contract will run for the next 40 years.

Speaking about the launch of the new solar-storage project, Robert Frazer, Director of Frazium Energy, said: "We are so grateful to the government of Eswatini for their support, confidence, and belief in our vision for this project".

Frazer said they are excited for the role they can play in Eswatini's and Africa's green energy future.

He said they intend to invest beyond the EUR 100 million that has already been committed for the Mega Solar-Storage Project in future.

"Africa's largest battery is coming, and it is coming to Eswatini. The future is not just bright, it is solar-powered," Frazer said.

Manqoba Khumalo, the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade, Government of Eswatini, said Frazer Solar had shown that it is a friend and partner to Eswatini.

Khumalo said the Mega Solar-Storage Project will provide a real and tangible benefit to all Emaswati, both in the creation of at least 200 new jobs, and in the provision of green, solar power, and dispatchable electric-



MANQOBA Khumalo

ity across the Kingdom and beyond.

In 2018, a similar project was anticipated in Lesotho before the government breached the terms of the binding contract and the project was unable to proceed.

Frazer Solar was subsequently awarded damages via an international arbitration process.

The government has now appealed against

the award and the matter is still pending in the Gauteng High Court.

Frazer signed an agreement in 2018 with Lesotho to provide as many as 40 000 solar water-heating systems, 20 megawatts of solar photovoltaic capacity, 1 million LED lights and 350 000 solar lanterns.

Attempts to get comment from the government of Lesotho failed yesterday.

## Two soldiers nabbed for swindling M-Pesa clients

Majara Molupe

## MASERU

TWO soldiers were arrested by the police this week for allegedly swindling M-Pesa clients.

Deputy police spokesperson Sub-Inspector Mareabetsoe Mofoka confirmed to *the post* last night that the two soldiers are behind the bars.

She said the suspects are assisting the police understand how they defraud M-Pesa subscribers.

"They are yet to appear before the courts," she said.

The two suspects, all aged 33, are from Mokhotlong and Qacha's Neck districts.

Sub-Inspector Mofoka said preliminary investigations had shown that the suspects register for M-Pesa with the Identification Documents (IDs) that they get on social media platforms.

Sub-Inspector Mofoka said the suspects have a knack of editing the messages from the M-Pesa accounts and replacing them with those that would enable them to commit fraud.

She said they target people with huge balances in the M-Pesa accounts so that they unlawfully take it for their own use.

She said those people would identify themselves as agents of Vodacom Lesotho.

And while being traced, they would throw away the sim card and buy new ones.

Sub-Inspector Mofoka said this kind of



'MAREABETSOE Mofoka

crime has been happening since 2015 but gained momentum recently.

Army spokesperson Captain Sakeng Lekola said he was not aware that there were

soldiers who had been nabbed in connection with the crime.

"This has not reached my office," he said.

The Vodacom Lesotho Commercial Manager, Malatola Phothane, said the crime of defrauding people through M-Pesa is tarnishing the image of the company.

"The M-Pesa subscribers will then approach us saying they have been swindled," he said.

When this crime escalated, Phothane said they sent SMSes to their subscribers to alert them of the fraud.

He said they also ran radio programmes to sensitise their subscribers of the fraud.

With the Christmas season fast approaching, they are going to intensify their campaigns to educate their clients about the crime.



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