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The dawn of 5 October 2025 will be an overwhelming experience for South Africa.

All persons of all races, all colours, all classes, all sizes and all shapes will be gathering and walking, to endorse global human rights for accommodation, food, education, justice and other values. This is expected to be the largest Walk for Freedom for humanity in general and for Palestine in particular. Do join the effort to send a clear message to the colonialists and oppressors of the world. The carnage amidst the genocide being perpetrated by the Israeli and other Western regimes in full view of the global community leaves humanity in awe. No proponent of human rights and human dignity should be standing by while humanity witnesses a heinous crime being committed against them. It really does appear as though, in the form of the United Nations, every state of the world is complicit in the commitment of the Palestinian genocide. The levels of murder, starvation, destruction of residential and commercial property, elimination of established infrastructure and depopulation are but unprecedented crimes against humanity. In addition, peace brokers turn out to be biased and in fact facilitate the crime of genocide. While the Palestinian Catastrophe goes on revealing the nature of the horrendous genocide, Lenasia is busy preparing

Massive Palestine Walk for Freedom 2025 happening in Lenasia this October

itself for the annual PSA Walk for Freedom. The Walk will be hosted at Rose Park on Sunday 5 October 2025 at 08:00. It is envisaged that Lenasia will really come alive with most of the local residents and visitors from around South Africa converging on Rose Park. The PSA and PSA Youth League may also be hosting persons from the areas experiencing a bloodbath and genocide. This year Rose Park in Lenasia will be buzzing with a large variety of Pop-up stalls, community organizations, delicious foods and Palestine paraphernalia. Important Guest Speakers and Palestinian visitors are also expected to be engaged in vibrant Community Dialogue. Most certainly the attention of one and all present will be focused on but only one thing, the genocide. Various aspects of this vicious act of humanity against humanity will be talked about, thought about and deliberated on. In the minds of most people will be massacres of mothers, infants and the unborn; the destruction of homes, places of learning and civic infrastructure; starvation as a weapon of war when there is no war; bombing of hospitals and the assassination of health workers and journalists; the displacement of an entire population; the deprivation of an entire people of water, electricity and other services. These are but some of the state-orchestrated crimes against humanity in desperation. Abdul Majeed of the PSA has announced an interesting new feature at the Walk for Freedom. This will be ‘The Garden of Martyrs’ which will feature the names and photographs of many a martyr of the Gaza-Palestine genocide. Visitors and participants are urged to visit the site on 5 October at Rose Park. Entry tickets to the Walk for Freedom will be available at the entrance to Frontline Hyper every weekend and on Saturday 4 October 2025 at Rose Park. For further information interested patrons may contact 082 513 3750 / 083 258 2786 or communicate via www.palestinesa.co.za



Last year's Palestine Walk for Freedom in Lenasia.

Alie Komape
Africa4Palestine

19 September 2025

The human rights organization #Africa4Palestine notes and applauds the announcement by Spanish authorities that they will boycott the 2026 FIFA world cup to be co-hosted in United States of America, Mexico and Canada if Israel is to be allowed to form part. Their statement comes shortly after a United Nations report found Israel guilty of the crime of Genocide in its ongoing onslaught on the People of Gaza. Spanish authorities argue that FIFA cannot allow Israel to be part of the Sport for what they call an ‘intolerable’ situation in Gaza. The 2010 world champions further call out FIFA’s hypocrisy when it comes to applying rules governing the global sport. Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez did not mince his words when dealing with the double standards on the part of FIFA and applying its rules. He said “‘The sports organizations should consider whether it’s ethical for Israel to keep participating in international competitions. Why expel Russia after the invasion of Ukraine and not expel Israel after the invasion of Gaza? Until the barbarity ends, neither Russia nor Israel should be in any international competition.” It is important to note that it only took FIFA 4 days after Russia’s campaign in Ukraine to suspend Russia from all sporting

Africa4Palestine commends Spain for boycotting Israel & FIFA, denounces SAFA

activities and later removed all Russian football teams from UEFA and FIFA tournaments, solely in retaliation and quoting FIFA fair play principles. In South Africa, the courageous Spanish leaders remind us of our own history and those that gave us unconditional solidarity in several ways including through sports boycotts during our darkest days of Apartheid. The brutal and tragic slaughter of school children in Soweto in 1976, which was at the peak of the Apartheid regime proved to be the final straw for the world football governing body and ultimately expelled and banned South Africa as a member and participant. This followed a series of penalties and suspension that were simply not enough. We are reminded of the African track and field athletes who refused to participate in the 1968 Olympics because of Apartheid South Africa’s presence at the global games. We recall the Rugby boycotts and riots in the streets of London and Auckland that condemned South African Rugby to isolation. Cricket, Boxing, Tennis and other world sporting federations add to the long list of those who refused to be complicit in the oppression of native South Africans by a settler colonial regime. It is this painful and agonizing history that makes South Africans who we are today, a deeply caring society rooted in the spirit of Ubuntu, giving solidarity and empathy without expecting anything in return. Given our history, it is despicable for the South African Football Association (SAFA) to be silent in the face of gross injustice. It is unfathomable that a country that received overwhelming solidarity in the field of sports, particularly football, will look the other way when the same, if not worse, is happening to others. Palestinians for over a decade have registered complaints to FIFA and on every occasion been ignored or simply dismissed. There’s a deliberate ploy by FIFA and its administrators to treat Palestinians as sub-standard members of the global community, a group of people not worthy of equal treatment or fair judgement. The SAFA leadership must bury their heads in shame for their continued silence on the Palestinian cause in the sporting arena and we should not allow them to use



The crest of Spain's national football team, with the one gold star symbolising their World Cup triumph in South Africa in 2010.

our name in their complicity. #Africa4Palestine joins millions of South Africans and football loving people worldwide in calling for FIFA to expel Israel and for SAFA to put an end to their complicity and support this noble cause. We commend the exemplary leadership of the Spanish authorities, that in the face of unimaginable atrocities, they refuse to be silenced and choose to be on the right side of history. We are confident that SAFA will join the great people of Spain in saying “no normal sport with an abnormal regime”.



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Three suspects were fatally shot and two others injured during a confrontation with police in Atteridgeville on the evening of 23 September 2025.

According to SAPS Gauteng spokesperson Colonel Dimakatso Nevhuhulwi, the incident followed an intelligence-led operation by the SAPS Highway Patrol, supported by private security companies. The operation targeted a group allegedly linked to a series of hijackings across Pretoria.

“The team was strategically deployed and identified the suspects’ vehicle. When officers attempted to intercept it, the suspects fled, resulting in a high-speed pursuit and subsequent exchange of gunfire,” said Colonel Nevhuhulwi.

Three suspects were declared dead at the scene, while two

Shootout in Atteridgeville leaves three suspects dead, two injured



sustained injuries and were transported to hospital for treatment.

“Police recovered three unlicensed firearms with ammunition, signal jammers, gloves, balaclavas, and the vehicle used by the suspects. Investigations are currently ongoing,” added the Colonel.

Police responded to an incident of assault in Laudium on 24 September 2025, where a male suspect was allegedly behaving violently and attacking members of the public without provocation.

According to SAPS Gauteng spokesperson, Colonel Dimakatso Nevhuhulwi: “Officers arriving at the scene found the suspect to be aggressive and uncooperative. Due to

Suspect restrained by police after alleged assault in Laudium

the suspect’s violent behaviour, police were compelled to use necessary force to restrain and place him inside a police vehicle for his own safety and that of others.

“The suspect was subsequently transported to a nearby hospital for medical evaluation. One of the victims has since opened a case of common assault against the suspect. Police investigations into the circumstances surrounding the incident are currently ongoing.”



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Evictions - Leased Properties

The Constitution prohibits arbitrary deprivation of property and further stipulates that no person may be evicted from his/her home without an order of Court. For numerous landlords, evictions are perceived negatively and as, nearly unattainable, particularly in the current social and economic factors in society, nevertheless, this perspective is not consistently true. Landlords who are fed up with requesting rent from tenants when it is due or managing troublesome tenants have options accessible to them via the Court. Eviction procedures are governed by the Prevention of Illegal Eviction from and Unlawful Occupation of

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5. Tenant is engaging in illegal activities on the property.

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clause of the lease agreement, the tenant must be provided with written notice of the breach and provided with a reasonable amount of time to remedy the breach. Should the tenant fail to remedy the breach timeously, the landlord is to cancel the lease agreement prior to commencing with the eviction process. It is therefore recommended that landlords have lease agreements in writing. The eviction procedure entails providing a tenant with a formal written notice to vacate the property, in tenant failing to vacate the property, to proceed to applying to court for an eviction order on notice, attending to service of the notice upon the relevant

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Double-Cab bakkies dethrone German sedans as South Africa’s most aspirational luxury vehicles under R1-Million



A significant transformation is reshaping aspirational motoring in South Africa, according to the Cars.co.za Industry Report 2025. The report reveals that the double-cab bakkie has arguably replaced the German premium sedan as the desired status symbol for local automotive consumers, especially in the R500 000-to-R1 million bracket.

Drawing on Cars.co.za’s proprietary market data and new-vehicle sales figures, the findings highlight that most motoring consumers now consider modern double-cab bakkies (such as the Toyota Hilux, Ford Ranger, and Isuzu D-Max) as their preferred luxury-vehicle status symbols.

“Our data shows a dramatic shift away from German sedans, such as the Audi A4, BMW 3 Series and Mercedes-Benz C-Class, which dominated the South African luxury vehicle market less than a decade ago, in favour of flagship bakkies,” says Alan Quinn, Executive: Product and Partnerships at Cars.co.za.

The Decline of Legacy Luxury Sedans

The shift is starkly evident in sales and demand data. Vehicles previously considered the benchmark for reasonably attainable premium desirability – including the Audi A4, BMW 3 Series, Mercedes-Benz C-Class, and their respective variants – have seen their dominance severely curtailed.

- Disappearance from New Sales Charts: Pricier legacy luxury sedans like the 3 Series and C-Class have nearly disappeared from the top of the new-vehicle sales charts.
- Shrinking Lead Share: In the used market, demand for these sedans, and sedans in general, is declining. The lead share of vehicles like the 3 Series and C-Class has fallen. In 2020 (just five years ago), the 3 Series and C-Class achieved 3.9% and 3.4% of all leads (enquiries) respectively on Cars.co.za. During the first half of 2025, those percentages had shrunk to 2.4% and 2.9%; demand for the A4 declined even further.
- Overall Segment Contraction: The overall sedan segment’s lead share on Cars.co.za has shrunk significantly over the past decade, declining from 21.5% in 2015 to 14.33% in the first half of 2025. This decline is largely attributed to the increasing unaffordability of new luxury sedans, which now compete at a problematic price point (even at base price, before options), driven by macroeconomic pressures like inflation, eroding purchasing power and even manufacturing location. The increase in popularity of the crossover segment and the general

decline in desirability and choice (internationally, too) of the sedan body type are also major factors. “It is also worth noting that while the Hilux, Ranger and D-Max are produced locally, only the C-Class remains in local production among the aforementioned sedans,” says Quinn.

The Rise of the Sophisticated Double-Cab

In contrast, the desirability and capability of double-cab bakkies have surged. Double-cab demand has grown substantially, increasing by 71.3% since 2015. As is shown in Cars.co.za’s unique cross-consideration charts, the (increasingly sophisticated) double-cab bakkie is now being considered alongside almost every other body type on the market and at nearly all price points, demonstrating its widespread desirability. “Interestingly, the cross-consideration charts suggest BMW 3 Series owners or buyers prefer the Ford Ranger, while those considering a Mercedes-Benz C-Class are increasingly also considering a Toyota Hilux,” added Quinn.

Key factors fuelling the double-cab's rise as a luxury replacement include:

1. Increased Sophistication and Specification: South African consumers appear to prefer higher-specification double cabs, reinforcing their status as preferred luxury vehicles. The bulk of double-cab stock on Cars.co.za is priced in the R500k+ price segment, which is about R100 000 higher than the average loan amount approved to finance a vehicle in South Africa, according to TransUnion data.
2. Market Penetration of Automatic Transmissions: Modern double-cab bakkies are increasingly equipped with automatic transmissions to align them with luxury vehicle buyers’ and general ease-of-use expectations. The stock of automatic double-cabs on Cars.co.za has seen a near-full reversal in the past decade.
 - In 2015, only 25.03% of double-cab stock on Cars.co.za was automatic.
 - Today, that figure has soared to 70.91%, representing a dramatic growth of 183.3%.
 - Demand (leads submitted) for automatic double cabs has followed this trend, increasing from 20.59% in 2015 to 57.31% in the first half of 2025.

The sustained popularity of flagship double-cabs from particularly the Toyota Hilux, Ford Ranger and Isuzu D-Max (previously KB) means they are the only "priced" vehicles (in the used market, Top 25) that have maintained or grown lead share between 2020 and 2025.

Call to ban alcohol advertising & sponsorship that reaches youth

Amid startling findings about alcohol abuse among youth in South Africa, the Southern African Alcohol Policy Alliance in South Africa (SAAPA SA) has called for a ban advertising and sponsorship that reaches youth.

The Alliance has issued a critical new warning: alcohol advertising is not just selling brands — it is shaping children’s behaviour, fuelling underage drinking, and driving lifelong harm.

A statement issued by the Alliance brings together local and global evidence, including the 2025 Planet Youth Survey conducted by the University of Cape Town, which achieved an unprecedented 89% response rate across 49,000 Grade 8 and 9 learners in 123 schools. The findings are stark:

- 40% of learners have already tried alcohol.
- 23% began before age 13.
- 22% drank in the past 30 days; 15% were drunk at least once in the past month.
- Alcohol is most often obtained from shops (53%), friends (43%), and family (34%).
- Drinking peaks during public holidays (72%), after exams (51%), and at friends’ homes (54%) — showing how deeply entrenched alcohol has become in social life.

This local reality is reinforced by international and South African evidence:

- Children exposed to alcohol adverts are significantly more likely to drink (SABSSM2017 analysis).
- The International Alcohol Control study shows a direct association between adolescent drinking and liking adverts.
- Global studies reveal children are exposed to alcohol marketing every 4–8 minutes in daily life — patterns mirrored in South African townships and cities.
- WHO reviews conclude children repeatedly exposed to alcohol

advertising start drinking younger, drink more heavily, and face higher risks of hazardous patterns later in life. South Africa already suffers some of the world’s highest levels of alcohol-related harm. Statistics indicate that alcohol is linked to over half of violent injuries and 27% of road deaths are alcohol related, with the economic costs running into billions of rands annually.

“Every billboard, sports sponsorship and social media post is an invitation to our children to drink. This is predatory marketing — and its effects are devastating: violence in our homes, blood on our roads, and illness in our hospitals. South Africa cannot continue to let the industry target our children,” said SAAPA SA Campaign Director Nomcebo Dlamini, who is also Deputy Chair of the Central Drug Authority. Dlamini’s work with the youth is the catalyst to her consistent pursuance of solutions to the challenges they face including substance abuse, which she sees as the cause of the derailment of many young lives especially in South Africa’s disadvantaged urban, peri-urban and rural communities.

SAAPA SA is calling for immediate government action to ban advertising and sponsorship that reaches youth (billboards near schools, sports sponsorships, online targeting). It also wants to replace industry self-regulation with statutory restrictions aligned with World Health Organisation recommendations and investment in safe, alcohol-free recreational and cultural spaces for youth.

“The science is clear. The harm is measurable. The victims are our children. This is a national public health emergency, and the time for decisive action is now,” the organisation said as it embarks on a national awareness campaign that also aims to involve leaders of all faiths in the exercise.

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