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2 NATIONAL NEWS

SEX WORKERS: FAMOUS PASTORS ARE OUR CLIENTS

Stories by Nomthandazo Nkambule
and Nozipho Sibiba
Ezulwini

IN a rather startling revelation, sex workers in the country have claimed that most of their clients are pastors.

It is said some of the sex workers' clients are the country's famous pastors.

This newspaper understands that at times the men of the cloth would not want to indulge themselves on the ladies' delicacies but rather hire one just to vent their frustration.

The sex workers claimed that they would be approached from their respective places of work and chauffeured to around Ezulwini valley where their clients would book at a hotel in their names.

It is said upon making the booking, the clients would then march innocently to that respective room number, probably greeting church members at the dining area of the hotel.

Speaking at a media sensitisation meeting hosted by Save the Children, Swaziland National Youth Council's (SNYC) Makhosami Dlamini said they previously did a situation analysis on sex work in the country.

The meeting was on the comprehensive sexuality project (CSE&I) spearheaded by Save the Children and its partners.

Dlamini said they started off by collecting the ladies of the night from their different spots to an exclusive destination around Big Bend.

The sex workers were collected from Ngwenya, Mbabane (Total Gardens), Ezulwini, Matsapha (Salt n Pepper) and Manzini (around the Tums George).

Dlamini said homosexuals were also part of their study adding that along the way as they picked the ladies, each group would give a label to sex workers of a certain area. For instance, sex workers of Manzini were labelled as those that wasted no time but stabbed someone who was in conflict with them. Ezulwini women were said to be heavy smokers (as a sign of being classy) and would colour their lips red.

Dlamini said in totality, they had 100 sex workers for their study who during the discussion sessions were divided to groups of 10 each.

He said as per any survey, they had a handful of questions for the respondents' attention adding that for this

● The first group said pastors were the most clients, the second one gave us the very same answer. We wondered if that was possible so we asked up to the fifth group but to our astonishment, we got the very same answer that most pastors 'buy' from the ladies of the night



SHOCKER: SNYC Programmes Manager Makhosami Dlamini revealed how prostitutes admitted to having a wide clientele with in men of God as well as some other respectable professions such as lawyers much against the perception that truck drivers used them most during the tabling of comprehensive sexuality project (CSE&I) report spearheaded by Save the Children held at The Royal Swazi Spa Hotel yesterday morning. RIGHT - CRITICAL ACCESS: Save the Children Director Dumisani Mnisi revealed how children lacked role models and this led them to navigating life without proper guidance. (Pics Thembeke Dlamini)



90% sex workers have steady lovers

ABOUT 90 percent of the 100 sex workers who were sampled on a study dubbed 'sex work in Swaziland' said they are in serious relationships.

In short, the women said they had steady boyfriends.

Swaziland National Youth Council's (SNYC) Makhosami Dlamini said the ladies however revealed that their partners were oblivious of their 'trade'.

particular session they had two quite comprehensive questionnaires.

"One of the questions was who their clients were," he said adding that they were startled by their response.

Clients

"The first group said pastors were the most clients, the second one gave us the very same answer. We wondered if that was possible so we asked up to the fifth group but to our astonishment, we got the very same answer that most pastors get services of the ladies of the night," he added.

Dlamini said as the groups communicated their similar responses claiming that pastors were their big clients,

He said as they were in discussions with the women, a phone of one of them rang and was answered by a friend yet the phone owner's boyfriend was calling.

"The lady who answered said *ingvadla* from Ludzeldzhe hello, and a scuffle ensued as the phone's owner lamented that it was her boyfriend who had called and the colleague's response will not sit down with him," Dlamini said.

one lady who happened to attend a certain church by a respective pastor, was stunned by the fact that her pastor's name was called out.

"The lady was disturbed and she asked to swap her group. She could not believe that her pastor was a prostitute's client. The women also claimed that besides being bedded by their clients, some (customers) would come just to vent whatever problems they were faced with. The women claimed that some clients would bring sexy lingerie and ask them to put it on just for their eyes' satisfaction," Dlamini said.

Adding, he said the sex workers

YOUTH IN BIG HIV MESS

THE highest infection of HIV is amongst young people. Save the Children Director Dumisani Mnisi said intergenerational relationships also contributed to the spread of the virus.

He said at the climax of the drought which was caused by the El Nino phenomenon, they had a campaign where they visited communities around the country.

Mnisi said in the Hhohho region they met with chiefs and their subjects adding that in these meetings it was heard how the drought situation had 'robbed' parents of their guardianship role to their children.

"The old people voiced their concern that the drought compromised them in a way. During our meeting we learnt that children would bring food to their families from unknown sources.

Bantwana beta nemaphephabheki, because of hunger the old people said they were in quite a difficult situation so as to ask as to where that food was coming

from," Mnisi said adding that they would explore new platforms to disseminate information to children on sexuality.

Sexuality is a significant aspect of a person's life, from birth to death, consisting of many interrelated factors, including anatomy, growth and development, gender, relationships, behaviours, attitudes, values, self-esteem, sexual health, reproduction, and more.

It is not sex.

He said unless young people were educated on their sexuality, it would be difficult to win the battle against HIV/AIDS.

The director said there was a project called the Pan African Comprehensive Sexuality Education and Information which was implemented in 12 countries.

Mnisi said sexuality education was never about promoting sex adding that Save the Children had numerous programmes of engaging parents and children to discuss issues around sexuality.

Save the Children trains 25 000 pupils

ABOUT 25 241 school learners have been educated by Save the Children on sexuality education.

Save the children's Senelile Khumalo said they embarked on such a programme from August 2015 to June 2016 adding that they had initially targeted 28 000 learners.

She said the programme encompassed in-depth trainings on key topics identified on sexu-

ality education and information for learners in 52 schools in the Shiselweni and Lubombo regions. Khumalo said the exercise was aimed at ensuring direct reach with learners on issues around sexuality, HIV (including STIs) prevention.

She said they managed to have dialogues with parents as they reached 700 of them and indirectly it was 750 (495 males and 516 females).



ATTENTIVE: SBIS' Nonhlanhla Gama, Save the Children's Nondumiso Simelane and VOC's Zanele Mdluli listening to Makhosami Dlamini.

revealed that besides buying the forbidden fruit, their clients would also 'buy' their silence.

"The women revealed that just for their silence their clients would part with about E2 500 per night," he said adding how this augured well for them when

compared with the E80 standard charge for the average Joe with the better paying clients labelled 'premium'.

Dlamini said the sex workers also revealed that some of their clients were lecturers, lawyers and affluent men.

Naked pastor denies 'blessing' married woman

By Nozipho Sibiba
Mbabane

THE Mnjoli based pastor disputes allegations of committing adultery with a married woman who happens to be a member of his church and running away half naked.

It is alleged that the man of God and the woman were caught by a relative who is a brother-in-law to

the cheating woman. The pastor was allegedly found inside another man's bed naked.

The pastor who is known to this publication but will not be revealed for now said the 21-year-old boy who claims to have caught them was influenced by a certain faction of the area to fabricate the said incident.

He claims that on Thursday the boy claims he caught him with his

brother's wife, he was away at Manzana, his cousin's place since he was from attending a meeting in Manzini and it was late.

"The accusations are baseless. When I got home on Friday my wife told me that two men came to report that I was found by a Tsabedze boy cheating with his sister-in-law. I was shocked as my wife knew I slept at my cousin's place in Manzana," he said.

The pastor said he waited for the headmen to return but they never did.

He said on Sunday, a section of young men ganged up and went to close his church.

"We then called police officers from Mliba to calm down the situation that was getting out of hand," he said.

The pastor maintains that it is not true that he was found half naked at a Tsabedze homestead.

"First of all we are related with

the Tsabedze's and three members of that family go to my church," he claimed.

He said he has never been at the Tsabedze home at night, instead he sometimes visit them to share the word of God.

He however stated that on Wednesday both families met to try and resolve the matter.

"It was unfortunate that the meeting was not successful because the cheated husband and the witnesses were not present."

GO BACK TO WORK, KING ORDERS MPs

● I have been sent by the King to inform you that he has heard that there are issues affecting parliament. But he says parliamentarians must continue working, especially on government business and other matters relating to government regulations.

COVER STORY

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini
Lobamba

HIS Majesty King Mswati III has instructed parliamentarians to resume their legislative duties.

This King's message follows an unprecedented groundbreaking decision by members of the House of Assembly to down tools until His Majesty addresses their concerns with regard to Speaker Themba Msibi's alleged failure to properly lead the House.

Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini delivered the royal message from the Head of State yesterday.

terday.

Following a hastily convened parliamentary sitting by Msibi, no sooner had he finished praying to mark the start of the day's business that the Sergeant at Arms was banging the door.

The PM entered majestically and took his seat adjacent to the presiding officer's chair.

Shuffling

Msibi stopped shuffling his papers in readiness to make announcements, giving the floor to the PM.

"I have been sent by the King to inform you that he has heard that there are issues affecting parliament. But he says parliamentarians must continue working, especially on government business and other matters relating to government regulations. *Bayethe!*"

he shouted the royal cry signifying that the message was directly from the King.

The few MPs who were present responded with the royal *Bayethe* cry as well. Soon after delivering the message, the PM hit the exit door.

Again Msibi geared himself to make announcements but when he raised his head he saw Zombodze Emuva MP Titus Thwala already standing on a point of order seeking recognition from the presiding officer.

Upon being recognised, MP Thwala drew the attention of the Speaker to the fact that there was no quorum in the House.

A head-count of the available MPs was quickly done and Msibi concurred with Thwala that indeed the available members did



BAYETHE! His Majesty King Mswati III.

not add up to the 30 members required for the House to proceed with its business.

Members present were only 26, forcing Msibi to adjourn the House for 10 minutes.

In no time the 10 minutes adjournment was over and a bell was ringing calling upon the members into the chamber to get down to business. However, it turned out the members present were now reduced to 25.

Msibi pretended not to notice that the House was half empty but MP Thwala again stood up and drew his attention to that fact. Eventually, Msibi adjourned the House until Monday.

...Parliament canteen resembles ghost city

THE mood was unbearably sombre in parliament yesterday.

One would bet he had visited a homestead in mourning.

The canteen area, usually abuzz with jostling parliamentarians was reminiscent of a ghost city. A group of about five parliamentarians stood on the corridor leading to the legislative chambers, deeply involved in solemn discussions. On closer assessment and investigation, it transpired the people's representatives were engaged in intense lobbying for a continued boycott of parliament business, starting with yesterday's sitting and the subsequent ones to come. This was before the King's order.

Parliamentary business has been grounded for the past two months following a decision by the members of the House of Assembly to get rid of Msibi. The decision to remove Msibi from the position of Speaker was triggered by his refusal to allow members of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Swaziland Branch to elect a new executive committee to replace one that was chaired by Dvokodweni MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini, whom some MPs considered a puppet for the Speaker.

The manner in which Msibi handled the matter did not help the situation either, instead, it revealed his other side-being authoritative.

Most of the MPs felt they could not stand his alleged boastful character. They also accused him of arrogance, selective treatment of members and flouting of parliamentary procedures.

Attempts by members of the House of Assembly to remove Msibi from his position have previously been unsuccessful.

A recent attempt before this one was through a parliamentary process that involved investigating his alleged immoral and unethical activities, which led to his subsequent suspension. The suspension was to be enforced pending tabling of the investigation report. Msibi ran to the country's courts to seek legal redress. While challenging the decision by his colleagues and before the court process was concluded, Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini delivered a message from the King informing House members the squabbles should be put to a dead stop.

Msibi was reportedly instructed to abandon the court process and those legislators investigating him also ordered to bring to a halt the whole investigation process.

All parties concerned obliged.

The MPs took out their scuba divers but since then Msibi has never had any smooth sailing.

By yesterday, the legislators were still conducting intensive consultations amongst each other and strategising on the next move and preparing themselves for any eventuality.

Stinky Estate Policy is officially dead

Stories by Linda Jele
Supreme Court

THE Estate Policy made famous by former Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Sibusiso Shongwe and confirmed by the country's courts during ex-CJ Michael Ramodibedi's era, has been set aside.

Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala, sitting with four other Judges of the Supreme Court set aside the judgment that directed that estates of deceased people should be distributed equally, irrespective of whether they are in civil or customary marriages.

The estate policy, issued by Shongwe while he was minister, stated that surviving spouses of deceased's estates of Swazi customary marriages should be distributed and liquidated as if they are civil rites marriages in community of property.

The chief justice issued the ruling yesterday at the Supreme Court and ruled that the Master of the High Court cannot in anyway distribute a deceased person's estate for a marriage under Swazi customary law.

He said the Interstates Succession Act, which the former minister said was unconstitutional, only applied in estates where the spouses were married in civil rites, not Swazi customary law.

Judges Dr Benjamin Odoki, Phehaya Dlamini, Zonke Magagula and Maxine



NO MORE: CJ Bheki Maphalala.

Langwenya agreed with the chief justice.

He said the Interstates Succession Act stipulated that the Act only applied in civil rites marriages out of community of property.

Criticism

"The full bench as well as the Supreme Court on appeal failed to appreciate that the Interstate Succession Act only applies to deceased estates where the spouses were married by civil rites, hence the criticism levelled against the act for discriminating against women married under customary law, and the allocation of a child's share to the surviving spouse are misconceived," Justice Maphalala said.

"Customary marriages cannot be in community or out of community of property," the chief justice said.

He further stated that section 34 of the constitution, stipulates that a surviving

spouse is entitled to a reasonable share whether the other spouse died having made a will or not and whether the spouses were married by civil or customary rites.

The court said the section of the constitution neither revoked customary marriages, repealed nor overrode section 4 of the interstate Succession Act.

He also said it did not subject customary marriages to the administration of the master of the High Court.

"This provision seeks to afford the surviving spouse with a reasonable provision from the deceased estate," he said.

He further stated that the country had a dual legal system. He said courts had consistently been warned to always make proper choices of law in matters appearing before them, whether to apply Roman Dutch Law or Swazi customary law.

He said it was insensitive and wrong to apply Roman Dutch common law in a case demanding for Swazi law and custom.

"The full bench as well as the Supreme Court on appeal were not called upon to make a finding whether the principles of customary law were inconsistent with the constitution or statute or repulsive to natural justice".

The court dismissed the judgments of the full bench of the High Court which was confirmed by the Supreme Court on appeal in their entirety and ordered that Parliament should enact legislation that would regulate the property rights of spouses, including the common law husband and wife as required by section 34 (2) of the constitution.

...COURT TALKS SUCCESSION THAN INHERITANCE

THE distribution of a deceased estate is unknown in customary marriages.

This was said by the Supreme Court when delivering a judgment to clear the confusion said to have been created by the Supreme Court of Appeal in the Chief Sibengwane case.

Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala said, as a result, in Southern Africa, customary or indigenous law emphasised on succession instead of inheritance.

Inherit

"Accordingly, the successor, does not inherit the family property, but he succeeds the

deceased by taking over control of the family property. The successor or administrator administers the deceased's estate in trust for the family," Justice Maphalala said.

He said the successor assumes the responsibility after the cleansing ceremony and is

appointed by the family council (*Lusendvo*).

He added that succession in customary law is governed by the principle of primogeniture.

"This principle is fundamental to the customary law of succession in Southern Africa," he said.



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MEASLES RUBELLA VACCINATION CAMPAIGN (27 June to 8 July)



The Ministry of Health will conduct a campaign to vaccinate all children aged 6 months to 14 years against Measles and Rubella diseases.

Where: Schools, clinics and in the communities

What is rubella?

Rubella is an infectious disease caused by a germ called Rubella virus. It causes a red rash on the body, usually accompanied by a fever and swollen lymph nodes. If untreated, Rubella can lead to serious complications and permanent disability. If a pregnant woman gets infected, the virus can cause serious birth defects, stillbirth or miscarriage.

What is Measles?

Measles is a disease caused by a virus. It is more severe in children less than 5 years. A child infected with Measles might develop complications such as diarrhoea, chest infection, acute malnutrition which might lead to death.

How is Measles spread?

The Measles virus is found in the nose or throat of an infected person. It is spread into the air when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. It can also be spread during direct contact with an infected person, which is more common in crowded settings.

Dangers of Measles:

- Pneumonia
- Ear and sinus infection

- Mouth sores
- Persistent diarrhoea
- Blindness
- Malnutrition
- Convulsions and brain damage

Signs and symptoms of Rubella

- The symptoms of Rubella are often so mild that they are difficult to notice.
- Pink or red rash that begins on the face and then spreads downward to the rest of the body
- Mild fever
- Swollen and tender lymph nodes
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Inflamed or red eyes

Why should my child get the Measles Rubella (MR) vaccine?

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Is the MR Vaccine safe for my child?

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What are the side effects?

Most children don't have any side effects from the vaccine. When side effects do occur, they are usually very mild, such as a fever or rash. More serious side effects are very rare.

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Wife sleeps with 'blessers', hubby hangs himself

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

A man of Magugu area committed suicide by hanging himself after discovering that his wife was cheating on him with several other men.

The man who was employed under the ministry of agriculture was found by relatives hanging from a tree within his parental homestead last Thursday.

A relative who spoke on condition of anonymity said the death of the man left his family divided as some of the family members want the woman kicked out of her marital homestead.

The deceased had married his wife through Swazi Law and Custom about five years ago. The couple is said to have then agreed that the woman operate a small business within the town centre as she was not employed.

*Mandla (the deceased) and his wife are said to have however started having misunderstandings after the man started receiving reports that his wife was engaging in mischievous activities. It was said that the woman was involved in adulterous affairs with a number of men. According to the family member, Mandla reported his wife to the elders of the family for her unbecoming conduct.

This resulted to the family deciding that the woman shuts down her business and stay at home. However, the problems between the couple are said to have persisted as the man continued to get negative reports about his wife. At one instance, the woman's parental and marital families convened a meeting where the issue was deliberated upon.

"Apparently, Mandla loved his wife and he never wanted to separate with her even after finding evidence that she was cheating with several other men," said the family member. On the fateful day, the couple is said to have gone to bed normally like any other day. It is believed that the man woke up in the middle of the night and went to hang himself on a tree which is situated within the yard of his parental homestead while his wife remained sleeping in their house. He was discovered by his parents early in the morning.

The deceased is expected to be buried this weekend.

*Not his real name

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Cold Saturday, Sunday

By Nozipho Sibiba
Mbabane

TEMPERATURES are expected to be warm today but cold with a few drizzles on Saturday and Sunday.

According to the Information sourced from the Swaziland National Meteorology services, today's temperatures will shoot up to 25 in the Highveld.

However, tomorrow temperatures are expected to drop with a few drizzles in some parts of the country. No rainfall is expected over the weekend in all parts of the country.

Today	
Mbabane	11/25
Mankayane	12/26
Manzini	12/26
Siteki	15/27
Mhlume	14/29
BigBend	10/30

Tomorrow, there will be morning fog at places, otherwise cloudy with sunny intervals and cold but mild in the Lowveld with a few drizzles in some parts of country.

Mbabane	9/12
Mankayane	10/13
Manzini	10/15
Siteki	13/14
Mhlume	12/17
BigBend	14/18

On Sunday, there will be morning fog at places, otherwise cloudy with partly cloudy intervals and cold but mild in the Lowveld.

Mbabane	5/13
Mankayane	6/14
Manzini	6/16
Siteki	9/15
Mhlume	10/19
BigBend	12/20



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Myeza loses appeal...again!

By Linda Jele
Supreme Court

CONVICTED former Khubuta Member of Parliament Charles Myeza yesterday disappeared from the court premises after it was ruled that he should be taken to custody and serve his five-year sentence.

Myeza had been sentenced to five years imprisonment for committing 50 counts of fraud and uttering, but was out on bail pending his appeal. However, his liberty came to an end yesterday when the Supreme Court ruled that the High Court had correctly convicted him.

While working as a police officer, Myeza had a company called PPC electrical which provided services to the police service and fraudulently paid inflated monies.

Supreme Court acting Judge Maxine Langwenya said the evidence presented before court left her with the conclusion that Myeza, who was working in the finance department of the police at the headquarters ensured the fraudulent transactions for the



LOSES: Charles Myeza.

benefit of his company.

She said the High Court was correct to rule that Myeza and PPC Electrical PTY Ltd played a vital role in ensuring that the common goal, to siphon money from the treasury department was achieved.

Government made a loss of E661 046.36 as a result of the fraud and forgery crimes committed by Myeza and his company, it was said. Langwenya said

The judge said the fact that Myeza knew the procedures of submitting invoices, but

circumvented it to the police service's detriment was telling. She said the crown witnesses had given satisfactory evidence and accorded with the probabilities.

"They corroborated each other in material respects. A reading of what is available of the record leaves not the slightest doubt that all the crown evidence was honest and accurate. In the result, the appeal of the appellant against conviction is dismissed and the sentence of five years imposed by the High Court is confirmed," she said.

Acting Judges Knox Nxumalo and John Magagula agreed with her.

All the while, Myeza was standing at the back of the fully packed courtroom and after the verdict had been issued, he moved out and was followed by his relatives. He stood at the entrance of court A, but was later seen leaving to the parking lot.

Court orderlies later searched for him in order to ferry him to custody, but he was nowhere to be seen. They were seen looking for him in the court premises because a police vehicle had already been sought to transport him. Police officers were seen calling his mobile phone trying to ascertain his whereabouts.

KaLuhleko dispute: Murder suspects denied bail

By Mbono Mdluli
Supreme Court

THE Supreme Court denied bail to suspected killers of Chief Zulwelihle's Inner Council member.

This was disclosed in a judgment delivered by the Supreme Court yesterday. Bhekawo Dlamini was arrested in November last year after he had been suspected of killing Khemba Dlamini, who was a member of Chief Zulwelihle Maseko's Inner Council (Bandlancane) at KaLuhleko Chieftdom.

Dlamini was not the only person suspected and subsequently arrested. Khanya Dlamini and Mxolisi Hendry Mabuza were also arrested with him.

Bhekawo was a first respondent in this case, while Khanya and Mxolisi were second and third respondents, respectively. They were admitted to bail last year. This prompted the State (Crown) to drag the respondents to the Supreme Court to keep them in jail. The High Court felt there was no evidence that would be enough to keep them in jail.

The bail was denied by Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala, who was hearing the case with Justices Phesheya Dlamini and Mabandla Manzini.

They took this decision after they had the feeling that the release of the suspects would add more worries to the members of the community that is already in turmoil because of the chieftaincy dispute that is said to be reigning supreme in the area.

The judges stated that the gun that was used to kill Khemba belonged to Bhekawo and he did not deny that. His response, when he applied for bail, was that the gun was stolen from him by people who wanted to kill Khemba.

It was also not disputed that Bhekawo was actively involved in the activities of the KaLuhleko faction that was against the installation of Maseko as chief of that area.

KaLuhleko is said to be rocked by public violence, coupled with personal insecurity which resulted from various factions to the chieftaincy disputes.

"Consequently, several attacks have been made to the chief's residence, and, the police have been deployed in the area to provide security and maintain peace," the Judges said.

Showed

At the present moment, according to the judges, the evidence placed before them showed that the community was outraged and shocked at the violence caused by the chieftaincy dispute.

The evidence that had been put by the Crown that there had been a list of people destined to kill people for supporting the chief had not been denied.

"The contention by the Crown that the release of the respondents would disturb public order and endanger public safety is not far-fetched as this evidence has not been disputed," it was said.

The release of the respondents would not be in the interests of justice. It was clear from the evidence that the identity of the Crown witnesses was well-known to the respondents.

The judges said in that way, there would be no guarantee that the release of the respondents would guarantee the safety of the Crown witnesses.

Senior Crown Counsel Macebo Nxumalo appeared on behalf of the Crown, while Lawyer Mandla Mkhwanazi appeared for the respondents.

'REINSTATE FIRED POLICE'

By Linda Jele
Supreme Court

PRIME Minister Sibusiso Dlamini and National Commissioner of Police, Isaac Magagula, have been ordered to re-instate a police officer who was fired nine years ago, with immediate effect.

They will also pay Christopher Dlamini all salaries he was supposed to have been paid since August 2007 when he was dismissed by the Royal Swaziland Police service disciplinary board.

He had been dismissed after he was found guilty of having purchased a motor vehicle that had been stolen and later selling it to an innocent citizen. When he appealed the decision before the Prime Minister, as minister of police, it was dismissed and he claimed without any hearing.

This has been one of the cases that had many judgments, in the High Court and Supreme Court on review. The last one was issued by the former Chief Justice Michael Ramodibedi, who dismissed Vilakati's victory before the High Court reinstating him to his job.

A full bench of the Supreme Court, sitting as a review court, set aside Ramodibedi's judgment. Supreme Court Judge, Benjamin Odoki, sat with judges Phesheya Dlamini, Robert Cloete, Cyril Maphanga and Mabandla Manzini on the matter. Vilakati was represented by lawyer Derrick Jele from Robinson Bertram Attorneys in the case and Principal Crown Counsel Vusi Kunene appeared on behalf of the attorney general's office. Vilakati challenged the dismissal before the High Court and won an order to be reinstated, but the Prime Minister and Magagula filed an appeal in May 2012. However, they failed to file a complete record of proceedings and when it was eventually filed, it was incomplete.

Government then filed an application for late filing of the court record in September, which was dismissed by the Supreme Court. Again in May 2013, government filed another application to reinstate the matter, but it was dismissed. In 2014, it filed an application reviewing the setting aside of Vilakati's re-instatement.

Ramodibedi, sitting with former Supreme Court Judges; Ahmed Ebrahim, Stanely Moore, Esther Ota and Philip Levinsohn; set aside Vilakati's re-instatement with costs. He then

filed a review of the judgment.

His arguments were that the bench that had sat in the review had previously heard the matter. He further complained that the court, under Ramodibedi had granted government orders that had not been sought. He argued that government had not applied for an order, setting aside the decision to return him to his job.

Odoki said the review court, presided over by Ramodibedi, never dealt with the application which had been dealt with by the Supreme Court, but had dealt with a decision of the High Court. He said government had not applied for review of the decision of the High Court, because the appeal had not been heard on merits. He said it had been dismissed because it had been filed too late. He said there were a plethora of errors committed by the Ramodibedi led full bench, but the decision of the High Court, re-instating Vilakati, still stood, until set aside. "In my view, the grave errors caused gross injustice, which constitutes a very high degree of extremely exceptional circumstances required by this court to review its decision of December 3, 2014," he said. He set aside the order dismissing Vilakati from work and ordered that he should be reinstated forthwith. "The respondents are directed to pay the applicant his arrear salary from the date of his dismissal on August 30, 2007," Odoki said.

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Dustbin truck reverses on bin-man

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

AN employee of the City Council of Mbabane is lucky to have escaped unhurt after he was almost crushed by a dustbin truck at the Mbabane Bus Rank yesterday morning.

The employee is an assistant of the driver of the dustbin collector truck. The truck was at the bus rank to drop off an industrial steel waste bin. According to eye witnesses, when the driver got to the bus rank, he parked the truck and rushed to the toilet located there, leaving the driver's door open. The assistant is said have jumped off and dismantled the dustbin that the truck was to offload. Upon finishing his task the assistant is said to have waited for his colleague who was still in the toilet by the driver's door side which was still open. The assistant was standing in a manner that he was between the offloaded steel dustbin and the opened dri-

ver's door. "Out of the blue the truck reversed, nearly crushing the assistant who was standing in between the truck's driver's door and the dustbin. Upon realising the tragedy that was about to strike, a random Quantum taxi driver sped and jumped into the truck and applied brakes on the car that was seemingly still parked in neutral. The assistant got so lucky," said one vendor who witnessed the incident.

While reversing the truck crushed a bag full of merchandise belonging to one vendor who was unpacking her wares, getting ready to start the day. Upon his return from the toilet the driver was shocked to find the damage that had been caused by his truck.

Temalangi Maseko, the owner of the crashed wares, said merchandise worth around E1 600 got damaged during the incident.

"Officers from the city council came to examine what had happened and they inspected the damaged wares. They told me they are still going to investigate on how the accident happened then they will get back to me," she said.

WOMAN WRECKS BRAND NEW MERCEDES BENZ

By Nomfundo Sifundza
Mbabane

A female driver wrecked her brand new Mercedes Benz GLA 200 yesterday during the mid-morning hours at Mvutjini.

The car is said to have been coming from Mbabane headed to Ezulwini when it knocked another vehicle as it was approaching the Mvutjini turn.

The car damaged one of its front tyres.

Devastated

The owner of the sleek Mercedes was devastated when found at the accident scene and she was too traumatised to speak. She also could not reveal her identity as she tried to come to terms with wrecking her brand new car, even before it bore a number plate.

The woman was furious and could not entertain any questions.



DAMAGED: The new Mercedes Benz GLA 200 which bumped into another vehicle along the Mbabane-Mvutjini road yesterday.

Times of Swaziland loses against Gelane, again

By Mbono Mdluli
Supreme Court

The Supreme Court has set aside a review where the Times of Swaziland wanted the Supreme Court to reverse the decision it made in December 2014.

The Times of Swaziland Group of Newspapers had been sued a sum of about E555 000 by Senate President Gelane Zwane for running an article about Ambrose Mahlangu, who claimed that he was Zwane's father. The article is said to have been run on May 9, 2009.

The Times wanted the judgment of the Supreme Court of December 3, 2014 to be reviewed, corrected or set aside.

The company wanted the appeal against the judgment of the High Court under Case No. 2362/2009 to be upheld with costs.

They also wanted Zwane, who was the respondent in this case, to pay for the costs of counsel in the event she opposed the matter. They had brought the application for review in terms of Section 148 (2) of the Constitution. The matter was heard by a full bench of the Supreme Court, which included Justices Benjamin Odoki, Phesheya Dlamini, Cyril Maphanga, Maxine Langwenya and Mabandla Manzini.

The Times submitted that the money that it was ordered to pay Zwane was excessive in all the circumstances of the matter.

They also contended that such an award to Zwane could have an effect on the flow of information.

The Times was also of the view that the High Court had misdirected itself when it took a judicial notice that it was downright defamatory, in Swazi culture, to publicly refer to someone as being of a different surname. According to Zwane, this was defamatory in the sense that the article was insinuating that she was imposing herself on the KoNtshingila Chieftdom, where she is an acting Chief.

No Swazis in Turkey bombings

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

THE ministry of foreign affairs has confirmed that there were no Swazis amongst those who were attacked at the Istanbul's Ataturk airport on Tuesday night.

The ministry's Under Secretary (Political) Nomalungelo Magagula confirmed that there were not Swazis affected by the attack.

"The ministry has not received any news about Swazis being involved in the bomb attacks that took place at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport in Turkey. We will continue to put our ears to the ground for any developments," she said. Late Tuesday evening, three attackers arrived in a taxi at the airport and began firing at the terminal entrance at the Ataturk Airport. The gun and bomb attack saw 41 people killed, at least 13 of them being foreigners, while more than 230 people were injured.

Turkey's Prime Minister Binali Yildirim was quoted as saying, "early signs pointed to so-called Islamic State but none has so far admitted the attack."

Recent bombings have been linked to either IS or Kurdish separatists.

Reports of the attack vary but it appears the attackers opened fire at the entrance where the X-ray machines are positioned, sparking an exchange with police. At least two ran into the building. The three attackers are said to have shot themselves dead before the police apprehended them.

Footage on social media shows one moving through the building as people around him flee. He is shot by police and remains on the ground for about 20 seconds before blowing himself up. All three attackers were killed.

Flights in and out of the airport were suspended after the attack, but were later

resumed. Information boards showed about one-third of flights had been cancelled, with many delayed. Istanbul's Ataturk airport is

Europe's third busiest in passenger traffic after London Heathrow and Paris Charles de Gaulle, serving 61.3 million passengers in 2015, being the world's 11th busiest. The airport has two passenger terminals, one domestic and one international.

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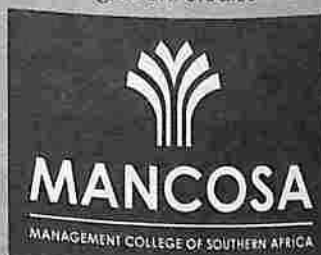
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E40 MILLION FOR BYPASS ROAD AT MALUNGE

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane

MUNICIPAL Council of Mbabane has kick-started yet another road construction project worth about E40 million.

The construction of the Malunge bypass road, which is set to ease traffic in the capital city, commenced recently, announced Mbabane Municipality Information and Public Relations Officer Lucky Tsabedze on Wednesday.

It will connect Malunge Township with the area commonly known as PTS, where schools such as St. Francis are based.

Roots Construction has already started with groundwork as the previously bushy area has now been cleared, with signs of where the road will be constructed already visible.

"Work has already started and the road is expected to be completed by June next year. A large portion of the E40 million will come from World Bank while the remainder will be injected by the Mbabane Municipality," Tsabedze said, while inspecting progress on site.

Tsabedze then mentioned that this project would spark development in the city, which he said was the main goal for the Municipal Council of Mbabane.

In addition, he said the road would include properly planned crossroads.

"Traffic from places such as



E40 MILLION PROJECT: Construction of the bypass road connecting Malunge Township with PTS has already started. This project is set to cost the Municipal Council of Mbabane about E40 million and is expected to be completed by June next year. (Pic: Phesheya Kunene)

Thembelihle, Fonteyn, Pine Valley are amongst those that will benefit from this project as this road will help them avoid traffic congestion in the CBD by using the bypass which starts from the traffic circle known as traffic calming at the Mantjolo Road T-junction near the Golf Course bridge," he added.

Benefit

Motorists dropping school-going children in the schools situated in this corridor will also benefit as they will now go directly to these while those travelling to Manzini will also benefit as they will now have an option of avoiding traffic congestions usually

witnessed in the morning hours, mainly in the CBD, Tsabedze emphasised.

"We are using a government grant which is by extension the money coming from the World Bank. As the Municipal Council of Mbabane we were able to get this grant after meeting certain performance benchmarks. We rated above 80%, thus qualifying for the grant," he added.

Additionally, Tsabedze said the engineers working on this project were using a safer technique to destroy the rocks in the area in order to protect the residents situated nearby the working site.



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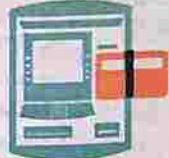


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Outcry as top border detective removed

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya
and Phepheya Kunene
Mbabane

...Detective Chirwa, who recently busted a truck carrying 67 dagga bags, has now been deployed to Matsapha Police College

THERE is a public outcry following the transfer of dagga busting police officer, Detective Sergeant Abel Chirwa, who was based at Ngwenya Border Gate.

According to a statement released by Police Deputy Information and Communications Officer, Inspector Phindile Vilakati, there have been complaints from members of the public and it has been said the transfer was a depiction of the lack of interest and commitment on the part of the police leadership to curtail the dagga cultivation and trafficking scourge.

Chirwa is the detective who was effective in arresting a truck driver who was found with 67 bags of dagga at the Ngwenya Border Post, recently.

He has also been instrumental in catching several other would-be traffickers at the gate separating Swaziland and the Republic of South Africa.

"The public holds the view that the officer should not have been transferred, as he was very instrumental in the busting of dagga traffickers at the border post. Such insinuations must be dispelled as they are certainly not correct," Vilakati said.

In addition, Vilakati said they respected the public's view on this matter.



CHANGE: Deputy Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati, sandwiched by transferred Detective Abel Chirwa and Chief Police Health, Operations Officer, Zanele Nxumalo, as she clarifies the transfer of the renowned dagga busting detective, during a press conference held at Police Headquarters in Mbabane. (Pics: Phepheya Kunene)

"We are also in agreement that he was indeed a crime buster of note, but we must clear the air and explain that his transfer was a normal one and occasioned by other exigencies demanding his services," she explained. She clarified that the position regarding the officer was that he had been transferred to the Police College Clinic facility as an HIV Awareness Ambassador, technically referred to as an expert client. His role entails sensitising fellow officers about the HIV and AIDS pandemic, and encouraging them to test so that they could be aware of their status.

"As an Ambassador, he also encourages those who may be HIV positive to live positively by taking a cue from his personal circumstances as it may be recalled that he is the first police officer who came out of the closet and disclosed his HIV positive status in 2004."

She further stated that the role played by Chirwa at the clinic was of utmost importance as it was integral in ensuring that the workforce remained healthy and productive. Most importantly, Chirwa has a role to play in helping with fighting the stigma associated with HIV and AIDS.

"As an organisation, we also wish to play our part in supporting His Majesty King Mswati III's vision that was articulated during the Speech from the Throne that all possible strategies should be invoked to ensure that Swaziland is an HIV free country by 2022," she said.

Vilakati said the police service had full confidence in the competence and capabilities of the officers remaining at Ngwenya Border Post that they will continue carrying the mantle even in Chirwa's absence and be vigilant against dagga trafficking and other crimes that would arise at the border gate.

Speaking during a press conference, Abel Chirwa, who has served the police service for 25 years now, said he was happy with his newly assumed duties while adding that he trusted the team he is leaving behind at Ngwenya border post.

"As another strategy to fight crime, I saw it fit that as I am living with the virus, helping other officers on matters concerning HIV and AIDS would indirectly help the police as a healthy team is a productive team," he said.

He said HIV and AIDS was also amongst the main scourges they needed to fight against as they would weaken the police service if left unattended.

Chief Police Health, Operations Officer Zanele Nxumalo also emphasised that the health department was indeed vital at the police service.

"An efficient staff is a goods-producing staff, therefore the health department planned how they can better the lives of police officers, health-wise and that is how this project came about. We needed an expert client and Chirwa was the ultimate candidate.

His placement at the police clinic situated at the police college is not only to help officers but also the public at large," Nxumalo said.

Detective Chirwa assumes new duties

ABEL Chirwa (49) who had been based at Ngwenya border post for seven years, has already moved in at the Police College and is already a fully fledged expert client.

Chirwa is the first police officer to come out of the closet and disclosed his HIV positive status in 2004.

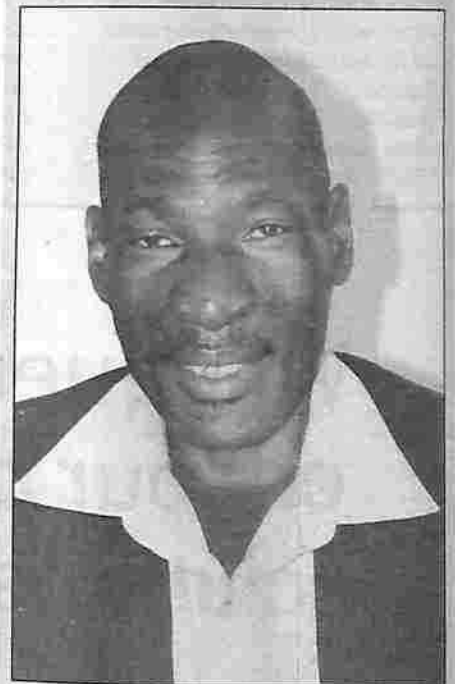
Police Deputy Information and Communications Officer, Inspector Phindile Vilakati, said Chirwa was already hard at work in Matsapha attending to the health of police officers and members of the public who have disclosed their HIV positive status.

"His role entails conducting outreach programmes to sensitise fellow officers about the HIV/AIDS pandemic, and encouraging them to test so that they can be aware of their status.

As an Ambassador, he also encourages those who may be HIV positive to live positively by taking a cue from his personal circumstances," she explained.

On the other hand, Chirwa said indeed he was hard at work as he attended to more than one people seeking help on a daily basis now.

He made it clear though that he was still actively involved in fighting crime and would not be completely lost in that department.



PLEASED: Detective Abel Chirwa.

'Busting cops smuggling 24 fake passports my best feat'

THE hard working Detective Abel Chirwa said, while serving as a police officer at the border post, his best moment was when he busted other officers who were in possession of

24 fake passports.

Chirwa added that his skill and expertise was the work of his mentor, Tripple Dlamini, who he said taught him how to be the best detective in the country.

Assisted

On another note, Chirwa said before his transfer he had already assisted in the prosecution of the four police officers stationed at

the border post. In addition, Chirwa further squashed beliefs that certain police officers used supernatural powers to bust dagga smugglers, saying it all depended on thorough training.

King Zwalthini's son promoted to 2nd Lieutenant

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

KING Goodwill Zwelithini Zulu's son, Prince Mandlesizwe Zulu, has been promoted from being a Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) to 2nd Lieutenant by the Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF).

The Prince is among 43 officers and servicemen from the USDF who have been promoted with effect from 1 July 2016.

According to the army's Public Relations Officer Lieutenant Colonel Wilfred Dlamini the promotions came about as a result of the need for replacements, due to retirements and death cases, over the last two years.

Prince Mandlesizwe, who is among the promoted officers, 'passed out' together with approximately 600 recruits in March 2014.

Prince Mandlesizwe, who is son to Prince Mantfombi, is part of the regiment known as Tinjojela, which is the name the regiment was given by His Majesty King Mswati III during the pass out. The young Prince was trained at Mbuluzi Army Barracks and passed out together with his regiment.

He is presently based at Phocweni Army Barracks.

Among those who earned new promotions was the army's PRO Lieutenant Colonel Wilfred Dlamini, who was also promoted to Colonel, while his predecessor Colonel Theminkosi Mngometulu was promoted to Brigadier.

Colonel Michael Ranft, who once

made headlines, after he was alleged to have left his family in South Africa and came to Swaziland to be with the armed force, as he was a member of the USDF, was also among those who got promoted.

It would seem the celebrated pilot's decision to stick with the army has finally paid off as he has been promoted from Colonel to Brigadier.

Dr Sukulwakhe Mamba, who is a medical specialist, was also promoted from NCO to 2nd Lieutenant. These new promotions also mean a salary increase for the officers as they will earn according to their new positions.

A list of the promoted officials was released through the USDF press release by the army PRO Dlamini.

A list of the promoted officers:
From Colonel to Brigadier

- Clement Dlamini
- Sithandwa Mamba
- Michael Ranft
- Theminkosi Mngometulu

From Lieutenant Colonel To Colonel

- Niel M. Motsa
- Helford B. Msibi
- Wilfred M. Dlamini
- Jacky S. Dlamini

From Major to Lieutenant Colonel

- Fika Simelane
- Raymond Sibandze
- Abednigo S. Fakudze
- Sicele Mswane
- Mancoba V. Manyatsi

From 1st Lieutenant to Captain

- Sifiso Mtsetfwa
- Mxolisi B. Mkhwanazi
- Seth ngcobo
- Thokozane G. Dlamini
- Ntombile Dlamini

- Londiwe C. Dlamini
- Nozipho Maseko
- Zanele Maseko
- Musa Motsa

From 2nd Lieutenant to 1st Lieutenant

- Nathi C. Dlamini
- Nhlonipho Dlamini
- Nkosinathi S. Dlamini
- Mfanafutsi Ngubeni
- Hlolisizwe S. Tshabalala
- Machawe Dlamini

From NCOs to 2nd Lieutenant

- Dr Sukulwakhe Mamba
- Mbuso Dlamini
- Philip Dlamini
- Eric Makharama Dlamini
- Mshadorah Hlophe
- Shaka P. Maphalala
- Nothando Simelane
- Tengefile Magagula
- Fikakuphi Dlamini
- Mandlesizwe Zulu

Kombi owners slam Kukhanya over delay to finish MR3 Road

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini



TAKING LONG: Part of the MR3 Public Road section from Nazarene to Mahhala which is currently under construction.

PUBLIC Service Vehicle (PSV) owners are fuming over the traffic congestion caused by Kukhanya Construction Company.

The transport operators say they are losing thousands of Emalangeni everyday as kombis spend almost an hour stuck in traffic from Nazarene traffic lights up to Logoba.

The MR3 Public Road section from Nazarene to Mahhala is currently under construction, by government contractor, Kukhanya Civil Engineering Co.

The construction has resulted in the public being frustrated as they are now in the dark as to when the project would be completed.

PSV owners have revealed that they are losing thousands every day.

Mandla Dlamini, National Chairman of the Swaziland Local Transport Association, said the issue was really frustrating because as PSV owners every minute counts. He said often a kombi departs from town at 6:30am only to reach Mhlaleni at around 7:15am.

Dlamini said this was really not good for business. The chairman said the past month has been the worst as it takes almost an hour to reach Mahhala.

A driver of one of the local kombis operating along the Manzini to Prison route stated that the last time they almost made a profit this month was during the pass out event held at His Majesty's Correctional Services in Matsapha. The driver stated that even at that time they couldn't take many loads because of the traffic, "sagcina ngekuba buka nje Mnaka" the driver stated in vernacular. Most of the drivers stated that it is

not that people using PSVs are not there anymore, the problem is that they spend most of the time stuck in traffic now.

The chairman said people commuting to work may not feel that much of a pinch because they can use the Ngwane Park route, which is another alternative. He said however, for them time is money.

Efforts to get a comment from the ministry of public works and transport proved futile as Principal Secretary Makhosini Mndawe's phone rang unanswered, while the minister's phone was not available on the network.

Public vent anger on social networks

facebook

THE public is not happy regarding the prolonged refurbishment of the MR3 Highway, as they continue to vent their anger on social networks, saying they do not understand what is taking the construction company so long to complete the job.

Some social network users are even saying most of the accidents which are happening along the MR3 Highway are a result of the congestion caused by the construction.

Some of the facebook comments are as follows:

Facebook user1 The big question is, will Kukhanya finish constructing that road? Instead of finishing the road in sections, Kukhanya is causing more confusion n accidents

Facebook user 1 Inkinga is that Kukhanya seems to have over committed itself. Roads ngabo, buildings ngabo sikuphi speciality sabo? We do have strong contractors such as AG Thomas which is Swazi owned and can do a better job. Mane as we all kno kutsi AG Thomas

fell out nabani, ngenca yebuphangini nebudli in this country there is a campaign to fix them.

Thats why they are now concentrated in Zambia n Botswana. Where they are doing a sterling job!

Facebook user 2. When a tender is submitted, details of the scope of works are submitted by contractor kutsi how will they meet the required project. Lona utsi hu, emanga. Nyatsi is currently working on feeder n bypass roads kulo Sikhuphe - manzini road. That way the flow of traffic will only be hindered. Laba baka Kukhanya are amateurs nje ngci. Bayafundzela...

Facebook user1 Remember that this road is supposed to be completed by April. kepha kute lokubonakalako kutsi sekuya ngaseku pheleni. Ay cha kukhuni...

12 Asians don't want to go back home

By Linda Jele
High Court



LEARNED FRIEND: Lawyer Martin 'Internash' Dlamini.

authority in terms of the immigration act and it was ordered that they would be jailed for 90 days if they failed to pay the fine. The magistrate ordered that the sentences for each of them would run consecutively.

Patel Faizel, of India, told the court that he came to the country in 2012 and had a valid residence permit, but it expired in 2012 and it was never renewed. However, he continued to stay in the country.

Repatriated

The court ordered that they should all be repatriated to their respective countries after paying the fines of serving the jail terms.

It was discovered that some of the passports were questionable in that they did not have visas yet they had residence permits, which raised questions on how they were granted. One of them had a new passport and its number was almost similar to the old one. This raised questions whether nobody else had applied for a pass-

port until he had to get a new one.

Patal Yakub, in India, in an affidavit, alleged that when they were arraigned before court, no interpreter was provided yet they had little understanding of the English language.

"We are in Swaziland to do business and are working on projects and other businesses. When we were arrested, we were in the process of renewing our permits. We entered the country lawfully. My permit expired while I was attending to business ventures," he said.

He argued that the magistrate acted beyond his powers when he ordered that they should be repatriated to their respective countries. He said those powers were vested on the minister of home affairs alone.

Allowed

He claimed that when they applied for bail before the magistrate their lawyer was not allowed to enter the chambers of the magistrate where the matter was deliberated upon. He claimed that the magistrate only allowed the prosecutor and court clerk.

He applied to be admitted to bail pending appeal of the magistrate's decision because the longer they stayed in custody their businesses suffered.

"I shall not abscond trial if granted bail, pending appeal, because I have a right to choose which country to stay in if repatriated," the matter was however, removed from the High Court roll because High Court Judge Mbutfo Mamba discovered that the bail application before the Siteki Magistrate's Court was still pending

and had not been withdrawn.

The Asians:

1. Arshad Mehmood
2. Naem Sayed
3. Khizar Hayed
4. Forkan Hosen
5. Patala Yakub

6. Patel Faizel
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This half day event will be held on the 6th July, 2016 at Sibane Hotel, starting at 09:30hrs to 14:00hrs

For further information you can contact Nelsiwe Mngomezulu at 24049675 / 76068115.



WELCOME: Institute of Development Management (IDM) Regional Director Richard Malikongwa making his welcoming remarks during a breakfast meeting at Gigis Restuarant in Ezulwini.



PARTNERS: Namibia Business School Assistant Director Corporate Services Yvonne Yon making her presentation.



FINALLY: IDM Country Director Nonhlanhla Dlamini making her closing remarks. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



LISTENING: Royal Swazi Spa Resort Head of Sales and Marketing Babsy Mavuso with Women and Children Hospital Human Resources Manager Nonhlanhla Lukhele and King's Office Human Resources Officer Zanele Fakudze following the proceedings.

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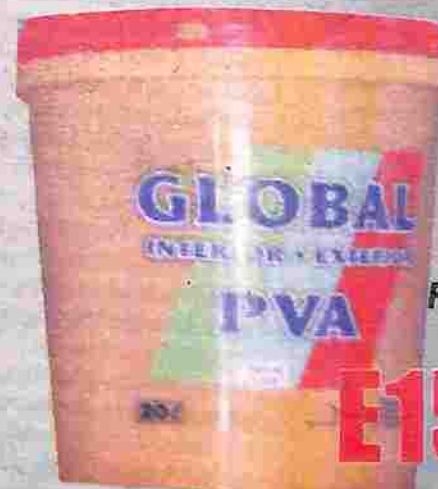


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AWARE: Shiselweni Regional Administrator Themba Masuku.

'No one has authority to allocate land here'

SHISELWENI RA Themba Masuku says no one between the two chiefdoms close to the Magindaneni Farm No: 1151 has authority to allocate land.

The RA when addressing the 207 people said to be occupying the farm stated that in as far as he was aware, Mashobeni (South) and KaDlovunga chiefdoms were not supposed to allocate anyone land be it through the *khonta* system or selling it.

He said he did not even want to blame and think that the traditional leadership from the two chiefdoms allocated the farm's occupants.

"In as far as I know, these two areas are still without chiefs which mean no one should allocate land to anyone. The constitution says no land allocation is allowed in an area without a chief," said the RA.

Chief Mgodzi of Mashobeni South and Chief Fokotsi of kaDlovunga both died years ago. The RA said he was not sure therefore as to who then in any of the two chiefdoms had authority to allocate land.

Farm was intended for investors

THE farm at Magindaneni had been reserved for investors in the Shiselweni region.

RA Themba Masuku said the intention of the state when buying the farm was to have it benefit the region's folk. "The country's authorities wanted this place reserved for major investments. Therefore, the homes that have since mushroomed here jeopardise the good plans the leaders of the land have for us as a region. We can't afford seeing investments blocked by illegal structures," said Masuku.

Illegal occupants want to apologise

THE occupants of Farm 1151 at Magindaneni near Nhlanguano say they want to apologise to royalty.

During the meeting with Shiselweni RA Themba Masuku, some of the occupants suggested that the best thing was to go and apologise to the country's authorities. Wilson Mdluli from Mashobeni South even requested the RA to arrange that all those that were illegally occupying the farm should be taken to His Majesty to apologise.

He said he was optimistic that the King would lend them an ear and probably allow them to remain in the farm.

"The people without necessary papers of dwelling on the farm, should be allowed to meet the King.

The damage has already been done and what should be addressed is how they apologise to the King. Some do not have anywhere to go as thus they regard the farm as their home," said Mdluli.

REMOVAL OF OCCUPANTS LOOMING AT NHLANGANO FARM

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlanguano

A total of 207 homestead owners and others with structures at Farm No: 1151 at Magindaneni near Nhlanguano have been given just less than a month to produce evidence or proof that they are legally occupying the farm.

The said farm is supposedly owned by the state, but now resembles a township.

Shiselweni Regional Administrator Themba Masuku wants to know if all the occupants have valid agreements with the owner as per what the Farm Dwelling Act stipulates. In a recent meeting with the residents held at the Nhlanguano Town Council

premises, Masuku said it was the responsibility of his office to make sure that property belonging to the state was protected including farms.

He said at the farm, it seemed people have occupied it without seeking permission from the owner. "You just have to clear yourself, you may find that others are occupying the farm legally. You have to produce all the necessary documents which allow you to be an occupant of the farm. You don't just put a structure on someone's property, there has to be a formal arrangement," said Masuku. The RA minced no words as he told the meeting that all illegal occupants would face the law. "The Farm Dwelling Act of 1982 talks of such things. If the 207 of you living in the

farm are there because you feel you followed all the procedures, then I should know the whereabouts of 207 cows which each should have forwarded before putting any structure," said Masuku.

The RA said when the country's authorities bought the farm; they wanted it to benefit Swazis.

Masuku said if any chief or inner council was behind the mushrooming of homesteads in the state property, then they had to explain such to the country's elders.

"Nangabe tindlunkhulu letente loku, kubhekeke tiyochaza emabandleni," said Masuku adding that they should submit the required documents immediately without fail.



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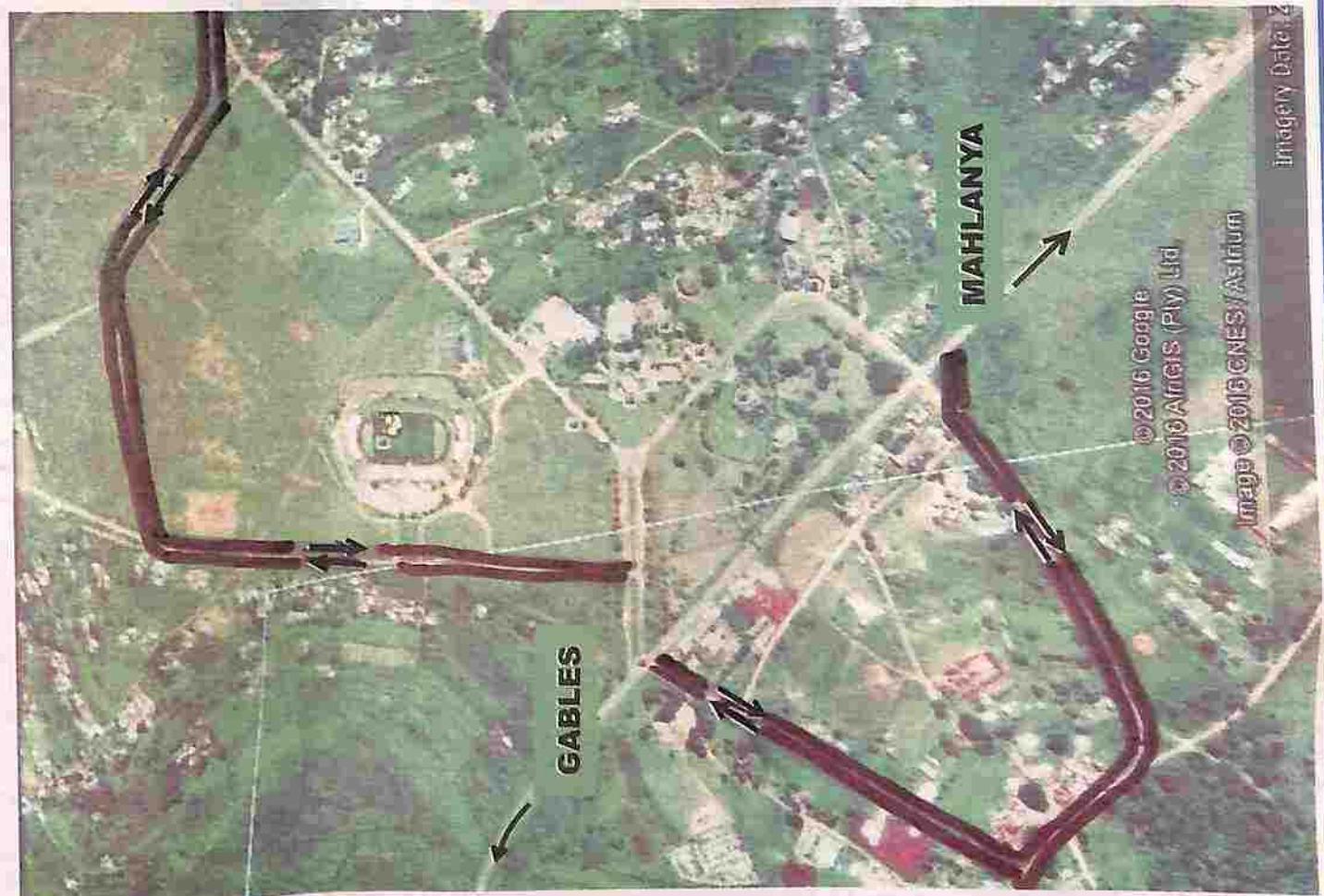


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Ministry of Public Works and Transport

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT IN ESTATE MESS

Stories by Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane

ABOUT 11 years later, a woman claims she has not received even a cent from the estate of the late father of her children who was a member of the Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF).

Sivumelwano Simelane was a private at the USDF. He died in 2005.

Calisile Dlamini has accused the Master of the High Court, Phumzile Thomo-Masilela, of being directly responsible in denying her children their rightful share from their father's estate.

Though they were not married, they had three children together who are now aged (20), (23) and (26).

She claimed the father of her children left an estate valued at E100 000 which is sitting with the master's office. The aggrieved woman



HOUSE OF LAW: The High Court of Swaziland.

has alleged that Thomo-Masilela was allegedly keeping a portion of

the E100 000 including the 5 per cent which was entitled to benefi-

ciaries identified by Simelane before he passed on.

This 5 per cent in Sivumelwano Simelane's file number EM338/05 is supposedly in the region of E5 000. Dlamini said her children each received E23 000 from the E100 000 estate money which totaled to E69 000.

On top of that, Dlamini claimed that Simelane's family demanded money for funeral arrangements which she alleged could have amounted to E41 000 had she not refused to sign the letter which ordered her to release E15 000 to buy a tombstone.

"No one tried to explain to me how such money was used and there were no receipts from purchases for the funeral arrangements," Dlamini said.

She said what baffled her was that Simelane had E10 000 from a funeral plan and another E10 000 from his workplace as contributions to the funeral arrangements.

"I understand there was about E3 000 to cover his funeral from a financial services company. The money demanded from the estate was much higher than the expected funeral costs.

The estate could have helped in the upbringing of my children who were still young when their father passed on," she said.

Dlamini has strongly accused Masilela and the Simelane family of 'looting' the deceased's monies.

She added that Thomo-Masilela disappeared with the 5 per cent, which she had claimed was released to two other beneficiaries, Mhlanguli Manyatsi, a soldier and one Thabile Simelane, a relative of the deceased.

However, the two 'beneficiaries' both denied ever receiving any money from Sivumelwano's estate.

"I work hard for the money I earn, I do not depend on other people's property as I am satisfied with what I have. The claims by Calisile are disturbing for me, I even told her when she called me that I never took any of that money, all I know is that she took the whole money," Manyatsi said when reached for comments.

On the other hand, the Master of High Court Phumzile Thomo-Masilela said she was aware of Dlamini's allegations, as she once stormed her office and repeatedly accused her of stealing the estate money.

"I am aware of the allegations by Dlamini, she once came to my workplace and talked about the same estate matter. However, the right person to address this matter is the High Court Registrar," she said.

A month later, High Court Registrar still fails to give response

THE High Court Registrar has had about a month to give a response to questions pertaining to Calisile Dlamini's claims.

High Court Registrar Siphiwo Mabila was contacted about three weeks back. She asked for a questionnaire, which was sent to her. However, to date she has not responded to it.

Instead, two weeks later Mabila called and mentioned that they were still looking for the file even though Masilela had earlier mentioned that she had responded through the

Registrar. Thomo-Masilela, the woman accused of 'looting' the late USDF member's estate insisted that she has responded through the registrar.

However, she changed her tune saying the right person to talk to the media regarding such a matter was Mabila.

Through a phone call about a week ago, Mabila maintained that she would respond, but only when Sivumelwano Simelane's file had been found as it was the main cause of the delay to respond.

I have friends in high places - Master

Calisile Dlamini has claimed that Master of High Court Phumzile Thomo-Masilela had cautioned her to tread carefully in her claims as she had friends in high places.

Dlamini alleged that though the file of the father of her children was in Manzini, they had to go to Mbabane to sort out the estate issues; something which she said she did not understand.

"She told me she had released money to the deceased's relative and Manyatsi, but that was a lie as none of them acknowledged receipt of the money. Thomo-Masilela also threatens me," she said.

Dlamini claimed that she had warned her about pursuing this matter as she (Thomo-Masilela) claimed she had friends in higher places.

'Calisile hurt our family'

THE USDF member accused of benefitting from Sivumelwano Simelane's estate says Calisile Dlamini has hurt his family.

Mhlanguli Manyatsi is brother to the deceased, from his mother's side.

He claimed that shortly after Simelane died, Dlamini started fighting for the estate money thus worsening his mother's situation as she was a sickly person. "My mother was bothered by her antics, Calisile kept bothering her about the money accusing her of foul play. My mother had high blood pressure and was hurt and embarrassed as she was labeled a crook, her situation

worsened and she died. I blame Calisile for my mother's death," Manyatsi said.

However, Dlamini disputed that, saying that all she did was protect her children's estate.

"I even told one of the beneficiaries that she will not get a cent as she was not there for the father of my children when he needed her the most. He got sick, they never bothered to help, his children are growing, and no one is interested in checking up on them," she said.

She claimed that her children were once expelled from school as she had no money to pay their schools fees.

JUDGE MAMBA BANS TWO LAWYERS

By Linda Jele
High Court

TWO lawyers have been banned from appearing before High Court Judge, Mbutfo Mamba, after they failed to show up for a trial and failed to report their absence.

This resulted in the case being postponed and the accused directed to get new attorneys. Lawyer Veli Ndzinisa and Muzi Simelane were supposed to appear before the judge for a trial of two police officers and three members of the public who are charged with possession of dagga.

The case was supposed to proceed on Wednesday, but due to the

absence of the attorneys, it could not. The judge did not take their absence kindly.

The court sat around 10:00 hours when, Buster Vilakati, Mthokozisi Mkhathshwa, both defendant police officers were expected to defend themselves against the charges.

They appeared together with Banele Maseko, Sibusiso Sikita and Mandla Vilakati.

However Sabelo Bhembe and Sabelo Chicken Dlamini only appeared as lawyers on behalf of Mkhathshwa and Maseko, respectively.

When the judge asked where Buster's lawyer was, he was told that he had reported sick, but had promised that he would show up in court for the trial.

Lawyer Muzi Simelane was meant to represent Buster and Mandla in the case. Sikita said his lawyer Veli Ndzinisa had told him that he had to pay him in full before he could appear in the case.

He said he needed time to explain to his lawyer that he did not have money at the moment but would be able to pay him in August, 2016.

Matter

The judge stood the matter down and told the accused to call their attorneys and ensure that they were present in court at 11:30am.

At around 11:50 hours, when the matter resumed, the two lawyers had still not shown up.

Buster told the court that he had called his lawyer, who said he was on his way because he needed to

dress in his robe first. After he had not shown up ten minutes into waiting, Sikita informed the court his lawyer Ndzinisa had insisted that he needed to be paid. He then asked for a postponement of the case, while he tried to negotiate with him.

The judge told the two defendants to go and engage new attorneys for their case.

"I do not want to see your current attorney in my court until further notice.

They have shown utmost disrespect to the court and I think they are not fit to appear before me, Go and instruct new attorneys or come prepared to conduct your own defences. I will postpone the matter until Monday," the judge said.



BANS: High Court Judge Mbutfo Mamba.

TAIWAN ENTITY BRINGS FOOD AID TO 100 HOUSEHOLDS

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlalanga

TZUCHI Foundation has come to the rescue of starving residents from Manyandzeni under Shiselweni I Inkhundla by presenting them with food parcels worth close to E10 000.

The foundation which originates from the Republic of China on Taiwan, has been assisting a number of communities around the country with food parcels especially rice.

Last week, Tzuchi visited Manyandzeni where close to 100 households were each presented with a bag of 10 kilograms rice.

Local Member of Parliament Mandla Nxumalo said they were humbled by the donation which occurred at a time when the area was faced with drought. He said due to the drought a number of families could not harvest anything in their fields.

He said the organisation's work was commendable adding that it would continue assisting the other remaining chiefdoms.

"Our constituency has five chiefdoms, apart from Manyandzeni, we



THANK YOU: Member of Parliament Mandla Nxumalo.

have Ezikhotheni, Mchinsweni, Dumenkungwini and Mabonabulawe all whose residents have been affected by drought. The situation is bad in the constituency. The donation from the organisation to the residents under the said chiefdom will go a long way. Those that were presented with the rice were identified using a criteria that is normally used when such help is brought in communities. In short, these were families that needed the help the most," said MP Nxumalo.

The MP said the constituency was one of those that benefited from the cash transfer programme (drought mitigation exercise) financed by Red Cross from Finland.

About six out of 14 constituencies in the region were identified as those qualifying to benefit from the programme which lasted for a period of three months. Families identified as hard hit by the drought got a sum of E500 which added up to E1 500 for the three month period.

Constituencies

The other constituencies were Sigwe, Somtongo, Matsanjani, Engudzeni and Hosea.

"At least such programmes have become life savers to many communities and if it was not for them, we would be burying people due to hunger. Despite such assistance, the situation has still not improved as in some of the areas, a majority of the people were left out. This was not on purpose but it depended on how worse the situation was when the assessment was done in each home-stand," said MP Nxumalo.

The MP said his constituency has a population of over 17 000 people with the majority of them being jobless.

Shiselweni continues to fight wild fires

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlalanga

THIS year's Shiselweni Fire Awareness Campaign Day will be held next week Thursday, which is the third edition.

Coordinator of the campaign Themba Hlophe said preparations were at an advanced stage.

The campaign supported mostly by forestry companies, is aimed at preventing wild and veld fires.

Farm owners decided to form an association known as Shiselweni Farmers Association which is chaired by former Maseyisini Member of Parliament Antonio Roberts.

Campaign

The campaign works closely with the office of the regional administrator.

Schools also participate in the campaign where they win prizes for banners with messages relevant to the event including explaining the havoc caused by fire and what measures needed to be put in place in order to have forest and other vegetation prevented from wild fire.

Hlophe said a march would start near the Regional Health Centre offices (old Nhlalanga Health Centre) to the Nhlalanga park where the main event is to be held. He said politicians such as legis-

lators and certain cabinet ministers would grace the occasion.

"Last year, the guest speaker was Minister of tourism (Jabulani Buy Cash Mabuza) and for this year, we are still finalising a few logistics for the guest speaker," said Hlophe.

Hlophe said they were expecting about 17 schools to be part of the event and judges would award the school with the best messages on their banners.

Expected

Hlophe said per school, they expected 15 pupils and two teachers. He said as the initiative was also meant to benefit communities, chiefs were expected to be represented during the event.

"Veld fires start in the communities and they do not only cause havoc to farms but also destroy vegetation like grass. Even in the homesteads when fire gets out of control, houses and crop storages get burnt and it is for that reason that we expect everyone to be represented during the event," said Hlophe. Hlophe said since the campaign started two years ago, there has been a notable decline in wild fire. "It shows that this campaign is serving its purpose as our records indicate that there has been a notable decline in as far as wild or veld fires is concerned," said Hlophe.

Civil servant owes E40 000 for rent

By Mbono Mdluli
Lobamba

A civil servant will have to reimburse government about E40 982 as money she claimed for housing allowance yet she was staying in a government house.

Thembi Mthunzi stayed at a government house at Mlatini Development Centre in Ezulwini. She has been occupying the house from 1995 to 2010. Mthunzi is said to have reported in 2014 that the house was not fit for human occupation yet she had left the house in 2010.

When Mthunzi left the house, she is said to have left her children occupying it, together with her belongings.

This was related by Ministry of Education Under Secretary Macanjana Motsa before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC).

It is said Mthunzi paid E20 as rent in the government house she occupied. She has also been allegedly claiming the housing allowance from 2010 to 2014.

This was not well received by the members of the PAC, who felt Mthunzi was stealing money from government. Mafutseni Member of

Parliament Christopher Gamedze wanted to know how Mthunzi qualified for housing allowance. "How did she get the privilege of getting the allowance? What steps did she take to qualify for this?" Gamedze asked.

In response, Motsa said Mthunzi had signed a form stating that she had gone out of the house because it was unfit for human habitation. It was then recommended that Mthunzi should pay the money because she could not claim that the house was unfit for human occupation yet she had left her children and belongings in it.



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Proposals are hereby invited from suitably qualified consultants to undertake a Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices (KAP) Health Survey for the LUSIP I Project. The Lower Usuthu Smallholder Irrigation Project (LUSIP) is a poverty alleviation initiative situated in the Lowveld of Swaziland. The main goal of LUSIP is to improve the standard of living of the people in the project development area (PDA), who were the poorest in the country. The project is achieving this goal by transforming the local economy from subsistence farming into sustainable commercial agriculture. On achieving this, the project will significantly contribute to the goal of the Government of Swaziland (GoS) to alleviate poverty in the country.

The main objective of the KAP study is to investigate, analyse current situation and evaluate the impact of public health interventions done in LUSIP 1 by providing a deeper understanding on the behavioural determinants/information of the target beneficiaries, to enable project team in improving on initial developed public health interventions and to develop targeted interventions for meeting the project goal.

The Request for proposal document is obtainable at a fee of E350-00 from the SWADE LUSIP I Offices (Siphofaneni). Queries relating to the issue of these documents, administrative and technical matters may be addressed to Ms Bongekile Nxumalo, Tel No. +268-2344 1671/2/3/4 or e-mail bongekile@swade.co.sz.

The closing date for the submission of proposals is Friday, 29th July 2016 at 15:30 HRS at the SWADE Head Offices in Mbabane, 4th Floor Dlanubeka Building. No document will be accepted after the closing time and date.



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- Constitution that underscores the powers of the executive committee (available in the intranet).
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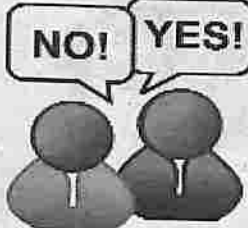
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**COME
TO
THINK
OF IT**

Ackel Zwane

THE changes in industrial relations climate in Swaziland has experienced a major setback with the coming into play of labour brokers who, like vampires, feed on the labours of the workforce.

The recent strike action at Montigny Investments is an eye opener and a loud cry on how much the state, through its department of labour, has elected to ignore the plight of the workforce by letting them to be devoured by labour brokers thus fuelling a return to anarchy as the afflicted fight for survival.

Traditionally, the historical arrangement has been that people sell their labour power to capital which provides the other means of production but now here comes middlemen who are intercepting the process by entering the production line on the remuneration side.

It is the worker that adds value in a production process and therefore the responsibility of capital to reward the labour power on agreed terms, there is no need for another third party in these industrial relations.

Come to think of it, after having worked for the entire month and it is time for my share of my contribution to wealth creation there comes a stranger for a cut over and above that of the state? Where is the state to protect me in this daylight robbery?

No doubt this is a return to slave driving whereby human beings sold other human beings for profit, how is this different from human trafficking?

Workers are often injured in the workplace by tools and surroundings provided by capital and why is then capital allowed to transfer the responsibility to a third party?

The silence on the part of unionised labour is also deafening because by this time we would expect not just the labour federations but also the employer federations to ban labour broking in Swaziland because in the industrial

COULD IT BE LABOUR BROKING OR SLAVE DRIVING?

● Human beings are turned into commodities by agents who make money by selling them for profit; how is this different from human trafficking?



landscape leading to the Industrial Relations Act that has undergone several facelifts the labour brokers have not been part of the process. At this later stage companies now, in an attempt to dodge responsibility for unfair labour practices and indecent work, have transferred the human resource responsibility to labour brokers much to the expense of the worker.

Blood

At Montigny workers bayed for the blood of one labour broker over their pension moneys while capital owner, Montigny Investments looked on, claiming these were not his employees but those of the labour contractor.

But we all know that the workers provide services to Montigny and therefore for all they know it is Montigny that consumes their labour and not the labour broker, all that the latter does is to share their remuneration.

As early as 2012 Nathi Gumede warned that "whilst this practice facilitates employment in these hard times, it also tends to subject workers to what may be termed indecent work, cutting down their compensation by up to 70% and reducing them to commodities.

Labour brokers (brokers) are rewarded close to 30% of the employers HR budget."

To substantiate his assertions he stated in no uncertain terms that brokers, like other employers sometimes violate labour standards.

There is no ambiguity on the fact

that brokers are employers of the workers they provide to their clients. Employees often take the brokers to CMAC and to the Industrial Court. In some cases brokers win the cases in other cases they lose.

Brokerage

Swazi cases that have indirectly addressed the issue of brokerage include the following: Nedbank v SUFIAWICA Case No. 11/06, Nobile Mildred Nxumalo v Gundane and Sons CMAC Award SWMB 22/12, John Zibuse Dlamini v Distel IC Case 2/11, GAWUSA v NDZ Consulting CMAC Award SWMZ 599/11.

Now a handful of brokers in Swaziland have encroached in the human resource management section which should otherwise be the employers and are indeed making a killing.

They have moved to be experts in just about any field be it from security companies to manufacturing and the retail sector even though they have no knowledge of the core business area, all they do is to provide the human commodity.

Some of these have also abandoned their areas of expertise such as in the legal fraternity to make the quick buck through drafting contracts and providing legal services to unscrupulous employers who feel they can no longer shoulder the responsibility of managing labour by themselves.

Many a worker have been unknowingly sold to labour brokers

as commodities only to discover in the event of unfair dismissal or injury on duty that their actual employer is no longer the one to which they render their labour but another entity who could have joined the company under the guise to be providing human resource management services. In all this, where is the commissioner of labour, where are the labour inspectors, where is the minister of labour? In the case of Swaziland, the situation has become so endemic that it would require a special team from the International Labour Organisation to make a thorough investigation before this country deteriorates into an ugly labour bloodbath.

Gumede further notes that the legality of labour brokerage in Swaziland is highly controversial.

On the one extreme, some call for a total ban on brokers; on the other some call for self-regulation of the industry. There is also a middle ground that brokers should be regulated by government. This debate has allegedly led unilateral suspension of brokerage permits, making tendering for business difficult for the brokers.

He says employers are of the view that brokers help them to focus on their core business and thereby run profitable companies. They also see brokers as agents that close the Human Resource Management Capacity gaps within the world of work. Forced to cancel their contracts with brokers, some employers would prefer to fully mechanise their operations.

Some employers advertise jobs, conduct interviews and then hand over the employees recruited to sign contracts with brokers, leaving some employees frustrated in the process. Frustrated with brokers, some employers terminate the services of brokers and revert to direct employment.

Some employees hired by brokers tend to have no job descriptions. Others do not undergo performance appraisal. Some such employees are clear that their supervisors are the clients of the brokers who are often

represented by broker representatives stationed in the employer's premises.

Problems of non-payment of terminal benefits sometimes arise when employees are transferred to sign contracts from brokers to employers and vice versa.

Such employees sometimes earn three times less than employees who do the same jobs that they do who are not employed through brokers. In some cases they do the same job for the same employer for salaries that differ by 70%.

Brokers provide a wide range of terms including permanent employment, open ended contracts, contracts of 1 to 10 years, permanent part-time contracts and others and casual and seasonal engagements.

Gumede adds that employees hired through brokers are sometimes jointly supervised by the employer and the broker; in other cases, the employees in some cases supervision is done by their clients. Some brokers work jointly with their clients on security, health and safety issues.

Others are open to negotiating with unions and Works Councils on the terms and conditions of their employees. In the worst case scenario brokers unilaterally reduce staff salaries by up to 30%, adjust conditions of service such as overtime reduction and make deductions such as funeral scheme contributions of an average of E50 per employee.

Some brokers fail to make insurance and SNPF Remittances to up to 4 years.

Others fail to provide uniforms to their employees despite the fact that their clients provide them with cash for this purpose.

Leave management is also problematic with some brokers.

The question then becomes, why now drive out the slave drivers? We must not forget that in the civil rights movement in the USA it was the slaves themselves that broke their own shackles and through a nasty process, before very long we shall be experiencing the Montigny fireworks because the workers cannot allow themselves to be sources of blood supplies to vampires.

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ON THIS DAY ...JULY 1

0096 - Vespasian, a Roman Army leader, was hailed as a Roman Emperor by the Egyptian legions.

1543 - England and Scotland signed the peace of Greenwich.

1596 - An English fleet under the Earl of Essex, Lord Howard of Effingham and Francis Vere captured and sacked Cadiz, Spain.

1690 - The French defeated the forces of the Grand Alliance at Fleurus in the Netherlands.

1798 - Napoleon Bonaparte took Alexandria, Egypt.

1845 - Uniform postal rates went into effect throughout the United States. The Act of Congress was passed on March 3, 1845.

1847 - In New York City, the U.S. Post Office issued its first adhesive stamps. The two stamps available were a 5-cent Benjamin Franklin and a 10-cent George Washington.

1862 - The US Congress established the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

1863 - During the US Civil War, the first day's fighting at Gettysburg began.

1867 - Canada became an independent dominion.

1874 - The Philadelphia Zoological Society zoo opened as the first zoo in the United States.

1876 - Montenegro declared war on the Turks.

1893 - The first bicycle race track in America to be made out of wood was opened in San Francisco, CA.

1897 - Three years after the first issue of "Billboard Advertising" was published, the publication was renamed, "The Billboard".

1898 - During the Spanish-American War, Theodore Roosevelt and his "Rough Riders" waged a victorious assault on San Juan Hill in Cuba.

1905 - The USDA Forest Service was created within the Department of Agriculture. The agency was given the mission to sustain healthy, diverse, and productive forests and grasslands for present and future generations.

1909 - Thomas Edison began commercially manufacturing his new "A" type alkaline storage batteries.

1916 - The massive Allied offensive known as the Battle of the Somme began in France. The battle was the first to use tanks.

1934 - The Federal Communications Commission replaced the Federal Radio Commission as the regulator of broadcasting in the United States.

1940 - In Washington, the Tacoma Narrows Bridge was opened to traffic. The bridge collapsed during a wind storm on November 7, 1940.

1941 - Bulova Watch Company sponsored the first TV commercial in New York City, NY.

1942 - German troops captured Sevastopol, Crimea, in the Soviet Union.

1943 - The US government began automatically withholding federal income tax from paychecks.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



1988 - Javier Hernandez (Soccer Player).



1937 - Morgan Freeman (Movie Actor).

INTERNET SPEED VERSUS COST

BY MANDLA LUPHONDVO AND
SYLVIA OTUO ACHEAMPONG

IN recent times the internet has become an integral part of the way we communicate and relate to our families and friends.

Social media platforms like WhatsApp, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat etc. enable people to connect instantly and share information.

Swazi MTN is making huge investments in its network. This is done with a view to provide the fastest speed to valued customers, and also improve customer experience on the network. Next week, Swazi MTN will launch the next generation in mobile technology - 4G LTE. The roll out will be initially deployed in Mbabane and Ezulwini. It will later be spread to Manzini, Matsapha and other parts of the country.

4G LTE speed is 10 times faster than the current 3G technology and MTN would like its valued customers to learn more about this new technology.

Today's article seeks to explain how the internet works, and how customers could be assisted to know what they are buying, and how much they are spending. Additionally, it will also provide customers some tips on how to control their internet usage.

Unlike a car where you can measure how fast it goes in miles per hour (mph), the internet speed, example 5 Mbps, has nothing to do with how fast the internet works. Internet speed is your (allocated) bandwidth. Bandwidth is the amount of data that can be sent to you, usually measured in seconds. So the 5 Mbps (Megabits per second), mean you can receive up to 5 megabits of data per second.

The best way to understand how your internet speed works is by using an analogy. Think of bandwidth like a freeway. All cars (data) travel at the same speed, so to get more data from the internet to your computer or phone faster, the freeway needs to be wider.

Let's assume that 1 Mbps is the equivalent to a one lane freeway. And let's say that you were trying to download an image, which is 5 Mb in size. If you had a bandwidth of 1 Mbps (1 lane freeway) it would take you roughly 5 seconds to download the image.

On the other hand, if you have a five-lane freeway for the same 5 Mb (bandwidth) connection, you will download the same image in one second. More bandwidth means that you'll receive more data at the same time. In this example, you can download five images with the wider bandwidth in the same time you could download one image with the narrower bandwidth.

It is important to note that your

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Impact of Data Traffic Explosion on Mobile Operators



data is transferred to you at a faster rate with a wider bandwidth because more data can be sent at the same time. It's more efficient, making your experience better. There are a number of things that will (negatively) affect the speed of your internet.

Connection type - This plays a big role in the speed of your internet connection. Using the analogy above, some roads (bandwidth) are fixed or capped — they can't be widened, or increased. Dialup, and to some extent DSL (Digital Subscriber Line), are perfect examples of

this.

Traffic Congestion - Your internet can become congested just like a freeway. The more data being requested and sent, the more bandwidth that is being used at one time. At some point every lane is going to be taken up, so the cars (data) will take more time to get to you.

Bad/Old Wires, Connections or Equipment - Think of bad wires and connections like a freeway that goes from five lanes to one all of a sudden. That forces all of the cars (data) to bottleneck, ultimately taking longer to

get to you.

The same thing holds true for your devices. If you have outdated phone, tablets, dongles, routers, or your devices are not configured optimally, that can slow down how fast you receive your data.

Distance - The further away you are from a data network, the longer it'll take for the data to transfer from the internet to your computer or phone.

Here are some things that you do on the internet and how much bandwidth (and data) it uses up:

1 Web Page - 1 MB
1 Text Email - 0.97 MB
10 Min YouTube Video - 43 MB
Download 1 Image - 2.5 MB
30 Min of Gaming - 2.5 MB

So how does the internet speed affects how much you spend?

Again, using the analogy above. Whenever you are in a faster lane, like 4G LTE, you tend to download images faster. In the example above, you can download five images with the wider bandwidth in the same time you could download one image with the narrower bandwidth.

The more bandwidth you use the faster your bundles run out and as a result, you tend to spend more on data. In as much as speed improves your experience, it also deplete your bundles faster. So for those who prefer speed at all times, MTN 4G LTE is your best bet. However if you are a regular user and sensitive to price then you might want to rethink your choices.

Some tips to consider to control your internet spend:

■ Turn off applications that you don't use regularly.

■ Turn off streaming music players whilst you are away from your computer. Leaving them running can generate usage you might not be aware of.

■ Do not set your newsreader (example usenet) to automatically download message bodies to groups you are subscribed to. Otherwise you will download a significant volume of materials that are of no interest to you.

■ Properly log-off from the internet after use.

■ Ensure other people are not using your devices without your authorisation.

■ When accepting terms and conditions from Apps downloads, make sure you have fully read, and that you understand them. For instance, most location updates are done automatically, and tend to use up data without your consent.

■ Before you update any application, ensure they are part of your regular apps. Be careful when accepting automatic updates.

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First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	8%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.5%
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Bank Rate	7%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.00 per litre
Replacement	E11.05 per litre
Diesel	E10.95 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.15 per litre
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Japanese Yen/SZL	6.8866	6.9077
Swiss Franc/SZL	15.1422	15.1870
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3558	1.3648
Australian Dollar/SZL	11.0202	11.0588
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.4539	11.4889
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SWAZIBANK PROFITS DECLINE BY 25.3% TO E20.6 MILLION

By Manqoba Makhubu

SWAZIBANK profits have declined by 25.3 percent from about E27.7 million in 2014/15 to about E20.6 million for the financial year ended March 31, 2016.

Board Secretary Sibongile Mdluli in the Bank's commentary of abridged financial statements attributed the decrease to a reduction in gross revenue in line with the reduction in the net loan book.

"Prior year profits included significant revenues from the investment in the associate due to a once-off transaction, hence the decrease in the current year," she reported in the financial statements.

The Bank's total assets were also slashed by one percent from E1.9 billion to E1.8 billion.

Mdluli said this was due to a net outflow in resources to pay long term borrowings.

"The repayments to long term providers of finance have been partly offset by the increase in shareholders' funds, as a result of profits generated in the current year," she said.

However, Mdluli said the bank statements of financial position remained strong with a balanced



GOING DOWN: SwaziBank Board Secretary Sibongile Mdluli.

mix of loans, government securities and short term funds.

"The Bank financed a number of significant projects and continued to finance the growth of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), agriculture and personal sectors in the year under review. Significant growth has been

achieved in the business finance and retail portfolios," said Mdluli.

However, she said exposure in the personal market declined significantly as customers were credit conscious and serviced current debts.

As a result, she said the net loan

book decreased by a net E91.9 million from about E1.1 billion in the previous year to about E1 billion in the current year.

Meanwhile, with regards to the Bank's funding balances, Mdluli reported that customer deposits increased by 3.4 percent from E1.053 billion to E1.089 billion.

"The increase contributed to the strong liquidity position, notwithstanding the significant escalations in the cost of funds," she said.

Included in funding balances were long term borrowings, which the bank continued to service in line with the agreed terms and conditions.

Mdluli said the Bank's net interest income of E69.8 million also decreased by 16.6 percent in line with the reduction in the lending book.

Adding, she said impairment provisions decreased by E28.1 million from E42.6 million in 2015 to E14.4 million in 2016, "Prior year balances included impairments relating to historic bad debts.

The Bank continues to improve its lending and collection processes to ensure a robust loan book."

She said from previously written off debts, the Bank has only managed to collect E3.5 million.

...OPERATING COSTS UP BY E17.6 MILLION

INFLATIONARY increases, cost of living adjustments and other operating costs have pushed SwaziBank's operating costs up by almost E17.6 million.

Board Secretary Sibongile Mdluli said operating costs increased from E163.4 million in 2015 to E181 million in 2016.

On the other hand, Mdluli said

the Bank participated in the acquisition of government commercial papers and holds stock of government and corporate bonds amounting to E193.9 million which had an impact on the Bank's increase of non interest revenue or money that the Bank earned from areas outside its lending operations.

SwaziBank non-interest

revenue comprised of investment income, fees and commissions and rental income.

Mdluli said investment income was generated from investments of surplus funds in government instruments, fixed and call deposits and it increased by 40.5 percent in line with the increase in surplus funds balances.

Concerning future outlook and

challenges, Mdluli reported that the year 2016/17 brings about a number of changes in the regulatory environment.

"Whilst these changes are stringent, the Bank shall continue to explore innovative ways of doing business so as to continuously improve business performance and enhance both economic growth and shareholder value," she said.

GREYSTONE RECORDS E8 MILLION PROFITS

By Linda Dlamini

GREYSTONE Partners Limited have recorded a profit of E8 million for the six months ended March 31, 2016.

According to the company's financial results for the six

months ended March 31 2016, the private equity company received interest income of E2 million. With regards to dividends income the company received only about E3 million.

The company drastically cut operating costs compared to the previous six months financial

period.

"Operating income stood at E2 million as opposed to the E9 million that was recorded in the 6 month ended September 30, 2015," reads the report as part.

This follows that the company posted a before tax profit of about E2.7 million.

The leading private equity firm in Swaziland said in a statement that the value of its investments increased to stand at E152 million as March 31, 2016.

"Total assets increased from E193.7 million to E195.6 million for the period under review," said the report.

Bank charges amendments kick in today

Stories by Linda Dlamini

EFFECTIVE from today, banks in Swaziland are no longer expected to charge service fees for cash deposits for any product or type of account.

This follows the Central Bank of Swaziland's (CBS) issuance of the Regulation of Banking Fees and Charges Notice, 2016 through a government gazette dated March 29, 2016.

University of Swaziland (UNISWA) lecturer and economist Sibusiso Khumalo said this was a

good development as it would attract more of the unbanked to bank in the formal banking sector.

"Banks can expect an influx of new customers as people who were shunning the sector, because of the charges associated with depositing money in a formal bank," he said.

Adding, this could also result in more money for consumers who have bank savings accounts.

"Interest rates from savings accounts have normally been eroded by fees that the banks charge, with no bank fees the interest rates that accrue to saving depositors will be increased," he said.

However, on the banking side, the economist said it was highly likely that the financial institutions will have to come up with new products to firstly accommodate the new customers and also to mitigate the loss in income from the scrapping of bank deposit fees.

"The banks will have to come up with new strategies to generate income as a result of the loss in fee income. The fee income that they generated was substantial and so they have to come up with ways to plug that gap," he said.

Asked about the new changes effective from today the Swaziland

Bankers Association (SBA) who said it was hard to comment on the issue, since each individual bank would be impacted by the legal notice differently, "therefore we will independently develop strategic interventions to address the impact according to our individual assessments."

According to a well placed expert source from the banking industry who preferred to comment under conditions of anonymity, the change will exert more pressure to local banks that, unfortunately are currently grappling under increasing inflationary pressures.

With regards to the effects on the broader economy of the country, Khumalo said the country can expect positive gains in the long term.

"The positive spin on the economy emanates from the logic that the increased savings will result in the banks having more money to provide loans to the people. This means more investment capital for the public and private sector to fund capital expenditure," he said.

"Higher rates of investments leads to economic development, which in turn leads to more jobs and more disposable income for households," he concluded.

UN URGES STAKEHOLDERS TO TRIGGER HIGH ECONOMIC GROWTH

UNITED Nations (UN) Swaziland Resident Coordinator Israel Dessalegne has urged all stakeholders to come up with innovative and practical ideas that will trigger high levels of economic growth.

He said it was imperative for development partners to complement the country's efforts by providing additional resources on a predictable basis for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

He was speaking during the official launch of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in Swaziland held yesterday at the Royal Villas, Ezulwini.

The launch of the SDGs in the kingdom coincided with sluggish economic growth, high unemployment particularly among the youth and women, inequality, drought as well as unfavourable economic external conditions.

"This calls for comprehensive partnership development and resource mobilisation strategies guided by government's leadership. In this regard, I would like to assure you of the UN's full commitment on supporting this process," said Dessalegne.

He said the SDGs was based on five core principles namely: people

centred; to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential in dignity and equality; prosperity for all through quality and fulfilling lives; peaceful and inclusive societies free of violence; and through partnership, and global networks committed to sustainable development.

Dessalegne said the domestication or localisation of the SDGs should be guided by these notable principles with full national ownership.

"In this regard, it is pleasing to note that the SDG agenda 2030 is fully aligned with the Africa Union's Agenda 2063," he said.

Commended

The country representative also commended and congratulated the Kingdom of Swaziland for ensuring inclusive consultation during the preparatory phase of the SDGs.

"Now the domestication process has to begin," he said.

Present during the event were members of the private sector, civil society organisations, and other development partners.

Dessalegne said their presence was an indication of their commitment towards ensuring that the citizens of the country were fully aware of the opportunities and challenges surrounding the imple-

mentation of SDGs.

He thanked all the stakeholders for contributing towards the development and launch of the United Nations Assistance Framework (UNDAF) for 2016-2020 with considerable SDG content.

The UNDAF contained provision for strategic support in policy development, capacity development of key institutions with transformative potential, advocacy and the identification, codification and dissemination of good practices.

"We also intend to make use of new tools developed by the UN, such as mainstreaming, accreditation, and policy support as we provide our support towards the SDGs," he said.

Dessalegne encouraged the involvement of multiple internal and external stakeholders in the domestication process of the SDGs, saying it required effective and efficient coordination by government.

"We are confident that the revised policy on national aid coordination will play a pivotal role in maximising complementarity of the various stakeholders' efforts. We must draw lessons from the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and ensure that adequate attention is given to this aspect of the SDGs implementation," he said.



DISCUSSING ING FOOD SECURITY ISSUES: National Disaster Management Agency Chief Executive Officer Russell Dlamini (Left) and WFP Representative and Country Director Alberto Mendes. (Pics: Linda Dlamini)



MY POINT IS: Deputy Prime Minister's Office Principal Secretary Khangeziwe Mabuza during her address.



DYNAMIC DUO: UN Resident Coordinator Israel Dessalegne with Ministry of Economic Planning and Development Chief Economist Lonkululeko Magagula.



ALL EARS: UN's Dessalegne with Mabuza.



CATCHING THEM YOUNG: St Mark's High School pupils displaying the Sustainable Development Goals. (Pics: Linda Dlamini)

Swaziland can do a whole lot economically - Savannah Maziya

By Manqoba Makhubu

BUNENGI Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Savannah Maziya says the country can do a whole lot economically, and it needs all the support it can get to achieve its full potential.

Maziya, who christened Swaziland 'a great holiday destination,' will be one of the speakers for the nearing Achieve Success Summit (ACS) to be held at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre next week Thursday.

In 2006, Maziya was part of a team that was trusted with an economic advisory role to His Majesty King Mswati III.

Asked about her experiences on the King's advisory role, in her responding email, Maziya said it was interesting as it enabled her to

...She will be one of the speakers for the imminent Achieve Success Summit

really delve deep into the economic positioning of the country, as well as the opportunities that could be explored for growth.

"It's interesting that there is a move to give the country first world status, I can only imagine that some of the conversations from that group were important. I got to understand that," she said.

In the recently held Women Economic Forum (WEF) All Ladies League held in New Delhi, India Maziya was honoured with the 'Iconic Business Leaders of the Decade' award. The WEF honoured her as a role model and took note of her great experience and achievements in business particularly in technology and innovation.

"The Iconic Business Leader of

the Decade award is a great honour as it is bestowed to me by successful women globally. So in effect it is your colleagues and people you have great respect for operating substantial businesses around the globe," said Maziya.

Her presentation on the coming summit would focus on leadership, financial management, personal brand management, wealth creation and management, and coaching and mentorship.

Her company, Bunengi Group is based in Johannesburg, South Africa and it is the only one of its kind that is female owned and run in Africa.

Maziya said currently their top initiatives were infrastructure including a flagship rail project

called Skytrain, energy and water management, gaming including lotteries, border revenue management, project management and high level unmanned security vehicles, promoting women participation in science, technology, engineering and Maths.

The summit would also include workshops which would address themes like strategy, sales, leadership, innovation and entrepreneurship.

This year's theme is, 'Stimulating World Class Thinking.'

ACS founder Wandile Hlatshwayo said the summit was aimed at professional development, participating or taking an

active role in the economic vibration of the country and beyond.

"It also motivates and creates more entrepreneurs and professionals. The summit also drives self belief and wealth creation attitudes amongst attendees and further

motivates them for world class thinking,"

Hlatshwayo said.



CAN DO BETTER: Bunengi Group CEO Savannah Maziya.

ABOUT SAVANNAH MAZIYA

- She has worked in various other industries such as broadcasting, mining and financial services. Maziya has run various businesses that she started and later sold.

- She has served on various boards such as Rand Water (the largest water utility in Africa), Immigration, National Gambling and Casino Boards, The Construction Industry Development Board, The New School in New York, and the National Regulator for

Compulsory Specifications.

- She has also served on various listed international mining groups.

After South Africa was declared a democratic country in 1994, Savannah also played the role of special advisor to various government ministers.

- She is considered one of the most influential women in the continent, whose work also includes being heavily involved in philanthropy with a focus on women and

girls in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM).

- Savannah, through the Bunengi Foundation, has initiated a programme that collaborates with African First Ladies, heads of state and industry to advocate for girls in STEM and to raise funds for scholarships.

She hosts an Annual Event during the United Nations annual general assembly in New York every September.

- She was recognised as one of

the top 100 women globally in STEM. She also works with schools K-12 in getting tutoring for children in Maths and Science to help raise their understanding and working knowledge.

Savannah also sponsors an orphanage based in South Africa.

- She mentors over 40 professional women.

Savannah was the first African member of C200, a committee of the world's most successful leaders and entrepreneurs.

There are now two African members.

- She currently sits on the board of WSP, one of the world's leading engineering, professional services consulting firms, WBHO (The largest construction company in South Africa, that also operates in Australia) where she is a shareholder, is the chairperson of Parsons Brinckerhoff Africa, and Bunengi, where she is Group CEO.

Achieve Success Summit Speakers

1. Fanele Mashwama

- 2016 World Debating Champion
- Sophomore at Harvard University concentrating in Philosophy
- First Black President of Harvard College Debate Union
- An Allan Gray Orbis and Edmond J. Safra Fellow
- Won the American National Debate Championship (2nd year at University)

2. Iona Minton

- Financial Education Consultant and Financial Journalist
- Expert in financial workshops, keynote speeches, content strategy, financial writing, and consulting
- Business content and education strategist for financial services industry
- Content and consumer engagement strategist
- Author of bestselling books, Financial Fitness for Women and The Property Game
- Personal finance expert on women24.com
- Personal finance expert for

3. Savannah Maziya

- Chairman and Chief Executive Officer- The Bunengi Group
- Director and shareholder of the largest construction company in Africa
- Ambassador and mentor for STEM
- Served on the largest regulator boards in construction, water, finance, food and drug administration in Africa

4. Vusi Thembekwayo

- International motivational speaker
- Expert in Strategy, Sales, and Leadership
- Ranked first in Africa for motivational speaking at the age of 17
- Youngest JSE Director in South Africa
- Only South African speaker to speak by invitation at the World Bank
- Influences a total of R4.3bn through his various board appointments and directorship



CHAMPION: Fanele Mashwama.



SCRIBE: Iona Minton.



GURU: Savannah Maziya.



BIG MONEY: Vusi Thembekwayo.

MTN INCREASES PAYMENT ON N300BN FINE

LAGOS - Telecommunications firm, MTN has said it has paid additional N30 billion to the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) as part of the N330 billion fine slammed on it for contravening regulatory orders in the country.

The new N30 billion now increases the payment made by the South African firm on the fine till date to N80 billion, after an earlier N50 billion paid on February 24, which was done in 'Good Faith.'

Meanwhile, NCC has confirmed receipt of the additional N30 billion from MTN.

According to agreement reached by NCC and MTN earlier in the month in Abuja, MTN was expected to pay N30 billion into NCC's Treasury Single Account (TSA) with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) 30 days from the date of the agreement dated June 10, 2016. Other dates of payments include: March 31, 2017 (N30 billion); March 31, 2018 (N55 billion); December 31, 2018 (N55 billion); March 31, 2019 (N55 billion) and the balance will be in May 31, 2019 (N55 billion).

In another development, MTN in a statement made available to journalists, yesterday, said NCC has declared it, winner of its latest auction for a 10-year frequency spectrum licence for the 2.6GHz band, which guarantees superior performance for wireless networks, especially 4G LTE services.

The NCC, according to the statement, had earlier confirmed that MTN's bid was in full compliance

with the relevant provisions of the Information Memorandum (IM) for the exercise in which MTN emerged as sole approved bidder.

Although Nigeria is one of 28 African countries that currently offer 4G/LTE services, the rate of penetration is restricted to a few major cities. As such, MTN's success in this auction, according to market watchers, is a big boost to its plan to deliver global mobile broadband and LTE 4G services to over 60 million customers in Nigeria.

The telecommunications firm said it also plans to use FDD networks in addition to its existing WIMAX over TDD networks, as this provides for greater consistency with existing 2G and 3G deployments.

MTN Nigeria Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Ferdi Moolman stated that "after complying with all the requirements for the 2.6GHz auction and making the licence payment of N18.96 billion to the NCC, MTN has been issued a letter of award. With the 2.6 GHz band, we expect to roll out and provide the full range of LTE services to Nigerians, empowering Nigeria with the latest mobile broadband technology."

The award of the spectrum by the NCC was further to an open, transparent and competitive process in which all operators - local and foreign; enjoyed equal and unfettered rights of participation in line with the NCC's desire for transparency and ensuring a

level playing field for all.

The NCC has described this spectrum as a significant trigger for a broadband revolution that will unlock benefits such as greater coverage, access, affordability and innovation, with the customer at the centre of these gains.

Moolman said: "Indeed, MTN is fully aligned and supports the NCC's objective to deliver broadband services to present and future generations of subscribers, in line with the National Broadband Plan of 2013."

Acquisition

"This licence acquisition further demonstrates MTN's abiding faith in the future of Nigeria and the resilience of the Nigerian economy. MTN continues to believe in Nigeria and we have expressed this belief in the level of our investment, which currently stands at approximately \$15 billion and counting. We strongly believe that there is need for significant levels of investment in broadband infrastructure and services to truly launch Nigeria into the information age. We are honoured to be the arrowhead."

"In addition, I am pleased to announce that the first payment of N30 billion in the terms of settlement has already been disbursed to the NCC. In addition to the earlier payment of N50 billion which we paid in good faith and without prejudice on February 24. This means we have now paid a total of N80 billion," Moolman stated. *Fin24*



SA billionaires claw back Brexit losses

CAPE TOWN - Although South Africa's wealthiest individuals did not escape the shock wave of the Brexit fallout last week, they are already wealthier again this week.

A BusinessTech analysis of the biggest Brexit losers among SA billionaires found that retail giant Christo Wiese was the "biggest loser" over the period following the Brexit announcement - June 24 to June 27 - with a net worth down \$453m (-6.9%) to \$6.2bn.

The second biggest SA billionaire loser over that period was Richemont chair Johann Rupert - down \$168m (-3.2%) to \$5bn - followed by pharmaceutical executive Stephen Saad, who lost \$39m (-2.9%) to \$1.3bn. Mining magnate Patrice Motsepe was down \$31m (-2.3%) at \$1.3bn, followed by Naspers' Koos Bekker, who lost \$25m (-1.5%) to \$1.7bn and diamond mogul Nicky Oppenheimer, who was down \$7m (0.1%) at \$6.6bn.

Among SA billionaires usually featured on the top international wealth rankings, Allan Gray appears to have weathered the Brexit storm the best. Not only did his net worth of \$1.7bn not vary in the aftermath of the Brexit vote announcement, but yesterday morning it was still remaining constant.

A Fin24 comparison, using Forbes' 'real time' billionaire data, on how the top SA billionaires were faring early yesterday morning showed that on the day, the wealth of Oppenheimer (ranked 196th) had increased by \$17m (0.3%) to \$6.6bn, while the wealth of Wiese (213th) had increased

by \$165m (2.7%) to \$6.3bn. Rupert (289th) clawed back \$46m (3.5%) to \$5.1bn.

Bekker's wealth increased by \$20m to \$1.6bn as the media mogul ranked 1196th overall on Forbes' billionaire list. Saad (ranked 1475th) was \$25m richer on Thursday morning at \$1.3bn, while Motsepe added \$23m to his wealth to \$1.3bn.

Bloomberg reported last week that, according to its Billionaires Index, the UK's richest individuals lost \$5.5bn on the vote for Brexit as European markets headed for the biggest fall since 2008 and the pound plunged to its lowest level in more than 30 years.

On a global level, the index showed that the world's 400 richest people lost \$127.4bn (3.2%) of their total net worth after the Brexit announcement. Billionaires like Bill Gates and Jeff Bezos, saw their wealth drop by more than \$1bn. The share price of Richard Branson - who was fiercely anti-Brexit - saw the share price of his Virgin Money Holdings, fall the most since November 2014.

Wiese, who owns UK assets, including fashion retailer New Look and grocer Iceland, told

Bloomberg at the time that he had been in favour of the UK remaining as part of the EU. He added, though, that he had no plans to scale back his UK investments or change his strategy.

Fin24



BIGGEST LOSER: SA billionaires found that retail giant Christo Wiese.

Google buys 12-year output from Norwegian wind power farm

NEW YORK - Google has bought the entire 12-year power production from a yet-to-be-built Norwegian wind power farm to supply its European data centres with renewable energy, its developers said yesterday.

Norway's Zephyr and Norsk Vind Energi said the 160-megawatt capacity onshore Tellnes wind power farm south of Stavanger is expected to be fully operational in late 2017, and when built it would become the largest wind power farm in the Nordic country. "Google has been carbon-neutral since 2007 and we are committed to powering 100 percent of our operations with renewable energy sources," said Marc Oman, EU Energy Lead, Google Global Infrastructure.

"Today's announcement, Google's first wind power deal in Norway and the largest to date in Europe, is an important step towards that commitment," he added. Funds managed by BlackRock (BLK.N), the world's largest asset manager, will provide equity financing for the project, the developers said in a statement. The value of the deal was not disclosed.

Reuters



BREXIT HAS 'UNLEASHED' A FINANCIAL MARKET CRISIS

LONDON - Britain's decision to leave the European Union has "unleashed" a crisis in financial markets similar to the global financial crisis of 2007 and 2008, George Soros told the European Parliament in Brussels yesterday.

"This has been unfolding in slow motion, but Brexit will accelerate it. It is likely to reinforce the deflationary trends that were already prevalent," the billionaire investor said.

Profit

Soros rose to fame as the money manager who broke the Bank of England in 1992, netting a profit of \$1bn with a wager that the UK would be forced to devalue the pound and pull it from the European Exchange Rate Mechanism. Soros has warned that a hard landing in China is "practically unavoidable," arguing that its debt-fueled economy resembles the US at the onset of the financial crisis. Continental Europe's banking system hasn't recovered from the financial crisis and will now be "severely tested," Soros said. "We know what needs to be done. Unfortunately, political and ideological disagreements within the eurozone have stood in the way of

using the European Stability Mechanism as a backstop," he said.

The investor warned before the UK referendum that the pound may slump more than 20% against the dollar if Britain voted to leave. Britain's currency plunged to the lowest in 31 years after the result.

The decision meant "the hypothetical became very real," Soros said. "Sterling plunged, Scotland threatened to break away, and some of the working people who supported the 'Leave' campaign have started to realise the bleak future that both the country and they personally face."

Champions

Even the champions of Leave are retracting their dishonest pre-referendum claims about Brexit.

The euro region has lagged behind other regions in the global recovery, following the last financial crisis, "because of restrictive fiscal policies; now it has to contend with an impending slow-down," Soros said.

"The orthodoxy of German policy makers stands in the way of the only effective response: having a euro-zone budget that could adopt counter-cyclical policies."

Fin24

China willing to let yuan weaken

BEIJING - China's central bank is willing to let the yuan fall to 6.8 per dollar in 2016 to support the economy, which would mean the currency matching last year's record decline of 4.5 percent, policy sources said.

The yuan is already trading at its lowest level in more than five years, so the central bank will aim to ensure a gradual decline for fear of triggering the sort of capital outflows that shook the economy earlier this year and criticism from trading partners such as the United States, said government economists and advisers involved in regular policy discussions. Presumptive U.S. Republican Presidential nominee Donald Trump already has China in his sights, saying on Wednesday he would direct his treasury secretary to label China a currency manipulator if elected

in November.

A surprise devaluation of the yuan last August sent global markets into a spin on worries the world's second-biggest economy was in worst shape than Beijing had let on, prompting massive capital outflows as investors sought safe havens overseas. "The central bank is willing to see yuan depreciation, as long as depreciation expectations are under control," said a government economist, who requested anonymity due to the sensitivity of the matter.

"The Brexit vote was a big shock. The market volatility may last for some time."

The yuan has dropped to the new lows following Britain's vote to leave the European Union and so far the central bank has stood aside from intervening, suggesting it is happy with the currency's depreciation. *Fin24*

Focus on SA scene

Shivambu comes to NFP's defence against IEC

JOHANNESBURG - The party missed the June 2 deadline to pay its registration fees. Deputy president of the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) Floyd Shivambu came out to defend the National Freedom Party (NFP).

This after the Independent Electoral Commission of SA (IEC) disqualified the NFP from participating in the August 3 local government elections after it failed to pay the electoral commission the required fees needed to participate on time.

KwaZulu-Natal chief electoral officer Mawethu Mosery said the IEC had not received the required payment of about R92 000 from the NFP in time for its candidates to contest the August 3 municipal polls in KwaZulu-Natal. But Shivambu said disqualifying political parties on the basis of lack of funds was undemocratic. This was despite the fact that the NFP has repeatedly said the issue is not about the money, which it says it actually did pay over to the IEC, just not on time due to "the electronic system" and confusion around it. "Penalising political parties on the basis of lack of money is an undemocratic & immoral capitalist practice. We made this point in 2014," said Shivambu. *News24*



DEFENCE: Deputy president of the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) Floyd Shivambu

Zille, Mmusi slam Equal Education

CAPE TOWN - The party leader said marching to the minister's house was a dangerous move.

Leader of the Democratic Alliance (DA), Mmusi Maimane, condemned the Equal Education protest action as "dangerous".

A group of Equal Education (EE) protesters marched to the house of the minister of education in the Western Cape, Debbie Schäfer. The group of protesters were calling for safer schools in the Western Cape.

Maimane took to Twitter to condemn EE for protesting outside Schäfer's house. Some opposed the DA leader, citing that his party once marched to President Jacob Zuma's Nkandla.

"I find these actions outrageous and dangerous. Whatever the issue, marching to someone's house is wrong and dangerous," Maimane said. In response to Maimane, Akhona Mashaya

@AkhonaMashaya, tweeted: "@MmusiMaimane but your party marched to Zuma's house in Nkandla".

Former DA leader Helen Zille also went on Twitter to condemn the education



SLAM: Leader of the Democratic Alliance (DA), Mmusi Maimane with Helen Zille.

movement, saying the movement only exacerbated education problems in the province.

Helen Zille tweeted: "I firmly believe that @equal_education has done nothing about the CORE problems in education except exacerbate them". EE hit back at Zille: "@helenzille So 'core' problems exclude: Textbooks, toilets, teacher post corruption, transport, safety, teacher supply, late-coming, funding?"

"Additionally @helenzille, EE dealt with discrimination on basis of language, geography, pregnancy and religion. All CORE to those

affected."

Shuaib manjra ?@ShuaibManjra also responded: "@helenzille @equal_education why should all children in this country not enjoy the same privileges that yours do." Sello Matloporo ?@Tlopie said: "@helenzille Always chasing a moving car. Why not bring suitable strategies to solve your so-called 'core'?"

EE is "a movement of learners, parents, teachers and community members working for quality and equality in South African education, through analysis and activism".

Citizen

ANC worried about Zuma effect on elections - MMC

JOHANNESBURG - The ANC is worried about the effect President Jacob Zuma will have on the party's performance in this year's elections, a Johannesburg city official said on Wednesday.

"The president needs to consider the impact he has on our country," said mayoral committee member for urban management, Ros Greeff.

"We do feel that we are going to have a problem with the upcoming elections."

She was speaking at a discussion between four political parties on their plans for the city after the August 3 local government elections. The event was hosted by the Jewish Board of Deputies.

Greeff said Zuma should do the right thing, but could not say what the right thing was.

DA mayoral candidate Herman Mashaba, Cope leader Mosiuoa Lekota, and ACDP MP Steven Swart took part in the debate. Greeff was standing in for ANC mayoral candidate Parks Tau.

The EFF declined to attend the event without giving a reason.

Greeff said the Nkandla controversy and the possibility of Zuma facing corruption charges would affect the ANC's votes.

Mashaba said Zuma was bad news.

News24

ANC, we need to talk about violence - IEC

JOHANNESBURG - The IEC says it will 'have a conversation' with the ANC about the turmoil that has erupted around its selection of candidates.

The recent ANC violence in Tshwane has cast a dark cloud over whether the upcoming local elections will be free and fair, the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) has admitted.

Last week's violent protest in Tshwane was "a great concern to the commission", said IEC deputy chairperson Terry Tselane. "We will have conversations with the political party concerned to make sure that such issues are dealt with," Tselane said, in a clear reference to the ANC's announcement of former minister Thoko Didiza as the ruling party's mayoral candidate instead of current mayor Kgosi Ramokgopa that led to widespread burning and looting in the area.

"We would expect our partners - particularly political parties - to do their best to keep the situation [under control], contained and arrested that we are able to have these elections within an environment conducive to free and fair elections."

Speaking during a media briefing in Centurion, Pretoria, on Wednesday, Tselane said: "If there are events and processes that disrupt the electoral processes, we, as the electoral commission, become concerned."

He said the commission would continue to monitor the situation.

IEC CEO Mosotho Moepya said security in an election was a matter the commission followed closely.

Citizen

ANC denies involvement in Cape Town protests

CAPE TOWN - The African National Congress in the Western Cape yesterday denied any of its structures were involved in the violent protests that erupted on Borchers Quarry Road in Cape Town on Wednesday night, leading to the closure of the N2 highway.

Instead, said the party, the acts were a facade, covering up opportunistic crimes.

"These are acts of individuals who are taking advantage of problems we have had with candidate list processes to perpetuate a state of chaos that allows them to loot and rob innocent people," said ANC provincial secretary Faiez Jacobs. This was in response to the allegation that the protests were sparked by unhappiness with the ANC's Ward 40 councillor candidate, Bongani Ngombolo. Disgruntlement with its can-



ON FIRE: Two buses were gutted by protesters and two people have been arrested. (ANA)

didate lists has plagued the ANC as a whole, with the Western Cape also affected. Its most recent challenges included the defecting of former councillor Loyiso Nkholi, who has endorsed the Democratic Alliance after years of rallying grassroots support for the ANC.

It also follows Saturday's so-called hostage situation of Nkholi's former Ses'khona People's Rights Movement

leader, Andile Lili.

This all allegedly stemmed from the ANC's candidates list which have added to a reported disillusionment with the party. However, said Jacobs, there were no ANC structures protesting on and near Borchers Quarry on Wednesday night. Jacobs went on to condemn the "disruption and damage" which included the torching of two buses.

Citizen

Nxesi says: Hey, don't blame me...

JOHANNESBURG - Public works minister says he didn't 'fail to hand over documents' about Nkandla because he didn't have them - and apparently they don't exist.

Public Works Minister Thulas Nxesi has dismissed "with contempt the insinuation" in a media report that he failed to cooperate with National Treasury's investigation into Nkandla.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," his department said. "The article ... gives the impression that the minister ... was attempting to stifle the investigation by Treasury. "To set the record straight, the department cooperated and supplied all relevant information in its possession to the investigators appointed by Treasury."

"The minister is not responsible for missing documents or information that was in a poor state."

National Treasury this week handed its report to the Constitutional Court, indicating that President Jacob Zuma must personally pay R7.8 million for the nonsecurity upgrades made to his Nkandla homestead in KwaZulu-Natal.

Citizen



SCARY: Terrifying pictures have emerged of an obese ISIS fanatic (left) beheading a prisoner just weeks after footage showed the apparent capture of a 20 stone executioner known as 'The Bulldozer' (right). (Daily Mail)



BRUTAL: The heavily-built jihadi, dressed in military fatigues and wearing a black balaclava, can be seen swinging a 4ft sword down on the head of his victim in Raqqa, Syria.

IS THIS THE NEW BULLDOZER OF RAQQA?

Obese ISIS jihadi is seen beheading prisoner in Syria weeks after terror group's 20 stone executioner was 'captured' by Syrian army

DAMASCUS - Terrifying pictures have emerged of an obese ISIS fanatic beheading a prisoner just weeks after footage showed the apparent capture of a 20 stone executioner known as 'The Bulldozer'.

The heavily-built jihadi, dressed in military fatigues and wearing a black balaclava, can be seen swinging a 4ft sword down on to

the head of his victim in Raqqa, Syria. His appearance will prompt speculation that ISIS has found a replacement for its most feared butcher, a towering savage famed for beheading unarmed men and amputating young children.

Pictures show the latest hulking militant reading out charges in front of a crowd in the ISIS stronghold, before the prisoner who had been

accused of 'apostasy', is tied to a chair. The heavily-built jihadi, dressed in military fatigues and wearing a black balaclava, can be seen swinging a 4ft sword down on to the head of his victim in Raqqa, Syria the bespectacled extremist then brings a huge sword crashing down on the victim's neck.

The obese extremist, a member of the terror group's so-called

Chopping Committee, was seen lying half-naked in the back of a truck with his hands tied behind his back. Crowds gathered round to take pictures of the enormous jihadi, who appeared to be grimacing, before he was driven off by Syrian Armed Forces in the footage posted online by Syrian sources.

He was infamously pictured in

black robes and a mask while wielding a three-foot sword to behead his victims. But just like Jihadi John, the ISIS executioner who was eventually unveiled as Mohammed Emwazi, the coward had apparently never dared to show his face on camera.

One of the first images of 'The Bulldozer' surfaced in June 2014 when he was pictured wielding what appeared to be a five-foot-long, 52kg Browning machine gun, with armour-piercing bullets. The weapon, which can be used as a light anti-aircraft gun, is usually mounted on turrets, tanks or fixed structures. *Daily Mail*

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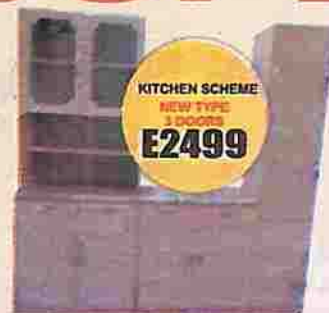
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Risk of famine in South Sudan

JUBA - Over a third of South Sudanese face starvation as the war-torn nation runs the risk of a full-blown famine, the UN and government said on Wednesday. Despite a peace deal to end civil war, nearly five million people - more than ever before in the world's youngest nation - need food aid to survive. "The risk of famine cannot be ruled out," Minister for Agriculture Lam Akol said, a warning backed by the UN. Civil war erupted in South Sudan in December 2013, but rebel chief Riek Machar returned to the capital in April as part of a peace deal which saw him become vice president, forging a unity government with President Salva Kiir. **AFP**

Gay men attacked for Orlando victims

ABIDJAN - Gay men in Ivory Coast say they've been assaulted and forced to flee their homes after the US Embassy published a photo of them signing a condolence book for victims of this month's killings at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida. The photo, published on the embassy's website, shows the faces of six men with the caption "LGBTI community signing the condolence book." It was taken at the embassy on June 16, the same day Prime Minister Daniel Kablan Duncan and other officials signed the book in honour of the 49 people killed in the Orlando attack. **AP**

Zim's rhino horn stash disappears

HARAR - Zimbabwe's wildlife authority has suspended its director-general and is investigating the disappearance of 228 kg of stored rhino horn. The country keeps in storage 70t of ivory from elephants and horn from rhinos - worth at least \$35-million (about R530-million) - and is seeking support from neighbouring countries for an end to the ban on trade. Namibia is also bidding to open international ivory trade but Kenya is leading initiatives for a complete global ban. The Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Authority stated that it had sent Edson Chidziya on leave with full pay to facilitate the investigation. **News24**

10 killed in jihadist suicide bombing

YAOUND - A suicide bombing by a Boko Haram jihadist has killed at least 10 people in northern Cameroon, a security source said yesterday. It was the latest in a spate of attacks blamed on the Nigeria-based Islamist militant group in northern Cameroon, which have driven tens of thousands of people from their homes. The security source said the attacker blew himself up in the town of Djakana near the Nigerian border overnight. "Seven people were killed immediately, including the bomber. Four others later succumbed to their wounds", the security source said. **AFP**

Dad sues institution for son's death

NAIROBI - The father of one of the students who died during an attack on Garissa University in Kenya by al-Shabaab militants in 2015 has sued the institution for failing to protect his son. According to The Star, Gakuru Michire sought compensation from the university following the death of his son, Samuel Michire. The assault by al-Shabaab on April 2, 2015 left at least 148 people dead, mostly students of the Garissa University College. **News24**



President calls for reforms to counter extremists

CAIRO - Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, who came to power after a bloody crackdown on political Islamists, called on Wednesday for religious reforms to counter extremists in a speech to Muslim clerics.

Sisi has often warned that Islamist extremism presents a vital threat to the region, which he suggested lags in development and women's rights.

Not enough work, he added, has been done to confront the ideology of extremists who have roiled the region and are waging a bloody insurgency in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula.

"We are on a mission, during one of the most difficult periods not only for Egypt, but for Egypt and all Arab and Muslim states," Sisi said in the televised speech.

"Are we the most knowledgeable

of nations?" he asked, referring to Muslim countries. "Are we the most tolerant nation? Are we the nation that most respects women?"

"If you found that the flaw was only in Egypt, we'd say OK. But I wonder, in how many of these 50 [Muslim] countries is this situation present?" he asked.

Early Islamic scholars, he said, confronted sayings and traditions wrongly attributed to the Muslim Prophet Muhammad. Islamic law is partly based on Muhammad's sayings that are deemed authentic.

"We can perform the same role, but regarding other things," Sisi said, without elaborating.

"I fear that we have not until now found the real path to confronting fanaticism and extremism: look at the map of extremism in the world," he added.

The former army chief was elect-

ed president in 2014 almost a year after he overthrew Islamist president Mohamed Morsi in 2013 following mass protests, a move initially met with Western opprobrium.

The retired field marshal has since presented himself as an authority on the dangers of Islamist extremism, and found acceptance among Western countries as an ally in the war against the Islamic State group.

Egypt is battling an affiliate of the group in the Sinai Peninsula which has killed hundreds of soldiers and policemen and brought down a Russian passenger plane with 224 people on board.

But Sisi's calls for reforms in Islamic thought have also met with scepticism by opponents who accuse his security services of extensive human rights abuses.



PROBE: Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi.

More than 1 000 pro-Morsi protesters have been killed in clashes since his overthrow on July 3, including more than 600 killed in a single day when police dispersed a Cairo protest camp.

AFP

...EgyptAir black box confirms smoke on board

CAIRO - Data from one of the black boxes of a crashed EgyptAir plane showed smoke alarms had sounded on board, while soot was found on the wreckage, an Egyptian-led investigative committee said on Wednesday.

The black box had been retrieved from the bottom of the Mediterranean after the Airbus A320 with 66 people on board plunged into the sea on May 19 while heading to

Cairo from Paris.

It had recorded the flight's data from its departure until it "stopped at an altitude of 11 250m", the committee said in a statement.

"Recorded data is showing a consistency with ACARS messages of lavatory smoke and avionics smoke," it said, two days after the damaged recorder was repaired in France. Investigators had previously announced that the plane's automated Aircraft

Communications Addressing and Reporting System sent signals indicating smoke alarms on board the plane before it went down.

"Parts of the front section of the aircraft showed signs of high temperature damage and soot," the committee statement added. Egyptian investigators had confirmed that the aircraft had made a 90° left turn followed by a 360° turn to the right before hitting the sea.

AFP

ICC, African Union row looms over arrests

KIGALI - The African Union (AU) is raising a new storm against the International Criminal Court (ICC) over the possibility of using United Nations peacekeeping forces to implement the court's arrest warrants.

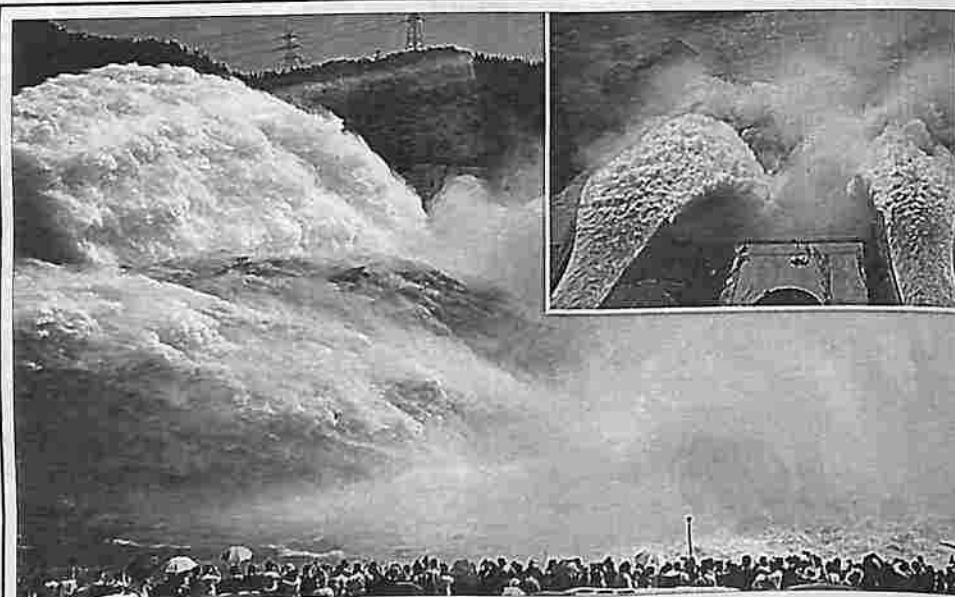
The union's Peace and Security Council has directed its member states to reject the court's proposal to use the forces as an extended arm to reign in indicted individuals.

The resolution was made during the council's 606th meeting, just two weeks before union's leaders meet in Kigali for the 27th ordinary summit. "In light of the foregoing, council recommends to direct African States to the Rome Statute to ensure that during the adoption of the draft ICC Action Plan on Arrest Strategies, there is no provision that includes language requiring the UN Security Council to mandate UN peacekeeping missions to enforce ICC arrest warrants in Africa," a dispatch from the council said. **Allafrica.com**

Kidnapped Nigerian anti-graft singer released

MAIDUGURI - A popular musician in northeast Nigeria who was kidnapped days after releasing a scathing anti-graft song was freed on Wednesday, he told **AFP**.

Ado Dahiru Daukaka went missing in the Adamawa state capital of Yola after he left his house early Friday to offer dawn prayers at a mosque. Daukaka was discovered weak and famished early on Wednesday some 80 kilometres (50 miles) from his house in Lamurde village. The singer said he believed his abduction was in connection with his new song that accuses politicians from President Muhammadu Buhari's ruling party of corruption and predicts that they will be voted out of power in the 2019 election. **AFP**



YELLOW RIVER: A series of images captured through a drone show the sheer force of water being released from channels built into the Xiaolangdi dam in province of Henan in central China. The annual event on the Yellow River attracts thousands of tourists. The release is part of efforts to flush silt from the bottom of a reservoir behind the dam. The Yellow River is famously silty - hence its name. (Daily Mail)

World News

THERESA MAY LAUNCHES BID TO SUCCEED BRITAIN'S CAMERON



TO UNITE: Interior minister Theresa May.

LONDON – Interior minister Theresa May vowed to unite Britain as she launched her bid to succeed David Cameron as prime minister with a letter to *The Times*, the newspaper reported Wednesday.

The Conservative leader resigned in the wake of Britain's vote to leave the European Union in a June 23 referendum that sent shock waves through the continent.

Like Cameron, May supported remaining in the bloc but played a low-key and conciliatory role in the campaign that

has seen her tipped as a unifying figure.

In her letter to *The Times*, May announced a "mission to make Britain a country that works for everyone," according to the broadsheet.

"If you're from an ordinary, working-class family, life is just much harder than many people in politics realise," May wrote.

The appeal to working-class voters by the vicar's daughter was aimed at her main rival for the leadership, the Latin-quoted former mayor of London and prominent "Leave" cam-

paigner Boris Johnson, who projects a more upper-class image.

Cameron promoted May, 59, to Home Secretary following his 2010 election victory and she kept the role after his 2015 re-election.

Known as a hardliner on immigration, May's stern demeanour and wardrobe of sober suits have drawn comparisons with 1980s Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Cameron's successor is expected to take office in early September.

AFP

BRIEFS

Fire in residential building kills 8

NEW DELHI – A fire in a pharmacy engulfed residential quarters of a Mumbai suburban building early yesterday, killing eight people, police said. A fire official said the victims were asleep when the fire broke out and were trapped on the first floor of the building in Andheri district in India's financial and entertainment capital. Mumbai Police spokesperson Ashok Dudhe said in addition to the eight deaths, one person was seriously injured. The Press Trust of India news agency said the fire, which has been put out, started when a cooking gas cylinder was believed to have exploded. AP

Proposal to legalise abortion rejected

MEXICO CITY – Mexico's Supreme Court rejected a proposal to legalise abortion on Wednesday but suggested more debate on the issue in the country boasting the world's second-largest Catholic population. Justices of the court's first chamber, which deals with criminal issues, voted three to one to reject an initiative to declare as unconstitutional two laws that ban abortion and drastically limit the procedure for medical reasons. Although the capital Mexico City has allowed abortion within three months of conception since 2007, it is prohibited throughout the rest of the country except in cases in which pregnancies endanger mothers' lives. AFP

Dilma Rousseff's friends fight for her

BRAZIL – Dilma Rousseff is getting a little help from her friends. Two leftist supporters of the suspended Brazilian president on Wednesday launched a project to crowdfund her campaign against her removal from office. Rousseff, 68, was suspended last month after lawmakers voted to hold an impeachment trial against her over allegations she misused state funds. Called "Day for Democracy - All for Dilma" and mounted on the crowdfunding platform Catarse.me, whose motto is "Collective funding for everyone", the campaign racked up pledges of \$20 377 during its first four hours. AFP

Duterte sworn in as president

MANILA – Rodrigo Duterte was sworn in yesterday as president of the Philippines, with some hoping his maverick style will energise the country but others fearing he will undercut one of Asia's liveliest democracies amid threats to kill criminals en masse. The 71-year-old former prosecutor and longtime mayor of southern Davao city won a resounding victory in May's elections in his first foray into national politics. Duterte, who begins a six-year term as president, captured attention with promises to cleanse the poor Southeast. AP

Istanbul airport attack

ISTANBUL – Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim says one of the attackers at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport blew himself up outside, giving the other two the opportunity to get inside the building. At least 42 people died and hundreds were wounded on Tuesday when three suicide bombers, thought to be members of ISIS, blew themselves up. "When the terrorists couldn't pass the regular security system, when they couldn't pass the scanners, police and security controls, they returned and took out their weapons out of their suitcases and opened fire at random at the security check," he said on Wednesday. AP

Barack Obama to campaign with Hillary Clinton

WASHINGTON – President Barack Obama will campaign with presumptive Democratic White House nominee Hillary Clinton for the first time next Tuesday, as a new poll shows a tightening race with Republican Donald Trump.

The Democratic pair is scheduled to visit Charlotte, in the swing state of North Carolina, where they will "discuss building on the progress we've made and their vision for an America that is stronger together," Clinton's campaign said in a statement Wednesday.

Their debut joint campaign appearance for the 2016 election had been scheduled for June 15 in Wisconsin, but was postponed due to the massacre at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, the worst mass shooting in US history.

Obama endorsed Clinton on June 9 after months of assiduously avoiding tipping the scales of the Democratic presidential primaries.

"I don't think there's ever been someone so qualified to hold this office," Obama said in a video message that day as he offered his full-throated endorsement of the former secretary of state, senator and first lady. AP



CHAOS: An ISIS suicide bomber blew himself up outside the terminal building at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport to create the chaos that allowed his accomplices to set off two more bombs inside, it has emerged. CCTV footage shows the man (circled left) dressed in what appears to be a puffer jacket in the middle of summer outside Ataturk Airport, walking beside an unsuspecting pilot. The deadly assault left 42 people dead. Other CCTV footage shows another man, dressed all in black, shooting people (top right) as he moves inside the building, while a video clip shows the moment one of the attackers was shot down (bottom right) shortly before he detonated his bomb. (Daily Mail)

SANDFORD FACES 30 YEARS IN PRISON FOR ATTEMPTING TO ASSASSINATE TRUMP

LOS ANGELES – A British man who attempted to kill Donald Trump is facing up to 30 years in prison after a grand jury in Las Vegas decided to charge him.

Michael Sandford, 20, is accused of trying to grab a police officer's gun to shoot the presumptive Republican presidential nominee at a campaign rally in the city.

Sandford, who has a history of mental health problems, told police he drove from California to kill Mr Trump, and he went to a Las Vegas gun range to learn to

shoot the day before the June 18 rally. Daniel Bogden, US attorney, said the grand jury charged Dorking-born Sandford with disrupting an official function and two firearms counts that, together, could sentence him to up to 30 years in prison.

His parents have pleaded for him to be released, with his mother Lynne telling Federal Magistrate Judge George Foley that her son was treated for obsessive compulsive disorder and anorexia when he was younger, and once escaped a hospital in England. AP

Breakaway Catholic group lays into pope

VATICAN CITY – A breakaway traditionalist Catholic group has accused Pope Francis of spreading confusion and errors about the faith, joining a chorus of conservative criticism over Francis' perceived loose doctrine and emphasis on mercy over morals.

A statement on Wednesday from the schismatic Society of St Pius X suggested that a new attempt at reconciliation with Rome had stalled, or that the society was divided over next steps.

The late Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre founded the society in 1969, opposed to the Second Vatican Council's modernising reforms, introduction of mass in the vernacular and outreach to Jews and other Christians.

Resumed

The Vatican in 2014 resumed reconciliation talks after doctrinal discussions launched under Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI collapsed. The society said on Wednesday its primary aim wasn't legal recognition, but restoring Catholic tradition to the church. AP

Eswatini Entertainment STEPPING OUT.



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Compiled by Tenele Dlamini

SO The City of Mbabane is officially bringing it on this Saturday as it shows its competitive yet fun and entertaining streak and hosts the Winter Jam 3 On 3 Basketball Tournament.

Besides lots of fun time in the sun, organisers have promised even more music and various live stage acts—very nice! Wonder what that's all about, well why not check out today's gig guide.

Also worth noting, is the much anticipated Leebombo CD launch; amongst other happenings around the Kingdom of Eswatini, do read on... To you and yours, let it be a great weekend!

LEEBOMBO CD LAUNCH

What: Leebombo CD Launch
Where: Soul and Blues Restaurant
When: Today

About: Leebombo is back with a huge bang and she will be launching her new CD in the capital city at the Soul and Blues Restaurant, formerly Portugalia

The event will begin at 6pm and will end at midnight.

Tickets are available at the Soul and Blues at E100, VIP E150 or call 7604 3939 for a special delivery of your ticket.

Other features include Pure Pleasure promotion of the New Shooter Drink.

Patrons are promised a great night with the artists who will be supported by; the AfroOctaves Band on saxophone, Bass, 2 keyboards, lead guitar, drums and other artists such as; Floewe, Quad Elements, Joseph Alexander, Nomsa M, Judah, Masikane, Nokcy, Menue and Life Train. While the DJ session will be provided by non-other than DD Cool and Philekeyz from Zimbabwe.

Organisers have promises tight security, ample parking at the venue. Right of admission reserved, while dress code is smart casual. The event has been organised by Beyond Imagination Events.

NDUDUZO MATSE'S MEGA GOSPEL SHOW

What: Nduduzo Matse's Mega gospel show
Where: Old Trade fair, Manzini
When: Tomorrow
About: This venue tomorrow will come alive as Manzini hosts gospel artist Nduduzo

LET'S PLAY BALL!



Matse at the 6pm to 6am all-night revival.

Don't miss this mega show that will also feature both local and South African gospel acts that include; Shongwe neKhuphuka Saved group, Franse T. Dlamini, Ncandweni Christ Ambassadors, Police Gospel Messengers, and Nothando Hlophe, Thina Zungu, Sipho Makhabane, The Living Rock, Jabu Ngcobo as well as Sigwili and Babo.

While the word of God will be rendered by; Apostle Justice Dlamini, Pastor Shody Msibi and Pastor Luphondvo.

Tickets range from VVIP at E 350, VIP E250 and general E50. They are available at VOC and all Nandos outlets country-wide. Don't miss out on this powerful night of praise

THE WINTER JAM 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

What: Winter Jam 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Where: Coronation Park, Mbabane
When: Tomorrow
About: DJs P and Simza of Spin Doctors and Natico Audio fame promise fire and fun in the winter sun at tomorrow's Coronation Park Winter Jam 3 on 3 Basketball tourney.

Participants will compete in a fun, festive environment at the 9am to 6pm sporting and entertainment event. Teams will consist of 5 players and the winner-takes-all folks!

Music and performances will be delivered by the Spin Doctors and various artists and performers are to register before

11am tomorrow.

Gazebos, camp chairs, coolers and the whole family along are all welcome. Food and drinks will be on sale throughout the festivities.

MBINGO FAMILY REUNION

What: Mbingo Family reunion,

Where: Multi Purpose Hall, UNISWA

Kwaluseni
When:

Tomorrow

About: The Mbingo clan will be hosting this reunion at the University of Swaziland's Multipurpose Hall and is a chance for all relatives and persons in the country who share the same surname to get together.



er.

Guests will be treated to a braai. Kids will have fun activities and a performance will be rendered by Mathokoza Simelane.

ONE NIGHT STAND AFTER PARTY

What: One Night Stand After Party
Where: Siteki Hotel
When: Today

About: The 3pm to 3am party session should see most fun loving folks from the region will have a great time, at the Siteki Hotel. At an entry of E30 for everyone, patrons will get to watch DJ Mfundo, Njebza, Deepmotion, Freestyle.

CLEAVAGE PARTY

What: Cleavage Party
Where: Tinkers Night Club, Manzini
When: Tomorrow

About: This party that is free of entry evening event for everyone should see predominantly the ladies flocking in their most fitting outfits for the occasions.

It is all about cleavage showing and more skin. So if this is something that tickles your fancy, why not pop by to the club.

PUB N' GRILL'S HOUSE AND HIP HOP SESSION

What: Pub n' Grill's House & Hip hop
Where: Ezulwini

When: Today and Tomorrow

About: The valley will be another hotspot to pop into this weekend as residents of this area will be spoiled with nothing but great hip hop and house music.

So be there and bring your crew! Music will be delivered by DJs Calinda, ID and Kronik. Entry is E30 for ladies at the door and E40 for gents on both days. Doors open at 8pm

GOODFELLAS MOTOCYCLE CLUB FIRST ANNUAL POKER RUN

What: Goodfellas 1st Annual Poker Run

Where: Madala Lodge, Piggs Peak

When: Today and Tomorrow

About: Pre party will be held tonight at 6pm followed by registration tomorrow from 9am to 10am, preceding the take off.

The last bike to the Madala Lodge will be at 5pm to 6pm, while at 7pm on the same day the poker winner will be announced with music provided by DJ MBO at the after party. The winner takes all!

Makhosi Khoza to take over rise FM's afternoon drive

By Phumelele Mkhonta

SWAZI-born radio presenter Makhosi Khoza continues to elevate the Swazi flag up high in South Africa, as he takes over Rise FM's Afternoon Drive, as of this coming Monday.

Khoza was previously the host of the station's breakfast show, which South Africa's radio star, entrepreneur and youth icon Shu 'DJ Shu'

Leope is to takeover.

Rise FM is a radio station that is based in Nelspruit, Mpumalanga with the aim of rallying together a community of game changers.

Khoza started radio broadcasting in 1992 as a public broadcaster in Swaziland. He then went commercial when he left for Durban in 1995 and he has been making the country proud since then. He worked for East Coast Radio for a lengthy peri-

od and he then joined 702.

The broadcasting icon eventually moved to Rise FM last year in July, where he has been hosting the Breakfast Show. Khoza has been in the broadcasting industry for more than 20 years now.

He has revealed how he finally feels at home now that he is in Nelspruit.

"It is so refreshing how I can speak SiSwati now that I am closer to home. It is even more relaxing

that I do not need to travel hideous distances to get home; I am a regular now," commented Khoza.

He also explained that Rise FM is available in some parts of the country.

"I was in awe at discovering that some parts of the country are able to receive Rise FM's frequency. I cannot be very precise on the areas but I am sure Mbabane residents can connect in frequency 94.8," stated Khoza.



RAISING SWAZI FLAG:
Swazi-born radio presenter Makhosi Khoza.

NOTHANDO LAUNCHES WEBSITE AND RELEASES MUSIC VIDEO

By Majaha Nkonyane

LOCAL gospel sensation
Nothando Hlophe is releasing her debut music video and launching her website.

After releasing her first album and spending most of her time on the road, the gospel star, whose claim to fame was winning the Women in Praise auditions, has taken a professional approach to her music and is launching a website.

"In order to reach international audience and also take our artist to a

professional platform, the team has worked on a website that will reveal more about the artist's image, her bookings and more details that pertain to our artist, we are excited on the release of her video that will not be for sale but will be aired locally and beyond," Leserato Events Manager, Sjabulile Vilakati said.

Updates

This comes after her management team's calendar has been flooded with bookings pushing the team to resort to social media for updates on the artist's performance dates and pictures.

After running a facebook page for the artist for a couple of months, things had to take a turn for a more professional approach and develop a website.

Releasing

The artist who is slowly becoming a household brand, more than just releasing her first album and launching a website, she has gone to the extent of shooting and releasing a music video that will be aired on local and neighboring TV stations. The www.nothandohlophe.com website is due to go live today alongside the release of her music video.

NDOSH OPENING ACT FOR DAVID KAU SHOW

Stories by Phumelele Mkhonta

IRRESISTIBLY humorous and flamboyant Ndosh is set to be the opening act for South Africa's renowned comedian David Kau's show.

It will not be the first time Kau has performed in the country.

In fact, this most sought after comedian in South Africa has performed numerous times in the country and at some point he shared the stage with Loyiso Gola.

Fame

Kau rose to fame in the late 1990's and has been labelled by Comedy Central as a comedy icon in South Africa.

Mfundo 'Ndosh' Simelane, who will be performing alongside Kau,

... Comedian expresses excitement

MFUNDO 'Ndosh' Simelane, the opening act, expressed his excitement for such a great opportunity.

"I want to believe that this will surely elevate my career as it is not everyday where you get to share a stage with such great acts.

"I have watched him since early 2000 and I have always

made it onto the social scene not only via comedy but also through his excellent poetry skills and his trendy clothing line 'I RUN'.

The live standup comedy night is hosted by Sifundzani Primary



envied him and the way he portrays comedy, basically, this is a dream come true for me, as I will be performing with the God father of comedy in South Africa.

"I am looking forward to it, I hope people love my rendition," commented Ndosh.

School. The show will be on August, 5 at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre and starts at 7pm. Tickets cost E150 for general and E200 for VIP and they are sold at Sifundzani Primary and SEEFF at Gables.

2016 Durban July
Be there - Be seen

Vodacom Durban July is here

... Since the late 1800s, the Durban July has been one of SA's most revered sporting events. These days it's a highlight for South Africans and overseas visitors, who flock to the Greyville Racecourse to witness what has become known as 'Africa's greatest horse-racing event'.

DURBAN - More than 50 000 people attend the Durban July at Greyville each year.

'July Fever' comes once a year with the Vodacom Durban July horse race, which takes place at the world-renowned Greyville Racecourse. The first Saturday in July is dedicated to this prestigious event, which is so much more than sport - it is also a glamorous social get together and fashion spectacle.

With R3.5 million up for grabs, this is THE race to attend ... and the port city of Durban is only too happy to welcome visitors from near and far to join in the fun. The first Durban July took place in 1897 and was contested over one mile (approximately 1 600m). The distance has since been changed to the current 2 200m, and the event remains one

of the most important on South Africa's sporting calendar. There is certainly nothing to beat the adrenalin rush of watching the 20 thoroughbred racehorses galloping at full pace towards the finish line. Just mentioning the Vodacom Durban July will stir memories in punters and non-punters alike, who will have stories about 'Africa's greatest horse-racing event'.

Durban July fever begins around mid-April and intensifies as the big day draws nearer, with numerous pre-events taking place in KwaZulu-Natal and punters weighing up which horse to bet on. For fashionistas, the Durban July is the perfect place to show off that designer hat, an outrageous outfit, or a unique creative expression of racy fashion. *Sowetan*

REDEMPTION LAUNCH PICTURES



THANK YOU: Car Land Director Amir Manzoor making his remarks.



A FEW WORDS: Inkhosikati LaMbikiza making her remarks during the event where the Redemption Story was launching a fund-raising campaign where they want to record the first CD album of the Redemption Story. The event was held at Coronation Park in Mbabane. (R) Inkhosikati poses next to the car that will be won.



WIN ME: Side view of the VW Golf 6 to be won.



REDEMPTION: Marchers displaying the banner.



THRILLING: Drum Majorettes displaying their skills to the amazement of the crowd.



SUPPORT: Redemption Story Music Director Thulani Ntshangase thanked the supporters, while Manzoor looks on.



LEADING: Members of His Majesty's Correctional Services leading the marchers. (Pics: Mbono Mdluli)



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ON THE CASE WITH PAULA ZAHN

Tonight, 21:00 | Crime + Investigation (170)

American journalist Paula Zahn steps out of the studio and into the field to unravel criminal investigations. She tracks the drama of each story by featur-



ing the opinions of those closest to the case, including detectives, the families of the victims, barristers, solicitors and secures the first-time TV interviews with the convicted murderers. Fridays from tonight at 21.00 CAT.

STREET OUTLAWS

Tonight, 21:00 | Discovery Channel (121)

"S3 - The Empire Builds Back". OKC's biggest rivals attack the list with a vengeance. While Chief and Doc square off, Farmtruck and AZN go fishing, trying to give hell to a Hellcat.



A brand new series of Street Outlaws kicks off, with Oklahoma City's elite team of street racers, the 405, back in the driving seat and ready to rev up. The 405, OKC's Top 10 "List" of street racers, aim to reclaim their title as the fastest and most revered in the country. Taking the List to the next level, 405 frontman Big

Chief introduces the "Shark Pool" - serious racers in OKC who show up every week to challenge the team's number 10 spot. Added to the Shark Pool are some familiar faces, including Farmtruck and AZN, Jackie Knox, Daddy Dave and Tina Pierce.

The series kicks off with Chief and Shawn going on a recon

mission to spy on Jackie Knox's test hit in the Sonoma. Jackie wants to top the List and must race Chuck, while Chief and Doc square off in a battle for second position. Who will have what it takes to call out Shawn in the Murder Nova? The action is faster and grittier than ever as the team goes into a spin.

River Monsters

Tonight 2016, 21:00 | Animal Planet (183)

Jeremy returns for a seventh series of River Monsters, and he is heading back to places that he is eager to revisit, in search of species that have evaded him on previous trips. He encounters a number of river monsters face-to-face in their own environment - and not all of them are fish.

In Cambodia, he finds a deceptively adorable little fish that may be responsible for slic-

ing through a young man's testicle. Later, Jeremy makes himself shark bait in Alaska's icy waters to prove that these particular fish won't attack a human - even if that human is diving right into the middle of a feeding frenzy. Finally, the 7's trouble in paradise with news stories of an unknown freshwater killer in Fiji. Jeremy has a fish in his crosshairs that he's met before, but his search soon turns to a fierce predator that has never previously found its way on to his suspect list.

KRISHI

Tonight, 22:00 | Zee World (166)

The story of Krishi is of a woman who rises from modest beginnings to a successful career. Krishi Raj dreams of becoming a block development officer, her financial status however makes it difficult for her to afford a decent education.

Her father and family have sacrificed to make sure that Krishi receives the education necessary to achieve her goal.

Watch the captivating and uplifting story of Krishi and how she goes beyond all expectations to follow her dreams.

Tune in to Zee World for Krishi from tonight at 22:00.

MZANSI MAGIC'S NEW SUNDAY DRAMA

FOLLOWING the success of its popular Sunday drama, Igazi, Mzansi Magic adds yet another revolutionary Xhosa drama to its stable - Isikizi. The latest series will premiere on Monday, July 11 at 20:00.

Isikizi, which means "disgrace" is a Xhosa drama that follows the tragic story of an honourable, but impulsive young man, who runs away from his hometown in a desperate attempt to escape a dreadful prophecy that was decreed upon his life.

Inspired by a Shakespearean story and set in rural Eastern Cape, the leading character's journey begins when he returns from the mountains, only to overhear a dreadful prophecy that will change his destiny for the worst. Isikizi will tackle issues of true love and its consequences, fate versus free will, the power of fear and the importance of honouring one's heritage. "We are taking storytelling to another level with Isikizi. This is essentially a love story, but a dement-



ed love story that is going to get people talking about things that are seen as taboo in our society. We want the viewers to be conflicted about who the hero of this story is..." says Reneilwe Sema, Head of Drama at M-Net for Local Entertainment Channels.

Produced by Paw Paw Films, Isikizi will feature a distinctive class of

South African talent, from Tina Jaxa, Timmy Kwebulana, Zandile Msutwana, Phila Madlingozi, Chris Gxalaba, Bongo Mbutuma, Ayanda Dlamini, Andrea Dondolo, Vicky Kente to Khayakazi Kula.

Moral values will be explored on Mzansi Magic's new drama, Isikizi, on DSTV channel 161, Monday, July 11 at 20:00.

Rockville returns

MZANSI Magic viewers around the country have been yearning for the return of the renowned high stakes drama, Rockville. The wait is finally over, as season four promises higher drama, more action, and twisted plots from Sunday, 10 July.

The famous series, which contrasts the worlds of northern Joburg, with the adrenaline-filled, bustling streets of Soweto, sees popular stars such as Shona Ferguson play JB, Connie Ferguson as Mavis, Gail Mabalan as Vicky, and Boitumelo Thulo as Mpho return for another season alongside other senior cast members. This season also sees new characters debut with Sello Maake Ka-Ncube appear as the new villain, Rolex, and Themba Ndaba as the crooked police officer, Ngema. Another welcome inclusion is Ayanda Thabethe as the sultry

temptress, Aliyah.

M-Net's Head of Drama, Reneilwe Sema commented on what's in store for viewers, "The theme this season is 'journeys to redemption'. Mavis tries to redeem broken family bonds, while JB, who has lost everything, is desperate to reconnect with loved ones in the midst of startling historic revelations."

A first for Rockville, this season also tackles a pertinent socio-economic issue which is currently very topical in South Africa - that of teenagers dating older, married men. "This season is set apart from previous editions, in that we now have two main villains, whose paths eventually cross - making for some intense clashes," Sema added.

Rockville season four premieres on Mzansi Magic (DSTV Channel 161) on Sunday, July 10 at 20:00.



New on Zee World

STARTING this July, Zee World brings its viewers a whole new hour of programming, which means our viewers now have a choice of five fresh soaps daily from Monday to Friday.

We have had phenomenal support from our loyal viewers on Zee World, which has prompted us to bring more extraordinary content and increasing our fresh hours daily to five hours excluding our food shows.

The new fifth slot will kick off with the series Krishi, which will air from 22:00 to 23:00. Krishi is the story of a young woman who rises from modest beginnings to a successful career. Krishi Raj dreams of becoming a development officer in the government sector, her family's financial status, however, makes it difficult for her to afford a decent education.

Her father and family have made many sacrifices to make sure that Krishna receives the education necessary to achieve her goal. Watch the captivating and uplifting story of Krishi and how she goes beyond all expectations to follow her dreams starting tonight on Zee World.



International
Celebrity News

The Jacksons headline this year's Delicious Food festival!

JOHANNESBURG - Get

ready to get your jive back as The Jacksons prepare to come to Mzansi.

The band will be the headline act at the Dstv Delicious

International Food & Music Festival, to be held on 8 and 9 October. The Jacksons will be rocking the audience with their all-time hits like 'Can you feel it' and 'ABC' on Sunday 9 October.

Joining them will be



TO HEADLINE:
The Jacksons.

Grammy Award winning producer/artist/DJ, "Little" Louie Vega, with his unique Elements of Life sound. Local sensation Lira will add her magical

fusion to the mix. Roy Ayers, known as the 'The Godfather of Neo Soul', will dazzle with his mix of jazz, hip-hop and funk. Jazz and afro-pop icon Judith Sephuma will also grace the stage.

Mail Online

Justin Bieber is a free man...finishes his probation

LOS ANGELES - Justin Bieber has finally finished his time on probation, according to TMZ.

The celebrity gossip site reported that after impressing the probation department, the pop star's punishment was lifted on June 9 - 30 days ahead of schedule.

The Sorry singer, 22, was charged in July 2014 with mis-



FREE MAN:
Justin Bieber.

demeanor vandalism for throwing eggs at his Calabasas neighbour's home in January of that same year.

He was ordered to pay US\$80 000 in damages and carry out 40 hours of community service, as well as serve two years on probation. MailOnline has contacted a representa-

tive for Justin and is awaiting comment.

Mail Online

Obsessed burglar tries to sell murdered actor's autopsy pics

LOS ANGELES - A celebrity-obsessed burglar who previously tried to sell pictures of a dead actor's corpse has been convicted of ransacking pop star Rita Ora's home and stealing thousands of pounds worth of jewellery and handbags.

The singer and her sister Elena were left terrified by the home invasion, and locked themselves



RANSACKED: Rita Ora.

in a room while Charaf Elmoudden, 26, took their possessions.

A court heard that two women threatened to 'f*** up' Elmoudden and his accomplice in an attempted

show of bravado while on the phone with police.

Mail Online

Cheeky Holly Willoughby can't control herself

LOS ANGELES

- Barely an episode of 'This Morning' airs without cheeky Holly Willoughby and Phillip Schofield getting a fit of the giggles

And Wednesday's edition of the popular ITV show was no different, as the pretty blonde lost herself over a vague remark about smelly 'gases'.

During a segment about how to sleep well over the summer



CHEEKY: Holly Willoughby and Phillip Schofield.

months, regular contributor Steve Wilson was showing the affable presenters a Dyson fan that can eliminate household

gases. But Holly, 35, found the idea of eliminating gases too funny for words, as she suddenly fell about laughing silently without letting up.

Mail Online

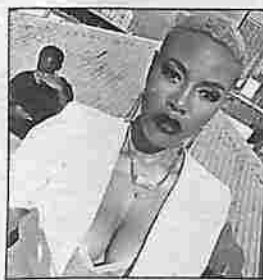
SA Celebrity News

Luthando Shosha calls Emtee to order!

JOHANNESBURG -

'Live AMP' presenter Luthando Shosha, well known as 'Lootlove' called local rapper Emtee to order after a fan on Twitter asked Emtee where he could submit his beats, in the hope of working with him.

Emtee gave the poor fan a cheeky response. He said: "All my producers are award-winning producers so I



ORDER: Luthando 'Lootlove' Shosha.

don't know bruh." Emtee's response did not sit well with Lootlove and she responded to the rapper saying: "Not cool."

Emtee then hit back at Lootlove, by tweeting "Facts ain't cool I know."

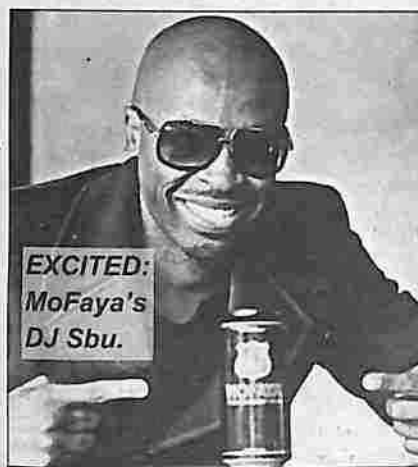
Lootlove then responded by saying: "Dude, you're rude. THAT is a fact." *Daily Sun*

MoFaya to be launched in the UK!

JOHANNESBURG -on Wednesday DJ Sbu shared some exciting news on social media. His energy drink MoFaya is set to be exported to the UK.

MoFaya will be launched on 5 August 2016 at a club in Birmingham.

Sbu's dream of taking his energy drink to new heights is finally coming true. Well done Sbu! *Daily Sun*



EXCITED:
MoFaya's DJ Sbu.

Riky Rick sends love to his girlfriend!

JOHANNESBURG -

Rapper Riky Rick to social media to express his undying love and gratitude to his girlfriend of three years.

This is what he said: "three years ago I took this woman on a date. Since that day my life has been filled with the most joy I have ever shared with another human being.

"Sometimes I look back on our journey and can't believe we have made it through the trials but I know that God put us together



LOVE YOU ALWAYS:
Riky Rick his girlfriend of three years.

for a reason. "This relationship has reintroduced me to the concept of faith and family.

"Through thick and thin she has been an absolute angel for me and our children.

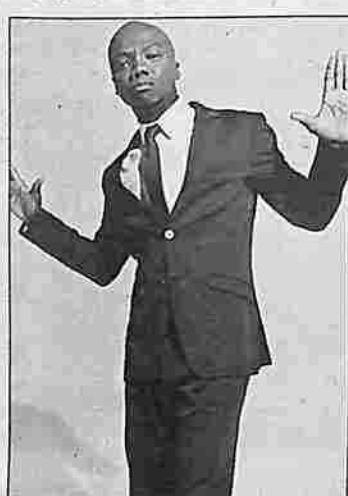
"She deserves better than me but since I've trapped her on this crazy ride, I'll do my best to keep her happy, he said. *Daily Sun*

Free drinks on Tbo Touch on the 8th

JOHANNESBURG - TBo Touch is throwing his farewell party on the 8th and he's invited everyone, oh did we mention that drinks are on him?

The outgoing Metro FM DJ tweeted that he has been getting so much love that he has decided to invite everyone to his farewell party and they can all drink for FREE!

"After reading all tweets it's only fair I show Luv. July 8th inviting you to my official farewell @KONG_urban All Drinks on me!!!!" the DJ said. Will you go? *Daily Sun*



DRINKS ON ME: Tbo Touch.

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Mpiyakhe makes a dramatic entrance at the taxi association. Siphokazi is increasingly obsessed with the arrival of her adopted child. Jabu lies to Iris about something important.



ENTRANCE:
Mpiyakhe

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Nina is forced to ask for Gabriel's help and they strike a deal. Morongwa has found a diamond ring and refuses to report it. Kamogelo tries to do damage control and save both her and Aphiwe from Lerato's wrath.



FORCED: Nina.

Muvhango

TODAY

Azwindini's sons are seen in their place of captivity. Onika pretends to help Vusi and Katlego fix things. Shonisani walks in on Mulimisi and Mpho.

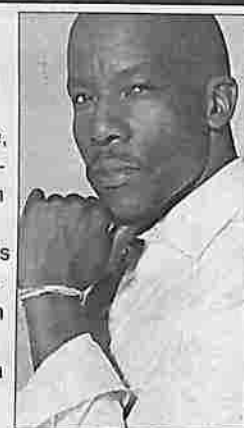
FIX
THINGS:
Katlego.



RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Fats is blinded by his feelings for Lihle. When Jafta returns to his family home, his dying grandmother tells him a traumatic secret. Puleng is nervous at having to sleep with Themba. Suffo and Niki make a surprise visit to Ntombizodwa's house.



LET GO: Suffo.

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1. Personal Accounts

1.1. Savings or other Accounts

	Fees/Charge Savings	Fees/Charge Current
1.1.1 Opening Fee	50.00	-
1.1.2 Monthly Account Fee	30.00	45.00
1.1.3 Monthly Bank Statement (Per page)	13.00	13.00
1.1.4 Balance Enquiry	N/A	N/A
1.1.5 Cheque Deposit	27.50	27.50
1.1.6 Cash Deposit	-	-
1.1.7 Cheque Encashment	N/A	0.60% Max E300
1.1.8 Activation of Dormant Account	N/A	N/A
1.1.9 Stop Payment	-	108.00
1.1.10 Closing of Account	N/A	N/A
1.1.11 First Withdrawal (Within a month)	N/A	N/A
1.1.12 Subsequent Withdrawal (Within a month)	2.4%	0.6% Max E300

1.2. Loans- Administration Fees

1.2.1 Short Term Loans (Educational Loans) 12 Months	54.00	54.00
1.2.2 Personal Loans	54.00	54.00
1.2.3 Mortgages	54.00	54.00
1.2.4 Vehicles		

1.3. ATM Charges

1.3.1 Withdrawal (Own ATM)	Max E16.50	Max E16.50
1.3.2 Withdrawal (Interbank Transaction on ATMs)	Max E16.50 + E5.50	Max E16.50 + E5.50
1.3.3 ATM Cash deposit	-	-
1.3.4 ATM Cheque deposit	N/A	N/A
1.3.5 Mini Statement (Own ATM)	2.50	2.50
1.3.6 Balance Enquiry (Interbank ATM)		
1.3.7 Inter-account transfer	N/A	N/A
1.3.8 Inter-Bank transfer	N/A	N/A

1.4. Card Fees

1.4.1 Annual Card Fees	N/A	N/A
1.4.2 Lost ATM Card Replacement	62.00	62.00
1.4.3 Additional card issued	N/A	N/A
1.4.4 Blocked card	N/A	N/A
1.4.5 Pin replacement	62.00	62.00

1.5. Payment and Clearing Charges

1.5.1 Standard Cheque Book (20 - 50 pages)	-	80.00
1.5.2 Deposit Book (51 - 100 pages)	-	200.00
1.5.3 Establish stop/debit order	60.00	60.00
1.5.4 Amend stop/debit order	30.00	N/A
1.5.5 Cancel stop/debit order	N/A	15.00
1.5.6 External debit order	15.00	10.00
1.5.7 External stop order	10.00	108.00
1.5.8 Stoppage of payment	-	100.00
1.5.9 Cheque Dishonoured Due Lack of Funds	-	100.00
1.5.10 Debit Order Unpaid	-	125.00
1.5.11 Post Dated Cheques	-	175.00
1.5.12 Special Clearance	-	

1.6. Other Electronic Services

1.6.1 Cellphone SMS payments notification (account access)	N/A	N/A
1.6.2 Cellphone SMS payment notification (all transactions)	N/A	N/A
1.6.3 Cellphone funds transfer	N/A	N/A
1.6.4 Internet Transactions	11.50	11.50
1.6.5 Telephone Transactions	-	-
1.6.6 POS (Withdrawal)	N/A	N/A
1.6.7 POS Debit card purchases (Local/International)	5.50	5.50
1.6.8 Utility Bills Payment	N/A	N/A
1.6.9 Airtime purchase	-	-

2. Business Accounts

2.1. General Business Account

2.1.1 Monthly Maintenance Fee	125.00
2.1.2 Monthly Bank Statement	13.00
2.1.3 Daily Bank Statement	-
2.1.4 Interim Bank Statement	-
2.1.5 Copies of Deposit Slips	-
2.1.6 Cash Withdrawal (OTC)	-
2.1.7 Cash Deposit (OTC)	-
2.1.8 Cheque encashment (OTC)	0.60% Max E500
2.1.9 Cheque Deposit (OTC)	E20.00
2.1.10 Balance Enquiry	-
2.1.11 Stop Payment	108.00
2.1.12 Closing of Account	-
2.1.13 Internal Debit Order	15.00
2.1.14 External Debit Order	15.00
2.1.15 Activation of Dormant Account	-
2.1.16 Corporate Payroll Activity Fee	-

2.2. Loans- Administration Fees

2.2.1 Administration Accounts	54.00
2.2.2 Loan Application fee	2.30%

2.3. Payment and Clearing Charges

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2.3.7 Cancel stop/debit order	-
2.3.8 External debit order	15.00
2.3.9 External stop order	10.00
2.3.10 Stoppage of payment	-
2.3.11 Debit Order Unpaid	100.00

2.4. ATM Charges

2.4.1 Withdrawal (Own ATM)	16.00
2.4.2 Withdrawal (Other ATMs)	E16.00+ E5.50
2.4.3 Declined ATM Withdrawal (No Funds)	-
2.4.4 Mini Statement (Own ATM)	2.50
2.4.5 Balance Enquiry (Own ATM)	-
2.4.6 Inter-account transfer	67.73
2.4.7 Account payment	-

2.5. Card Fees

2.5.1 Annual Card Fees	-
2.5.2 Lost ATM Card Replacement	62.00
2.5.3 Additional card issued	-

2.6. Other Electronic Services

2.6.1 Cellphone SMS payments notification (account access)	-
2.6.2 Cellphone SMS payment notification (all transactions)	-
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2.6.5 Internet Transactions	11.50

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Friends relatives of **Zacharia Mabindza Khoza** of the Independent church are notified of his demise. Memorial service at Kukhanyeni IMC at 1 pm on Saturday 02/07/2016. Funeral on Sunday at Nkiliji after a night vigil Saturday.



Tihlobo nebangani ba **Thandi Mamayi Ndlovu**, kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngeliSontfo 03/07/2016 ekuseni emva kwemlindzelo ngeMgcibelo ekhakhakhe kuNkonka Matsanjani. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.



The homegoing of **Mr. Chester Willie Young**. We the Young family of eLwandle inform you of our beloved husband and dad's call to glory on the 25th of June 2016. Funeral service at Evangelical Bible Church Manzini, on Saturday 02 July 2016, at noon. Announcement by family.



KwaTiswa bakaMagongo netihlobo nabakubo kaMatsanjwa kutsi inkhosikati **Sarah Siyaphi Magongo** (LaMatsenjwa) kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ngeMgcibelo 02/07/2016 ngemva kwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa yindvuna egameni lendlunkhulu.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Elias Mehlangane Mamba** lobeka sebenta CTA heavy plant eMbabane kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa 03/07/2016 ngeliSontfo ekhakhakhe eKupheleni eMakhwane ngemva kwemlindzelo.



Relatives and friends of **Solomon Mkhava Sigwane** has responded to the call of God. Funeral shall be held on the 2nd July 2016, at Siteki - Lukhula after a night vigil. Announcement by Mavela Sigwane (son) on behalf of the family.



Senteni Nkosi Nathi Dlamini - Nkambule. It is with great gratitude that the Nkambule family of eLuhendyweni and Dlamini family announce the sudden demise of **Senteni Nkosi Nathi Dlamini** - Nkambule. Memorial service will be held on Friday 01/07/2016 at Metropolitan Evangelical Church in Manzini at 12 noon. Funeral Saturday 02/07/2016 at eLuhendyweni after night vigil. Announcement by family.



Chambers and Shabangu family notify the passing of **Flossy Chambers**. Requiem mass at St. Josephs mission on Friday at 3pm 01/07/2016 from Hhelehele to St. Josephs grave yard at 0700hrs. No night vigil, by family.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Nkome Mathewu Masangane** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. **KwaTiswa** bakaMtsetfwa bekhobonina. Ufihlwa ngemgcibelo mhlaka 2 emva kwemlindzelo ekhaya kuba kaNdinda. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguMicheal Gugu Masangane egameni lemndeni.



Relatives and friends are notified of **Dotta Funaziphi Ndaba** nee Magagula's untimely demise. Night vigil will be at Bhejisa Hluthi on Friday 01/07/2016, and in the morning there will be a procession to Sivule where she would be laid to rest. Announcement by her family. Rest in peace Madela.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Wandile Maphevu Matsenjwa** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. U s i s h i y e ngalokukhulu kutumeka. **Kwatiswa** bakaMaphungwane, utawufihlwa ekhobonina eTikhuba kaZwane. **Kwatiswa** nelibandla lakhe eSt. Job Church in Zion. Ufihlwa ngeliSontfo mhlaka 3 July 2016 emva kwemlindzelo ngemgcibelo mhlaka 2 July 2016. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumalume wakhe Ndonda Tsabedze.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Mthobhi Carolinah Nkhambule** (LaLokotfwako) akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa egundvini ekhakhakhe ngeliSontfo mhlaka 03/07/2016 ekuseni nga 5:00am. Simemetelo sikhishwa bakaNkhambule egameni lemndeni.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Philip Mkhunyelewa Maduna** akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngeliSontfo mhlaka 03/07/2016 ehaya lakhe kuMaguga eNyonyane. **KwaTiswa** bakaMaduna bekhakhakhe kaDlamini kaLuhleko, bakaMagongo ekhobonina, nabo bonkhe bangani nalebekasebenta nabo ePearl Timbers eSpiki, indlunkhulu yaSekupheleni, ema Jerusalema kanye nabo bonkhe bazalwane labamatiko. Lokhipha simemetelo nguyise sihlagwana Maduna egameni lemndeni.



The Msibi family of **Kwaluseni** sadly notify relatives, colleagues, the membership of the St. John Apostolic Faith mission Associates that **Bishop Alpheus Sigidzi Msibi** (DD) has responded to the call of the Lord. There will be a memorial service on the 1th July 2016 followed by a night vigil. Venue: St. John's Apostolic Faith Mission Kwaluseni (Swaziland Diocese). Time: 12:00 noon. Funeral service will be on Saturday 02 July 2016 followed by a procession to the Golf Course Cemetery in Manzini. Rest in Peace Siveskhulu.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Nellie Dlamini uLaDvuba** lobekadze endze kubabe Mdini Dlamini kaBhekinkhosi kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ekhakhakhe kaBhekinkhosi ngemgcibelo mhlaka 02/07/2016 emuva kwemlindzelo ngalesihlanu. **KwaTiswa** bekhobonina kaShabangu enyakeni, nebantfwa be m n a k a b o e N g w a z i n i, nelibandla lakhe eLadini Church in Zion, kutsi babe khona. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguJosiah Dlamini egameni lemndeni.



Kwatiswa tihlobo, emakhulu ase African Evangelical Church (AEC) kutsi Gogo **Thullina Longobozi Dlamini** nee, Nkhambule akasekho emhlabeni. Umlindzelo umhlaka 01 July 2016. Ufihlwa mhlaka 02 July 2016 nga 6:00 am (ekuseni). Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Sabelo Dlamini egameni lemndeni.



Relatives and friends of **Elizabeth Lomvimbi Mabundza** are notified of the untimely death. She will be laid to rest at Msindza, Dvokolwako on Saturday, 2nd July after a night vigil on Friday 1st July. Announcement by her family.



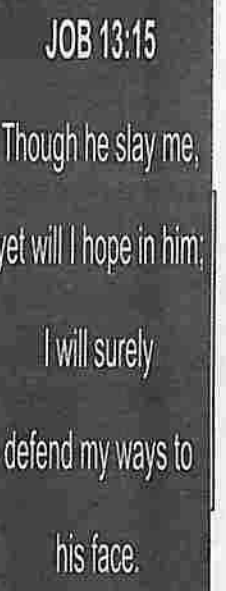
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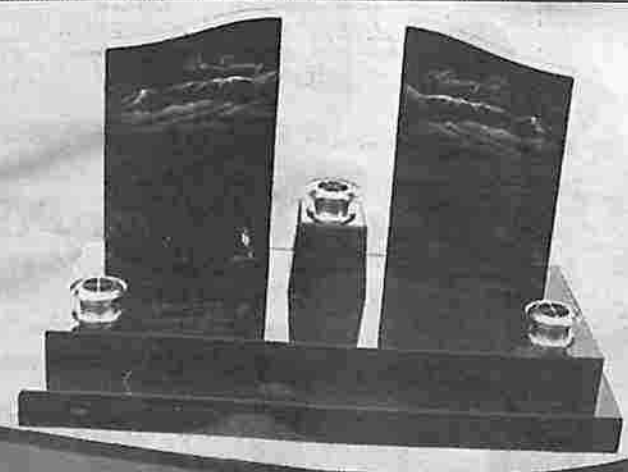
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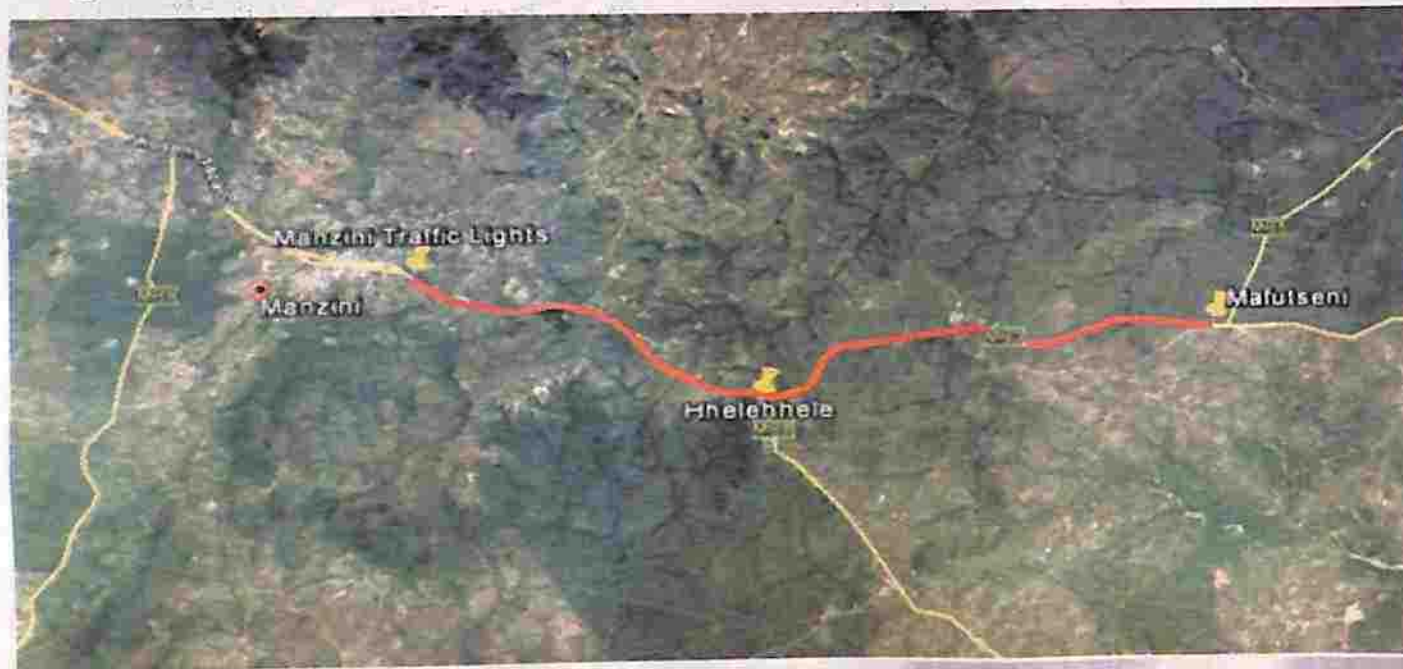


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PARIS - A Euro 2016 quarterfinal against Wales just across the border in Lille will almost feel like a home game for Belgium and a homecoming for captain Eden Hazard.

The 25-year-old was Belgium's man-of-the-match in their 4-0 demolition of Hungary in the last 16, scoring one superb goal and setting up another. His coach Marc Wilmots said Hazard had been driven on by the prospect of going back to Lille, barely 15 kilometres (10 miles) from the Belgian border.

"If we had a 150 000 (capacity stadium) we could fill it. It's very near the border and Eden Hazard especially wanted to play in Lille, that's why he played so well," said Wilmots.

For Hazard, it will be a return to the city where his career as a player took off.

Hazard, from the small town of Braine-le-Comte in the French-speaking Wallonia region of Belgium, joined the Lille academy an hour's drive away as a 14-year-old in 2005 and has never looked back.

"It's not easy to leave your family, your parents, and go to another country, even if it was France so it wasn't far from home," Hazard said in an interview with beIN Sports.

"It is where, you could say, I learnt about life because I arrived when I was 14. It is where I was taught to respect others and it is where I played my first match.

"Everything went brilliantly from my first steps at Lille until my departure for Chelsea. Everything was perfect."

Hazard made his Lille senior debut as a 16-year-old in November 2007. He became the star player in a side that made history by winning the French league and cup double in 2011, their first major trophies in 56 years.

The little playmaker was named France's player of the year that season and again in the following campaign before he moved to Chelsea in 2012.

His final game for Lille, in a side also containing France's Euro 2016 star Dimitri Payet, saw him score a hat-trick in a 4-1 win against Nancy in May 2012.

That was Lille's last game at their old stadium before a move to the 50 000-seat Stade Pierre-Mauroy where Belgium and Wales will clash today. It will be Hazard's first game at the new ground.

He may have been just 21 when he left Lille but - unlike international colleague Divock Origi, whose departure for Liverpool was more premature - he will be remembered as one of their greatest players and he has always said he would be happy to return eventually.

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MANCHESTER - Manchester United have opened discussions with Juventus over former player Paul Pogba, according to French publication, L'Equipe.

Pogba, now 23 years old, left United to join Juventus on a free transfer in 2012 after refusing the offer of a new contract from then-manager Sir Alex Ferguson because he had grown frus-

trated with a lack of first-team opportunities at Old Trafford.

Appearances

But after making just seven first-team appearances for United, they are now said to be interested in seeing the France international midfielder back in a Red Devils shirt.

The Old Lady have no intention of selling their prized possession for any-

thing less than £82.8million (€100m), but there seems to be some desire on the behalf of Pogba's agent Mino Raiola to create a mini-monopoly at United this summer, and Pogba would be a crucial part of that.

L'Equipe claim that United's new Portuguese boss, Jose Mourinho is keen to implement a 4-3-3 formation at United next season.

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Cape Town City target Pienaar

CAPE TOWN - New Premiership outfit Cape Town City FC are interested in bringing Steven Pienaar back to the Mother City as their marquee signing.

Club owner John Comitis confirmed their interest in the former South Africa international at their official launch at Cape Town Stadium on Wednesday.

"If Steven Pienaar is prepared to drop his salary requirements, his signing is definitely something we would do," Comitis told KickOff.



"I'd love to bring Steven back to where it all started for him, remember I signed him for Ajax Cape Town in 2000 and used to advise him, so it would be fitting if he returns to finish his career in Cape Town." *Sport24*

CHIEFS, PIRATES, SA CONGRATULATE DOWNS

JOHANNESBURG - Without being too hasty, because there are still three group matches left for Mamelodi Sundowns in the CCL, congratulations still seem in order.

The Chloorkop outfit showed true grit to win a tough match against Enyimba of Nigeria 2-1. It seems, for an instant, the supporters of other clubs have downed their weapons and wished the Brazilians well.

"Thanks, Downs, for flying the country's flag high. #Khos4life."

— Manchester Chiefs

"Go Brazilians, make us proud citizens. You're representing SA as a whole. Bucs4ever." — Daniel Madenza Kutumela

While many supporters around South Africa have congratulated Downs this morning, there are



THE SKY IS THE LIMIT: Mamelodi Sundowns players in celebration.

still those who warn against getting over excited following the victory, and note that even though the Brazilians are representing Africa, it is still in the country's interest to stay cool-headed.

"Congratulations on the win against Enyimba, the South

African flag is raised very high. Just disappointed in those celebrations after the game. There are more games to be played, so I think it's premature to celebrate the win as if we reached the final. I'm saying 'we' as a proud South African, not as a Sundowns supporter."

— Nelinhal

While we must not jump the gun, it is still impressive to see two inspiring showings from Sundowns so far in this tournament.

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CHIEFS AND PIRATES EYEING DOWNS STARLET

JOHANNESBURG - Mamelodi Sundowns midfielder, Percy Tau, has attracted interest from a number of PSL clubs, including both Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates.

Although Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane has often spoke highly of Tau for his immense talent, the player has struggled

for game-time at the Chloorkop outfit since his promotion from the youth ranks in 2014.

The 22-year-old finished the 2015/16 season with Witbank Spurs, having joined the NFD side on loan from Sundowns in January. Chiefs and Pirates are believed to be eyeing Tau, as both clubs are looking to bring in

young talent in during this transfer window to build for the future.

Despite

However, a source at Sundowns told the Siya crew that Mosimane could decide to keep the player, despite the interest in him and his lack of game-time at the Chloorkop outfit.

"There is interest in the player, but I think the coach will want to keep him at the club," said the source.

Tau is still under contract with Sundowns. Bidvest Wits and Free State Stars are some of the other clubs that have been monitoring Tau's situation with interest.

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50 000 tickets sold for Carling Black Label Cup

JOHANNESBURG - Carling Black Label general manager Vijay Govindsamy has revealed that 50 000 tickets are already sold for this year's Carling Black Label Champion Cup.

Speaking at the South African Breweries (SAB) offices in Sandton today, Govindsamy said this cup is for the fans and it's a joy to have this cup in partnership with Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates.

"The Carling Cup is a very unique concept which is about fans being the coach. One could say any brand could have done it, but the boldness of Carling Black Label partnering with Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates allowed us to really make it a reality and the reason being is because no matter what time of the year or when the clubs play, fans always feel like they know better than the coach. And that there is the heart of the Carling Cup ... that's what makes the Carling Cup unique."



"The Carling Cup is possible only through the support of two great clubs of Orlando Pirates and Kaizer Chiefs. This is the sixth year of the Carling Cup ... and because it's the sixth year of the cup we decided to make sure we do more to speak to our fans ... and that's why we took it to Park Station."

"When we launched the cup this

year we wanted to make sure as many fans know about it and till today we still want to make sure that fans realise that this is not a normal derby between Chiefs and Pirates. This is a derby that is driven by fans ... they are the coach ... they decided the starting line-up ... and they get to influence live substitutions after the first half."

R20m Puma kit sponsorship deal for Sundowns

PRETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns are on the verge of concluding a new kit sponsorship deal with German company PUMA for a duration of three years, worth a reported R20-million.

Sundowns have been most recently sponsored by Nike but the contract, which



The Sky is the Limit

had been in place since 2008, has not been renewed.

The last time The Brazilians were sponsored by PUMA was during the 1995 season when the team had the likes of Thomas Libih, Zane Moosa, Roger Feutmba and Daniel Mudau on their books.

During that season Sundowns finished

second on the log to champions Cape Town Spurs.

A KickOff.com source reveals that there are a few things that need to be ironed out before the deal is announced.

"We are talking about an amount close to R20-million," the source says. "But there are a few things that must be sorted out including the marketing side."

"So we are not sure if the next CAF Champions League match will be played in a PUMA kit or not. That will be decided at a later stage."

Pitso signs new Downs deal

PRETORIA - Pitso Mosimane has signed a new four-year contract with Mamelodi Sundowns, ending speculation of a dispute over the terms of a new deal at Chloorkop.

Discussions between Mosimane and Sundowns over a new contract had dragged on, but the Brazilians coach confirmed on Wednesday he has put pen to paper.

"I have signed it and delivered it to the club," he said after his side defeated Nigerian champi-

ons Enyimba 2-1 in their African Champions League Group B clash at Atteridgeville.

Delivered

Mosimane joined Sundowns in 2012 and has already delivered two league titles, the Nedbank Cup and the Telkom Knockout.

He has now set his sights on winning the Champions League and Wednesday's victory gives his side an excellent chance of making the semifinals at least this year.

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TUKS WANT R2 MILLION FOR STRIKER

... The striker, who is still in the plans for the Tshwane outfit, is one of the players that Tuks may look to cash in on following the team's relegation to the NFD

Pretoria - With preparations underway for their campaign in the NFD for the new season, University of Pretoria are looking for no less than R2 million for Thabo Nemukondeni.

The striker, who is still in the plans for the Tshwane outfit, is one of the players that Tuks may look to cash in on following the team's relegation to the NFD. The player has been with Tuks for six months. He was

signed from Alexandra United in January, after impressing the technical team with his performances and high work-rate during a short trial with the side.

According to sources, Tuks intend to exercise their option on the player before heading to the NFD for the 2016/17 season. With some PSL clubs believed to have shown interest in the player, Tuks are said to be looking for around R2 million for his services.

Barcelona confirm Neymar staying

SPAIN - Spanish giants Barcelona have confirmed that Brazilian superstar Neymar will remain at Camp Nou.

The Selecao star has been the subject of contractual talk for several months, with growing interest from Manchester United and Paris Saint Germain in recent times as talks with his La Liga club stalled.

Yet the talented forward is expected to sign a new five-year deal in the coming days, as club president Josep Maria Bartomeu confirmed the 24-year-old is not leaving Catalonia.

"Neymar wants to stay here. In the next few days we will finalise his contract extension," he told reporters.

With a release clause of €230 million, it seemed unlikely any of Europe's elite clubs would have met Barca's asking figure, with the lethal 'MSN' strikeforce seemingly intact ahead of the 2016/17 season.

Neymar may however return to his club less rested than his teammates, as he is set to represent his country at the Olympic Games in August.

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STAYS: Neymar.

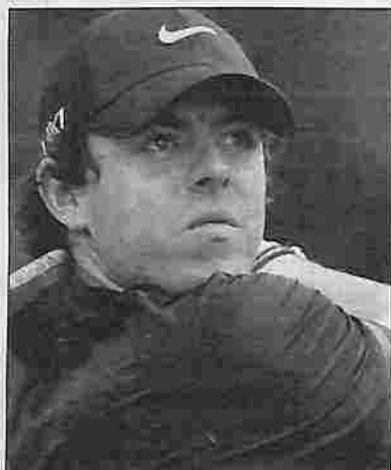
'Golfers dream of green jackets, not Olympic gold'

LONDON - An Olympic gold medal was not the pinnacle of the sport for golfers according to world number four Rory McIlroy, and he had no concerns about his decision to withdraw from the Rio de Janeiro Games.

The Northern Irishman withdrew from the Rio Games last week, citing concerns about the Zika virus, though he also told British media the Olympics were not one of his goals.

"Most other athletes dream their whole lives of competing in the Olympics, winning an Olympic gold, and we haven't," McIlroy told British media. "We dream of winning Claret Jugs and we dream of winning green jackets (at Augusta National)."

"I've said to people I have four Olympic Games a year. That's my pinnacle. That's what I play for. That's what I'll be remembered for."



GREEN JACKET: Rory McIlroy.

Australia's world number one Jason Day, Fiji's Vijay Singh and Charl Schwartzel of South Africa, have also pulled out due to concerns over the

virus. World number eight Adam Scott withdrew citing a congested playing schedule.

Organisers and the World Health Organisation have said the risk of contracting the virus, which can cause birth defects and been linked to the neurological disorder Guillain-Barre in adults, was low.

McIlroy, however, was not prepared to take the risk.

"Jason Day has a young family. I'm getting married next year," McIlroy said. "People just aren't comfortable going down there and putting themselves or their family at risk."

"If the Olympics were in most other cities or countries, you wouldn't find as many people not wanting to go."

"There's another Games in Tokyo in 2020 and I'm more than happy to wait until then to get that Olympic experience." *Reuters*

Schumacher not on our F1 radar - Marko

AUSTRIA - Dr Helmut Marko says he is not currently interested in signing up Mick Schumacher to Red Bull's famous driver development programme.

At the same age of 17, Red Bull fast-tracked the meteoric Formula 1 career of Max Verstappen.

But when asked about Schumacher, the young Formula 4-racing son of F1 legend Michael Schumacher, Marko said: "Mick Schumacher is not on our radar."

"There is nothing more to say," the Austrian, who is the architect of the Red Bull driver programme, added.

For his part, Mick seems comfortable about racing the road to F1 in meticulous style, having already decided to spend a second year in F4 rather than leap into F3 in 2016.

The young German said: "For the moment, my goal is to become a good and complete race driver."

"Because of this, it's important to me to have a solid base and to become confident in all areas racing will be confronting me with," Schumacher added. *Sport24*



NOT INTERESTED: Dr Helmut Marko.

LeBron James opts out of \$24m player option

LOS ANGELES - NBA finals MVP LeBron James will not exercise his player option with Cleveland Cavaliers for the 2016-17 season, according to his agent, Rich Paul.

The move will prick the ears of franchises around the NBA, with James now free talk to other teams from July 1. However unlike in 2010, when he moved on to chase titles with Miami Heat, he is not expected to leave Cleveland this time around.

With the increased NBA salary cap kicking in and as the Cavs' leading star, it is expected James is simply seeking to negotiate improved terms on a new contract. The 31-year-old Ohio native stated his intention to remain at the Quicken Loans Arena in the wake of the Cavaliers' finals triumph.

"I love it here in Cleveland. I have no intentions of leaving," he said.

"There are some technicalities to take care of [that] I'll leave up to my agent. That's right from



OUT: NBA finals MVP LeBron James.

the horse's mouth."

James was a unanimous choice as NBA finals Most Valuable Player after leading the Cavaliers back from a 3-1 deficit to beat the Golden State Warriors.

He averaged 29.7 points, 11.3 rebounds and 8.9 assists during the seven-game series.

Assuming James returns, the Cavaliers look to be in good shape for next season.

The team's unrestricted free agents are reserves Timofey Mozgov and Richard Jefferson, while backup guard Matthew Dellavedova will be a restricted free agent. *Dailymail*

Halep, Keys, Stephens advance

LONDON - A clinical Simona Halep wasted no time in reaching the third round at Wimbledon yesterday, cruising past Italian veteran Francesca Schiavone 6-1 6-1 in just over an hour.

Showing glimpses of the form that took her to an All England Club semifinal in 2014 and to world number two last year, the fifth-seeded Romanian had too much power and court craft for her 111th-ranked opponent.

Halep controlled much of the play with pinpoint groundstrokes, dominating the baseline rallies and often finding winning passing shots when her 36-year-old opponent varied her game by coming to the net.

Troubled in recent months by an Achilles injury that forced her withdrawal from the Birmingham event in mid-June, Halep was playing only her second grasscourt match of the season.

Her record at Wimbledon remains mixed. With the exception of 2014, she has previously got no further than the second round in four attempts.

Halep next faces 26th-ranked Kiki Bertens, who this month became the first Dutchwoman in almost half a century to reach the French Open semifinals.

Madison Keys, the woman tipped as the most likely American successor to the Williams sisters, powered to a 6-4 4-6 6-3 victory against Kirsten Flipkens in the second round.

The ninth seed, a quarterfinalist last year, suffered a second-set blip against the experienced Belgian, and wavered again late on having roared into a 5-0 lead in the decider.

But she managed to nip the Flipkens comeback in the bud and will face Italy's 20th seed Sara Errani or Frenchwoman Alize Cornet in the next round.

Keys boasts the kind of destructive weapons ideally suited to grass, particularly a first serve that three-times Wimbledon champion Chris Evert describes as a match for the booming delivery of world number one Serena Williams.

It was not at its best against Flipkens, however, and she dropped serve three times in the match, although the 34 groundstroke winners she crunched kept her largely in control.

She suffered some jitters in the third set, missing a backhand on match point when serving at 5-1 and dropped serve.

When world No 51 Flipkens held to trail 3-5 an unlikely comeback looked possible, but Keys kept calm and sealed victory when she forced her opponent into an error.

Keys, one of 18 Americans in the women's singles draw, arrived at Wimbledon having won the grasscourt warmup event in Birmingham — a second career title and a second on grass that propelled her into the top 10 for the first time.

Reuters

Hulk completes £46m move to Shanghai SIPG

CHINA - Shanghai SIPG have completed the £46.5m signing of striker Hulk from Zenit St Petersburg to make him the most expensive signing in Asian football.

Former England manager Sven-Goran Eriksson announced the signing set a new transfer record, topping the \$56 million Jiangsu Suning paid this year for Brazilian Alex Teixeira and the \$47 million Guangzhou Evergrande paid for Colombia's Jackson Martinez.

The likes of Ezequiel Lavezzi and Ramires have been recruited from European clubs in recent seasons and that trend looks to continue, given the increased spending power in China.

No stranger to the Far East,

Hulk previously played for three Japanese sides, before he moved to Porto - where after four seasons, left for Russia in 2012 and plundered 75 goals in 144 games for Zenit, winning the Russian Premier League, Russian Cup and Russian Super Cup.

Greeted by hundreds of fans at Shanghai's airport, Hulk passed a medical examination at a Shanghai clinic on Wednesday and will reportedly be paid \$22 million annually, double what national colleague Neymar earns at Barcelona.

Currently fourth in the table - 12 points behind league leaders Guangzhou, Hulk will team up with former Sunderland and Ghana striker Asamoah Gyan at Shanghai. *Dailymail*



TESTING 123: Hulk.

SRIC BUSINESS LEAGUE PRIZE PRESENTATION PICS



CHAMPS: RSP pair Bafana Hlophe and Willard Mkhwanazi smile for the lenses as they were crowned champions of the June instalment of the SRIC Business League. SRIC assistant General Manager Mandla Dlamini awarded them the prize.



DESERVING: Ronie Mgcina and Nathie Tsabedze react upon receiving their prizes. This was during the Prize Presentation held at Royal Swazi Spa on Wednesday.



GRATEFUL: Vusi Gama smiles as he display his prize. (Pics:Sanele Jele)



PRIZE GALORE: SRIC assistant GM Mandla Dlamini being flanked by runners-up Mduduzi Mtsetfwa and Ephraim Kunene.



(L) ALSO WON: Solomon Mahlalela was the winner on the novelties category.

(R) YOU SEE: Meshack Zwane stressing a point.



COORDINATER: Business League coordinator Banele Mtetfwa who was the MC on the day.



THANKS: Jabulani gestures as he accepts his prize.



IT'S MINE: Frank Hlophe gets his prize.



ATTENDED: Timothy Mavuso and Vusi Dlamini during the event.



ALL SMILES: Welcome Mhlanga receives his prize.

SITF 2016 WITH SADC SUMMIT

Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority (SIPA) has commenced preparations for the Swaziland International Trade Fair (SITF) 2016. This is the 48th edition of Swaziland's Premier Trade Fair. SITF 2016 brings with it innumerable opportunities as the Kingdom of Eswatini will be hosting the SADC SUMMIT. Businesses at SITF 2016 stand opportunities of penetrating the markets in the southern African region. With member states and visitors being present at the Trade Fair, business people have a platform to network and forge sustainable business partnerships.

Launched last week themed "DEVELOPMENT UNUSUAL: SITF PAVES WAY FOR SADCs INDUSTRIALIZATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FOR REGIONAL PROSPERITY" and is scheduled for 26 AUGUST 2016 - 5 SEPTEMBER 2016.

SITF typically provides a strategic Exhibition platform for local and international businesses to showcase their goods and services to potential trading partners in Swaziland and beyond. Many companies have taken the opportunity to exhibit at the SITF and the positive testaments from businesses are evidence to the fact that SITF is a perfect platform for business people.

Beyond exhibiting, SITF also educates and capacitates business people on various relevant issues that business people face in the 21st century. SITF strives to do this by hosting business seminars that bring together eminent thinkers, movers and shakers in and outside of Swaziland to discuss on key topical issues on Trade and Investment.

On seminars, SIPA will organize workshops/seminars that will discuss on topical issues on trade, business, investment and economic development. Majority of the seminar topics will be crafted in a manner that involves SADC as a whole for the sake of relevance. Swazi Business focused themes will also be discussed. Resource persons will be drawn from government ministries, public enterprises, private sector and non-governmental bodies. Hopefully we will also have foreign resource people addressing the seminars to have a broader aspect of business even outside Swaziland.

On Entertainment, SITF recognizes that talents and skills have become a trade in their own right and that is why SITF promotes Swaziland Creative Industries through hosting activities i.e. performing and visual arts including music festivals, fine art exhibition, fashion shows and photography.

WHY EXHIBIT AT THE SITF 2016

The main objective of hosting local trade fairs is to promote locally produced goods and services and investment by showcasing products, networking, linking businesses and buyers with suppliers. The SITF 2016 with the SADC summit means more good news for local businesses.

Moreover SIPA targets to increase the total number of exhibitors and give high priority in space allocation mainly to local private sector companies, member states and foreign exhibitors. This recognition will boost the visibility of these companies and provide a platform for local companies to make a name for them and grow their brand beyond the Swazi borders.

The SITF 2016 is a perfect platform where business people meet industry stakeholders and decision makers face to face and therefore network with these industry players. This will result into gaining a lot of knowledge and advice.

WHO SHOULD EXHIBIT AT SITF 2016

Is your Company Eager To Move In And Explore Other Markets? Is your Company Launching New Products? Are You Not Sure Where To Source Supplies? Do You Want To Meet Local & International Buyers For Your Product? Planning On Going Big With Your Brand?



If your company affirms with any of these questions then you need to ensure your stand is booked on time for the biggest Trade Fair ever in history.

If your company falls under any of the categories then make sure you are there.

INTRODUCING THE CONSUMER MARQUEE

Most people will be familiar with the buyer-seller show themed the Swaziland Consumer Fair which commonly used to take place in December at Mavuso. The objective of the SWACO Fair is to showcase goods made in Swaziland and to promote sectors such as the creative industries, cultural heritage, Swazi food, Swazi home & deco, fashion & beauty, technology, retail shops and services. This will be in a market setup promoting the Buy-Swazi concept. The Consumer Market will be all about Buying and Selling. Ridiculous discounts, Low Prizes, Give Away's are the order of the Consumer Market. The exhibition prices are low which means the exhibitors will not have to pay a lot which then means customers must prepare themselves for low prices. With the buying oriented Consumer Fair running simultaneously with the exhibition oriented SITF.

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football talk

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● Arsenal are confident manager Arsene Wenger, 66, would turn down any offer from the Football Association, who have the Frenchman near the top of their list to replace Roy Hodgson as England boss. *(Sun)*

● Ryan Giggs, 42, has rejected the offer of a reduced coaching role under new manager Jose Mourinho and is set to leave Manchester United after 29 years. *(Daily Mail)*

● Chelsea are open to offers of £60m for goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois, 24, who is understood to have an uneasy working relationship with French goalkeeping coach Christophe Lollichon, who could be set to leave the club. *(Daily Mail)*

● Manchester City want to swap Wilfried Bony, 27, for John Stones, 22, and are hopeful of a deal if Everton decide to sell Romelu Lukaku, 23. *(The Sun)*

● Chelsea will abandon their plan to re-sign Lukaku after closing in on his Belgium team-mate and Marseille striker Michy Batshuayi, 22, for £33.2m. *(Daily Star)*

● Tottenham and Leicester are among several Premier League clubs interested in signing Iceland defender Ragnar Sigurdsson, 30, from Russian club FC Krasnodar. *(Guardian)*

● Real Madrid want to sign Leicester's France midfielder N'Golo Kante, 25. *(Marca)*



● Liverpool have told Crystal Palace they will have to pay £30m for Belgian striker Christian Benteke, 25. *(Daily Telegraph)*

● Real Madrid could make a £75m move for Chelsea's Belgium star Eden Hazard, 25, by offering Spain striker Alvaro Morata, 23, plus £40m. *(Mirror)*

● West Brom have contacted Atletico Madrid about the availability of Spanish striker Borja Baston, 23, who is rated at around £18m. *(Daily Mail)*

● Napoli could sign Monaco's Colombian striker Radamel Falcao, 30, after Argentina striker Gonzalo Higuain, 28, revealed he want to leave the club. *(La Gazzetta dello Sport)*

● Slovakia defender Martin Skrtel, 31, is likely to complete his move from Liverpool to Fenerbahce this week. *(AMK Spor via Liverpool Echo)*

● Japan international Takuma Asano, 21, says he has been approached by Arsenal over a move to the Emirates. *(Express)*

● Dutch striker Robin van Persie, 32, could be sold by Fenerbahce this summer - just a year after joining them from Manchester United. *(Manchester Evening News)*



DU'S CORNER

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

2015/16 SOCCER SEASON WAS GREAT INDEED

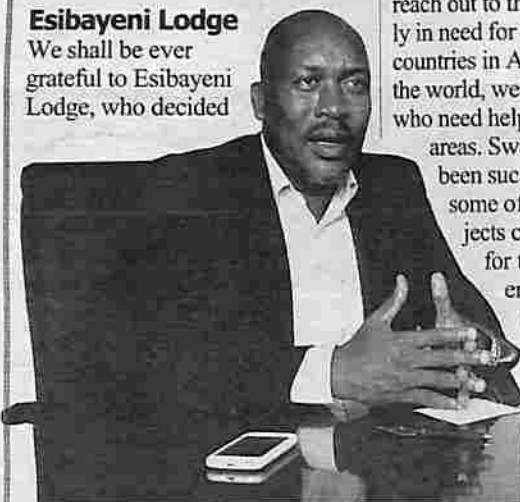
SWAZI soccer fanatics were indeed treated to a real great show this past season, we are ecstatic with all the great performance and showdowns that we witnessed.

We also salute the national teams that religiously went out to the battlefield to display a heart-warming performance. We are happy to see that our players have indeed come of age. It was really exciting to see the boys tear each other on the field of play, much to the appreciation of the nation.

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We shall be ever grateful to Esibayeni Lodge, who decided



to go against the odds and invest in the future of the beautiful game. We thank you Des Oswin for going out of your way in ensuring that the country's vision 2022 is realised in our lifetime. Our children are playing and are happy to do that and that is courtesy of Esibayeni Lodge. We are happy to have Swazis, who invest in the future and together we will make sure we have great football stars.

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- (ii) Fencing gardens
- (iii) Construction

BIG BOSS: PLS Chairman Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze.

- of sheds
- (iv) Painting buildings
- (v) Assisting the needy with food and clothes.
- (vi) Have been able to sponsor football and other sporting activities in the country. This parastatal has sacrificed time and finances along with labour in doing community projects.

That is why Swazi Telecom continued to be more relevant to our people, especially in these tough economic times. You are champions indeed.

SwaziBank

All hail the SwaziBank for the great 13 years of spectacle. Since your inception our football has never been the same. You have touched so many lives especially with the new innovation of a school bursary. Continue investing in our future.

PLS Executive

Credit must be given to the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) Executive Committee for their efforts in securing our sponsors in the Reserve League. This actually demonstrates why this

column has been praising the organisation's executive led by Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze for ensuring that we get sponsors for the reserve league. Victor Gamedze is one person, who hates failures because he demands positive results for everything the organisation aspires for. He would go out of his ways to make sure that there is no fault in our games by attending some of our games. He believes that the future of our national team lies with the little ones and the good thing is that he wants these young players to remain clean, as per his promise to their parents. He also pays special emphasis on the academic future of these players, and this is evident by the fact that during examinations our league is put on hold to give the players time to focus on their studies.

CEO

THE CEO is reminding all players from PLS that they still belong to the organisation, even during this break. He has requested players to be on their best behaviour, and to uphold the good image of the PLS in whatever they do during this break, especially because the start of the new season is already around the corner.

He wishes to commending his staff including the DC and stadium representatives, for the dedication and hard work they showed in the past season. He believes they did a good job and deserve the break, to come back fresher in the new season.

Business Golf League improving - Mhlanga

By Sanele Jele

GOLF - SWAZILAND Golf Union President, Albert Mhlanga, says the Business Golf League is improving with each passing month.

Mhlanga made these remarks shortly after the prize presentation of the SRIC E120 000 sponsored golf league, held at Royal Swazi Spa on Wednesday.

"I am very happy with the progress of the league so far. Golfers are maturing with time, like wine. I am also impressed with the standard in the league because each month we have new winners. This league not only unearths new talent, but retains golfers and also encourages networking and expanding business opportunities. We surely appreciate the kind gesture from SRIC," Mhlanga said. The pair of Willard Mkhwanazi and Bafana Hlophe from Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) were crowned champions of this month's tournament of the SRIC

Business League. Interviewed after the tournament, Hlophe said his achievement would motivate him to excel in the next tournament. "The task ahead of us is to maintain the pole position, even in the July installment of the league. That won't be easy but I am motivated to win again," said Hlophe.

The duo scooped 47 points in the event, played over 18 holes, on Wednesday. Coming second with 46 points was Mduduzi Mtsetfwa and Ephraim Kunene. Vusi Dlamini and Vusi Gama managed the third position, with 45 points, while Ronnie Mgcina and Nathie Tsabedze were fourth with 43 points.

Frank Hlophe and Clement Nhleko completed the top five brackets with 43 points on their names. Also excelling in the novelties were Welcome Mhlanga, Solomon Mahlalela and Jabulani Mabaso. The winners got fabulous prizes, including electrical appliances and Dstv decoders. The champions received E1 000.

Sikhatsi takes on Eddie in George Hotel Singles Pool League

By Sanele Jele

POOL - THE battle continues this weekend in the George Hotel Singles Pool League with table topper Sikhatsi Dlamini taking on Eddie Mkhonta.

This is according to the latest fixture released by tournament's coordinator Vusi Masilela.

Sikhatsi will be looking to extend his lead at the expense of Mkhonta, in what will be an epic encounter. Another interesting encounter will see second-placed Tasco Dlamini clash third-placed Norman Khoza.

Other exciting matches will see Romeo Da Silva entertain Norman Khoza while Vusi Masilela will do battle against Nkosingile Mamba. Siyabonga D will be hoping to close the gap between him and Eddie, at the expense of the off-form Mamba. The games will be played tomorrow.



TABLE TOPPER: Sikhatsi Dlamini.

The full fixture			
Romeo	vs	Norman	9am
Vusi	vs	Nkosingile	9am
Siyabonga D	vs	Nkosingile	10am
Tasco	vs	Norman	10am
Celumusa	vs	Tasco	11am
Nqaba	vs	Sicelo	11am
Sifiso	vs	Sibusiso	12pm
Romeo	vs	Alpheous	12pm
Vuyani	vs	Sibusiso	1pm
Sikhatsi	vs	Eddie	1pm

The full log:				
	PLD	W	L	PTS
1 Sikhatsi Dlamini	17	14	3	42
2 Tasco Dlamini	16	13	3	39
3 Norman Khoza	15	12	3	36
4 Siyabonga Mndzebele	17	11	6	33
5 Eddie Mkhonta	16	11	5	33
6 Romeo Da Silva	17	10	7	30
7 Nqaba Lukhele	17	9	8	27
8 Siyabonga Dlamini	16	8	8	24
9 Vusi Masilela	17	8	9	24
10 Sicelo Langwenya	17	7	10	21
11 Alpheous Mncina	17	7	10	21
12 Sifiso Dlamini	17	7	10	21
13 Celumusa Dlamini	17	6	11	18
14 Vuyani Dlamini	17	4	13	12
15 Nkosingile Mamba	16	3	13	9
16 Sibusiso Dlamini	15	2	13	6

MALAWI COACH ERNEST MTAWALI SACKED

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER - MALAWI coach Ernest Mtawali has been shown the exit door by the Flames for a not so good performance in the ongoing AFCON 2017 qualifiers, amongst other things.

Information gathered by Malawi 24 is that the coach, who led the Flames in the first leg of the qualifiers clash against Sihlangu played at the Somkhulu National Stadium in March, was relieved of his duties over the past weekend, a move the

Football Association of Malawi (FAM) tried to shrug off as a lie. This will come as a blow for the local boys in the second leg of the clash to be played in Malawi in September.

FAM's sub-technical committee said on Saturday that Flames head coach Ernest Mtawali and his deputy Nsawrimo Ramadhan were working in isolation. There was no coordination among the two and it is of no surprise that the team faltered on its way to the death bed of African football.

According to information gathered

by Malawi24, a report from the committee led by Vice President James Mwenda, faulted Mtawali for 'deliberately' choosing to ignore his deputy since taking over from Young Chimodzi on July 31 last year.

"Ramadhan was never given a chance to have a 'say' on the selection of players, he was not allowed to take part during the team's training sessions and was not allowed to give his input on the first 11 for the team during matches. Ernest Mtawali had problems with his workmates," reads the article.

The committee was said to have

advised FAM not to renew Mtawali and his deputy's contracts once they expire on July 31 next month. The sub-committee resolved to appoint Ramadhan as a care-taker coach and will only be considered if he delivers for the team.

Since taking over from his predecessor, Mtawali only managed to register five wins from 14 games and is yet to register a win in the ongoing 2017 African Cup of Nations qualifiers.

Mtawali was appointed on August 1, 2015 for a one year contract to be the Malawi coach.

He took over from Young



FIRE: Malawi coach Ernest Mtawali.

Chimodzi, who was sacked in June, 2015 following the Flames' 2-1 home loss to Zimbabwe in a 2017 Africa Cup of Nations qualifier.

Mtawali had been charged with putting the Flames' 2017 Africa Cup of Nations Cup qualifiers campaign back on track and ensuring progress in the preliminary round qualifiers for the 2018 FIFA World Cup. He failed to do both.

All set for SRIC Scara Thindwa Foundation Under-13 quarterfinals

By Sanele Jele

SOCCER - ITS all systems go for the quarterfinals of the SRIC E17000 sponsored Under-13 SSSA tournament this weekend.

Swaziland Schools Sports Association PRO Victor 'Mavikana' Dlamini said all had been put in place with regards to the tournament.

"We are inviting all the schools that have qualified for SRIC Scara Thindwa U-13 league finals to keep in line. The games will start at 11h in the four regions of the country," said Dlamini. "Mavikana" said they would ensure there was no age cheating.

"We urge schools to stick to the

The fixture

Hhohho region

Today at Prince of Wales

St. Marks

vs

Black Mbuluzi

Manzini region

Today at Zakhele Sports Ground

Matsapha Government

vs

Cana Primary

Lubombo

Today at Siteki Sports Ground

Hluti Primary

vs

St. Boniface Primary

Shiselweni

Today at Nhlango Club Sports Ground

Mpaka Primary

vs

Lulakeni

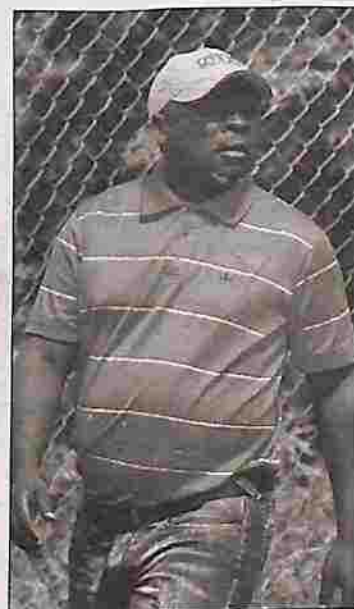
rules and regulations of the tournament. We will be very strict when it comes to age cheating and this is why we will expect schools to provide birth certificate of their players. We are all about fair play here."

He said cheating schools would be disqualified.

According to the PRO, St.

Marks will lock horns with Black Mbuluzi at Prince of Wales Sports Ground in the Hhohho region while in the Manzini region, Matsapha Government Primary will face-off with Cana Primary at Zakhele Sports Ground.

Hluti Primary School has a date with St. Boniface Primary under



COME ONE COME ALL: Swaziland Schools Sports Association PRO Victor 'Mavikana' Dlamini.

the Lubombo region at Siteki Sports Ground. Mpaka Primary will battle it out with Lulakeni at Nhlango Sports Ground in the

All set for NFAS General Assembly

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER - ALL is set for National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Ordinary General Meeting on Sunday.

The meeting will be held at Sibane Hotel at Ezulwini, starting at 10am. According to a memo released by the organisation's CEO Frederick Mngomezulu, members are reminded that delegates' numbers shall be as enshrined in Article 23 (1) a) to e) of the NFAS Statutes.

This means there would be a maximum of six (6) delegates for Premier League of Swaziland, each of the four Regional Football Associations, the Referees Association, the Coaches Association and the Women Football Association (WFA).

Some of the issues to be addressed during the meeting include a report from the Executive Committee presented by the Secretary covering the period since the last General Assembly, presentation of financial statements and the discussions of proposals submitted by members and the Executive Committee to name a few.

Agenda

The agenda of the Ordinary General Assembly in conformity to Article 29 of the NFAS Statutes shall be as follows:

- Roll call
- Verification that the notification and composition of the General Assembly comply with the provisions of the Statutes
- Approval of the Agenda
- Address by the President
- Confirmation of minutes of the preceding General Assembly
- Report of the Executive Committee presented by the General Secretary covering the period since the last General Assembly
- Presentation of the financial statements
- Approval of financial statements
- Appointment of independent auditors (if applicable) upon the proposal of the Executive Committee
- Vote on proposals for amendments to the Statutes, the Regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the standing orders of the General Assembly (if applicable)
- Discussions of proposals submitted by the members and the Executive Committee
- Admission, suspension and expulsion of a member (if applicable)
- Election of the Executive Committee (if applicable)

Mhlume takes on Nkalashane in Schools Women football

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER - HLUME High School will be on Nkalashane the Women Football Schools Championship slated for this weekend.

The clash will form part of the Mhlume Zulu games to be played at Mkhululi Stadium tomorrow.

The second clash of the day will see Mhlume High battle it out with Nkalashane at 10am.

According to the fixture released by the National Football Association of Swaziland

PRO Officer Muzi Radebe, the match will also be played at Nhlango and

At Nhlango. Our Lady of

Makhosini High and again meet with Oslo High in their second game of the day. The games will be played at Bhejisa Sport while Esibusisweni will host their games at Siphofaneni Sports Ground.

In Manzini, the games will be played at the Swazi National High School on Wednesday, starting at 12noon. The schools to compete on the day include St. Michael's High, Mjinga, Hillside and hosts Swazi National High School.

On another note, Radebe stated that the FUTSAL school games would continue today.

In Manzini, leg leaders Zombodze High will lock horns with second placed Ngwane High while Lobamba National has date with Blangeni in the Lobamba Zone ladies category.

Club licensing and registration course for Lubombo teams

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER - THE National Football Association of Swaziland is inviting teams in the Lubombo Region to a 'Club Licensing and Registration' workshop this weekend.

The course will be held at Siteki Central High School, starting at 10am.

NFAS Media Officer Muzi Radebe said all teams competing under the Lubombo Super League are urged to attend this workshop without fail as it was key in the implementation of the new registration system that would be applicable in the coming season.

He said the facilitators of this workshop would be NFAS

Technical Director Bhokisisa Mkhonta and Thulani Mavuso, who would educate the teams on administration, Sibusiso Dlamini and Vusi Dlamini, who would present on 'Registration and FIFA Connect' while Ntombifuthi would educate the teams on the 'Transfer Matching System' (TMS). Radebe also announced that phase two and three of the coaching courses would continue at the Manzini Regional Offices and Technical Centre, respectively tomorrow.

"Both lectures start at 9 am and the participants are urged to keep time. These courses started last week," he said.

He said facilitators for these courses were Anthony Mdluli for phase 2 while Musa Mamba and Friday Myeni would conduct the phase three courses.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

TONIGHT

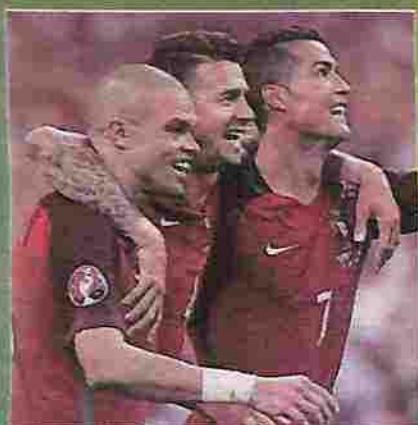
Wales vs Belgium 9pm

TOMORROW

Germany vs Italy 9pm

SUNDAY

France vs Iceland 9pm



Cristiano Ronaldo and Co in Euro semi finals

PARIS - Portugal booked their place in the semi-finals of Euro 2016 last night as they beat Poland 5-3 on penalties.

The game got off to a bright start with Robert Lewandowski and Renato Sanches finding the net in the first half, but the sides could not be separated again after two hours of play.

With the game resorting to penalties, it was Quaresma who proved the hero, converting the definitive spot kick to send his side into the last four.

Deadlock

It took just two minutes for the deadlock to be broken, with Poland getting off to the brighter start as the ball was cut back to Lewandowski who comfortably slotted in his first goal of the tournament.

Portugal pulled level shortly after the half-hour mark as Nani backheeled to Renato Sanches who powered it home with the aide of a deflection.

However, with Poland focusing on defence from then on, the game faded out, with the second half finishing goalless and the game heading into extra time.

Opportunity

Cristiano Ronaldo passed up an opportunity early in extra-time, and neither side could find the breakthrough, meaning a penalty shootout was needed to separate the two.

And it came down to Quaresma to make the difference, converting from the spot to take advantage of Jakub Blaszczykowski's miss to book a place for his side in the semi-finals.

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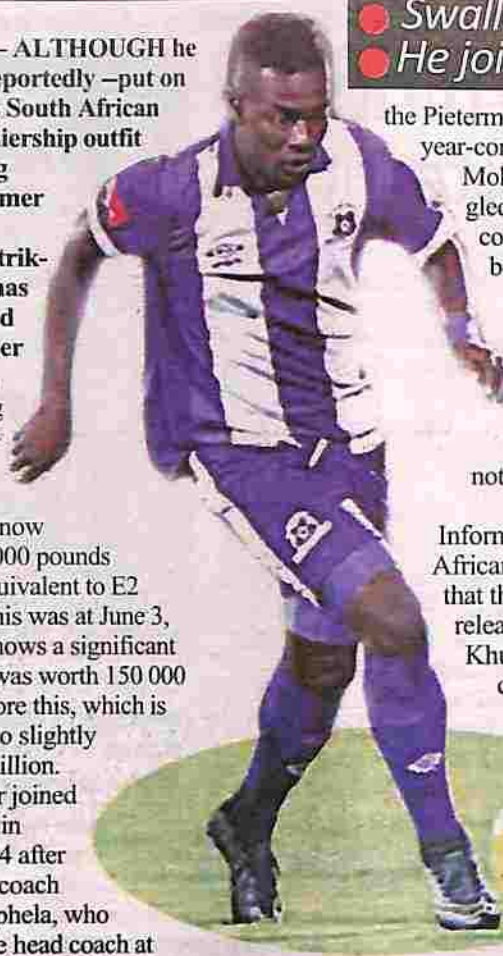
E2M WORTH EX-BIRDS' STAR MIKE ON TRANSFER

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER - ALTHOUGH he has been reportedly put on transfer by South African Absa Premiership outfit Maritzburg United, former Mbabane Swallows striker Mike Anas Mohammed is worth over E2 million.

According to the transfer market, the Ghana-born star is now worth 131 000 pounds which is equivalent to E2 489 000. This was at June 3, 2016 and shows a significant drop as he was worth 150 000 pounds before this, which is equivalent to slightly over E2.8million.

The player joined Maritzburg in August 2014 after impressing coach Steve Komphela, who was then the head coach at



the Pietermaritzburg outfit, signing a three-year-contract which ends in 2017.

Mohammed has, however, struggled for game-time under new coach Ernst Middendorp and will be released by the team.

Mohammed, who joined Mbabane Swallows as a free agent from Manzini Wanderers was cleared to the KwaZulu Natal Province based team for a transfer fee of not less than E1million.

Changes

Information sourced by South African online publication Laduma is that the 'Team of Choice' will release the foreign duo of Anas and Khumbulani Banda as part of the changes for the upcoming season.

"Having managed to secure their PSL status after a difficult season where the team was glued to the bot-

- Player is worth E2.4 million on transfer market
- Swallows might consider bringing him back
- He joined Maritzburg in 2014 for over E1 million

tom of the table for the better part of the campaign, Maritzburg are expected to make changes to Ernst Middendorp's squad."

Possibility

Asked if there would be a possibility of the player rejoining the quadruple Champions Mbabane Swallows, the team's CEO Sibusiso Manana said it would depend on the team's technical team.

"It would be the technical team that would decide if we need the player in the team. But more importantly it would be the player's decision on whether he wants to join Swallows or not," he said.

Manana said he knew Mike was still a good player.

Approaches

"I know for a fact Mike is a good player, it's only that Steve Kompela left for Kaizer Chiefs and as you know that coaches have different approaches, I think his style of play is not good enough for the new coach," Manana said.

Other players that have been valued highly by the transfer market is Dennis 'Yuki' Masina who, before his retirement from football last year, had the highest market Value of 150 000 pounds in February 2010.

ZLATAN CONFIRMS UNITED MOVE

Ibrahimovic IS coming to the Premier League

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LONDON - Zlatan Ibrahimovic will arrive at Manchester United today to sign a one-year contract after confirming his decision to work with José Mourinho again, via his Instagram account.

The Swedish striker, who departed Paris Saint-Germain at

the end of last season after winning four Ligue 1 titles, has agreed personal terms worth £220 000 a week, making him one of the highest earners in the Premier League.

Ibrahimovic will become Mourinho's second signing at Old Trafford - following the capture of the Ivory Coast

defender Eric Bailly from Villarreal - and the striker and United's new manager have been effusive in their praise for each other since working together at Internazionale during the 2008-09 season.

Undergo

The 34-year-old will undergo a medical at the club's training facility today before signing his contract. Ibrahimovic, who retired from international football after a disappointing Euro 2016, announced on Instagram, alongside a picture of the club crest: "Time to let the world know. My next destination is @manchesterunited #iamcoming."

Last season was the most prolific of Ibrahimovic's career, as he scored 50 goals in 51 matches including 38 in 31 league appearances.

United, who will formally unveil Mourinho early next

week, are also hopeful of securing the Borussia Dortmund playmaker Henrikh Mkhitaryan after the German club admitted they had received "a much improved" offer for the 27-year-old Armenian.

Mkhitaryan, who has attracted the interest of several other clubs, including Arsenal, has consistently impressed in the Bundesliga since joining from Shakhtar Donetsk in 2013.

United have added a friendly against Turkish club Galatasaray to their pre-season schedule, which will be played in Gothenburg on Saturday, July 30 - potentially giving Swedish fans another chance to see Ibrahimovic in action. United will also face Borussia Dortmund in Shanghai on July 22 and Manchester City in Beijing three days later.

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