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A SERIOUS desert locust outbreak is destroying crops and pasture across parts of east Africa, exacerbating the existing dire food insecurity and malnutrition in the sub-region. In Samburu, Kenya, a boy uses a wooden stick to try to swat a swarm as he herds his camel near the Sissia village. The outbreak is the most serious in 25 years, and is spreading at an unprecedented rate. See page 2 | AP

NATION

Negligence charge in school tragedy

KHAYA KOKO
and CHULUMANCO MAHAMBA

ALLEGED gross negligence almost led to 50 pupils drowning along with Enoch Mpianzi on the infamous Parktown Boys' High School trip which was supervised by only two camp facilitators.

Cape Times's sister newspaper The Star has learnt from insiders that at

two 2018 forensic reports he commissioned that recommended the scrapping of the Grade 8 camp at the school due to a slew of abuses on pupils.

It was also learnt that a legal challenge was looming against the school and the Gauteng Education Department (GDE) from Parktown stakeholders, who said they have been fighting for the axing of the Grade 8 camp since 2015.

Enoch was found on Friday after a

and they should be asked why only two (of them) jumped into the water when 50 boys were near drowning," the insider said.

"We are talking to lawyers because after fighting from 2015 to now to have camps stopped, we have realised that Parktown Boys' High School will only adjust through a court of law."

The two reports referred to were from law firms Fasken Martineau and H&M

said: "We can confirm that an independent enquiry has begun to do its work; we will await the outcome, which will assist the MEC to make an informed decision." Mabona added that "recommendations from both reports were implemented accordingly".

The Mpianzi family and the SA Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) arrived yesterday at the Nyati Bush and Riverbreak site to a locked gate.

representatives.

The family and the SAHRC, however, took matters into their own hands and jumped the fence. Jones said Section 16 of the Human Rights Act allowed them access to any premises.

Enoch's grieving mother Anto Mpianzi had broken her silence in an interview with ENCA on Monday. She said that the incident that took the life of her son should be the last and asked for

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