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### INTERNET ARTICLE

#### Hope comes to Majakaneng

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*The area of Majakaneng, near Mooinooi in the North West province is currently beset by demonstrations. According to police, around 400 protesting people from Majakaneng village burnt tyres and set alight a bus on the Old Rustenburg road on Monday morning. The community is complaining about a lack of water and electricity supply in their area. The protest was over further allegations about water being diverted to a nearby mine.*

*However, the Majakaneng water problems will soon be a thing of the past, as this community is receiving attention after a quick intervention from the department. DWS' North West provincial office has set aside the sum of R381 million to resolve the problem in Majakaneng.*

*Mr Sputnik Ratau, the spokesperson for Water and Sanitation, said in a statement on Wednesday that the funds will be used to upgrade the Brits water purification plant. Phase 1 of the project will be completed in August this year, and Phase 2 in 2018.*

*In the short term, the department will allocate the sum of R1,1 million to Madibeng to sort out the water problems in Majakaneng. The water problems in this area are attributed mainly to vandalism and water leaks in the municipality pipelines. The Madibeng municipality is busy identifying the leaks in order to fill up the reservoirs. In the meantime residents must be patient as they will temporarily be without water during the course of these repairs.*

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