

Second fraud case lodged against HOD

A CRIMINAL complaint has been lodged against the head of the North West Department of Health, Dr Thabo Lekalakala, the legislature's portfolio committee on health and social development said yesterday.

"I opened the case against the HOD, not against the premier (Supra Mahumapelo)," committee member Motlalepula Rosho said.

"It is a fraud and corruption case relating to the Buthelezi ambulance," she said.

It was alleged that the department had used ARV conditional grants to procure ambulances from private company Buthelezi.

The Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (Hawks) confirmed they were investigating cases of fraud and corruption.

Lekalakala is facing another criminal case relating to Mediosa, after it was alleged Mediosa was given a R30 million upfront payment for a three-year contract by the province's Health Department, without it going out to tender. – African News Agency (ANA)