

What's news in SA?

Acumen Media has released its data on the week's biggest news stories in South African media.

In political news, the Democratic Alliance's (DA) leadership woes took the top spot - with reports claiming that current leader Mmusi Maimane was told to resign while former leader, Helen Zille, is seemingly making her claim for the top spot.

The State Capture Inquiry is continuing and, this week, former president Jacob Zuma's son, Duduzane, submitted his testimony. Energy utility Eskom is still struggling to keep *its* lights on and has required another financial bailout to avoid total collapse.

After settling down in past weeks, xenophobia took hold, once again, as foreign nationals gathered at the United Nations as they plan to leave their place of asylum, South Africa.

In an open letter to arts and culture minister Nathi Mthethwa, actress Vatiswa Ndara expressed her dissatisfaction with how the country's actors are treated. With specific reference to Ferguson Films, Ndara expressed her grievances in six pages; highlighting a range of issues facing South African actors - from bullying and intimidation to unpleasant working conditions.

On social media, many called for the release of Fees Must Fall activist Kanye Cekeshe. Despite claims that she cannot afford a flight, the Organisation Undoing Tax Abuse (Outa) and the judiciary want Dudu Myeni in court.

The Hawks raided the homes of former eThekweni mayor, Zandile Gumede, and her 15 co-accused and seized a string of luxury cars. Gumede is believed to have run a tender fraud scheme, estimated to have been worth R200m. She is currently out on bail.

“ And here are the cars taken during the raids on the properties of [#ZandileGumede](#) and her co-accused. These cars are not hers, but belong to the 15 other co-accused also affected by the seizure of assets believed to be the proceeds of crime. pic.twitter.com/pHiyGsYSI1 - Dasen Thathiah (@DasenThathiah) [10 October 2019](#) ”

This week, the world commemorated World Mental Health Day. The topic of mental health in South Africa was discussed widely on social media - pointing out the high suicide rate and lack of government intervention in the country.



#WorldMentalHealthDay: I am not 'always on'... for the sake of my sanity

Khuthalani Khumalo 10 Oct 2019



And in some lighter but still appalling news, the Springboks are managing to keep their Rugby World Cup performance in tip-top shape even though one of their teammates, lock Eben Etzebeth, faces a South African Human Rights Commission-led investigation into racism allegations.