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Illegal hawker's cleanup operation

On Friday, 27 November Municipal Traffic Officers and Wardens raided the CBD on illegal hawkers. The raid confiscated 23 various items at OR Tambo and SADC Street including cell phone pouches, traditional medicines, electrical appliances, fruit and vegetables.

First time offenders are charged R 300, 00 while regular offenders are arrested. In this operation no arrests were made. Some items were claimed already.

Offenders on illegal trading are advised to visit the Municipal Traffic Services at Municipal Buildings, corner Wanderers Avenue and John Magagula Street in Middelburg to pay their fines in order to claim their goods.

Trading in public places adds to character, vibrancy and visitor experience amongst other benefits. However it is important to control trading activities to ensure appropriate standards of health, safety, pedestrian priority and amenity are maintained.

The municipality, in partnership with Hawkers committee will continue to monitor and remove mushrooming hawkers in town.

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Yours sincerely

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