

# From frying pan into fire, that’s ‘naughty boy’ Krejcir

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RADOVAN Krejcir is “a very naughty boy. He finds ways of hiding things everywhere. In an electrical plug, in his exercise bike, in his treadmill and even in a frying pan. He is very resourceful.”

This is according to advocate Marumo Moerane SC, who opposed as a “wish list” demands Krejcir had presented to the high court in Pretoria.

His demands included access to several specialists – an oncologist, a urologist and a psychiatrist – as well as a dentist.

It also emerged that since being in jail, he has been a lonely man, as he is kept away from other prisoners. To add to his woes, he is now locked up in solitary confinement at Zonderwater prison near Cullinan. His television set, which kept him company during his lonely times, has been confiscated by prison authorities following a recent raid on his cell.

Judge Joseph Raulinga was told that he would dearly love to have the TV back.

He also wants access to his medication for insomnia, anxiety attacks and depression.

These are apparently locked up in his cell, which has been declared a “crime scene” following the recent raid during which an alleged plot to escape was uncovered.

Several items were found during the raid, including a loaded 9mm pistol and two magazines each loaded with 50 rounds. According to Moerane, there was even a live round in the chamber of the pistol, ready to fire.

Krejcir admitted that the “contraband items” – such as cellphones and batteries – belonged to him, but he maintained that the gun had been

planted in his cell.

He also admitted he had a screwdriver, but said he used it to adjust his exercise bike.

But Judge Raulinga was told that more illegal items were found in the cell this week, including more cellphone batteries. These were hidden in electric plugs and even in his frying pan.

Moerane said Correctional Services handed back his frying pan when it was first confiscated, so that he could heat up his food. But it was now discovered that he used this as a hiding place.

Moerane said one wondered where he got the items from in the first place. Judge Raulinga responded that “this is the million-dollar question”.

Moerane denied that Krejcir was being denied access to specialists. He said Krejcir wanted to see a urologist “for an enlarged testicle”, and an oncologist because he complained of “bumps on his body”.

But the department first wanted to establish whether these specialists were above board and not part of an escape plot, Moerane said.

Judgment was reserved.



**IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT:** Radovan Krejcir has submitted a long list of his needs to the court.

PICTURE: ANTOINE DE RAS



## Zuma pays tribute to actor Moeti

PRESIDENT Jacob Zuma has conveyed his condolences to the family of actor Sammy Moeti, who died on Monday after a long illness. Hailing him as one of South Africa’s finest actors, Zuma said: “It is a sad period in our entertainment industry to lose someone of Mr Moeti’s calibre, who was not only an accomplished and talented actor but also a popular cultural activist. We wish to convey our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and the entire arts and culture industry. May his soul rest in peace.” Moeti played medicine man Vho-Mushana on the much-acclaimed Tshivena television drama series *Muvhango*. He also acted in the South African movie *Ekwani* as the mad man Madwara. – ANA

## Angry protesters burn 10 vehicles

AT LEAST 10 vehicles were set alight by Burgersfort residents in Limpopo during protests over a lack of job opportunities in mining. Four trucks, four buses and two cars were set alight on Tuesday night by residents living near the platinum mines who are demanding jobs and development. Residents, who claimed mining companies had failed to deliver on earlier promises to employ locals, also burnt tyres, barricaded roads and pulled drivers from their vehicles along the R555 between De Hoop Dam and Burgersfort, ordering them from their vehicles. Community spokesman Sikhalo Motubatse said: “We aren’t retreating, and this time enough damage will be caused. These mine managers are playing with us and we aren’t in that game.” Public order police had been deployed to monitor the situation. Police spokesman Colonel Malesela Ledwaba said motorists should be cautious when using the R555. – ANA

## Most are against merger, says DA

OPPOSITION to the merger of Tlokwe (Potchefstroom) and Ventersdorp municipalities in North West was widespread across political parties, civil society and community groupings, the DA said yesterday. “Thousands of community members were part of a violent protest against the proposal and took to the streets of Potchefstroom and Ventersdorp in September. It is sad that communities have to turn to such extreme measures to get the attention of the government on issues affecting their lives,” said provincial party leader Joe McGluwa. “On October 26 the matter will be heard in court, and we are positive that the court will rule in favour of the DA and in favour of what is right for the people of Tlokwe and Ventersdorp.” – ANA

## ‘I and rape accused earlier had sex’

A 20-YEAR-OLD woman, who has accused a Joburg model agency boss of raping her, admitted in court yesterday that she had had a sexual relationship with the man before he allegedly raped her. Model agency boss Dawie de Villiers faces charges of sexual assault, rape, child pornography, sexual grooming, as well as fraud and intimidation. “I had sex with him twice,” the woman told the high court sitting in Palm Ridge. She was almost 15 at the time of the alleged rape. Earlier, when De Villiers’ lawyer Jacques Pienaar had asked her whether she was a virgin before the alleged attack, she had replied: “Yes, I was.” She said later that she had lied because she had been scared. The woman said she never went to the doctor to get examined after the incident. “My mom and dad would stop me from modelling if I told them,” she said. The case continues today. – ANA

## Duo jailed for kidnapping, fraud

A KWAZULU-NATAL mother, 50, and daughter, 24, who had snatched their neighbour’s child and used the seven-year-old’s birth certificate to obtain a social grant, had been convicted by the Durban Magistrate’s Court for kidnapping and fraud, provincial police said yesterday. “(On Tuesday), the Durban Magistrate’s Court convicted and sentenced a mother and her daughter for kidnapping and fraud that was committed in 2010,” spokesman Colonel Jay Naicker said. The daughter was jailed for 14 years and her mother for eight. In February 2010, the child was kidnapped from a Durban railway station. Her surname was changed and the mother applied for a new birth certificate at the Department of Home Affairs so that she could obtain a social grant, Naicker said. The police acted on a community tipoff and arrested the duo. – ANA

## New IEC chairman announced

PRESIDENT Jacob Zuma has appointed Vuma Mashinini as the new chairman of the Electoral Commission of South Africa. Mashinini was deputy chief electoral officer of the IEC between 1998 and 2001. In April, Zuma appointed him as a commissioner of the electoral body. He has also served as a special adviser to the president. The IEC hasn’t had a chairperson since Pansy Tlakula resigned under a cloud last year. Vice-chairman Terry Tselane has held the post in an acting capacity since then. – ANA

# Molesting of girl latest in string of cop crimes

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THE INDEPENDENT Police Investigative Directorate (Ipid) is investigating whether a police officer arrested for allegedly raping his neighbour’s 13-year-old daughter has been involved in other crimes.

The warrant officer, 46, who is based at Mondor police station in Joburg, allegedly raped the teen on Tuesday. She is the daughter of one of the man’s colleagues. The girl’s mother had sent her to the accused’s house, where she was raped. “His colleague’s wife was helping him after his wife left him. She was ironing his shirts and she sent her daughter over to give him the ironed shirts when it happened,” Ipid spokeswoman Grace Langa said.

The officer was arrested in the early hours of yesterday.

“The officer’s daughter has been staying with him and we are investigating whether he abused her too,” Langa said.

The suspect was expected to appear in the Vosloorus Magistrate’s Court today.

Earlier this week, an officer from Florida police station in Roodepoort was arrested after “accidentally” shooting his wife in the face.

Last month, a police officer shot his wife and turned the gun on himself at the Tshwane Police Training College.

Also last month, in Pretoria West, a police officer shot and killed his wife and daughter after an argument.

Langa appealed to the police to do more in their investigations of domestic abuse. “It is also up to the police to do mental assessments and look into how they hire police officers.”

Lisa Vetten, an associate at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research, said there was a fair degree of criminality within the SAPS.



**SHOW OF STRENGTH:** Wits students closed access to all the university’s entrances to object to the increase in fees. They argue that the institution is making it unaffordable for people from historically disadvantaged backgrounds to study.

PICTURE: BHEKIHAYA MABASO

# Irate students bring Wits to a standstill

**KATE MORRISSEY AND TEBOGO MONAMA**

**A**NGRY Wits University students shut down the campus yesterday and declared its grounds a “no in, no out” zone in protest against the increase in tuition fees.

Classes and other academic activities were suspended as a crowd of students moved through lecture halls chanting songs condemning the increase.

They said the hike would prevent students who came from lower-income families from accessing higher education.

“This is not a protest – it’s a shutdown,” said Mcebo Dlamini, the former student representative council (SRC) president, addressing hundreds of students in a hall outside the student enrolment centre.

The students had blocked all entrances and exits.

“We’re going to shut down Wits until management comes and says there’s no fee increase,” said Dlamini.

Nompandolo Mkhathshwa, the president-elect of the SRC, said

## Double-digit fee increases behind disruption of lectures

the management should remember that the institution belonged to the students.

The crowd grew bigger as more students joined in.

The morning had started with fewer than 100 students guarding the gates. The group began winding through buildings on the west side of campus before they burst into lecture halls, singing and stomping as they disrupted lectures.

Some students ignored the procession of demonstrators but others joined in.

By 11.30am, the crowd had swelled to well over 500 people. Some of Wits’s staff also joined in, singing, chanting and dancing their way through the campus.

A woman hoisted a placard with the message “Being poor cost me my future”.

A few of the buildings bore the marks of the protest. One

lectern in a hallway had been tagged “Do not submit. Revolt”, and someone had painted “Lynch Habib” on the side of College House. Professor Adam Habib is the vice-chancellor.

University spokesman Shirona Patel said no one was injured.

“Aside from one altercation and the vandalisation of some classes overnight, no violence has been reported,” she said, adding that the protest was illegal as it violated the rules.

“While the university recognises that students have a right to protest, this cannot happen at the expense of the rights of students and staff members to learn and work in a safe environment,” Patel said.

Wits chief financial officer Linda Jarvis said the increase in fees was necessary because of the cost of buying stationery items overseas and academic

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staff salary increases.

The university is increasing fees by 10.5 percent and registration fees by 6 percent.

Wits isn’t the only institution increasing its fees by double digits. The University of Cape Town is also raising its fees – by 10.3 percent.

UCT spokeswoman Pat Lucas said the university council would propose a 13 percent

increase in student financial aid.

Higher Education spokesman Khaye Nkwanyana agreed with the students. “Institutions of higher learning sometimes raise their fees in ways that are exorbitant and serve as an exclusion mechanism for many students. This also means that students who are in the institutions default and are financially excluded,” he said.

# Rape accused gets bail as he is likely to go free

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A MAN accused of kidnapping and raping a teenager several times in Bezuidenhout Valley, Joburg, has been granted R2 000 bail, provided that he adheres to strict conditions.

“There is a strong chance that you may be acquitted, and under those circumstances it’s appropriate that I grant you bail,” magistrate Paul du Plessis said, addressing the accused in court yesterday.

This was after he read

the alleged rapist’s affidavit during his bail application hearing.

The man was charged with three counts of rape and two of kidnapping after he allegedly abducted Maria\*, 18, last month.

The magistrate ordered the accused to remain living at the same address; not to make any contact with the teenager or her family, even if it was through an intermediary; and to report to Jeppe police station on Mondays and Thursdays.

On Saturday, September 12,

the man allegedly approached the teenager and choked her until she lost consciousness.

It is alleged that when she woke up, the teenager found herself in an unfamiliar room.

Her captor allegedly spent the next day-and-a-half raping her and cutting her with a knife when she tried to resist.

When he eventually let Maria leave the room in the early hours of that Monday morning, she was at first too afraid to approach the police because he had threatened to kill her and her family if she

ever spoke about the incident.

Maria’s mother helped the police capture the 23-year-old suspect, after inviting him and his parents to her home through a ruse that she would drop the charges.

When the man, who had been on the run for more than a week, arrived, she and her daughter contacted the police.

The case was postponed to next month for further investigation. – *Additional reporting by Shain Germaner*

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## Sisulus’ activist son will be missed

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THE SISULU family are grieving the death of Mlungisi Sisulu, pictured, the second son of Walter and Albertina.

Mlungisi died on Tuesday at the Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre in Joburg after a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

He is survived by his wife Sheila, son Linda and daughters Nontsikelelo and Boitumelo.



“Lungi’s death is a great blow, coming as it does just three years after that of his brother Zwelakhe,” a family statement read.

The office of the Presidency said: Mr Sisulu was an activist and later a businessman, who was involved in the ANC’s underground structures, notably during the 1980s when he ran a small shop in Soweto, affectionately known as Shop 7.”

Funeral arrangements are still to be announced.

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