



# A nation of lawbreakers?

Mzansi is fast becoming a nation of courts.

Either that or there has been too much crime and corruption in the past, and justice is finally taking its course.

Closer to home, the City of Johannesburg has turned to the courts in a bid to reclaim its land, most of it public open space that has been sold illegally.

An investigation has since been launched to ensure the prosecution of those within the City of Johannesburg Property Company - the municipal assets management wing - who are responsible for the unlawful deed.

Also in the past month, disgraced former top cop Jackie Selebi spent most of his days in court. At the same time, the men on trial for the bizarre killing of business mogul Brett Kebble may as well have set up shelter outside the South Gauteng High Court; indications are that theirs will be another protracted case.

Newsman Mzilikazi wa Afrika was not to be outdone, spending last week in and out of prison and court following his much-publicised arrest in Rosebank.

Then there is the case of the

murder of the son of former newspaper editor Mathatha Tsedu which has been carrying on for years.

Another legal wrangle could be looming should the Protection of Information Bill become law in its current format. The Bill will effectively stop the free flow of information.

Going forward, authorities should seriously consider the permanent introduction of the Fifa World Cup-style dedicated courts and clear this backlog in the justice system.

Only then will judgement be made on whether South Africans are serial lawbreakers.

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