

BOPAPE PROMISES TO SHUT 'TALKATIVE' KHUMALO UP IN MIDDLEWEIGHT FIGHT



John Bopape (left) in action during the catchweight bout against Jimmy Mabundji at Alexandra Stadium in one of his previous fights. /Veli Nhlapo

● Champ says he'll let his hands do the talking when they meet

By BONGANI MAGASELA

John Bopape has described Phikelelani Khumalo as a talkative child who has put himself under unnecessary pressure by publicly declaring the end of his reign as the SA middleweight champion when they meet at Greyville Convention Centre in Durban on February 28.

The No 3 contender to Bopape's throne posted a video recording saying: "I have watched you champ. I've watched you reign in the middleweight division for many years, and I've watched you defeat a lot of guys from KZN. But your reign on the 28th of February is going to come to an end, and I will be crowned the new SA champion."

The boxers from KZN that Khumalo was referring to are Snamiso Ntuli from Ladysmith and Ayanda Mthembu from Mandeni.

Bopape, from Alexandra township, knocked out Ntuli in the eighth round and demolished Mthembu in round one.

Those were Bopape's two successful defences of the national title he won from Nkululeko "Bull Dog" Mhlongo in Bloemfontein in September 2022.

In their second fight, staged by Lebo Mahoko, Bopape demolished the former SA junior-middleweight undefeated champion in round 11.

It will be Malinga, again, whose Starline Boxing Promotion will stage Bopape's third defence against the 27-year-old newcomer from Potchefstroom who has shown potential as a fighter since he swapped his soccer boots for boxing gloves in 2016.

Nicknamed "Section 29", Bopape said: "Phikelelani is just a talkative child; there is nothing he has shown which warrants so much noise about him. Look at his last two fights, he struggled against junior-welterweight fighter Simpiwe Ntombela (TKO 9) and Faustin Bukasa, who dropped him in round one before Phikelelani stopped him in round three."

Bopape said he did his part to prove his worthiness as a top contender when he ended the illustrious career of Mhlongo and defending his throne successfully twice by knockouts.

"What has Phikelelani done?" he asked. "I will not allow him to claim fame at my expense. When all is said and done Phikelelani will have no choice but to cherish losing against me and he will grow as a fighter."

Bopape, 33, said there won't be any need to bank on his power, which has left 13 of his 15 victims counting stars. "I will just let my hands go, that's all."

Action will be televised by SABC 2 and will begin at 7pm.

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TENDERS ARE HEREBY INVITED FROM SUITABLY QUALIFIED SERVICE PROVIDERS TO RENDER THE FOLLOWING SERVICES WITHIN THE NKANGALA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

Project No	Project description	Points	CIDB Grading	Technical Enquiries	Compulsory Briefing	Closing date
51666	Appointment of a service provider for rendering of security services at Nkangala District Municipality office building, Dr J.S Moroka, Thembelele Hani Fire Station and Parkhomes	80/20	N/A	Mr. N.M Motshwene – Corporate Services Tel: 013-249-2070 Email: motshwenenm@nkangaladm.gov.za	Physically at Nkangala District Municipality, on the 18 th February 2025 at 10:00 am	13th March 2025 at 12H00
54364	Development, Maintenance and monitoring of ICT Enterprise Business Continuity Plan, MPS and Disaster Recovery for Nkangala District Municipality for a period of three (03) years (Re-advert)	80/20	N/A	Mr. B.S Nkosi – ICT Tel: 013-249-2055 Email: nkosibs@nkangaladm.gov.za	Physically at Nkangala District Municipality, on the 18 th February 2025 @12:00pm	13th March 2025 at 12H00
52425	Supply and delivery of Fire Fighting Uniform and Personal Protective Clothing for a period of thirty-six (36) months to Nkangala District Municipality (Re-advert)	80/20	N/A	Mr. M.R Ramohale- CDS Tel: 013-249-3024 Email: ramohalemr@nkangaladm.gov.za	Physically at Dr. J.S Moroka Fire Station on the 19 th February 2025@10:00am	14th March 2025 at 12H00

Documents will be available from the National Treasury e-tenders Website from the 13TH February 2025 and can be downloaded free from www.etenders.gov.za

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Tenders are to be completed in black ink and completed in accordance with the conditions and rules contained in the tender documents. The Tenders and relevant documents must be sealed in an envelope and externally endorsed with the relevant project and be deposited in the Tender Box, Ground Floor, Nkangala District Municipality, 2A Walter Sisulu Street, Middelburg, Mpumalanga. The tenders will be immediately be opened in public on a specified closing date. The Tenders shall remain valid for a period of a minimum of 90 to a maximum of 120 days from the closing date. Telegraphic, telephonic, fax, telex e-mail or late tenders will not be accepted.

Tenders will be evaluated in terms of the Supply Chain Management Policy of Nkangala District Municipality. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted, and Nkangala District Municipality reserves the right not to consider any tender not suitably endorsed or comprehensively completed, as well as the right to accept the tender in whole or part. Suppliers and/ or Service Providers need to be registered on CSD. Administration Queries may be directed to the Supply Chain Office from Nkangala District Municipality at 013 249 2104/ 05 / 06 / 07/.

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