

What's making headlines in SA?

Acumen Media has released its roundup of the week's biggest stories in South African media.

Xenophobia has, once again, reared its ugly head in South Africa. This time, the subject came under the spotlight after the police arrested 100 people who were involved with protests staged, by refugees, at the United Nations refugee agency in Cape Town.

This week, finance minister, Tito Mboweni, delivered his mid-term budget speech. The minister called out the impact Eskom has had on the economy, prompting the National Union of Mineworkers to threaten more power cuts when he said the word, 'unbundling'. Additionally, much to the dismay of the Organisation Undoing Tax Abuse (Outa), Mboweni said that e-tolls are a thing of permanence.

Meanwhile, in other earth-shattering news, KwaZulu-Natal experienced a magnitude 4,3 earthquake.

Moving on to politics, the Equality Court ruled that the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) leader, Julius Malema, was not guilty of hate speech. Public enterprises minister, Pravin Gordhan, took Malema to court after he called the minister a "white monopoly capital dog".

Mineral and energy resources minister, Gwede Mantashe, has denied bribing two *Sunday World* journalists despite claiming to do so. The minister had said that he had paid the journalists to stop them from publishing a story about his relationship with a student.

The Global Corruption Barometer (GCB) Africa found that the South African Police Service (Saps) is considered the most corrupt institution in South Africa.

President Cyril Ramaphosa, meanwhile, impressed when he participated in a question and answer session in Parliament.

The Shadow Kill Hackers was named as the group behind the bank attack, last month, and the reason for Afrihost going down. South Africans expressed anger at the South African Broadcasting Corporation's (SABC) decision to air an interview with convicted rapist Nicholas Ninow's mother - who claimed that he had just made a mistake when he raped a child.

In lighter news, the Springboks have made it to the final of the 2019 Rugby World Cup in Japan. After beating Wales, the South African national rugby team will now take on England as it claims its third RWC.

This week, the country also celebrate the life of former ANC president, Oliver Tambo, on what would have been his 102nd birthday. Hindus in the country marked the festival of lights, Diwali.

And many young children went trick or treating this Halloween. Burger King, however, won in the trick department when it dressed its outdoor branding as the ghosts of McDonald's in the US.

“ Now, one [@BurgerKingUS](#) BK franchise is keeping the trend going by "dressing up" as McDonald's for Halloween. According to *Business Insider*, a Burger King in Queens, New York, was costumed in a giant plastic sheet like a ghost on Tuesday. [pic.twitter.com/AgkgWt5FiK](#)- ??Blue??Leafs??Pr??m??ti??ns??&??Entertainment???? (@blueleafspromo) [October 28, 2019](#) ”