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In South Africa, the expensive cars and lavish lifestyle of black politicians often make headlines. However, the small town of Eshowe in Kwazulu-Natal province was abuzz last week with the news of two black VIPs crashing a Ferrari and Lamborghini into each other.

When a white, Mr. Tony Simpson, tried to take a photograph of the damaged vehicles, he was racially abused with the words: "What you want here, white man, you can't afford a car like this!"

A wedding ceremony held by a so-called "ANC family" - the ANC is South Africa's ruling party, receiving 65% of the votes - was held at the sports centre in Eshowe where the field was trashed with broken bottles and glasses. After the wedding Romeo Mbambo, owner of the yellow Lamborghini Murcielago LP640 and the driver of the Ferrari F430 decided to race one another along the main street, Kangella street..

Mbambo is a former assassin of the ANC's main rival in black politics, the Inkatha Freedom Party, who received amnesty from the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission. He and six other black men had been involved in 56 incidences of violence in which 100 people had been killed in the late eighties and early nineties. Nowadays he supplies protection services to VIPs in the coastal city of Durban.

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