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State and
Government at
Mandvulo Hall in
Lozitha yesterday.
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President Zuma is new SADC deputy chairman

South African President Jacob Zuma, the newly elected SADC Deputy Chairman, said he accepted the trust and confidence bestowed upon him by the regional body to assume the deputy position and to host the next SADC Summit.

In his acceptance speech at Lozitha Royal Palace, Zuma said the responsibility was huge but were honoured that it had been given to him.

The president also paid tribute to what he termed legendary hospitality that was extended to them all on their arrival into the country. He also expressed their appreciation for the rich culture which they witnessed in the country in the form of the annual Umhlanga Reed Dance, which he said epitomised the

kingdom.

He said the cultural event demonstrated the unity of the people of the country and that they were happy to be part of the occasion.

He also commended His Majesty's leadership, adding that they did not doubt that he would perfectly carry out his responsibilities and that the region would achieve all its goals under his stewardship.

He further commended Dr. Ian Khama, the outgoing SADC Chairperson and President of Botswana for his sterling performance during his tenure. President Zuma said the government and the people of South Africa were looking forward to welcoming the SADC leaders in the next Summit next year.

SADC UNIVERSITY WILL BE

COVER STORY

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini
Lozitha

HIS Majesty King Mswati III said the proposed SADC University of Transformation would have links with Limkokwing University of Creative Technology.

Addressing journalists during a post-summit briefing, the King said government was not alone on the idea, but had partnered with experts in the area who would provide more details on admission and the nature of courses to be undertaken.

He stated, though, that the current Limkokwing University premises could be used temporarily, until a new innovative structure that would be in-line with the innovative nature of the idea was put up. His Majesty said innovation these days was a way of life and that technology always yielded good results for anyone who worked hard.

The king said that most SADC leaders stated for themselves that they pursued their education in Swaziland, while others sent their children was an indication the standard of education in the country was good. His Majesty launched the SADC University of Transformation when officially taking over the leadership of SADC, further announcing that the Swaziland government would sponsor 300 of the first students to be admitted into the institution.

He said the 300 students would consist of 20 from each SADC member state.

Overall, His Majesty commended the nation and all those who supported the successful hosting of the Summit by Swaziland.

He said the media should continue to promote and send the right mes-

● His Majesty launched the SADC University of Transformation when he officially took over the leadership of SADC, further announcing that the Swaziland government would sponsor 300 of the first students to be admitted into the institution

...King closes successful SADC summit

THE 36th SADC Heads of State Summit was yesterday officially closed on a high note with His Majesty King Mswati III promising to accelerate youth development issues.

His Majesty said the youth was the future of the region, and addressing all matters that concerned them meant that they would be guaranteed of leaving the organisation in safe hands. His Majesty also said, while the region had reasons to pride itself for the progress it had made so far, there was still room for improvement. All that was needed, His Majesty said was mobilisation of resources because without such implementation the SADC pro-

grammes would be stalled.

Adding, in the past SADC had had difficulty implementing the programmes agreed upon, due to budgetary constraints, hence the need to vigorously mobilise funds for the development of the region. The king also said there was a need to capacitate the SADC Secretariat so that it could effectively push the regional agenda.

Reflecting on the summit, the king said it has helped them to appreciate the challenges the region was facing, such as slow economic growth.

He said he was looking forward to yet another successful SADC Summit in 2017, which would be held in the Republic of South Africa.

Go for other crops other than maize, SADC states told

SWAZILAND and other Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries have to consider other drought resistant crops instead of relying on maize.

This was said yesterday by United Nations Secretary General Special Envoy on El Nino and Climate Mary Robinson at the Mandvulo Grand Hall, at Lozitha Royal Palace, during a press briefing.

Robinson said although maize was a stable crop for most of these countries, the climatic conditions required that more drought resistant crops should be considered.



Robinson arrived in the country for a three day visit as a guest of the 36th Ordinary Summit of the Heads of State and Government.

Change

She said because of the climate change, future weather events like El Nino and La Nina must be expected, which would be more frequent and severe than ever before. She said there was a need for

new and different approaches, both in regions' actions to reduce and reverse the effects of climate change, but also in the ways that it prepares for and responds to the climate linked threats.

60 million people affected by El Nino worldwide

THE UN Special Envoy said the drought effects of El Nino have badly affected more than 60 million around the world, impacting lives and reversing hard-won development gains.

She said the droughts effects had also threatened peoples' human security and endangering achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

In the SADC region, she said 40 million people were affected and of these people, 23 million needed urgent humanitarian assistance.

She said the Southern Africa drought had caused a regional shortfall of 9.3 million tons of cereal production and hundreds of thousands of livestock deaths. Six SADC member states, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, Swaziland and Zimbabwe have already declared national drought emergencies. South Africa has reportedly declared it in eight of its nine provinces, while Mozambique declared a 90-day institutional red alert for its central and southern regions.

Close to 600 000 children may die of malnutrition in SADC

AN estimated 579 000 children in the SADC region are at risk of dying from malnutrition.

The United Nations Special Envoy Mary Robinson said the worst was still to come with regards to the drought effects.

She called for special attention to the already vulnerable groups among those worst affected by El Nino, which comes in the form of drought and devastating floods in other areas.

The UN special envoy said she had spoken to some of the SADC Heads of State about the eminent calamity.

"Although the El Nino climate event has officially concluded, food insecurity is not expected to peak until well into 2017 and it is a painful economic, social and human legacy that could ripple through generations if we do not take all necessary measures to prevent further suffering. Nowhere will this suffering be felt

more than among the estimated 579 000 children in Southern Africa facing the most severe form of malnutrition, for these children this is literally a matter of life or death," she said.

She also called for special attention for the already vulnerable groups among those worst affected by El Nino including women, children, people with disabilities, people living with HIV and AIDS and the rural poor.

She said it was important to bear in mind the injustice of climate change impacts, which she said affected most severely, countries and communities least responsible for the problem.

"These most vulnerable groups must be the focus of our combined efforts to respond to this emergency, and to change our approach to future climate threats."

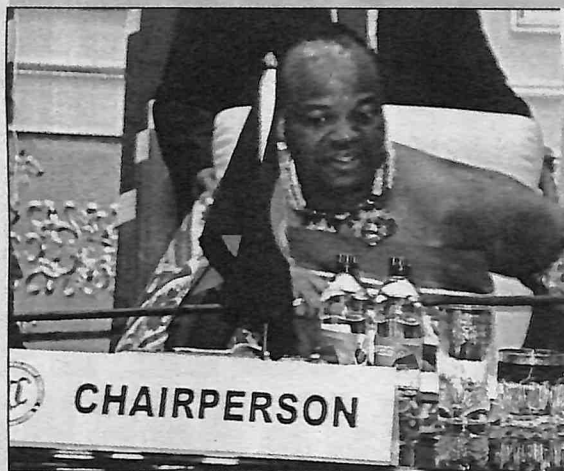
In her role as a Special Envoy, Robinson has so far visited El Nino

affected communities in Ethiopia, Honduras and Swaziland. Her counterpart, Special Envoy Ambassador Macharia Kamau, has also visited Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste.

As part of the special envoy work to call attention to the threats posed by El Nino-linked drought and climate impacts, they would also be reporting to the United Nations General Assembly in September, advocating to raise more resources for short-term and long-term relief and resilience-building measures across the globe so that countries could avoid becoming entangled in a cycle of shocks and partial recovery.

During the special envoy's visit into the country, she engaged with drought affected communities in the Lubombo region.

She reported that she was able to meet with a group of elderly women at Dvokodweni.



LEADER: SADC Chairperson His Majesty King Mswati III taking his seat in the Holding Room for Heads of State and government during the official closing ceremony at Mandvulo Grand Hall in Lozitha yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

CHAIRPERSON



AT LIMKOKWING

What SADC leaders did during the summit a nutshell

By Gugu Simelane
Lozitha

THE 36th Ordinary Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Summit of Heads of State officially closed on a high note, having achieved a great deal in the past two days.

SADC Executive Secretary Dr

AREAS OF CONCERN THE SADC HEADS OF STATE DISCUSSED

■ Summit elected His Majesty, King Mswati III as Chairperson and H.E Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa as Deputy Chairperson of SADC.

■ Summit also elected His Excellency Dr. John Pombe Magufuli President of the Republic of Tanzania and H.E. Jose Eduardo Dos Santos, President of the Republic of Angola as Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation, respectively.

■ Summit was also attended by H.E Dr Stergomena Lawrence Tax, SADC Executive Secretary, H.E Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson of the Africa Union, H.E. Dr Carlos Lopes, Executive Secretary of UNECA, H.E. Sindiso Ngwenya, Secretary General of COMESA, H.E Ambassador Zachary Muburi-Muita, Executive Secretary of ICGLR and H.E Ms Paulina M. Elago, Executive Secretary of SACU.

■ His Majesty, King Mswati III of the Kingdom of Swaziland, Incoming Chairperson and host of the 36th Summit welcomed SADC Heads of States and Government and other delegates to the Kingdom of Swaziland. His Majesty King Mswati III paid tribute to the Outgoing Chairperson of SADC, H.E. Lieutenant General Dr. Seretse Khama Ian Khama of the Republic of Botswana for having provided exemplary and foresighted leadership to the Region during his tenure, and for significant progress made.

■ Summit commended the people and government of the United Republic of Tanzania and Republic and Seychelles for holding peaceful and credible elections in their respective countries and congratulated Their Excellencies, Dr John Pombe Magufuli and Mr. James Michel, for emerging victorious in the Presidential elections.

■ Summit commended the Outgoing Chairperson, H.E President Lt. General. Dr. Seretse Khama Ian Khama for convening the High Level Ministerial Workshops of Food Security and Poverty and Poverty Eradication, Water and Energy and Illegal Trade in Wildlife, which were timely and addressed critical challenges.

■ Summit commended His Majesty, King Mswati III and the government of the Kingdom of Swaziland for dedicating a SADC University of Transformation which will grant 300 scholarships, representing 20 for each of the SADC Member States.

■ Summit received a report of the

Stergomena Lawrence Tax presented a communiqué that proved that the summit was surely prosperous.

Summit

The Summit took place under the theme "Resource Mobilisation for Investment in Sustainable Energy Infrastructure for an Inclusive SADC Industrialisation and for Prosperity of the Region".

Outgoing Chairperson of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation, H.E Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, President of the Republic of Mozambique, and commended him for the outstanding leadership of the Chairperson of the Organ.

■ The Summit applauded the SADC Region for the unity around the candidature of Hon. Dr. Pelomoni Verson-Moitso, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Botswana as SADC candidate for the African Commission position. And undertook to continue supporting the candidature to the next round of elections set for January 2017, in Addis Ababa.

■ Summit noted the adoption of the UN Council Resolution 2277 (2016) which extended the mandate of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in the DRC (MONUSCO) including its Intervention Brigade to 31 March 2017 and commended the DRC government and MONUSCO for signing the Technical Arrangement on 28 January 2016, thereby paving the way for the effective resumption of joint operations between MONUSCO Forces and the FARDC.

■ Summit noted the initiative of the facilitation of the facilitation of the National Inclusive Dialogue spearhead by the African Union Special Envoy H.E Eden Kodjo and urged the Government and all political stakeholders to participate in the National Dialogue and agree on the calendar for elections and stakeholders to create a conducive environment and to participate in the national dialogues.

■ Summit commended the massacre perpetrated by negative force in the Eastern DRC, particularly the ADF that has grown into a terrorist group posing danger not only to the DRC but to the whole Region, thus requiring concerted, collective and robust response.

■ Summit commend the Government of the DRC, the African Union facilitation, all Congolese Stakeholder and the Facilitation Support Group for the effective launching of an inclusive dialogue that is expected to adopt a roadmap towards peaceful elections in accordance with SADC and International standards.

■ Summit noted the progress of the SADC decisions; and the Roadmap on the constitutional, security sector, parliamentary and judiciary reforms as presented by the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho, and mandated the Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation to assess the report and the

roadmap and present a report to Summit.

■ Summit noted progress made with the convening of the Security Sector Workshops and adopted the recommendation of the workshops.

■ Summit encouraged the Kingdom of Lesotho to continue implementing SADC decisions, and all stakeholders to participate in the reform processes.

■ Summit reiterated the urgent need for the return from exile of the opposition leaders that will pave the ways for an inclusive participation in the on-going reforms and commended H.E. Cyril Ramaphosa, Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa for his stewardship in facilitating the process in the Kingdom of Lesotho.

■ Summit commended the Republic of South Africa for hosting AMANI AFRICA II Field Training Exercise (AAFTXII) in October/ November 2015 and member states that contributed graciously and participated on this important exercise.

■ Summit noted progress on Madagascar on the political arena and economic recovery, and underscored the importance of regional support to the mobilization of resources in the country's efforts to revive the economy.

■ Summit noted that the Republic of Zambia held a peaceful general elections and urged for the speedy resolution of the pending legal issues currently under consideration by the Constitution Court.

■ Summit commended H.E. Dr Carlos Lopes, CEO for UNECA for his excellent presentation on the 36th Theme of the Summit. Summit adopted the theme and directed the Secretariat to expedite the finalization of the SADC Resource Mobilization Framework underpinned by innovative, predictable and sustainable financing modalities.

■ Summit received the Report of the Ministerial Task Force on Regional Economic Integration, and noted appreciation the progress made in the implementation of the Industrialization Strategy, emphasizing the need to prioritize and act collective in the implementation in high impact infrastructure projects with potential to catalyse industrialization. While noting progress made in the preparing the Costed Industrialisation Action Plan, and urged Member States to finalise consultations and facilitate its approval

in March 2017.

■ Summit urged Member States that have not signed and ratified SADC Protocols to do so as soon as practically possible.

■ Summit approved the Agreement on the Operationalisation of the SADC Regional Fund, and urged Member States to urgently ratify the Agreement in order to facilitate mobilisation of resources to finance key regional projects and programmes, giving further impetus to preparation of infrastructure and industrialisation.

■ Summit noted progress made with regard to the implementation of the Regional Infrastructure Development Master Plan, and urged Member States to scales up implementation of priority infrastructure projects.

■ Summit noted with satisfaction, the progress with the commissioning of power generation projects yielding 1700 Mega Watts during the year under review, as well as the planned commissioning of power generation projects whose net output amounts to about 4 000 Mega Watts, which will go a long way in alleviating power shortfalls in the region.

■ Summit noted the overall deterioration of the Regional food security situation following the 2015/16 agricultural season occasioned by the extreme El Mino drought phenomenon, which left 39.6 million vulnerable people requiring both food and other humanitarian assistance.

Summit appealed to the Regional and International Community for continued support to the effected population, in particular to close the gap of E35 billion (US\$2.5 billion).

■ Summit noted the presentation by Mrs Mary Robinson, the United Nations Secretary General Special Convoy on El Nino on the severe impact of the current situation drought affecting the region, and appreciated supported rendered by the United Nations.

■ Summit commended the then Chairperson of SADC, the President of the republic of Botswana, H.E. Lt General Dr Seretse Khama Ian Khama, for declaring a Regional Drought Disaster and launching the SADC Regional Humanitarian Appeal in Gaborone, Botswana on 26th July 2016.

■ The Summit also commended the Secretariat for timely preparation of the disaster declaration and humanitarian Appeal.

■ Summit received a report on the

implementation of the Maseru Declaration on HIV and AIDS, and noted a decline in rates of infections across the region and an increase in the coverage of the Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) programme with coverage for the SADC region at 90 percentage in 2015. Summit also appreciated the substantial reduction in the incidence of tuberculosis and malaria, including malaria-related mortality.

■ Summit noted the progress made with empowerment of women through appointment to key decision making positions. Summit commended Member States that achieved high representation of women in both political and decision making positions and urged Member States to strive towards reaching the gender parity target at all levels.

■ Summit also approved the following legal instruments:

- Draft Agreement Amending the SADC Protocol Against Corruption.
- Draft Agreement Amending the SADC Protocol on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation.
- Draft Agreement Amending Annex 1 to the SADC Protocol on Finance and Investment/
- Draft Annex on Cooperation in Financial Matters
- Draft Agreement Amending Article 3 (1) 9c) of the SADC Trade Protocol
- Draft Agreement on the Operationalisation of the SADC Regional Development Fund
- Draft Agreement Amending SADC Protocol on Gender and Development
- Summit also took stock of the status of signature, ratification and accession to SADC Protocol noting that twenty six (26) have entered into force, while the following have not yet come into force, and urged Member States that are yet to accede to these Protocols, to do so.
 - The Protocol on Science, Technology and Innovation
 - The Protocol on the Facilitation of Movement of Persons
 - The Protocol on Trade in Services
 - The Protocol on Environmental Management for Sustainable Development
 - The Protocol on Employment and Labour
 - The new Protocol on the tribunal in the Southern African Development Community



HERE: SADC Executive Secretary Dr. Stergomena Lawrence Tax with Chairperson of Council, Minister of Economic Planning and Development Prince Hlangusemphi during a media briefing.

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SHARING NOTES: SADC Chairperson His Majesty King Mswati III with Executive Secretary Dr Stergomena Lawrence Tax during the official closing ceremony at Mandvulo Grand Hall in Lozitha yesterday.



LOOK YOUR MAJESTY: SADC Chairperson His Majesty King Mswati III and Chairperson of the SADC Council of Ministers Prince Hlangusemphi in discussions. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



APPENDING: His Majesty leading Heads of State in signing of the amendments of protocols.

(R) THAT'S HILARIOUS: SA President Jacob Zuma being congratulated by Namibia President Hage Geingob.



DUO: Lesotho PM Pakalitha Mosisili with the AU Chairperson.



CABINET MINISTERS: Martin Dlamini (Finance), Dum-sane Ndlangamandla (ICT), Phineas Magagula (Education), Phiwayinkhosi Mabuza (Housing) and Chief Mgwa-gwa Gamedze (Foreign Affairs) were also present.



CHAIR TO CHAIR: Prince Hlangusemphi with African Union Commission Chairperson Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma.



NDVUNANKHULU: The Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini following the proceedings.



IN DISCUSSIONS: Southern African Customs Union (SACU) Executive Secretary Paulina Elago among the delegates.



SIGN HERE: The Namibian President, Hage Geingob being shown where to sign, while SA President Jacob Zuma looks on.



CLOSING: Heads of State standing during the singing of the Kingdom of Swaziland's national anthem and the SADC one.



ATTENDED: Tibiyo TakaNgwane Managing Director A.T. Dlamini with Mandla Dlamini.



READY: Delegates waiting for yesterday's proceedings.



WE WERE THERE: SwaziBank's Enock Mavimbela, Swaziland Sugar Association Chief Executive Officer Phil Mnisi and SwaziBank MD Zakhele Lukhele.



THANK YOU ALL: His Majesty King Mswati III and SADC Chairperson delivering his speech.

COUNCILLOR NGANONO BACK AT WORK

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

RECENTLY suspended Mbabane Ward One Councillor Nganono Manyatsi, is back at work with effect from Tuesday.

He was seen representing Ward One, which is the place in which he was elected back in 2012. Manyatsi fully participated in a councillors' meeting, where he also spoke about the concerns of Ward One residents.

This was during the time when Municipal Council of Mbabane CEO Gideon Mhlango spoke about the fact that the Council wanted to put up recreational facilities in some other wards that had no such.

Biggest

"I would like Ward One to be considered in such developments because there are no recreational facilities there. Ward One is one of the biggest in the city.

It starts from Manzana, right up to Zone Six. It would be a great achievement for the ward to have such," Manyatsi submitted.

His submission was accepted by Mbabane Mayor Benito Jones and CEO Mhlango. However, Jones noted that some recreational parks

were destroyed in the city because there were no consultations before such projects were implemented.

He made an example of a certain ward in the city where facilities were stolen from the park. He said to avoid such, it was advisable to ask residents from the concerned ward if they wanted the recreational facilities.

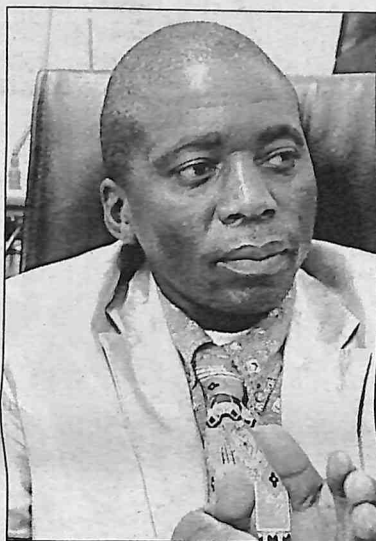
Suspended

Manyatsi was suspended in March by the Council. During a meeting held at Mahwalala on Sunday, Manyatsi himself confirmed that he would be back at work on Tuesday during the end-of-month meeting that usually takes place at the municipal Council offices.

"I will start working on Tuesday at the municipal Council after I had been suspended for about four months," Manyatsi said after the meeting.

This was after one resident had raised the issue of Manyatsi's suspension during the meeting. Andreas Mavuso complained about the super slow justice system in the country. He even suspected that there were corrupt tendencies within the system, hence its snail pace.

"I have seen Manyatsi moving in



BACK: Mbabane Ward One Councillor Nganono Manyatsi.

and out of the courts trying to challenge his suspension but up to this date, nothing had come out of this," Mavuso said.

He said Manyatsi moved an application at the High Court under a certificate of urgency and this was just after being suspended back in March.

Mavuso said what was disappointing was that Manyatsi was back at work not because of the mercy of the law. He said they did not know why the judgment was not issued by the High Court on the matter.

No deadline extension on old coins - Central Bank

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza
Mbabane

THE Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) says there will be no more extension to the deadline on old coins that ceased to exist as of yesterday.

This was said by CBS Head of Strategy and Communications Zithulele Gina. He said yesterday's deadline was already an extension as the initial deadline was July 31.

Educate

He added that they had also done their best to educate the nation about the issue of old coins through roadshows and advertisements both in print and electronic media.

"We do understand what they are going through, however, we cannot extend the deadline any longer as we have done that already, but our doors are welcome for an exchange of the newer coins in Mbabane," Gina said.

He added that they were also working on extending their con-

tract with Swazi Post which ended yesterday, to cater for the people far from Mbabane.

"We had an agreement with Swazi Post which has also ended, but we are hoping to negotiate a contract extension with them since post offices are found even in the outskirts of the country," Gina explained.

The issue of scrapping the old coins has been going on since the beginning of the year and the bank has had a number of roadshows in the country to promote the new ones as well as make the public aware of the new setting.

Confusion

However, it seems the confusion is rife now that the deadline has come as the public claims they are being given the old coins as change from shops and public transport, yet are disallowed from buying or paying fees using the same.

The old and new coins being used simultaneously was also said to be very confusing to the public as there were many versions; hence the bank resorted to ruling out the old coins instead.

Mbabane councillors want litterers arrested

PEOPLE who continue littering in the capital city might find themselves in for a shock as they could be arrested.

The move to arrest people who litter in the capital city was suggested by Mbabane councillors during their end-of-the-month meeting at the Council offices on Tuesday. They said this after praising the Council's decision to clean the city ahead of the recently-concluded SADC Summit. The councillors, however, stated that the city could not afford to be kept clean only if there was an important event to be held in the country. They said the city was generally dirty and such was not good

for the country. Ward Eight Councillor Thulani Mkhonto, was of the view that security companies should be used to arrest people who littered the town.

"In Pigg's Peak, For Him Security Services is used to arrest people who litter the town.

"I think we should also use the security company to do the same here because there is a law that prohibits people from littering," Mkhonta said. Ward 10 Councillor Sabelo Magagula, however, was of the view that some kind of education needed to be done to the people living in the residential areas of the city.

"I think in our areas, we need to raise some awareness about the advantages of keeping the environment clean. We need to rope in the media to assist us in raising the awareness. I was once helped by the media when we had such an exercise before," Magagula said.

Municipal Council of Mbabane CEO Gideon Mhlango said security officers had the power to arrest people who littered the city. He said even health inspectors of the Council had such powers, adding that it was painful to see a plot belonging to a person full of litter and such was condemned in the strongest possible terms.



Swazi man swallows dagga to avoid arrest

By Sizwe Dlamini
Matsamo

A man swallowed dagga to evade arrest by South African soldiers.

Two South African soldiers, who patrolled the 'no man's' land between Swaziland and South Africa, said a 28-year-old man allegedly avoided arrest by eating the dagga that was in his possession.

The man (name deliberately) from Tingcwengweni in Hhohho allegedly ate the evidence he was carrying when he stumbled upon the soldiers who were on patrol.

The incident happened last Saturday at Matsamo on the South African side of the border gate. One of the soldiers said the man, a well known local resident of the area, was seen creeping through the thick dry grass when

spotted by one of the soldiers.

"We first saw him about a metre away from us crawling on his knees through the thick grass.

We are sure he did not see us as we were sitting under the opposing tree for shade. We then stood up and called him.

He turned around and apologised. He thereafter opened a black plastic bag and started eating its contents very quickly," one of the soldiers said.

The soldiers said they were astonished by the man's reaction and they rushed to him. They asked him what he was chewing, but he cried instead of responding.

"He is a local, so we know his whole family. We suspect that on this day, he was drunk. We grabbed the black plastic he was carrying and it smelt of dagga and then asked if he had eaten the dagga and he said yes," they stated.

Siteki taps run dry, water rationing to start soon

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

SITEKI town and surrounding communities may soon be facing a situation where water would be rationed as water sources supplying the area are evidently running dry.

The country in general, has been greatly affected by the drought which left thousands of people starving.

The Lubombo and Shiselweni regions have also seen the worst effects of the drought as many areas under these regions faced serious shortages of water as major sources of water ran dry.

Siteki town is now facing a similar situation after having its main sources

of water experiencing shocking decrease of water levels.

Apparently, the small town depends on Mabhodweni and Mbuluzi Dams for the supply of water.

The Mabhodweni Dam, which also supplies the Lubombo Hospital, has over the past few months experienced major decrease of water levels.

Evidently, residents from different areas surrounding the town centre have reported unavailability of water. It was gathered that in many areas, water taps would run dry for several days.

This compels residents to walk very long distances in search of alternative water sources. For instance, residents from Mzilikazi would travel down to Futheni area where there is an earth dam.

When reached for comment, Mayor Norman Sigwane said for now, the town has not yet considered rationing water to residents.

Sigwane said they were currently closely monitoring the levels of water at the available sources which have seen a decrease.

"We have two main sources of water which supply the town. Even though we have not yet received a formal report from the Swaziland Water Services Corporation, we acknowledge the decrease of water levels in our sources," said Sigwane.

Meanwhile, surrounding areas such as Mhlumeni, Sitsatsaweni and Ka-Langa are reportedly facing a serious shortage of water. This situation is at the verge of getting out of control as rain remains scarce.

EL NINO BRINGS WORSE TIMES – UN ENVOY

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

THE devastating effects brought by El Niño are still to continue unabated if the necessary precautions are not taken urgently.

This was said by United Nations Special Envoy on El Niño and Climate, Mary Robinson, during her visit to Swaziland to discuss and assess the devastating effects of the recent El Niño climate event in Southern Africa, sharing lessons learned at all levels of the humanitarian response.

Robinson visited Swaziland from 29-31 August, meeting with El Niño-affected communities, development and humanitarian partners, local government officials, UN agencies and SADC Heads of State.

On August 29, she travelled to Dvokodweni to meet with El Niño-affected children and families to understand and assess the situation, including the immediate and longer-term actions needed at all levels.

She also attended the SADC Summit on 30 August, delivering remarks on

the regional and global implications of El Niño, calling for changes to the ways that governments and communities prepare themselves for drought and other environmental threats.

"Even in my short time in Swaziland I have witnessed the terrible impacts of relentless drought on children, families and communities," Robinson said. The envoy met with a group of elderly women who explained how the drought had killed their livestock and made water completely unavailable in their households.

They told the envoy that they had seen drought before but they knew that this time, something was different. When Robinson asked the group what they feared most in the future, they told her they feared everything.

The drought had caused them to fear for their families, their livelihoods, the future of their community, the prospects for their children and grandchildren.

Because of climate change, Robinson said Swaziland and other SADC countries should now expect that future weather events like El Niño and La Niña will be more frequent and severe than ever before. This 'new normal'

demand a different way to reduce and reverse the effects of climate change. It also demanded a different way in preparing for, and responding to these climate-linked threats.

El Niño has badly affected more than 60 million people around the world, impacting lives and livelihoods, reversing hard-won development gains.

It has also threatened people's human security and endangered the achievements of the Sustainable Development Goals. Two-thirds of all affected people (an estimated 40 million) live in Southern Africa, including some 23 million people, who urgently need humanitarian assistance.

The Southern Africa drought has caused a regional shortfall of 9.3 million tons of cereal production and hundreds of thousands of livestock deaths.

Six SADC Member States (Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, Swaziland and Zimbabwe) have already declared national drought emergencies. South Africa has declared drought emergencies in eight of its nine provinces, while Mozambique declared a 90-day institutional red alert for its central and southern regions.

Vulnerable groups need urgent attention

UNITED Nations Special Envoy on El Niño and Climate Mary Robinson calls for urgent help for vulnerable groups to combat drought in SADC.

Robinson also called for special attention to the already-vulnerable groups among those worst affected by El Niño – including women, children, people with disabilities, people living with HIV and AIDS and the rural poor.

Impact

She said it was important to bear in mind the impact of the injustice of climate change, which affected, most severely, countries and communities least responsible for the problem.

"These most vulnerable groups must be the focus of our combined efforts to respond to this emergency, and to change our approach to future climate threats," she said.

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In her role as special envoy, Mary Robinson has so far visited El Niño-affected communities in Ethiopia, Honduras and Swaziland. Her counterpart Special Envoy, Ambassador Macharia Kamau, has also visited Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste.

Posed

As part of the special envoys' work to call for attention to the threats posed by El Niño-linked drought and climate impacts, they will also be reporting to the United Nations General Assembly in September, advocating to raise more resources for short-term and long-term relief and resilience-building measures across the globe so that countries can avoid becoming entangled in a cycle of shocks and partial recovery.



HORRIBLE: Manzini Bus rank where the incident occurred.

Conductor beats up sick passenger

By Samukelisiwe
Ginindza
Manzini

...for throwing up in kombi

KOMBI passengers watched in dismay as its conductor assaulted a sickly man over and over after he threw up inside the minibus.

The kombi, which was from Luvuvu to Manzini, is said to have earlier been taken for a thorough wash, something that angered the conductor.

According to eyewitnesses, the visibly sick man, was sleeping through the whole journey but only woke before they reached Manzini and asked that a window should be open.

"I then asked him to swap seats with me since I was seated by the window and soon after exchanging seats the man opened the window

wider and threw up. But since the kombi was in motion, it got plastered in the other windows too," one of the eyewitnesses said.

The conductor was livid and attacked the sick man. Seeing what was happening, the driver promptly stopped the kombi and tried to stop the enraged conductor.

Sickness

The victim confirmed this, stating he was on his way to get medical attention at one of the hospitals in Manzini, where his sickness is said to have got worse before he reached the doctors.

"I could feel that I was about to throw up, so I asked for a window to be opened as I was feeling hot and dizzy, luckily the lady seated next to me swapped seats with me, but before long I threw up," he confirmed.

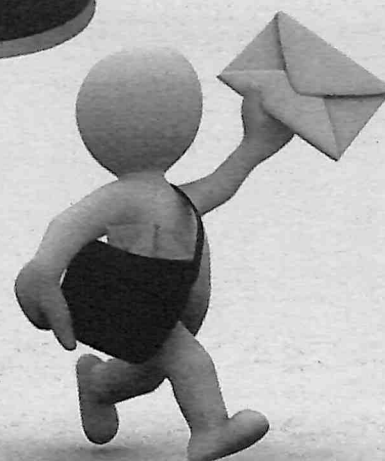
It is said shortly after that the conductor jumped onto the sickly man with fists, demanding he should wash the kombi.

"He told me that he had washed the kombi that morning and I had dirtied it, barely two hours after the first load of the day.

I did not understand why he then decided to reduce me to a punching bag in front of everyone because I was embarrassed enough already," he explained.

He went on to add that even though he was going to clean his mess up he was not expecting such treatment.

"I was willing to clean my mess, even with my clothes if it called for, yet he belittled me by hitting me especially because he is young enough to be my youngest son," he added.



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LECTURER FIRED VIA SMS SUES E230 000

Stories by Linda Jele
Industrial Court

A lecturer who was allegedly dismissed via a text message at Metropolitan International College, wants over E230 000 compensation.

Godwin Hungwe from Tshaneni in the Lubombo region, has instituted legal proceedings against Arhast Investments, trading as Metropolitan International College Swaziland Campus, seeking an order to be compensated for unfair dismissal.

He alleged that he was employed as an educator on April 12, 2014 on a three-year contract expiring on December 31, 2016.

However, the college unilaterally varied his contract's terms of employment before expiry and gave him a new one-year contract without lawful cause.

He claimed that after his employment, he was given two copies of a contract to sign and return both of them to the employer. As a result, he did not have a copy.

He was earning E8 300 per month. He had remained in continuous employment with the college until November 29, 2015 when his services were unfairly terminated.

"The applicant alleges that on October 30, 2014, he was handed an application form to re-apply for employment for the year 2015, despite the fact that he had signed a three-year fixed contract in April 2014 ending in December 2016.

The applicant alleges that pursuant to signing the re-application form, he was notified that the process was merely procedure and had no effect on his initial three years fixed term contract and this coincided with the advertisement of the applicant's edu-

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THE CLAIM

CLAIM	AMOUNT
Notice Pay	E8 300
Balance of remainder of contract	E99 600
Overtime	E29 880
Gratuity	E82 801
Housing Allowance	E11 520
Subsistence Allowance	E250
Repatriation costs	To be calculated
TOTAL CLAIM	E232 351

cator post and all other on the local newspapers on November 8, 2014," Hungwe said.

Then in January 2015, he was handed a new one year fixed term contract and instructed to sign and return all copies to the employer.

Sign

He was reluctant to sign because the new contract varied his initial employment agreement with the employer which had also not run its course.

He further alleged that the new agreement introduced less favourable terms than those offered under the initial three-year contract.

"The applicant alleges that he eventually signed the one-year contract on the strength of the respondent's (college) assurances that it did not revoke his initial contract of employment," read papers filed by Hungwe's law firm, Gigi Reid Attorneys.

He claimed that the college, on August 11, 2015 advertised his post as vacant in the local media and on October 5, 2015, he was given yet another re-application form to fill up. Again, he was told this was mere procedure he had undergone in 2014.

"To Hungwe's dismay, on October

15, 2015, interviews were held at the college's premises for all the posts, including that of the applicant."

"The applicant alleges that on November 29, 2015, he received a message through his mobile short message service (SMS) to the effect that his services were no longer required in 2016 at the school, which message terminated the contract of employment between the parties which was intended to endure until December 31, 2016," it was stated.

It was alleged the college's Principal, one Ivo, informed Hungwe to vacate the institution's house before he could be given his end of year salary.

Hungwe said his attorneys wrote to the college, claiming compensation for unfair termination of his services, but they were told Hungwe was not owed anything and rejected his claim.

Hungwe then lodged a complaint before the Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration Commission (CMAC), which then issued a certificate of unresolved dispute. He is claiming payment of E232 351. The matter is pending before court and the college is yet to file its papers in the matter.



PRESIDING:
Judge Nkululeko
Hlophe.

Bus war: Phumzakhele loses to Emavulane

HIGH Court Judge Nkululeko Hlophe has dismissed Phumzakhele Bus Service's application to charge the Road Transportation Board with contempt of court in its battle over routes with Emavulane Transport.

The two public transport operators have been involved in a dispute over the schedules of their buses servicing Mbabane, Pigg's Peak and Matsamo.

Phumzakhele Bus Service had instituted legal proceedings before the High Court seeking an order to charge the RTB with contempt of court.

It had been argued that the board had failed to comply with a court order to address the clashing travelling schedules between the two buses as directed by the court about five years ago.

Phumzakhele Bus Service had argued that it had been granted a permit prior to that of Emavulane Bus Service. They complained that the time intervals between the two buses was too short and it gave Emavulane unfair advantage because it left about 15 minutes earlier than the former.

In 2009, Judge Qinisile Mabuza issued an order reverting the matter to the board to address the issue. Phumzakhele argued that the board failed to address the issue as directed by the court.

However, the board, represent-

ed by the attorney general's office, disputed that the court order was not complied with. It submitted before court that the representatives of Phumzakhele Bus Service were invited on two occasions to appear before the board, but failed and the matter was dismissed due to their absence.

Judge Hlophe ruled that the board had complied with the court order and correctly dealt with the matter in the absence of Phumzakhele Bus Service who had been invited but failed to attend.

"A dismissal of the matter on the absence of the Applicant as a party for the second time running cannot realistically amount to a failure to hear the matter and cannot therefore found contempt of court.

Given that civil contempt turns on whether there was a wilful or wreck less disregard of the court order, there cannot be liability for contempt of court in circumstances like the present, where the first Respondent believed it was entitled to dismiss the matter serving before it because of non-attendance or non-prosecution of it by the interested party even if it were shown to have been erroneous in its belief," Judge Hlophe said.

Each party was ordered to pay its own costs.

Asian businessman ordered to pay ex-worker E20 000

A Siteki-based businessman from one of the Asian countries, is alleged to have slapped and fired his employee for complaining that he sold defective cellphones to the public.

Mazhar Iqbalnoon, Managing Director of Mandi Investments, is alleged to have slapped Thandazile Mthethwa three times across the face and dismissed her from her job on January 5, 2016.

The bone of contention was that Mthethwa had confronted Iqbalnoon on the escalation of complaints from the shop's customers that they had been sold defective goods.

She had been employed as a sales lady.

Mthethwa said on the day she was fired, a customer went to the shop in the company of police officers and complained that she had been sold a defective phone. After that Mthethwa confronted her boss, but she received more than she had bargained for.

She was fired, she claimed, and



HERE: The High Court of Swaziland where the Industrial Court is housed.

thereafter reported the matter to CMAC. The boss was invited by CMAC on numerous occasions but he never attended.

The matter was eventually taken to conciliation in Iqbalnoon's absence and an order directing the company

to pay Mthethwa E20 693.06 as compensation for unfair dismissal was made.

However, Mthethwa claimed on affidavit, that her former boss did not comply with the CMAC order. She then instituted legal proceedings

before the Industrial Court. She instructed lawyer Mzobanzi Dlamini from Mzobanzi Dlamini Attorneys seeking an order to enforce compliance with the CMAC order.

A CMAC commissioner had written a ruling on the matter, after a hearing in the absence of Mandi Investments representatives.

"The customer was given a new phone and she left. Immediately after the customer had left, the applicant, out of concern in seeing the soaring number of complaints in the shop, confronted her boss to ask him to address the issue of selling defective goods to customers," reads the ruling.

It was stated that the former employee's sin was to speak out about the scourge of complaints from customers. The commissioner said the retaliation from the company managing director was uncalled for and extreme. He

said Mthethwa neither committed any form of misconduct nor was she disobedient, but merely raised a concern which the employer could have easily ignored or reprimanded her for if she was out of line.

"She could not, therefore, be dismissed for raising a glaring thorny issue which had the potential of running down the business if not dealt with accordingly," the commissioner said.

He said the issue of dismissal must be preceded by a fair hearing as provided for in the code of good practice for termination of employment. Mandi Investments was ordered to pay Mthethwa E20 693.06 through the CMAC offices.

The application to enforce compliance of the order was heard by the Industrial Court and an order in favour of Mthethwa was issued with costs.

AGGRIEVED MAN STABS COP IN TOWN

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

A man who had numerous complaints against the police, eventually lost his cool and stabbed a police officer, in full view of members of the public.

The police officer, under the Crime Investigation Department (CID), had to be rushed to hospital after he sustained a stab wound on the upper body.

The incident, which left onlook-

ers shocked, happened in front of Waya Waya Hardware just after 0900 hours on Tuesday, a few metres away from the police station.

The name of the man who stabbed the officer is deliberately withheld as he has not yet been formally charged.

According to eyewitnesses, the police officer was in the company of his colleagues when a brief altercation between him and the man took place.

The man was apparently the

one who first made provocative comments directed to the officer who was passing nearby. The officer did not take kindly to the comments and responded in a similar manner.

By this time, the two men came close to each other, threatening to unleash blows.

In a split of a second, the man drew a knife and planted it on the officer's upper arm.

Blood quickly started oozing while the man disappeared into the crowd. Further investigation

of the matter by this publication revealed that the two men had long standing differences, which dated back to the beginning of the year.

The same man had previously alleged that the police officer caused a separation between him and his girlfriend.

The officer reportedly advised the man's girlfriend to dump him, saying he was an abusive man.

This did not go down well with the man and he held grudges since then. He had also accused the officer of failing to properly handle cases involving him.

At the time of compiling this report, the police officer had just been discharged from Good Shepherd Hospital where he was treated for the stab wound.



CONFIRMED: Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati.

avoid cases like these," Vilakati said. She went on to add that children were the future of the country and therefore, it was always advisable they be taken care of at all times.

BOY DROWNS WHILE FISHING

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza
Mbabane

A 10-year-old boy from Vulamehlo drowned while finishing together with his peers.

Reports are that the minor went finishing together with his two peers, who are of the same age group, but he accidentally slipped and fell in the water.

His peers then went to seek help from a woman who was doing her laundry nearby, confirmed Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Superintendent Phindile Vilakati. "It was, however, unfortunate that the woman also

called for help as she could not rescue the boy.

This was not the first time the boy went fishing at the river as he is said to have known the right spot to do so.

However, the boy was apparently not a good swimmer, thus he drowned.

"The boy was taken to Nhlangu Health Centre, where he was certified dead on arrival," Vilakati added.

Vilakati urged guardians and parents to always keep an eye on their children, especially during the school holidays where they often wander to rivers on their own. "As we are approaching summer season where minors

want to go for a quick swim, we felt it could be right to caution parents to make sure their children are under proper care, by an older person who can also swim to help should anything happen," she explained.

Drowning cases are mostly reported during the hot summer season and most cases involved minors who were left unattended to as they go for a swim alone.

"If the woman who was promptly called to save the young boy could swim, a life could have been saved but she couldn't, hence we would like to emphasise that minors should go for fishing or swimming with an adult who can also swim to

PASTOR CUTS TIES WITH THIEVING CONGREGANTS

Stories by Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

PASTOR Sikelela Lukhele who previously stood as surety for two young men who were arrested and charged with house breaking and theft, has changed his mind and withdrew the offer.

Lukhele had taken the stand as a spiritual father of the accused persons who are members of his church after they allegedly stole from another denomination.

Mduduzi Mncina (27) of Malindza and Nkosinathi Dlamini (23) of Magubheleni allegedly wrongfully and unlaw-

fully broken and entered into a house belonging to Nkhosikhona Langwenya.

They reportedly stole items valued at E21 200. The items were music instruments which included a Leem mixer, a keyboard, speakers and microphones.

During their previous appearance before the court, the accused persons pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The crown then applied that the accused persons be remanded in custody as it intended to call witnesses to prove commission of the crime.

The accused persons subsequently filed an application to be

admitted to bail.

Principal Magistrate Dumsani Magagula said the court would grant the accused persons bail at half the value of the stolen property. It was then that the pastor presented himself and offered to stand in as surety for the accused persons.

They were then allowed to pay E2 000 each while the pastor was also recorded as surety.

The matter was back before court on Tuesday for setting of a trial date. It was during this time that the pastor informed the court he was no longer willing to stand in as surety for the accused persons. He apparently came to the decision after engaging both

the accused persons and their parents on the matter before court. Lukhele said upon deliberation of the matter, the accused persons failed to give a clear explanation to him on how they got to steal the said items.

This was conveyed before the court by the pastor's lawyer, Mzobanzi Dlamini, and he also confirmed. Following this change of heart, the court then ordered that the accused persons be remanded into custody pending payment of the bail balance which must be up to half the value of the items.

The matter was then postponed to September 7, for setting of a trial date.

Ka-Shoba case postponed again

THE case of 18 men from Ka-Shoba who were arrested early last year has been postponed again following the death of one of the accused persons.

They were arrested and charged with malicious damage to property and contravening the Swazi Administration Act.

On the first count, the accused persons were said to have acted in furtherance of a common pur-

pose and did wrongfully, unlawfully and intentionally damage a concrete fence valued at E11 510, belonging to Bheki Dlamini.

Accused

On the second count, the accused persons are alleged to have acted jointly and obstructed or interfered with the lawful exercise of the chief by disputing allocation of land to Dlamini by the traditional authorities.

They were further charged with a similar offence, in that they wrongfully and unlawfully conspire or attempt to undermine the lawful power and authority of the chief by failing to regard Fanyana Motsa as their indvuna.

Matter

The matter was back in court on Tuesday for commencement of trial.

However, the court was informed that the first accused person, Sibusiso Langa

Ndzimandze, has recently passed away. Ndzimandze was also a police officer.

He was discovered dead in a house on August 24, after returning from a local sports ground. Ndzimandze was reportedly on suspension when he mysteriously died.

After the presentation of Ndzimandze's death certificate, the court then postponed the matter to September 7.

Meanwhile, the accused persons are out on E500 bail each.

Mbhuleni man robs woman using sword

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

IN a rather unusual robbery incident, a 21-year-old man of Mbhuleni has been arrested for robbing a woman items worth E21 200 using a sword.

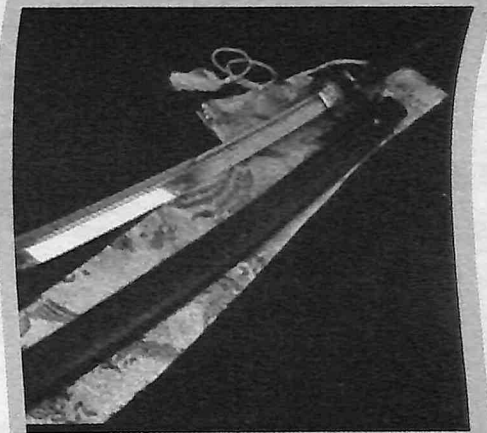
Charlton Thabo Mntambo was arrested by Sigodweni police. He made his first appearance at Matsapha Circuit Court before Magistrate Lucia Lukhele.

The sword, which is similar to the ones used by Samurai warriors, was also presented to court as an exhibit. When his rights to legal representation were read to him, the accused person chose to conduct his own defence.

Mntambo was accused of robbery in that on August 23 near Ludzeludze, he unlawfully used a sword to steal money in cash and property amounting to E21 200 in the lawful possession of Cebile Shabalala.

The items stolen included three latest Samsung cellphones valued at E8 000 each, save for one which was valued at E4 000. Another item stolen was a silver sword with black and red colours valued at E600 plus money in cash amounting to E600. The accused was remanded back into police custody with the crown applying to prove commission of offence.

The magistrate informed the accused he would be remanded to police custody and should he wish to apply for bail, he must do so at the High Court.



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ATTENTION: His Majesty King Mswati III and Her Majesty Indlovukazi joined by Heads of State Filipe Nyusi of Mozambique, Jacob Zuma from South Africa and Namibia's Hage Geingob during the singing of the national anthem. This was at the state banquet on Tuesday evening hosted by the King for the leaders who were in the country for the SADC Summit, which ended yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



IT'S GOOD TO BE HERE: SA High Commissioner to Swaziland Happy Mahlangu, Pastor Princess Lindiwe, Inkhosikati LaMaziya of Prince Gcina and SA Minister of International Relations and Co-operation Maite Nkoana-Mashabane pictured after the day's formalities.



KODAK MOMENT: Emalangeneni with SA Ministers Maite Nkoana-Mashabane and David Mahlobo after the dinner.



POSING: Emazinyane Mcwasho and Lindani were also at the dinner.



GUESTS: A section of the dignitaries and guests at the event.



ALL SMILES: Royal Board of Trustees members Chief Ndzabankulu Simelane and Bishop Mavovo Mkhonto with some of the delegates.



LIGHT MOMENT: Prince Bandzile sharing a light moment with Namibian President Hage Geingob.



IN SONG: Lutsango entertaining the guests.

FOCUSED: CSC Chairman Peter Mamba with Principal Secretaries Bertram Stewart and Sikelela Dlamini as well as Secretary to Cabinet Mbuso Dlamini.



IN SUPPORT OF HIS MAJESTY: Ambassador of the State of Qatar Yousef Bin Mohammed Yousef Al-Mahmoud with Minister of Economic Planning and Development Prince Hlangusemphi and Taiwan Ambassador Thomas Chen.



LOVE IN THE AIR: Prince Lonkhokhela and his wife Inkhosikati LaMabuza in a jovial mood after the event.



ROYALTY: Emakhosikati, emazinyane and balondolozzi at the state banquet.



COULDN'T MISS OUT: Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini, former PM Prince Mabandla and Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala were also in attendance.



BUSINESS TALK: Botswana's Minister of Investment Trade and Industry Vincent Seretse in a conversation with Minister Prince Hlangusemphi and SNPF CEO Prince Lonkhokhela whom they attended school with overseas.



RUBBING SHOULDERS: Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini with UK High Commissioner Judith McGregor and EU Ambassador Nicola Bellomo during the dinner.



PRESENT: Batjele Sengwayo from Tibiyo Taka Ngwane following proceedings of the event.

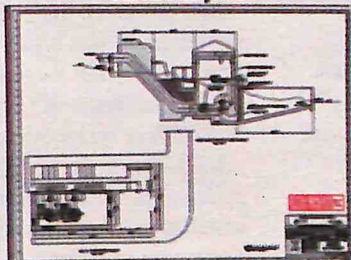


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Technology	12 MW Hydro Power Station
Type of Application:	New
Type of Licence:	Generation Licence
Site Location:	The Lower Maguduza Hydro Power Scheme will be established on the Lusutfu river, predominantly on the Remaining Extent of the Farm No. 8, in the Manzini district, with the western flank of the project weir located on Crown Land Farm No. 1153 that is used by the Gebeni Community, and with backwater impacts to Farm No. 1153 and Swazi Nation Land Farms No. 1038 and No. 1037 as used by the Gebeni and Nhlambeni Communities. Transmission lines associated with the project will also traverse Portion 45 of the Consolidated Farm Peebles Block (South) No. 8 in the Manzini district. The nearest town is Sidvokodvo.
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National Satellite View



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1. Map showing the proposed location where Middle Lusutfu Hydropower (Pty) Ltd ("MLH") intends to erect or alter plant.
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3. Description including the site layout of the area within which MLH intends to carry out activities authorised under the licence.
4. Calculation of the net present value of the proposed plant and any alternative plants.
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6. Desired licence period: 26.5 Years
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Local Satellite View



NORTHERN HHOHHO NEWS

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...With

Sizwe Dlamini



HHOHHO REGION CAUTIONED ON MALARIA

THE National Malaria Control Programme (NMCP) has cautioned residents of Hhohho to apply preventative measures to curb malaria.

Hhohho is not 'immune' to malaria due to climate change and the topography of the land.

NMCP Surveillance Officer Talisile Malambe said Hhohho was also at risk of malaria, particularly the areas around Ndzingeni, Mayiwane, Mhlangatane and Madlangemphisi. To curb malaria, these areas must be sensitised on the preventative methods.

Unfortunately

"Unfortunately due to extenuating factors like the warming up of the world's climate areas within the region of Hhohho which now have conditions suited to the breeding of mosquitoes, some of these areas are closer to Mhlume and Lomahasha being major malaria hotspots. Areas around Madlangemphisi and Mayiwane require special attention," she said.

Malambe said over the previous years, Hhohho region came second

in the number of malaria cases reported and was followed by these regions in previous years:

- 70 percent of all cases are from the Lubombo region
- Six percent of all cases from Shiselweni region
- 14 percent of all cases from Hhohho region
- 10 percent of all cases from Manzini.

However, the number of malaria cases has in fact gone down over the years, due to the fact that people are aware of the disease and its dangers.

Cases

"We have umbrella figures that show the number of cases of malaria has dropped and we continue to ask people to take the necessary precautions," she said.

The preventative measures are divided into two groups. Individuals are encouraged to buy and use:

- Mosquito coils
 - Mosquito repellents
 - Closing windows early
 - Wearing long sleeves
 - Using window screens
- The second group of prevention

methods which are the most important and provided by the ministry of health to the affected communities include:

- The provision of insecticide treated nets for individuals to sleep under every night
- Allowing of households to be sprayed with insecticides
- Taking prevention tablets when travelling, particularly to warmer climate areas like the Lowveld.

Symptoms

A nurse at the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital stated that malaria was very dangerous and upon onset of its signs and symptoms, people should rush to the nearest health facility within 24 hours.

Now health facilities could quickly test for malaria within 20 minutes using a rapid test tool. New and effective drugs have been introduced as the country was heading towards eliminating malaria.

The signs and symptoms of malaria are headache, fever, dizziness, sweating, tiredness, vomiting and diarrhoea and in some severe cases, patients could fall in to a coma.



WELCOME DEVELOPMENT: A mosque in Swaziland.

SD receptive to Muslims than other countries

MUSLIMS feel at home in the Northern Hhohho as the number of Swazi members shows a positive increase.

This is according to Imran Mohammed, a Muslim of Senegalese decent who has lived in Swaziland since 2001 and spoke on behalf of the Muslims at the Matsamo Mosque.

Mohammed stated that the area of Northern Hhohho had two mosques; a smaller one in Matsamo and a bigger one closer to Nsangwini.

"We are growing in numbers and that is very positive for us. Last year during Ramadan period, which is celebrated every year, we were about 10 based at the Matsamo mosque. This year about 20 are worshipping at the mosque and this is good. We have four young Swazi men who have converted to Islam," he said.

Mohammed stated that the positive growth was due to Islam's acceptance of all religions and Swazis' hospitality towards foreign religions.

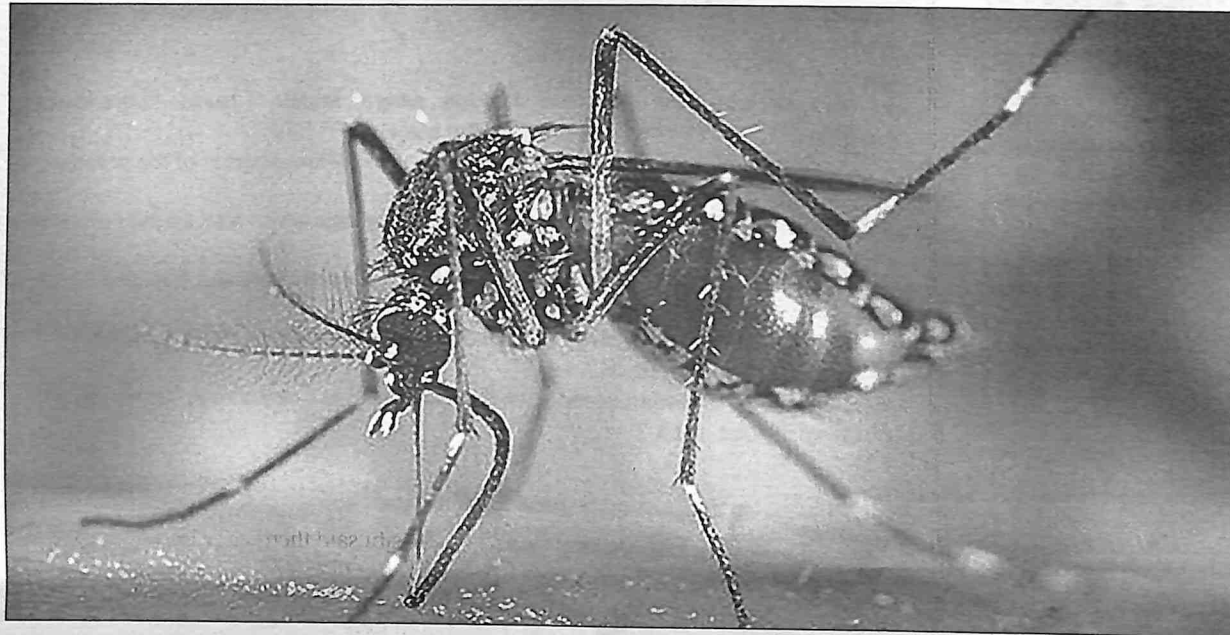
"Islam is accepted in Swaziland because this country is peaceful and the people are caring. Other countries treat Islam badly but Swaziland is receptive towards us and we want more Swazis to join."

Converted

One of the Swazi Muslims who spoke freely stated that he was a dagga dealer in Matsamo before he converted to Islam that greatly changed his way of thinking and allowed him to have some sort of structure and discipline in his life.

He said; "Islam has given me direction and discipline, we pray five times a day and that requires discipline and honesty."

"I joined the Muslim faith last year and convinced my friends to join me in this journey. Many declined but this year two more of my friends have become members and we now have four Swazi Muslims in this area. We are happy, safe and doing honest work to feed our families."



HHOHHO CAUTIONED: Hhohho is not immune to malaria due to climate change and the topography of the land.

LUDLAWINI CHIEF'S TAKE ON CULTURE

SWAZILAND is one of the last countries in the world that has truly held on to its culture and this amazes other states who have abandoned their roots in favour of modernisation.

Chief Sibusiso Mphatfwa Dlamini of Ludlawini said the country has a beautiful and rich

culture that has been protected by strong leadership. The culture will not be forgotten and will continue to be celebrated. It has been passed on from generation to another.

"Swaziland has a rich culture and a powerful heritage that has been passed on from one genera-

tion to the next through strong leadership that has combined traditional values with modern concepts thus allowing tradition to coincide with modernisation," the chief said.

"In many events in the country, traditional dancing is performed by cultural groups within the

schools and in effect allowing the younger ones to embrace and identify with their culture from an early age."

Preservation

Dlamini said Christian values hold true in the preservation of any culture and that leaders were ordained by God who in turn empowered them to lead.

"God is the way, God ordains leaders who can only lead with his

wisdom and leaders have to decide what is best for everybody involved," he said.

Dlamini stated that the future of the kingdom was bright as the culture has not been forgotten.

"Our children will never forget their culture and they realise this is what makes them Swazi and are proud of it," he said during his installation ceremony held at Ludlawini recently.

CHIEF GASAWANGWANE BRUSHES OFF OUSTING RUMOURS

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlanguano

LAVUMISA Chief GasawaNgwane says he is not shaken by the rumours doing rounds that there are plans to dethrone him.

It is said within the ruling household there were individuals orchestrating the moves.

Others have since reported such to BakaNgwane at Ludzidzini a couple of weeks ago.

Some members of the ruling household are allegedly part of the move as it is claimed they 'blundered' in endorsing GasawaNgwane to take rulership of the area.

Interviewed about such rumours, GasawaNgwane downplayed the matter saying he was not aware of any move meant to oust him from the position.

The chief, who succeeded his father Prince Tsekwane, said he was not aware of this matter, but stated that he was keen to know the people behind such plans.

Before GasawaNgwane was handed the leadership reins, Mzweleni Dlamini was the one

Chief remains loyal to country's leaders

MEANWHILE Chief GasawaNgwane says he will remain loyal to the country's authorities and also assist where possible.

The chief said one of the important areas he would contribute on was the promotion of the Swazi culture and customs which unified the nation.

GasawaNgwane has for the past six years been staging the 'marula' ceremony at Qomintaba, an event usually graced by royalty and at the last event, Prince Bukhosi was delegated to represent the leaders of the country. The buganu

who kept the fires burning while the right candidate to take over was still being sought.

Period

It is an open secret that during the period when Mzweleni was acting, the family was also divided such that at times it even led to blows being exchanged and others were also questioning the delay of appointing the next ruler with some having also shown discomfort on Mzweleni.

ceremony at Lavumisa is held shortly after the national one sanctioned by the country's authorities at Buhleni and Hlane Royal Residences.

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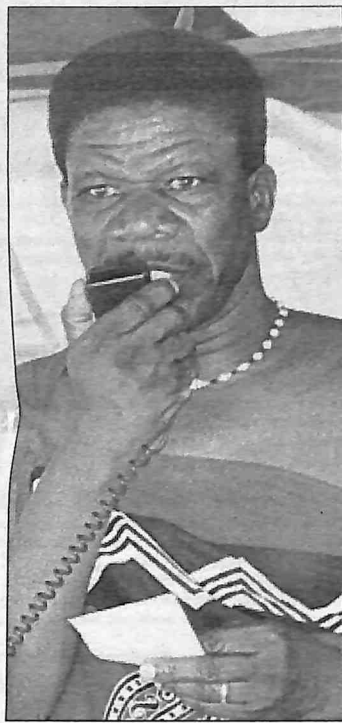
"It's my way of showing support to the country's leaders for strengthening culture which Swazis are known for.

It's the way we compliment how Ingwenyama and Indlovukazi are uniting us as a nation.

In actual fact, it's part of our responsibilities to promote Swazi culture and here at Lavumisa we stick to that," said the chief.

There was also a time where it was widely believed that one Lomahasha Dlamini (now late) was the ideal candidate but eventually this did not materialise as the family decided that GasawaNgwane was the one to assume the leadership after Tsekwane.

GasawaNgwane was then forwarded to the country's leaders as is the procedure when a new chief has been identified and



NOT SHAKEN: Chief GasawaNgwane.

they (country's leaders) gave their blessings to this. He is still to dance his 'sibhimbi', an activity that has been shifted on numerous occasions due to unexplained reasons only known to the relevant authorities in the family.

However, GasawaNgwane said he was unshaken with the plans to oust him.

Cases of women abuse drop in August

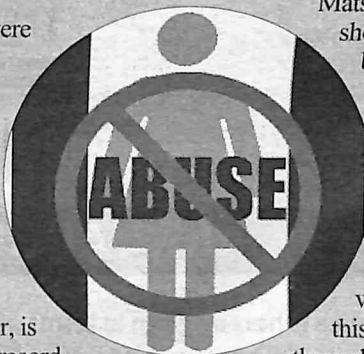
AS the women's month drew to a close yesterday, the Nhlanguano AIDS Training Information and Counselling Centre (NATICC) said it recorded few cases of abuse against women and children.

NATICC Communications and Advocacy Officer Thandeka Matsebula, said August was indeed a month to celebrate as unlike in July where there were over 90 cases reported, almost half (of cases in July) were reg-

istered in August.

"In July, there were 93 cases reported while in August, which is a women's month, 46 cases were reported. It's a 49 percent decrease and this is encouraged.

Our aim, however, is to have zero cases recorded," said Matsebula.



Matsebula said it should not only be on August where strict measures were put in place to prevent abuse against women, but this must be right through the year.

She said celebrating women's

month should just be a reminder to society for the improvement of the protection of women and children in families.

"Let women and children be protected throughout the year, not only in August.

We are calling upon the nation at large to frown on the scourge that is the abuse of women and girls. Let us protect, love and take care of all women and children day and night.

Violence and abuse of any kind should have no place in families and societies," said Matsebula.

Man [22] fined E200 for dagga

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court

A 22-year-old man from Malanti has been fined E200 for the possession of dagga weighing 100 grams.

Mlungisi Dlamini was arrested along with his two friends Nomfundo Hillary and Mlungisi Dlamini.

The three friends admitted to be seasoned dagga smokers as they were found in the possession of 100 grams of dagga.

They were arrested at Malanti at 17:00 hours after police, working on a tip-off, raided Dlamini's room and only to find all three men inside getting ready to smoke the dagga.

Dlamini informed the court



he was the rightful owner of the dagga, so the other two gentlemen should plead not guilty and they did.

"We just wanted to smoke the dagga as we have been doing so for at least four years. However, we were interrupted by the police who searched my room and found the dagga," he

said in court.

Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini sentenced Mlungisi to two months in a correctional facility if he failed to pay the E200 fine for dagga possession.

He further informed the accused that next time the court would not be so lenient.

Shiselweni Crime Prevention Unit gears up for festive season

WITH the festive season just a few months away, the Shiselweni Crime Prevention Unit anticipates starting awareness campaigns sooner.

The department is already working on logistics and other programmes fine tuned for the festive season.

Shiselweni Regional Crime Prevention department's Inspector Lucky Msibi, said they were busy putting in place the necessities for the programme to start.

Programme

He said was it not for the ongoing national events, the programme would have long been announced.

"We have a draft for our activities for the festive awareness campaign and hopefully will roll-out the programme before the end of September. The unit will first engage the business community as they are very crucial for this exercise.

By October, we will be all over the region giving tips and plans to the public on how they should contribute in making the region crime free during the festive season," said Inspector Msibi.

He said yearly, they conducted evaluations to ascertain what they achieved under the programme and from their observation, there was improvement year-

Exercises

"Since such exercises began, there have been improvements and we are excited to say our stakeholders take all our advice seriously, hence the programme's success. We want to see the region crime free throughout the year," said Msibi.

He said community police and surrounding schools with anti-crime clubs would be roped in for the campaign.

Liquor outlet owners to be taken to task

SHISELWENI Crime Prevention Unit has issued a stern warning to all liquor outlets who are failing to abide by the law as regards operating hours.

Regional Crime Prevention Unit's Inspector Lucky Msibi said liquor outlets always give police problems, especially during the festive season.

He said other liquor outlet owners operated their businesses without sticking to the license's agreements.

Businesses

Msibi said there were quite a handful of such businesses which were taking chances and closed late than the stipulated time.

"During the busy period of the year, we experience serious crimes, some which are a result of business owners failing to respect the law in terms of operating hours.

Crime is sometimes caused by those business owners who blatantly disregard the law.

Going

This time around, we are going to be hard on lawbreakers," said Msibi.

Msibi said as a region, they would be monitoring the situation adding there were known liquor outlets such as some of the clubs and bars that disregarded the law with impunity.



PRESIDING: Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini.

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SWAZI RAILWAY CEO DECRIES DROP IN SAFETY STANDARDS

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

SWAZILAND Railway Chief Executive Officer Stephenson Ngubane has decried the decline in safety standards in the organisa-

tion.

Ngubane said despite good tonnage and revenue recorded lately, they were lagging behind in terms of safety.

Confidence

The CEO was referring to the tragic train accident

which took place at Mpaka, where a train driver lost his life after a head on collision between two locomotives.

Ngubane said the accident was shocking and traumatic that the workforce could not regain confidence and feel safe in operating trains for three days from the time of the accident.

"It was devastating, and

our condolences go to the Simelane family who lost their beloved son," he said.

He added that during the collision the four SR new locomotives were extensively damaged and up to this day unrepaired.

Hours

However, Ngubane said preparations were being made to send the locomotives to a repair workshop. In order to improve on the safety of workers, Ngubane said, when operations resumed after the three-day stoppage, management put in place precautions to avoid similar occurrences.

He said the 12-hour maximum duty measured from signing on to signing off would be strictly adhered to by including management to make sure crews were relieved on time and do not work over 12 hours.

Ngubane urged management not to breach their own directives in the name of profitability, saying after an accident all gains were wiped out.

Death Notice



Nhlanhla Kwazi Mabuza

Friends and relatives of Nhlanhla Kwazi Mabuza are informed of a memorial service in his remembrance to be held at Free Evangelical Assemblies (Ludzeludze) on Friday 13:00 hours 02/09/2016. He will be laid to rest on Saturday 03/09/2016 at Ludzeludze kaHM Mabuza. Announcement by the Mabuza family.

Rest in peace Mshengu

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- Consideration of Reports by:
 - i. The President
 - ii. Vice - Presidents
 - iii. The Chief Executive Officer
 - iv. Committee Chairpersons
- Consideration of Annual Financial Statements
- The Appointment of Auditors
- Voting for the position of FSE & CC President
- Amendment of Constitution to include disciplinary provisions

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FEATURES & OPINION

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NOMTHI ON THURSDAY



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THOUGH government is coy on the modalities of the introduction of the pending national health insurance (NHI), it is my wish and hope that when such kicks-in, the basics would have been sorted.

And a cornerstone to such a development is employment.

Well, a national health insurance is a legally enforced scheme of health insurance that insures a national population against the costs of health care.

It may be administered by the public sector, the private sector, or a combination of both. Funding mechanisms vary with the particular programme, however, the expectation is that government should bankroll it.

It is usually established by national legislation and yes, it does not happen overnight.

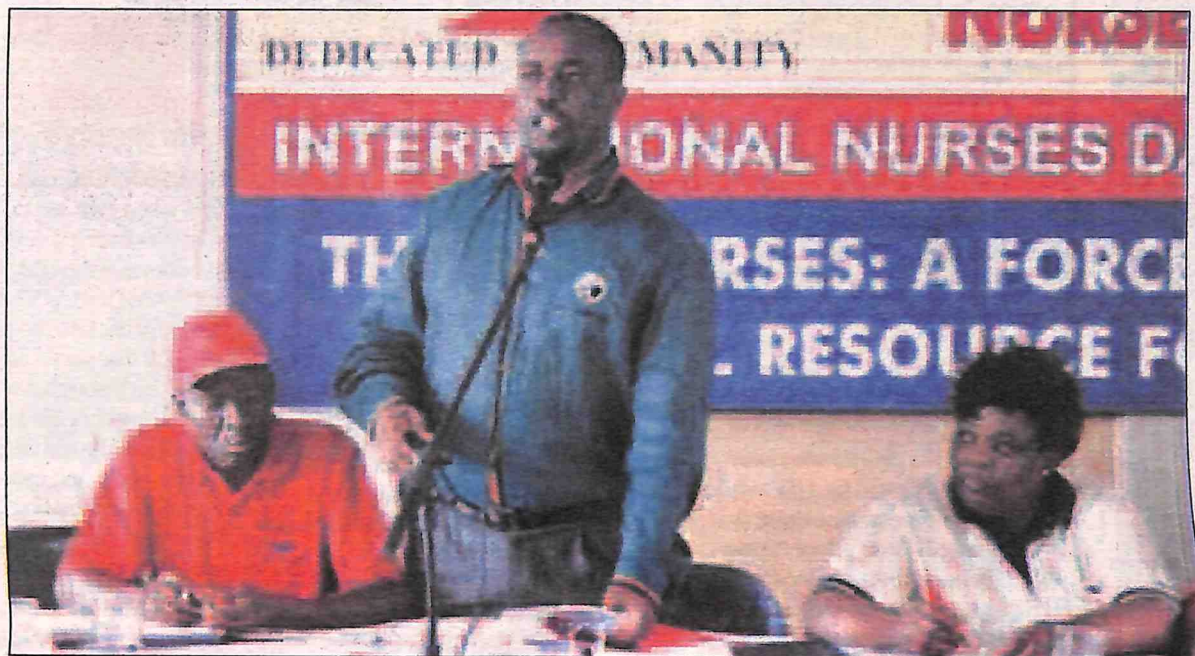
Dependent

So the success of a national health insurance is solely dependent on the working class if government is to introduce it. Because those employed contribute monthly to the coffers of the health insurance for those who do not have money or cannot afford health care services.

In some instances, funds for such insurance are sourced from existing taxes, for instance, government can hike the value added tax (VAT) to bankroll the health insurance or introduce new taxes. Government doesn't have the financial muscle to fund free health for the many unemployed and poor people.

So it's either employees contribute to the health fund or tax increases, whichever comes first, the introduction of such would stretch further the budget of those that are employed. In simple terms, this means those gainfully employed

Govt must sort basics before getting high on NHI



HAPPY: SWADNU Secretary General Sibusiso Lushaba.

will have to pay more 'tax'.

If more people are unemployed and are trapped in the cycle of poverty as is the case right now, the working class would be disadvantaged.

Hence it is important for government to interrogate the basics before introducing the national health insurance.

It is the people's right to health as enshrined in the country's constitution.

Severe

The NHI is a good idea and it is what Swaziland needs, however, it looks like we are in a rush to introduce this because many countries have already considered it.

Yet we are deserting severe problems facing us in this country, let's start sorting out the basics then we can think of tackling the major ones.

We need to address the issue of

unemployment in order to increase the number of tax payers.

Government cannot fund the NHI if the unemployment rate is still high and who will it tax if no jobs are created to fund the NHI? These are the basics.

I am for health and very much so, but we should be realistic. We know our situation as regards employment and poverty.

Progress

And yes, as we progress towards attaining the first world status, a healthy nation is the way to go, however, government must tread carefully on the introduction of the NHI.

People need health care services as they fall sick almost daily.

With the prevalent drought and government offering minimal help, more people flood hospitals 'courtesy' of the persisting drought.

Then one wonders if the NHI will be the 'messiah' in the health crisis we are in, the answer is a simple NO.

Government should deliver on its mandate through-and-through and there are innumerable cases where it has failed us and NO, the NHI will not 'rescue' us.

Tackle

Government must tackle the basics before introducing the NHI and not rush. Government should 'talk' to the problems that resulted to the health crisis. We understand that government has already engaged a British consultant in Oxford Policy Management (OPM) to interview health sector stakeholders to pave way for the insurance introduction in the country.

"The exercise is at its preliminary stage so there is nothing much we can say about it except to confirm

that they have already interviewed several people such as the unions and nursing associations.

Government is trying to address the issue brought about by health financing of the nation while, however, it is still premature to talk about the project," Director of Health Services Dr Vusi Magagula was quoted as saying.

Meanwhile, the Swaziland Democratic Nurses' Union (SWADNU) was elated on such development, with the Secretary General Sibusiso Lushaba saying they were happy about the strides made towards health inclusion of everybody as they were of the view that health matters had to take priority in the country.

"The issue of people having access to quality health care regardless of financial capability is what we are calling for as a union and have been consulted for our views," he said. Having a tool like NHI at play in any country was not an easy thing, it takes years. And if taxpayers are happy with where their hard earned cash was invested in, they simply give it a nod.

Consulted

But for us, we have many bitter taxpayers for obvious reasons and these are the very same people that must be consulted for the NHI. I doubt if they will be ok with it. The NHI should be considered by government but...it will be hard to convince the already overtaxed taxpayers to put more of their hard earned cash to the health fund.

As to-date many people are living lavishly and have not been prosecuted yet they 'stole' from government, corruption is raping the cooperation sense from taxpayers. NHI is good, but the basics!!!

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1799 - The Bank of Manhattan Company opened in New York City, NY. It was the forerunner of Chase Manhattan.

1807 - Former US Vice President Aaron Burr was found innocent of treason.

1810 - The first plow with interchangeable parts was patented by John J. Wood.

1859 - The Pullman sleeping car was placed into service.

1878 - Emma M. Nutt became the first female telephone operator in the US. The company was the Telephone Dispatch Company of Boston.

1884 - The Thomas A. Edison Construction Department and the Edison Company for Isolated Lighting merged.

1887 - Emile Berliner filed for a patent for his invention of the lateral-cut, flat-disk gramophone. It is a device that is better known as a record player. Thomas Edison made the idea work.

1897 - The first section of Boston's subway system was opened.

1905 - Saskatchewan and Alberta became the ninth and tenth provinces of Canada.

1906 - Jack Coombs of the American League's Philadelphia Athletics pitched 24 innings against the Boston Red Sox. (MLB)

1922 - The first daily news programme on radio was "The Radio Digest," on WBAY radio in New York City, NY.

1939 - World War II began when Germany invaded Poland.

1942 - A federal judge in Sacramento, CA, upheld the wartime detention of Japanese-Americans as well as Japanese nationals.

1945 - The US received official word of Japan's formal surrender that ended World War II. In Japan, it was actually September 2nd.

1949 - "Martin Kane, Private Eye" debuted on NBC-TV.

1951 - The ANZUS Treaty, a mutual defense pact, was signed by the US, Australia and New Zealand.

1969 - Col. Muammar Gaddafi came into power in Libya after the government was overthrown.

1970 - The last episode of "I Dream of Jeannie" aired on NBC-TV. The show premiered was on September 18, 1965.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Romeo Beckham (Family Member) - September 1, 2002 - 14 years old



Zendaya Coleman (TV actress) - September 1, 1996 - 20 years old

Information remains key resource in HIV, AIDS response

MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



BY
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THAT the fight against HIV and AIDS is not over yet, cannot be over emphasised.

In fact, the journey to end AIDS as a public health threat in the country has just begun in earnest.

With over 4 000 people succumbing to AIDS-induced death annually and over 11 000 becoming newly infected, the war against AIDS is not over by any means. In short, the journey is not over for the over 200 000 people of Swaziland who are living with HIV (PLHIV) or the close to 900 000 that are HIV negative.

Ending AIDS requires that we strengthen the delivery of anti-retroviral therapy services, deal with enacted stigma and discrimination against people who live with or are affected by HIV while at the same time coerce those that do not have HIV to adopt "appropriate" behaviour to reduce their HIV risks. If the journey to end AIDS is to be meaningful, there is therefore need for a deliberate effort to reach-out to the masses with target-specific information that will address their specific concerns and unique needs.

With this in mind, the National Emergency Response Council on HIV and AIDS (NERCHA) through the National HIV and AIDS Information and Training Centre (Info Centre) is once again, taking part in the annual Swaziland International Trade Fair (SITF) that began on August 26, and runs until Monday, where it is exhibiting and disseminating HIV and AIDS information. The 2016 SITF theme is 'Development Unusual: SITF paves way for SADCs industrialisation and infrastructure development for regional prosperity.'

The SITF brings together over 20 000 local, regional and international people and presents an opportunity for an organised presence of the HIV response aimed at coercing business and the general public, to scale up their participation in the agenda to end AIDS by investing in the HIV response and promoting access and uptake of HIV and AIDS services, including prevention, HIV testing and counselling, and treatment.

Exciting period in global HIV response

The SITF has come at an exciting period when the world is building momentum towards reaching the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of a



sustainable, equitable and healthy future for all by 2030. The outstanding progress made in the pursuit of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), in particular Goal 6 (to halt and begin to reverse the spread of HIV) has fuelled the urgent effort to complete the unfinished business of the MDGs, as well as pursue the Fast-Track approach that is critical to establishing the necessary momentum to reach the SDG target to end the AIDS epidemic as a public threat by 2030 – though, guided by the vision of His Majesty King Mswati III, the country is committed to Ending AIDS eight years earlier in 2022.

NERCHA continues to provide visionary leadership in the country's HIV response by rolling out programmes that advance global strategies, by translating those ideals into local targets through the Extended National Strategic Framework (eNSF), the UmgubudlaFast-Track Programme Towards an AIDS-Free Swaziland, and itemised in the National Operation Plan (NOP).

Prestigious

On the first day of the ongoing 36th Ordinary Summit of Southern African Development Community (SADC) Heads of State and Government held at the prestigious Mandvulo Grand Hall at Lozitha, His Majesty King Mswati III assumed the position of SADC Chairperson. Multisectoral Response congratulates His Majesty and the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini, and believes that the chairmanship, provides an excellent opportunity to showcase to our regional partners, the country's experience in responding to HIV and AIDS. Through the SADC HIV fund, the country is leading the mainstreaming of HIV and AIDS in the public sector project in six SADC member states

(Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, Swaziland, and Zimbabwe) and further participates in many health related programmes including the cross

border initiative within 15-countries.

His Majesty's unprecedented call

At a time when HIV and AIDS was slowly being relegated to the bottom of the heap of priorities, His Majesty's Vision 2022 brought it back to the pinnacle of public discourse. His Majesty did this through a wide-ranging address in his 2015 Speech from the Throne where he unprecedentedly and categorically stated that the first world Swaziland that every Swazi needs to work towards attaining by 2022, is one that is AIDS-free.

Without question, His Majesty's call is on point. We cannot speak first world status while still battling a large AIDS-related disease burden - a burden which will dig deep into the country's vault of resources now and in the future. Also, the old adage, "Our health is our wealth" rings true even today. For, it is only when we are healthy and in a good space that we can be productive and generate wealth.

Health is a critical component of the country's balance sheet. Ending the AIDS epidemic requires a shared responsibility that demands increases in both domestic and international investment. Investment needs for preventing new infections from occurring through condom promotion, prevention of mother-to-child transmission, pre-exposure prophylaxis, voluntary medical male circumcision, a contribution towards outreach services for key populations and using treatment as prevention require an increase in the HIV response budget. This and many more, need to be brought to the fore, for all to appreciate and identify a role to play – individually and collectively; nationally and regionally.

HIV response at 2016 SITF

NERCHA is not a new comer to the SITF, as it has been participating since 2007, when the Info Centre was established.

With key HIV and AIDS response related activities having already taken place in the year (The HIV Prevention Indaba for Young People in Swaziland; The United Nations High-Level Meeting on HIV; and the National HIV and AIDS Conference; and the International AIDS Conference), and the SADC Head of States Meeting happening alongside the Umhlanga (Reed Dance) and the SITF, the aim for this year's HIV response showcase is to disseminate information on innovative programmes and strategies to accelerate towards vision 2022, from which our regional partners can learn.

For a start, the 2016 NERCHA Info Centre stall provides a hub for HIV and AIDS information and link to services. Copies of key national documents like the 'Umgubudla': Swaziland HIV Investment Case; the Extended National Strategic Framework (eNSF); and the HIV prevention policy are distributed to both public and private organisations, as well as the regional partners. Researchers can also get copies of the Conference Abstracts Booklet.

Engagement with public

The NERCHA Info Centre stall allows for engagement with the visiting public, including children. With His Majesty also directing that "Akubete lotfolo i-HIV -meaning that no one should get newly infected with HIV", various ways are used to gather ideas and advice on what can be done to really end AIDS by 2022. Facebook pages, Ziyakhapha and HIV Info Centre Swaziland are also used to gather the thoughts and suggestions of those not able to make it to the SITF.

There are also short-films shown, especially the 'Shuga' series that proved ever-popular during the recent "Taking HIV and AIDS information to institutions of higher learning" programme.

The stall also offers referral mechanisms for the public to take up HIV services including HIV testing, treatment and support. Everyone is invited to learn more about HIV, its drivers and to become a partner in Ending AIDS in Swaziland, the SADC region and globally.

In the absence of a cure for HIV, information remains the key weapon in the response to HIV and AIDS. If you have not yet been to the 2016 SITF, let us meet at Hall 1 at the Mavuso Trade Centre.

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Widows; society's black sheep

THERE is probably no segment of society more affected by the sins of neglect than widows, and this applies not only in the country but the region, continent and many parts of the world.

Widows must contend with economic abuse and extreme exploitation while also bearing the brunt of stigmatisation as a result of cultural stigma attached to widowhood.

Rarely do they get mention in the multitudes of reports pertaining to poverty alleviation while laws catering specifically for their benefit are conspicuously missing from the legislative realms of many countries.

They are an absent lot and will only come out as a result of extreme necessity, leaving the sanctuary of their dwellings to join mainstream society as part of the daily grind that is life.

Shut out of national initiatives and accorded wretched status, some have to rely on the crumbs that fall from the tables of the as-yet-to-be-widowed, since death has this knack of knocking on any door, uninvited.

Auspicious

They are considered ill-omens and even excluded in the most auspicious of events as if they were the lepers of olden times. Some are accused of witchery and blamed for the demise of their husbands, who are suddenly posthumously honoured to have been upright individuals.

This is despite their sometimes immoral and amorous ways, well documented by the brood of 'out of the marital bed' whelps they may have spawned all over the village and elsewhere.

At times, they find themselves with no shelter having been disinherited of their homes by greedy in-laws and their children drop out of school after jackals in sheepskin cheat them off their late husbands' estates.

They are treated like outcasts just for their unfortunate turn of events and while this signals the urgent need for society to revisit its stance towards widowhood and start treating them humanely - societies seem reluctant to accord them their rights as citizens of their respective countries.

Despite the advent of the HIV and AIDS pandemic, which has cut a swathe of death and destruction amongst nations, many families still regard the hapless widows as harbingers of death and conveniently forget the late person's forays into illicit dens and unbridled virility.

They are punished and denied

...marginalisation from mainstream society has resulted in the eventual pauperisation of widows



everything they may have ever worked for; pots and teaspoons, blankets, sacks and even access to the granary, for which they may have worked hard tilling the fields so it could be filled.

This is the price widows must pay for widowhood and the law in many instances will hardly look their direction, especially if they have no means of engaging attorneys.

Interestingly, the direct opposite obtains if it is the man who gets widowed. He receives all the support from the family and even encouraged to wed another woman the soonest to continue the propagation of the family name, mostly at the expense of the children of the demised woman.

Attention

They will most likely be relegated to the back-burner while lavish attention is accorded the newly-arrived wife and her children. Widows mostly do not feature in the multitudes of reports on women's poverty, development, health and human rights compiled in the quest for national development.

In developing countries like ours, accessing statistics about their exact numbers, ages and other social and economic aspects of their lives is like traversing a difficult maze.

This is despite that they comprise a substantial portion of the female populace now that the Grim Reaper was also harvesting married men of a relatively young age. In developed western countries, widowhood is largely experienced by elderly women since those countries do not have adverse practices like child marriages and polygamy, while their

life expectancy indexes are much higher than developing nations.

Widowhood also affects women in child rearing age in developing countries and this exacerbates their plight, unlike in the developed world where social systems have effective catch nets that ably take care of the manageable numbers of orphans.

But most importantly, widows in societies like ours are affected by patriarchal, customary and religious laws while also having to confront discrimination in inheritance rights.

Disputes

They suffer abuse and exploitation veiled in the guise of property and land disputes. Few cases proceed successfully through the justice system and mostly, perpetrators go unpunished.

They further suffer from loss of status and marginalisation, neglect from social policy researchers, human rights activists, women movements and even governments.

Such status obviously require urgent attention at all levels and is further legitimised by the fact that in most instances widows far outnumber widowers, mostly as the result of the age disparity between partners in these parts of the globe.

Marginalisation from mainstream society results in their eventual pauperisation and until all taboos attached to widowhood are eliminated, there is no way they can be freed from the clutches of poverty and suffering they currently reel under.

In many African cultures, widows cannot remarry as part of the custom that death does not end a marriage. A widow is expected to fulfill her obligations towards

her deceased husband's family until her own death. This effectively denies her any economic opportunities or leeway to seek alternative support or companionship.

The patriarchal nature of societies and domination posed by oppressive traditional practices and customary codes takes precedence even over constitutional guarantees of equality that modern laws and human rights offer, and this negatively impact on women and widows.

Treaties

Also, legislative reform in compliance with international treaties such as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) has largely failed to take precedence over customary law, much to their detriment.

Courts could then assist widows by basing judgments on international conventions like CEDAW, especially when it comes to land ownership and property rights.

Like everybody else, widows must be encouraged and empowered to develop so they cannot be seen as just recipients of alms and welfare.

They need to be seen as women who can effectively contribute to society and this can be made possible by the removal of all impediments in their growth path, customary or otherwise.

But ultimately, the pauperisation of widows is broadly a result of the violence against women, which is a manifestation of historically unequal power relations between men and women. This has over the years led to domination and discrimination and the prevention of full advancement for women.



Quotes for life

● Believe that life is worth living and your belief will help create the fact. **William James**

● Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment. **Buddha**

● It is not length of life, but depth of life. **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

● The price of anything is the amount of life you exchange for it. **Henry David Thoreau**

● Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans. **John Lennon**

● Life is half spent before we know what it is. **George Herbert**

● Life has become immeasurably better since I have been forced to stop taking it seriously. **Hunter S. Thompson**

● The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience. **Eleanor Roosevelt**

● The aim of life is self-development. To realise one's nature perfectly - that is what each of us is here for. **Oscar Wilde**

● A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination. **Nelson Mandela**

● Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less. **Marie Curie**

● Why should we live with such hurry and waste of life? We are determined to be starved before we are hungry. **Henry David Thoreau**

● To live is so startling it leaves little time for anything else. **Emily Dickinson**

● The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook. **William James**

● Let us not take ourselves too seriously. None of us has a monopoly on wisdom. **Queen Elizabeth**

● Compassion is not religious business, it is human business, it is not luxury, it is essential for our own peace and mental stability, it is essential for human survival. **Dalai Lama**

● Our task must be to free ourselves... by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature and it's beauty. **Albert Einstein**

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.5%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	7.4%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.5%
Swaziland Building Society	
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
Engen Garage	

PSPF, SNPF COMMIT E400M IN HYDRO POWER PLANT

By Manqoba Makhubu

THE Public Service Pensions Fund (PSPF) and Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF) have committed E400 million towards the Lower Maguduza Hydro Power Scheme (LMHPS).

PSPF committed E300 million while SNPF pledged E100 million, which is required by the project company in the form of equity finance and external debt finance.

This is contained in the company's licence application document which is open for public inspection for a period of 30 days before approval.

The projected total costs of the project is E667 829 000.

Other equity members included, OMLACSA via the IDEAS Managed Fund, Swazi Hydro (Pty) Ltd, the project company LMHPS, and lender Nedbank.

According to the company's application, the project involves the design, construction and commission of the hydro plant.

Project

"12MW Lower Maguduza Hydro Power Scheme (LMHPS) hydro project (the Bid Case) or 24MW Lower Maguduza Hydro Power Scheme (LMHPS) hydro project (the Alternative Bid Case)," said the document.

It states that the commencement of electricity generation by the LMHPS would occur in late 2018, while the expected commercial operations date of the project is projected to be July 4,

2019.

"The operation of LMHPS is hence strongly influenced by Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) operations at the existing Ezulwini, Edwaleni, and Maguduza Hydro-Power Stations, and thus is likely that the LMHPS will also produce power in the five hours of RSA peak demand (weekdays from 07h00-10h00 and from 18h00-20h00) and will also target the production of power in the winter months, benefiting from the releases at Lake Luphohlo."

Electricity

The project is expected to stimulate SEC's internally generated electricity which according to the company's 2014/15 annual report slumped from 25 percent to 19 percent.

This, according to the report pushed imports up from E621 million to E757 million as imports increased from 860GWh to 978GWh.

"These figures expose the long held concern of an SEC that is a price taker due to its over reliance on imported power," said the report.

In 2015, according to the report, the power utility's revenues increased from E1.3 billion from the previous year to E1.4 billion after a price squeeze created by the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) tariff increase approval for Eskom.

LMHPS seeks a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for 25 years where after the LMHPS would be handed over to SEC under its own generation licence.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES



Correct as at 31 AUG 2016

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.3955	14.4455
British Pound/SZL	18.9171	18.9828
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.1392	7.1606
Swiss France/SZL	14.6504	14.6864
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3301	1.3492
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.8312	10.8717
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.0041	11.0389
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.0810	5.1527
Euro/SZL	16.0474	16.1031
Gold	1,314.6000	
Oil	47.7300	

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Moving Forward

SEVERAL VEGETABLE PRICES UP 200% AT PRESENT

By Linda Dlamini

UP to this far, some vegetable prices have increased by over 200 percent.

National Agricultural Marketing Board (NAMBoard) Chief Executive Officer Siphephiso Dlamini said those who have sufficient water, or used their water efficiently through new systems and had an integrated market have managed to reap benefits, especially in cabbages, tomatoes and beetroot.

Speaking at the Swaziland International Trade Fair (SITF) business seminars hosted by the Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority (SIPA) he said the drought has also presented opportunities for farmers.

However, he said farmers must be prepared by employing certain strategies.

They should get into discussions with financial institutions on agriculture funding for more efficient irrigation such as the drip method. "They should also seek funding for undercover cultivation, exploring smaller units to meet farmer needs," he said.

Dlamini said farmers should work on clearing land off alien invasive plant species before the rains come to increase available water for irrigation.

"Farmers should stick to strict irrigation schedules to improve



PRICES UP: NAMBoard Chief Executive Officer Siphephiso Dlamini.

efficiency in the planting-market cycle. They should also choose crops, and crop timing carefully to reduce prolonged harvest cycles conduct practical information sourcing regimes to improve

outlook and relevance," he said.

During his presentation, Dlamini further discussed the key indicators for the future of the industry.

"Going forward it is imperative

to note for farmers that climate change is here to stay, and therefore erratic weather conditions will continue. Unprepared farmers will suffer as water shortages continue," he said.

Dlamini said the predicted floods should be taken full advantage of at household, community, and national levels to harvest water.

"Although I must stress waterways, springs and small rivers will continue to lose water to alien invasive species, therefore it is imperative to deal with that situation. Government and development partners are enhancing available water through water harvesting," he said.

It is inevitable that commodity prices would continue to be volatile and furthermore quality would continue to be important but tricky.

Agriculture is defined as the mainstay of the Swaziland economy; its contribution has declined significantly in recent years to 8.6 percent.

The sector contributes through supporting livelihoods of the approximately 70 percent of the population and it employs nine percent of the country's labour force.

Dlamini said the sector's performance was expected to improve owing to the ongoing initiatives to increase land area under irrigation and commercialisation.

SWAZISPA HOSPITALITY REVENUES INCREASES BY 19%

By Manqoba Makhubu

AN increase in corporate and national sales business has driven Swazispas Holdings Limited hospitality revenues up by 19 percent.

According to the recently released financial results for the year ended June 30, 2016, the company's corporate and national sales figures increased by 32 percent and 66 percent respectively.

However, the report said this was partly offset by a decline of 11 percent in international business and 16 percent in local campaigned business.

Swazispas operates as an investment holding company, which owns the Royal Swazi Sun, Lugogo Sun, Ezulwini Sun, and various other property assets.

It is also amongst the few companies listed on the Swaziland Stock Exchange (SSX) with a market capitalisation of close to E42 million.

"The hospitality side of the business achieved satisfactory results, whilst the gaming side of the business continued to experience difficult trading conditions," reads the report as part.

The report further says although the casino industry in general experienced a slowdown in business, tables business reflected a growth of 10 percent mainly as a result of direct marketing, "however, the slots business followed the Southern African trend of poor growth due to pressure on disposable income."



Other positive growth achieved by the company were in food and beverage revenues which were attributed to the increase in room bookings, compounded by various outside catering functions held during the reporting financial period.

"The room occupancy increased by 4.8 percent points whilst the room rate was up 12 percent on the prior year."

The increase in room bookings and meals served consequently increased inline with inflation by eight percent.

On the other hand the statement reported that indirect costs were 13 percent up on last year resulting from increased utility costs of 29 percent and rates and taxes at 66 percent.

"This resulted in an EBITDA (company's earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortisation) of E12.2 million, an increase of 47 percent on the prior year," said the statement.

It states that headline earnings per share of 59.9 cents (2015:18.7 cents) were achieved.

The company reported that it incurred a capital expenditure of E6.5 million which resulted from a number of activities including the refurbishment of the Royal Swazi lounge, heat pump replacements, electricity generator, slot machines, computer equipment, and motor vehicles.

By the end of the reporting year, the company said it had bank borrowings of E20.4 million which was E4.5 million up

compared to the previous year.

"Given the high level of borrowing and the difficult trading conditions the directors are reviewing the company's funding requirements on an ongoing basis," said the statement.

Looking forward, the company projects trading to remain challenging, especially on the casino side of business, with an overall marginal revenue growth in the year ahead.

"The company will continue to focus on gaming promotions, improved customer offerings and cost control. It is expected that the company will generate positive operating cash flows in the year ahead."

The company has declared no dividend as yet.

SD imports E8.5m bottled water from SA

By Linda Dlamini

SWAZILAND imported an average of E8.5 million worth of bottled water from South Africa per month in 2015.

Bulembu Ministries Enterprise Manager Kurt Puttkammer said the country has the capacity of producing most of these locally and therefore increasing economic growth which would also create employment opportunities which will ultimately lead to increasing the gross domestic produce of the country.

"As we all know Swaziland imports the majority of its goods from neighbouring countries especially the Republic of South Africa (RSA).

This serves as major competition for anyone who wants to start producing locally at a competitive price," he said.

Puttkammer, in his presentation, proposed trade restrictions to help curb this problem.

"Swaziland should consider imposing import restrictions or taxes on products that can successfully be produced locally. A success story of this is the honey industry, after import restrictions were enforced Swaziland producers were able to service the local market increasing job opportunities and gross domestic product," he said.

Cautioned

The enterprise manager however cautioned that this can only be done if local producers can supply consistently at a high quality to retailers.

This view on trade policy was further echoed by the Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority Chief Executive Officer, Phumelele Dlamini, who said the issue of trade policy was a very important one, "I was hoping an official from the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade would be here to provide clarification on this."

Dlamini said trade policy was influenced by the Southern Africa Customs Union (SACU) and one wonders if there is room for the trade policy in the region to safeguard infant industries in the country.

These sentiments were shared by people who were in attendance of the question and answer session.

One attendee said the issue of trade policy is a pertinent one and needs to be addressed by the government so that small business in Swaziland can thrive.

"The playing ground is unequal such that it is difficult to compete with products that are imported from South Africa as they are competitive."



SIPA Chief Executive Officer Phumelele Dlamini.

Lack of specialised equipment suppliers affects producers

By Linda Dlamini

THERE are not enough suppliers or agents of specialised equipment in Swaziland which adversely affects producers of goods in the country.

Speaking at the Swaziland International Trade Fair (SIPA) business seminar presentations held yesterday Bulembu Ministries Enterprise Manager Kurt Puttkammer said entrepreneurs were forced to import equipment and then struggle with after sales service due to the lack of technical expertise in the country.

"This causes inefficient production lines that can lead to closure," he said.

The manager proposed that Swaziland should encourage equipment manufacturers to set up shops in the country.

He said the country was ideally located to service several countries like Mozambique and Botswana and should become the

preferred distribution hub into Africa for said equipment and service.

Another challenge the manager noted was that of the lack of material manufacturers in the country.

"There are not enough suppliers of materials such as packaging and value adding ingredients in Swaziland. Entrepreneurs are forced to import said products at a premium and increased transport cost. This causes higher input costs making local producers less competitive on the retail shelves," he said.

He suggested that Swaziland should encourage and assist local entrepreneurs to get training and start up businesses that can address this need.

Meanwhile, during his presentation

Puttkammer highlighted the relationship that should exist between producers and suppliers.

"Communication between the producer and the retailer is the most critical element in working towards a successful business relationship. Laying out clear

"This causes inefficient production lines that can lead to closure," he said.

Snip

expectations from both sides and honouring each other in the agreement will lead to good business practices.

The producer is usually the initiator of the relationship between producer and retailer. The onus falls on the producer to understand his business

needs to start a successful production entity. The retailer is usually established in selling the proposed product and has to communicate their needs to the producer to ensure that the supply relationship starts correctly," he said.

Puttkammer said there were

certain factors which were key for the producer before they begin to seek a relationship with the retailer as this would increase the likelihood of getting that contract to supply goods for the retailer to sell at their shop.

"Producers should ensure they conduct sustainability research which involves the volumes need to be sold to maintain sustainability. This is important because if you fail then retailers will lose confidence in buying local," he said.

The manager further said producers should conduct adequate market research and ask questions to get the volumes requirements by the retailer.

"If you push the wrong product then you create dead shelf space and the retailer will lose trust in buying local. Another fact is that of production research which touches on issues of what input materials and resources are required to produce the product. Consistency is needed to build trust," he emphasised.

Institutional investors urged to participate in stock exchanges

By Linda Dlamini

QUANTUM United Consulting Engineers Projects Business Consultant, Bahabwa Rushalika, says participation of institutional investors in stock exchanges should strongly be encouraged.

He said institutional investors such as pension funds, life insurers and mutual funds that operates in retirement savings system, should be at the forefront when it comes to the promotion of effective market practices and financial novelty in modern financial system.

"They are a source of long-term capital with investment portfolios built around the two main asset classes (bonds and equities) and an investment horizon tied to the often long-term nature of their liabilities. Institutional investors also reduce reliance on the banking system, acting as shock absorbers at times of financial distress," he said.

Rushalika said the growth of these institutions has also contributed to the development of capital markets, providing financing to companies and governments and helping to develop mechanisms for corporate control and risk management.

He said, however, beside their important role, there were con-



REVEALED: FSRA Chief Executive Officer Sandile Dlamini.

cerns relating to institutional investors.

"Such concerns include the fact that investment holding periods are declining and that allocation to less liquid, long-term assets such as infrastructure and venture capital are generally very low and considered less important by allocations to hedge funds and other high frequency traders.

Generally, institutional investors can act as a countervailing force to commercial and investment banks as well as other market intermediaries, forcing them to be more competitive and efficient. NSE stands to gain from high involvement of institutional investors on the stock

exchange," he said.

Collectively, pension funds in Swaziland have over E24 billion assets under management.

Recently the largest single individual investor in Swaziland the Public Service Pensions Fund (PSPF) said it has over E2 billion to invest in the country and agriculture could be a viable sector to invest in.

Revealed

This was revealed by a senior manager of the fund during the Swaziland National Agriculture Investment Plan (SNAIP) investment plan high level meeting held at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre, Ezulwini.

"Out of the E6 billion in

investable funds that we have to invest in Swaziland, about E2 billion is yet to be invested and initiatives such as the SNAIP could provide an avenue for us to invest in. However, the projects need to be feasible so we can fund them," he said.

An institutional investor that has made significant investments in the Swaziland Stock Exchange (SSX) is private equity outfit private equity firm Greystone Partners, which has raised over E75 million on the exchange.

Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) recently announced that it intends to enforce a clause that will compel collective investment schemes to invest 50 percent of their assets under management in Swazi economy. FSRA Chief Executive Officer Sandile Dlamini said the Securities Act of 2010 stipulated that collective investment schemes should be investing 50 percent of their assets under management in the local economy which would include investments in the Swaziland capital market such as the SSX.

Currently collective investment schemes like unit trusts, hedge funds and private equity firms manage over E5 billion in assets.

These investment schemes ordinarily invest in the capital markets in both Swaziland and South Africa.

'Dvuladvula' for public sector pensioners

By Linda Dlamini

PENSIONERS will be receiving their own increment from the Public Service Pensions Fund (PSPF) at their next pay day as the fund has increased their payments by seven percent.

"We are pleased to inform all pensioners that the ministry of public service, in consultation with the board of trustees, has approved a pension increase of seven percent for pensioners with effect from April 1, 2016," reads a statement sent by the Pensions Fund.

This would imply that the pensioner's payment would be backdated till April 2016.

The increase comes at a time when the Swazi economy was facing some inflationary pressure.

Currently Swaziland's inflation rate is at 7.4 percent and therefore, the increment of seven percent for pensioners is in line with the current price level rate.

Payments

According to the PSPF annual report, the fund disbursed payments to active members totalling over 38 000.

"Of these members, 38 percent were dependants which included dependant beneficiaries including children and spouses of members who also receive a pension from the fund. 25 percent were retirees, whilst 25 percent were suspended pensions," reads the report in part.

Suspended pensioners are those beneficiaries whose pension has been withheld because proof of life has not been verified.

Gordhan probe will undo efforts to avoid downgrade - CEOs

JOHANNESBURG - The CEOs Initiative said it believes the Hawks probe into Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan will undo the work done to ensure economic growth and avoid a credit downgrade.

While the CEOs said they are encouraged by President Jacob Zuma's recent announcement of support for Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan, they also made a plea to the president to prioritise the country's economic growth in the "best interest" of the nation.

Following reports on the Hawks' probe into Gordhan, the CEO Initiative released a statement on Tuesday condemning the damage caused to the work done in the past eight months by business, labour and government to ensure economic growth and avoid a credit ratings downgrade.

"A continuation of political uncertainty would be disastrous for the future of our economy, especially given its fragile state at the moment," the statement read. "We are thus very disturbed and concerned by recent developments that undermine the work under way."

The CEOs believe that political uncertainty arising from the probe will increase the likelihood of a credit ratings downgrade in December. Most recently, the rand has taken a dip. The CEOs Initiative is a group of about 90 CEOs and business leaders who work with labour movements and government. *Fin24*

CAMPAIGN TO KILL TRUST IN ESKOM - NGUBANE

CAPE TOWN - There is a campaign to "kill trust in Eskom," Chairperson Ben Ngubane told Parliament yesterday.

Referring to claims of state capture regarding Eskom's contract with Gupta-owned Tegeta, Ngubane said the only state capture occurred when the National Party came to power in 1948.

He told the Portfolio Committee on Public Enterprise that Eskom is still dealing with prepayment contracts with five coal mining companies the NP government put in place 40 years ago.

"Those shareholders sitting in London have benefited on the sweat of our miners because of state capture," he said. "Let us be clear what we are talking about."

He said Eskom does not want to

renew these contracts, as that would enable it to draw up new contracts with black industrialists, small businesses and rural businesses to transform the mining industry.

This comes as Eskom handed over a document to Treasury on Tuesday evening, after the ministry said Eskom failed to cooperate with the process of reviewing the power utility's coal contracts.

"To date, not only has Eskom failed to honour its undertaking to submit comments to Treasury's report, but it chose to ignore correspondence and put (up) all forms of hindrances," National Treasury said in a statement on Monday.

The review relates to Eskom's coal contracts with Gupta-owned Tegeta, a company that has been

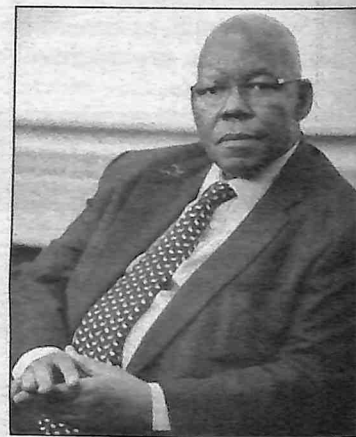
accused of state capture due to the Guptas' close links to President Jacob Zuma.

Ngubane said Eskom had given all the information National Treasury wanted. "Then they gave us a 172-page document and stipulated it be approved by the board," he said. "Our next meeting is on September 21."

CEO Brian Molefe said Eskom was simply trying to comply with Treasury's instructions to ensure the report was approved by the board.

With a clear gibe at Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan, who failed to meet the Hawks to receive a warning letter last week, Molefe said: "If Treasury had come to do a warning statement, we would have gone."

"My conscience is clear that I



CRYING FOUL: Eskom Chairperson Ben Ngubane.

have not lied," he said, referring to allegations that he lied to the public. "We had the best interest to comply with Treasury." *News24*

MTN outsourcing on hold as CWU withdraws court bid

JOHANNESBURG - The Communication Workers Union (CWU) has withdrawn its court bid against MTN's outsourcing plan as the two parties have agreed to consult on the matter.

CWU had applied for an urgent interdict at the Johannesburg Labour Court against MTN following the company's decision to outsource a portion of its call centre facility to a third-party vendor.

The union had claimed it had not been properly consulted over the planned Section 197 process and the Labour Court was set to hear the complaint yesterday.

But the court hearing was then called off as MTN [JSE:MTN] and CWU struck a deal to hold talks on the matter. "What's important

is that MTN has made a condition that if we withdraw the application, they [MTN] will then have a proper consultation on Section 197," CWU President Clyde Mervin told journalists at the Johannesburg Labour Court yesterday.



"We are in agreement now with MTN that they will now have a formal consultation on Section 197 and, two, the whole issue of the casual workers will be dealt with internally in this meeting that will happen on Friday," said Mervin.

MTN is further set to put its outsourcing on hold amid the consultation, said Mervin. *Fin24*

World News



SURPRISE TRIP: Donald Trump.

Trump's surprise trip before immigration speech

EVERETT - In a surprise move, Donald Trump was to travel to Mexico yesterday to meet with President Enrique Peña Nieto, just hours before the Republican delivers a highly anticipated speech on immigration.

Trump took to Twitter on Tuesday night to say he looks "very much forward" to meeting with the Mexican leader. Peña Nieto's office confirmed the meeting with its own tweet, saying the two men would meet privately. The unexpected trip comes as Trump seeks to clarify his stand on illegal immigration, a contentious issue that has been a centerpiece of his Republican presidential campaign. Trump has long called for deporting people currently living in the US illegally and building a wall along the country's border with Mexico. But in meetings recently with Hispanic supporters, Trump has suggested he could be open to changing the hardline approach he outlined during the GOP primaries. **AFP**

Singapore urges tests for pregnant women with Zika signs

SINGAPORE - Singapore urged all pregnant women showing symptoms of fever or rashes to have themselves tested for the Zika virus yesterday after the number of cases in the city-state soared to 82.

Environment agency workers stepped up efforts to eradicate mosquitoes that spread the disease, expanding a fumigation campaign centred on the "ground zero" of the outbreak, the eastern suburb of Aljunied.

As infections climbed, they blasted a district of warehouses and industrial buildings to destroy breeding sites that fuelled the outbreak, which began at a construction site housing foreign workers.

Zika, which has been detected in 58 countries including hardest-hit Brazil, causes only mild symptoms for most people, such as fever and a rash.

But in pregnant women, it can cause microcephaly, a deformation in which babies are born with abnormally small brains and heads.

The health ministry said "all pregnant women in Singapore with symptoms of Zika — fever, rash and other symptoms such as red eyes or joint pain" should be tested for infection.

Pregnant women with male partners who have tested positive were also told to visit their doctors. **AFP**

Obama cuts sentences of 111 inmates

WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama on Tuesday commuted the sentences of 111 drug offenders and other inmates, setting a record for such White House moves in a single month.

The latest grants came on top of 214 early releases Obama agreed to earlier this month, for a total of 325 in August.

Obama, whose second term ends in January, has trimmed 673 prison sentences since coming to office in 2009 more than the previous 10 presidents combined.

The president is thus making good on his call for sec-

ond chances in the US penal system.

Prisoners benefiting from these shortened sentences are supposed to no longer present a threat. Most were low-level drug dealers who were facing heavy sentences due to a penal system critics say imposes excessive sentences for such crimes.

About a third had been handed sentences of life in prison.

The move is part of Obama's effort to push ahead with criminal justice reform.

The United States currently has among the world's highest incarceration rates and puts a disproportionate num-



MERCIFUL: US President Barack Obama.

ber of black and Hispanic Americans behind bars.

One often cited reason are mandatory sentencing laws for the use of crack that are tougher than those for cocaine.

AFP



DAREDEVIL: Heart-racing footage shows thrill-seeker Flaviu Cernescu performing atop the structure in Targu Jiu, Romania. He cycles around a 3ft wide platform knowing that if he falls either side he faces certain death. He makes several journeys around the circumference of the chimney, jumping over metal poles in his way. Then he takes things up a notch with what he calls the unicycle wheel walk where he moves the wheel with his feet. (Daily Mail)

PRESIDENTIAL VOTE DELAYED IN ESTONIA

TALLINN - Estonia's divided parliament failed on Tuesday to elect a successor to two-term liberal President Toomas Hendrik Ilves, delaying the choice until September 24.

The head of state plays a largely ceremonial role in the Baltic NATO country of 1.3 million people and is elected by parliament or Electoral College rather than direct public vote.

They will now face the vote of the 347-strong Electoral College on September 24, made up of parliamentarians as well as local representatives

where they will need just a simple majority to win.

"Everything is still open and up for grabs," Andres Kasekamp, a professor of political science at Tartu University told AFP on Tuesday.

Former prime minister and EU commissioner Siim Kallas and the opposition Centre Party candidate Mailis Reps both failed to secure the required two-thirds majority in the 101-seat parliament following two rounds of voting.

Kallas, a liberal and co-founder of the governing Reform party, scored 42 votes

while the left-leaning Reps took 26.

It is unclear whether Reform Prime Minister Taavi Roivas will keep his promise to nominate popular Foreign Minister Marina Kaljurand to run in the Electoral College round.

Presidents can remain in office for up to two consecutive five-year terms.

Although his standing as a Reform Party founding father gives him strong backing among the group's old guard, Kallas is still haunted by a murky party funding scandal dating back to the late 1990s.

AFP

BRIEFS

State crucial to peace - ex-spy chief

JERUSALEM - The former head of Israel's Mossad spy agency on Tuesday said the establishment of an independent Palestinian state is crucial to region-wide peace in the Middle East, joining the ranks of retired security men to urge the government to seek a two-state solution. The comments by Tamir Pardo were his first foray into political issues since stepping down as Mossad chief early this year. With peace efforts with the Palestinians stalled for more than two years, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has instead sought to cultivate alliances across the Arab world. In addition to the decades-old peace treaties with Egypt and Jordan, Netanyahu frequently boasts of what he calls strong behind-the-scenes contacts with moderate Sunni countries, presumably Saudi Arabia and smaller Gulf states. **AP**

Vowing to 'transform' France, Macron quits

PARIS - France's Emmanuel Macron vowed after stepping down as economy minister on Tuesday to "transform" an ailing country, but stopped short of declaring a presidential run. The 38-year-old said he had "seen at first hand the limits of our political system" and that quitting the government of President Francois Hollande would enable him "to be free" to push forward his own agenda. With elections eight months away, the former investment banker said: "I am determined to do everything so that our values, our ideas, our actions can transform France as soon as next year". **AFP**

Refugee jailed six years for setting fire

STOCKHOLM - A Swedish court on Tuesday jailed a Syrian national for six years after he admitted to setting fire to the asylum seekers' hostel he had been staying in. Although it caused no injuries, the July 7 fire caused extensive damage to the centre in Surahammer, in the southeast of Sweden. Obada Albaradan, 28, arrived in the country in August 2015 and was treated for depression and epilepsy. He said he had started the blaze by setting fire to the curtains in his bedroom. Under police questioning Albaradan complained of serious mental health problems, of not being listened to by the authorities, not getting on well and being insulted by other asylum-seekers. **AP**

Chinese 'killer' becomes temple abbot

BEIJING - A suspected murderer on the run for 16 years in China found refuge in Buddhist temples, eventually rising to become an abbot, state media said yesterday. Zhang Liwei was detained by police earlier this month on suspicion of stabbing three people to death with accomplices in 2000, the Beijing News reported. After the killings in his home province of Heilongjiang, deep in northeastern China, Zhang fled nearly 2 000 kilometres (more than 1 000 miles) south to Anhui, changing his name and finding work as a temple cook and ticket-seller, it said.

AFP

Maduro promises crackdown on violence

CARACAS - Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro vowed Tuesday to jail opposition leaders if they incite violence at upcoming protests to pressure authorities to allow a referendum on removing him from power. Maduro, whose opponents blame him for a devastating economic crisis, accused opposition leaders of plotting a "terrorist coup" against him ahead of today's nationwide protests. "We must defeat the coup d'etat without impunity. Whoever gets involved in a coup plot, or calls for violence, is going to jail, sir". **AFP**

Focus on SA scene

MTN South Africa appoints new COO

JOHANNESBURG - Enzo Scarcella is leaving his chief marketing officer post at Telkom to be MTN South Africa's new chief operating officer.

The telecommunications company said he will assume the role on December 1. He was also previously managing executive of marketing at Vodacom. A company statement said he "has extensive brand and marketing experience, and has worked in the broadcasting, retail and fast moving goods industries."

"He served as brand manager for South African Breweries and Guinness in the United Kingdom, and worked at Edcon and M-Net

where he served in the role of strategy and marketing executive and marketing executive respectively," it added.

Scarcella holds a Bachelors of Arts (Honours) degree from Harvard University and a masters qualification from Cambridge University.

Strive

MTN South Africa chief executive officer Mteto Nyati:

"As we strive to achieve our strategic objectives of driving business growth, transforming customer experience and overhauling employee engagement, it is important that we have right individuals in place that will help us increase our market



APPOINTED: MTN South Africa's new Chief Operating Officer Enzo Scarcella.

share in non-voice services and strengthen our foothold in adjacent sectors." — *TMG Digital*

R1m reward posted after Mpumalanga cash heist

JOHANNESBURG - SBV Protection Services has posted a R1 million reward for information regarding a cash-in-transit heist near Hazyview, in Mpumalanga, on Tuesday.

All four guards were injured while trying to fight off their attackers, SBV managing director Mark Barrett said.

Offering

The company was offering the reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspects. He said they were working with authorities to catch them. The guards were transporting money to Ximhungwe Spar when a grey Mercedes E-Class crashed into them and forced them to a stop between Cunningham and

Mkhuhlu around 09:00 on Tuesday, police spokesperson Captain Phillip Sakude said.

They blew open the cash van's roof and shot and injured three of the guards.

One is in a critical condition.

The fourth was treated for teargas inhalation.

The robbers fled with an undisclosed sum of money.

"We will not tolerate any criminal activities that compromise the safety of our employees," Barrett said.

Anyone with information about the crime could call the SBV early warning robbery hotline 24/7 on 083 408 7029.

News24



Man gets 15 years for attempted rape, attempted murder

JOHANNESBURG - A 32-year-old man was sentenced to 15 years in prison for attempted rape and attempted murder in the Mdantsane Magistrate's Court, Eastern Cape police said on Tuesday.

Spokesperson Captain Nkosikho Mzuku said Batandwa Calata attempted to rape a 35-year-old woman in the bushes at Msintini location near Berlin in November 2015.

"He further stabbed her in the chest, during the process. The victim survived this traumatic ordeal and managed to escape," Mzuku said. "A case of attempted rape and attempted murder was opened at Berlin police station. Thorough investigation by Warrant Officer Zonwabele Singeni, led to the immediate arrest of the suspect." Mzuku said Calata was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment for attempted murder and five years imprisonment for attempted rape. The sentences will run concurrently. *Africa News Agency*

LESUFI CALLS OUT PRETORIA GIRLS' SGB OVER RACISM

PRETORIA - Gauteng Education MEC Panyaza Lesufi called out the Pretoria Girls High school governing body for doing nothing to stop racism and tribalism at the school.

He's also appointed a panel to probe racism at the school.

"It was emotionally draining, to be quite frank. To listen to those girls (who) aren't allowed to speak their mother tongue and they are distributed according to tribes they are told (their hair) looks like a bird's nest they will be suspended.

ed.

"When we met with the SGB it was quite clear that they themselves have turned a blind eye (and made the) schooling environment unbearable."

"The panel we have just appointed we want them to gather evidence... there are some codes attributed to teachers I wouldn't want to be in the classroom today... educators there are bad and can't be condoned... present that evidence and they have to refute it". *eNCA*

ANC Western Cape 'ill discipline' criticised after conflicting Fransman statements

CAPE TOWN - A "caretaker" to the Western Cape ANC, appointed earlier in the year by the national executive committee (NEC), on Tuesday spoke out about confusion created by two conflicting statements from the party.

Dipuo Letsatsi-Duba said she had been made aware of a statement issued by the provincial secretary on Monday night, and a subsequent one by the former convenor of the ANC's provincial executive committee (PEC) sub-committee on media and communications.

She was assured that the statement issued in the name of secretary Faiez Jacobs was "factually correct and reflected accurately" the decisions of the PEC meeting on Sunday.

Jacobs's statement said the ANC wanted disciplinary procedures against its Western Cape chairperson Marius Fransman to be expedited, and that he be suspended pending the outcome.

"The caretakers should recommend to the NEC that Comrade Marius be suspended until the conclusion of the disciplinary processes," the statement read.

Fransman had to step aside after he was accused of sexually harassing 21-year-old Louisa Wynand. They were on their way to the party's January 8 celebrations in Rustenburg at the time.

Fransman has denied the allegations. There have been suggestions that he was set up, which Wynand has denied.

eNCA

Madonsela on school hair protests

JOHANNESBURG - Thuli Madonsela yesterday weighed in on the school hair policy protests that have had erupted in schools around the country, saying there is a need for "circles of healing".

The popular outgoing public protector told Talk Radio 702 that Chapter 5 of the Equality Act - which concerns the "Promotion of Equality" - needed to be implemented and required a "funded programme" to encourage dialogue about racial and cultural differences.

Intervened

Gauteng education MEC Panyaza Lesufi had intervened on Monday at Pretoria High School for Girls following protests over a reported instruction to black pupils to straighten their hair, and schooling at Lawson Brown High School in Nelson Mandela Bay was suspended on Tuesday after a pupil was allegedly told she won't be able to write her exams with an afro.

Something Madonsela said she had found useful were the "diversity awareness workshops" when attended she had joined the Department of Justice in 1995.

In these, she said, people would question their assumptions about other races, "they would talk about what they have taken as normal about Indian, white people, black people, about each other, and then we question those stereotypes, we question those assumptions, and then we begin



CIRCLE OF HEALING: Public Protector Thuli Madonsela.

to heal", she explained.

"And I think, through the Equality Act - Chapter 5, we need a funded programme that allows people to question these things."

Madonsela said this section of the law, which "proactively promoted equality remains unimplemented" since being passed in 2000, and "we need to implement it to allow conversations as the one sparked by these brave young girls".

She also urged some circumspection before the "race card" is used.

"The race card may actually be played by both white and black people in a situation, to say this is happening to me," the advocate said.

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Denel slams Treasury's litigation threats

JOHANNESBURG - Denel has slammed Treasury's litigation threat to stop its joint venture with VR Laser Asia.

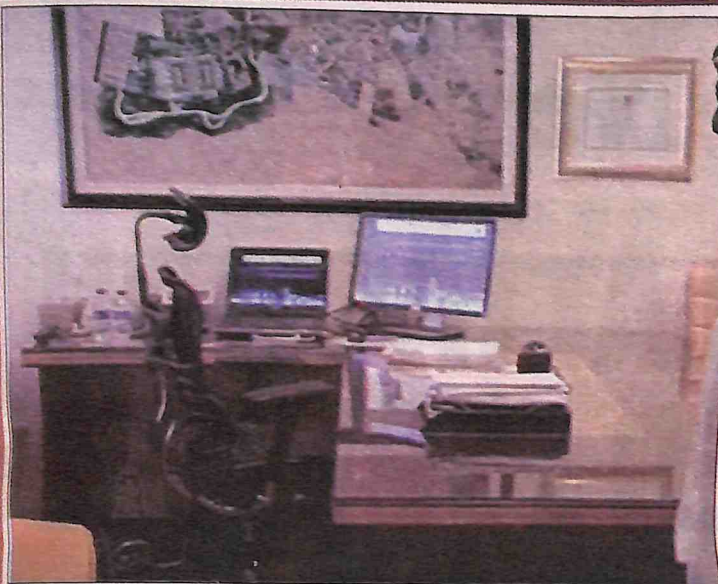
The arms manufacturer says the action is opportunistic, grandstanding and politically motivated.

Maintains

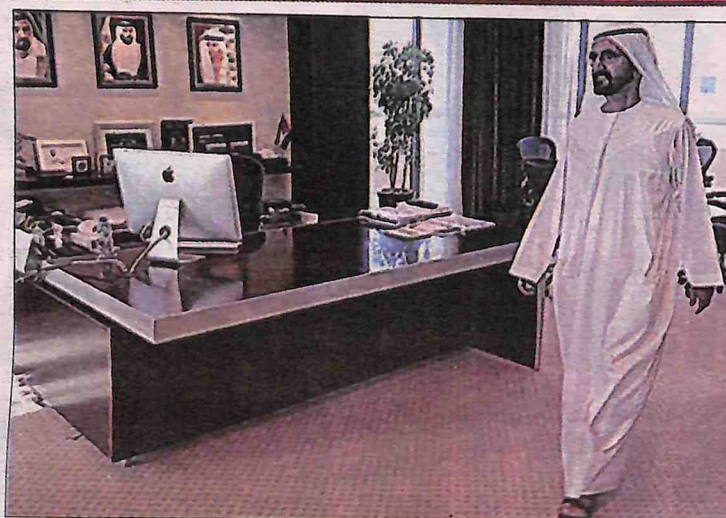
It maintains Treasury was initially satisfied with the deal, and only raised questions after reports emerged that the Gupta family could benefit from the multi-billion rand agreement.

Denel says allegations that it is captured by the Guptas are unfounded. VR Laser's Asian wing is owned by Salim Essa, who's reportedly a business partner of the Gupta family.

eNCA



TO LET: Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum visited a government office on Sunday morning.



ANYBODY HOME: The plush offices at the Land Department and Department of Economic Development office appeared empty. (Daily Mail)



CHECKING ONE OF THE BOOKS: The Dubai ruler picked up an employee's book as he wandered around the empty office.

NOT THE DAY TO PULL A SICKIE!

Nine top officials sacked after Dubai ruler holds impromptu desk inspection at 7:30am and finds lots of empty seats

DUBAI - Dubai's ruler has ordered a shake-up of the city state's management, including the retirement of nine senior officials, a day after he conducted a surprise spot check of government offices at 7.30am and found a significant number of employees absent.

On Sunday, his government posted a video on Instagram of him making an unannounced visit to the Land Department and Department of Economic Development office and finding it empty, an exercise which a Dubai media official said was intended to "send a message".

Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-

Maktoum casually wandered around the deserted office with empty seats, picking up an employee's book and flicking through it.

The visit should not have caught so many people out as Sheikh Mohammed is known for his early-morning inspections "to ensure government services are up to Dubai's globally admired standards."

In Dubai, public sector workers usually work from 7.30am to 2.30pm, while in the private sector usual business hours are from 8am to 1pm, resuming after the temperatures have begun to cool from 4pm.

In the video posted online, the

leader then goes on to inspect Dubai's airport - thankfully finding immigration officers were in place.

Finances

Governments around the Gulf are trying to make their bureaucracies more efficient as low oil prices pressure state finances, and the move by Sheikh Mohammed is one of the most dramatic efforts in that direction so far.

He ordered the retirement on Monday of nine members of Dubai Municipality's executive management, including directors and assistant director-generals in departments such as legal affairs and planning, the United Arab Emirates'

state news agency WAM reported.

Some of those sacked include Abdul Qader Al Jasmi, Director of Legal Affairs, Deputy Director General Eisa Al Maidoor and assistant Director General for corporate support Mohammad Abdul Karim Julfar.

Retired

On Monday, Sheikh Mohammed thanked the nine retired officials for their service but said he wanted to allow a new generation of young leaders to take control and provide top-quality services to the public, WAM reported.

Mona Al Marri, Director General of the Dubai Media Office told The

- Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid al-Maktoum conducted a spot check
- His government posted a video of his visit on Sunday
- Sunday is a normal working day in the United Arab Emirates
- A Dubai media official said it was intended to 'send a message'
- Sheikh Mohammed thanked the nine retired officials for their service
- Government is trying to make its bureaucracy more efficient

National newspaper: "Timeliness starts at the top, and we won't go after the employees when their bosses aren't there."

Daily Mail



CAMERAS ON DUTY: The camera man deliberately filmed the empty seat inside the office in Dubai.



IMPROPTU VISIT: He casually strolled into the office at 7.30am on Sunday morning in Dubai.

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BRIEFS

Opposition vows to discard Islamists

RABAT - The main opposition party PAM has vowed to "liberate" Morocco from the scandal-tainted ruling PJD Islamist party as the country gears up for campaigning ahead of a crucial October election. The liberal PJD - Justice and Development Party - has led a coalition governing the North African kingdom since late 2011 but faces growing opposition from its rival, the Authenticity and Modernity Party. It is expected to have to fight for its survival on October 7, particularly after a spate of scandals. *AFP*

Rwanda-Burundi border withers

BURUNDI - "Before, at this time of year, we imported beans from Burundi but now they say they don't want to sell their crops to 'the enemy'," said Evariste Ndikumana, a trader on the Rwandan side of the border. Worsening relations between Burundi and Rwanda mean the once-bustling border town of Akanyaru is suffering, hitting the economies of both countries. Always awkward neighbours, Rwanda and Burundi have fallen out since a domestic political crisis enveloped Burundi in April last year, while spiteful policy-making in Bujumbura has made a bad situation worse. In Akanyaru, bored traders and mobile phone scratchcard vendors kill time on a low wall beneath a shady awning. *AFP*

GDP contracts by 2.06% in Q2

LAGOS - Nigeria's gross domestic product (GDP) contracted by 2.06 percent in the second quarter, the statistics office said yesterday, sending Africa's biggest economy into a recession after a decline in the first quarter. The Nigerian Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said the non-oil sector declined due to a weaker currency while lower oil prices dragged the oil sector down. Output shrank by 0.36 percent in the first quarter. Nigeria is in the midst of an economic crisis triggered by a slump in crude prices, its mainstay, which has hammered public finances and the naira and caused chronic dollar shortages. Crude sales accounts for around 70 percent of government revenues. *Reuters*

Govt crafts new media regulation bill

WINDHOOK - The Namibian government is debating a new bill that would regulate the media industry and punish individual journalists as well as media houses for "reporting irresponsibly", the country's information minister has revealed. Information Minister Tjereko Tweya said if approved, the draft Access to Information Bill would create a media regulatory body that would ensure that journalists did not use information "out of context" or write stories based on their own opinions, as opposed to facts. *African News Agency (ANA)*

Mark Zuckerberg visits Nigeria

LAGOS - Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg was in Nigeria on Tuesday to visit the Co-creation Hub Nigeria (CcHUB) in Yaba, a technology hub in Lagos. "This is my first trip to sub-Saharan Africa. I'll be meeting with developers and entrepreneurs, and learning about the startup ecosystem in Nigeria. The energy here is amazing and I'm excited to learn as much as I can," Zuckerberg said in a statement. *African News Agency (ANA)*



REBELS CLAIM ATTACK ON STATE-OWNED PIPELINE

WARRI - Nigerian rebels claimed a Tuesday attack on a state-owned oil pipeline and accused the military of "endlessly harassing" the country's south as they vowed to intensify their campaign of sabotage.

The newly formed Niger Delta Greenland Justice Mandate (NDGJM) group said in a statement that they attacked a Nigerian Petroleum Development Company line in the southern oil-producing Delta State in the early hours of Tuesday.

"The NDGJM brought down the Ogor-Oteri major delivery line," said the militants. "Good job boys."

A Nigerian state security official confirmed the attack to AFP, saying: "I can't give you much detail on the incident as investigations into the incident are still ongoing."

The NDGJM militants said that they do not recognise the ceasefire declared this month by the Niger



DAMAGED: Nigerian rebels claimed a Tuesday attack on a state-owned oil pipeline.

Delta Avengers, a rival armed group in the region, or its ongoing negotiations with the Nigerian government.

The group also criticised the Nigerian military for its operations in the Delta's restive swamplands.

"The NDGJM will no longer sit quietly watching the endless harassment of our peoples in various parts of the region by the Nigerian military," said the group. "It shall from now on be an eye for an eye, for every military atroc-

ity carried out in the creeks... the Nigerian armed forces will have the NDGJM to contend with."

Last week the Nigerian military launched "Operation Crocodile Smile" in the oil-hub of Warri claiming to have killed five militants and arrested 23 others in a weekend raid. An amnesty programme introduced in 2009 brought peace to the Niger Delta after years of attacks crippled crude output. Yet when Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari indicated that he would wind down the costly programme in an effort to trim government spending violence once again erupted in the region.

Groups including the Niger Delta Avengers and the NDGJM are demanding a greater share of oil revenues and political autonomy. Their attacks have hampered oil exports and damaged Nigeria's fragile economy. *AFP*



BIG CATCH: Tiffany Wienke, of Vicksburg, Mississippi, caught a record-breaking alligator in Bayou Pierre. The nearly 700-pound gator is the biggest ever caught in fresh water in Mississippi. Wienke said she fought with the gator for two hours in order to reel it in and said she wasn't even sure the catch would be successful. (AP)

816 African migrants held in 2 months

KHARTOUM - At least 800 African migrants and a group of smugglers were arrested near Sudan's border with Libya while trying to reach Europe between June and August, security officers told reporters Tuesday.

Between June 27 and August 16, security forces arrested 816 African migrants attempting to enter Libya, senior army and police officers said.

They included 347 Eritreans,

130 Ethiopians and 90 Sudanese. Ten smugglers were also arrested on August 16 after clashing with security forces near the border.

"An officer and two soldiers were killed in the firefight," army General Aseer Hussein Bashir told a press conference at the defence ministry in Khartoum.

"These people will face legal charges, after which they will be deported," police General Awad Dahia said of the migrants who were detained. *AFP*

TUNISIA'S NEW UNITY GOVT TAKES OFFICE

TUNIS - A new Tunisian unity government took office on Monday in the birthplace of the Arab Spring, with Prime Minister Youssef Chahed, the country's youngest-ever leader, facing major economic and security challenges.

Chahed, who turns 41 next month, becomes the former French colony's seventh prime minister in less than six years, following a 2011 revolution that ousted strongman Zine El Abidine Ben Ali.

His new cabinet of 26 ministers and 14 ministers of state includes women, young and independent ministers, three members of the

Islamist Ennahda party and two former members of the powerful UGTT union.

The interior and defence ministers were kept on, in a show of faith for having restored calm after a string of spectacular jihadist attacks last year.

Handed

It formally took office at a ceremony in Carthage just outside Tunis during which outgoing premier Habib Essid, 67, handed over power.

"I hope this government will last," Essid said. "The worst thing for this country is the government changing ever year or year and a half." *AFP*

Egypt parliament adopts disputed law on churches

CAIRO - The Egyptian parliament on Tuesday adopted a law on regulating the construction of churches, despite opposition by some members of the Christian community which complains of discrimination.

Egypt's Copts, the Middle East's largest Christian minority, have long struggled to obtain official permission to build

places of worship.

They find it especially difficult to erect churches south of Cairo, where even the rumour of Christians building one can spark mob violence.

"The parliament adopted the bill presented by the government for the construction and restoration of churches by a two-thirds majority," the parliament's website reported. *AFP*



With Majaha Nkonyane

CHURCH NEWS



BIG FISH GOES BIG FOR 51ST BIRTHDAY

By Njabulo Dlamini

SWAZI born, South African based, gospel music artist, Siphso Makhabane, will celebrate his 51st birthday on Saturday by launching his new group based in the Mpumalanga province.

The gospel group, called Mpumalanga Praise will record its debut album; a live CD and DVD at Church on the Hill, KaMagugu branch on September 3. According to Big Fish Music Marketing Executive Pinky Nkadameng, through June and July Makhabane searched for gospel music talent in the Mpumalanga province.

"The search is finally over, Siphso Makhabane has done it again, he has discovered another gospel group which will soon take the South African gospel audience by storm.

Display

He dedicated the months of June and July to search for Mpumalanga's gospel finest. The results of which will be on display, come September 3, when finalists, Mpumalanga Praise, will record their debut CD and DVD, live at Church on The Hill in kaMagugu," Nkadameng said. Making his remarks, Makhabane explained, people from Mpumalanga were very talented hence choosing the eventual winner was a difficult task for the judging panel.

"It was not easy to sift out the best from so much talent during the auditions. Nevertheless we would like to congratulate the winners who have made it this far, as September 3 marks the beginning of a new gospel journey for them. It's an exciting



BIRTHDAY BOY: Gospel music artist, Siphso Makhabane.



TO PERFORM: Hlengiwe Mhlaba and Rebecca Malope.



time for all of us," he said. The line-up is made up of well known gospel music greats such as; Sifiso Ncwane, Rebecca Malope, Hlengiwe Mhlaba, Donny Ngwenyama, Thobekile, Dumi Mkokstad and Big Fish music newest signee Phindile Phoky; who co-judged this competition with Makhabane and the legendary Sizwe Zako. During the auditions, the crew travelled to many areas across the province, such as Middelburg,

Secunda, Ermelo, KaMhlushwa and Nelspruit.

"Makhabane's fans are in for a double treat; they will enjoy fresh talent from their own back yard and celebrate the life of their own gospel icon who has contributed immensely in building the strong South African gospel industry by discovering, developing and exposing a number of gospel giants.

They will also celebrate Makhabane's birthday on the day

with him," the statement from Big Fish Music further states.

Makhabane was born in the Northern Hhohho region, Mhlangatane area, and migrated to the Mpumalanga province where he briefly worked for Telkom SA prior to his big break in gospel music.

He later formed Big Fish Music Productions in 2005, which has released a number of gospel music groups in the country and in SA.

Hope Restoration to host 'Night of a Turnaround'

AS the prophetic wave continually hits the country, Hope Restoration Church has joined in with an all night prayer dubbed 'A Night of a Turnaround.'

Hope Restoration Church and Prophet Elijah Fire will host an All Night Prayer, which will be held at Woodlands (Ezulwini) on September 2, 2016.

"We are excited to once again host our all night prayer which we call the 'Judgement Night.'

We promise nothing other than to

an electrifying service which will be characterised by praise, worship, prayer, healing, deliverance and the prophetic. We would like to encourage Swazis to come in their numbers "as the Heavens will be very low" during the all night prayer service.," church's spokesperson Gcinaphi Dlamini said.

"This year we chose a venue that is bigger, more secure and has plenty of parking space.

We would also like to encourage people to invite their friends,

relatives and fellow congregants from all over the country and beyond our borders, to experience the power of God as our church declared 2016 as the year

of God's power, which will indeed be demonstrated through various testimonies which will manifest on the night," continued Dlamini.

TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 11:29 For God's gifts and his call are irrevocable.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Divine Healing Ministries

Date: 02 to 04 September 2016
Venue: Divine Healing Ministries Manzini
Time: 18:00-20:30

Theme: Arise and shine
The church under the leadership of Bishop Nash Shongwe will host a youth revival that is aimed at reinforcing the love of Christ in every young person. "We would love to encourage every young person in the country to come join us in this big convention where we will have the word of God ministered by different ministers," Skhumbuzo Shongwe said.

The services will have three speakers who will be ministering the word, and these are Prophet John Silindza, Pastor Mntambo and Pastor Fakudze. The young people will also have entertainment from Viols of praise.

Holy of Holies Inter dimensional Church

Date: 02 - 04 September 2016
Venue: Holy of Holies Inter dimensional Church Matsapha Sidlamafa Block
Time: 18:30 - 20:30 daily

Theme: A victorious youth.
The church under the leadership of Apostle Sidumo Vilane will be hosting youth services that will be running the whole week-end, the services are aimed at impacting young people's lives and bringing a life changing service that is not aimed at exciting young people but causing a change in their lives and in their communities.

The services will have guest performances from Thembele for poetry and resident music groups' including. Amazing 5 and the Church Choir.



Hosanna Outreach Ministries International

Date: 01-03 September 2016
Venue: Mhlume
Time: 18:00-20:30

Theme: "Joel 2:28" Fulfilment
The Church under the leadership of Bishop Harry Thring, Pastor Prue Thring will be hosting a powerful youth conference with Pastor DJ Dlamini.

The plans to host this life transforming event are at an advanced stage and the public is urged to come out in their numbers to experience God at work.

"The services are aimed at transforming the life of a young person yet impacting positive change in their lives." Church secretary Brenda Dlamini said.

The word will be ministered. Young people will also have a chance to engage on issues that affect them as they grow, and how to handle those issues whilst walking along their Christian journey with Christ.



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MOZAIK PRODUCES ANOTHER SINGLE FOR SA DJ QNESS

By Phumelele Mkhonta

CLAIMING Ground's Muzi 'Mozaik' Ngwenya has yet again produced another hit track, titled 'Fire Lighter', for South African deejay, Qness.

Qhubani Ndlovu, also known as DJ Qness, is a South African DJ, recording artist and record producer. He has three albums to his name, namely On Cue Vol. 1 (released 2009), On Cue Vol. 2 (released 2011), and On Cue Vol. 3 (released in 2013).

The track has just been recently released and it was played by DJ Fresh yesterday on South Africa's one of most popular radio stations 5FM. The track also features Berita who is an award-winning, gold selling singer, song writer and guitarist.

'Fire Lighter' is a fusion of tropical house, electronic dance and features some eccentric acoustic guitar riffs that give it that sunshine feel, which will resonate well with the Spring Season. Ngwenya expressed how it's an honour to have worked with such

“Working with Qness has been an interesting journey of growth and learning about my capabilities as a producer”

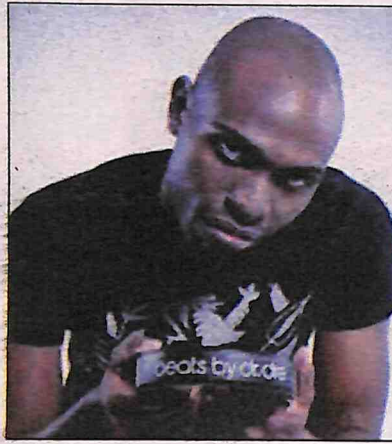


MUSIC MEN: Claiming Ground's Muzi 'Mozaik' Ngwenya and DJ Qness.

big guns in the music industry.

“Working with Qness has been an interesting journey of growth and learning about my capabilities as a producer.

“Basically, I am producing his



album. Already having two other singles released commercially with him, Fire Lighter (featuring Berita) being the third one. Soon we'll be finishing up the album and releasing it,” said Ngwenya.



HE WAS HERE: Isibaya actor Bongani Gumede.

Isibaya actor graces sitsinjana

By Majaha Nkonyane

SIPHOCOSINI community members could not believe their eyes when they saw popular Isibaya actor Bongani Gumede in the flesh.

Gumede, who plays a role of Mandla Ndlovu (a brother to the very proud Samson Ndlovu) in the popular South African soapie, was at a *sitsinjana* ceremony at Embo in Siphocosini. *Sitsinjana* is a small traditional wedding whereby the bridal party accompanies the bride to her marital home after being traditionally wed through the *kuteka* custom.

The marriage was between Mduduzi Mdluli, from Siphocosini and Ncobile Mazibuko, from Maliyaduma. The event was also attended by Parliament Pheseyha Hlatshwayo and former Central Bank's Sibongile Mdluli.

Upon seeing Gumede, some of the residents were heard asking is that not Bafo of Isibaya, as he is affectionately known. “I thought that maybe it is a Swazi man who, by coincidence, looks like Bafo. I do not



RUBBING SHOULDER: Gumede with a fan.

know if it is him,” one lady from the groom's party was heard telling her relatives.

It was only after they saw his car, a Mercedes benz with a foreign registration that they started believing it was actually the Isibaya star.

The people started taking pictures with him. Gumede confirmed his identity when interviewed.



CHOME: Gumede with friends.

Old Mutual Choir Festival heating up

By Simon Shabangu

THE battle for a spot in the lucrative Old Mutual National Choir Festival's finals is heating up as Eastern Cape Police Choir currently lead the pack with 184.67 points, while Sound of the Nation trails with 178.00 points.

This is according to a recent log availed by Old Mutual's Communication Consultant, Marketing and



In the large category where the winners are decided on a points-based league system, the current league standings are:

1. Eastern Cape Police Choir	184.67
2. Sound of the Nation	178.00
2. Kopano Chorus	176.33
3. Voices of the Nation	172.00
4. Gauteng Choristers	161.00
5. JMPD Choristers	144.67
6. Northern Cape Choristers	140.66
7. Kagung UYC	132.99

Dates and venues for the remaining regional championships:

KwaZulu-Natal	Sunday September 4	Ethekwini City Hall – Durban
Botswana	Saturday September 10	Boipuso Fairgrounds Hall - Gaborone
Free State	Saturday September 17	Boet Troskie Hall - Bloemfontein
Swaziland	Sunday September 25	Esibayeni Lodge – Matsapha
Western Cape	Sunday October 2	Artscape Main Opera House – Cape Town
Mpumalanga	Saturday October 8	Civic Centre – Nelspruit

Communications department.

There are 11 spots available in both the large and standard categories but for choirs in the large category have to obtain the highest points to make it to the final.

Things are a bit easier for the standard category choirs as they qualify by virtue of being champions in their respective regions.

So far, four choirs have already booked themselves a spot in the finals.

These are African Sweet Melodies (Gauteng), Belcanto Singers (Eastern Cape), Diamond City Chorus (Northern Cape) and Chitungwiza Harmony Singers (Zimbabwe).



MCS Choir choristers singing their lungs out in last year's regional eliminations.

SHEKINAH PROVES HER WORTH

Says she got encouragement from lively audience

By Lungelo Nkambule

LESERATO Events Management has introduced another gem to the gospel fraternity, Shekinah Motsa.

First, Nothando Hlophe made a name for herself in the country and neighbouring South Africa. Now Motsa is one of the Women in Praise finalists and is also one of the voices in the Swazi Viols of Praise project. The Friday night show was the first she has headlined since her music career took off.

The visibly overwhelmed Motsa took to the stage at 9pm and after the first song she seemed to get into it and kept the audience on their feet. After the show Shekinah confirmed she was indeed overwhelmed by the attendance.

"When I got on stage and saw all

those people I got overwhelmed and nervous," she said.

Adding, because she was a first timer, she didn't expect so many people to attend.

However, she got encouragement from her lively audience hence it got better as the show progressed.

Motsa also said from the amazing support that she got from the audience, she was inspired to work hard. "From here it will mean more work and people can expect a CD from me in the long run," she continued.

Leserato Director Mandla Nxumalo popularly known as 'Cheeks' said they had not expected a big turnout, considering that Shekinah was little known.

"The show came off better than we had anticipated, the support was amazing," he confessed.

Nxumalo said the success of the



SHINES: Shekinah Motsa.

show meant that as a company they had to work even harder.

"I would have loved a holiday, but Shekinah has been received well which only means we must work even harder because we realise and believe more than ever that something good can come out from this," he said.

Tshwane Gospel Choir for gospel Sunday

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE illustrious Tswane Gospel Choir is scheduled to minister in song at Mavuso Trade Centre on Sunday, in a show, organised by Umvini Management.

The 36 member ensemble will be performing in the country for the first time since their inception in 2010. After recording their fourth album and doing tours in the UK for the past two years, the choir is set to do an hour long set in the country.

"We will bring an energetic, performance mixed with unique dances and a fun filled performance.

"We would like to encourage the nation to come experience a fun filled performance as we praise and worship the Lord," Group founder Bheki Langa said.

The group, in their latest album, featured James Fortune who is a two-



LUNGS OUT: Tshwane Gospel Choir.

time Grammy Award-nominated gospel music recording artist, songwriter and producer. He is also a radio personality on 1190 AM WLIB.

"We are sincerely grateful as a company to once again receive an opportunity to bless the Swazi Nation in the area of Gospel Music. One may

begin by appreciating our partners SIPA and VOC and further thank all other stakeholders that have made this show possible. I'll move on to encourage every Gospel fanatic in the Kingdom of Swaziland and neighbouring countries not to miss this massive show. We have themed the show the Battle of the Gospel Titans,

Hankey Bannister on board for Total Gold Series

By Phumelele Mkhonta

HANKEY Bannister, 12-year-old whiskey, is on board for the second edition of the Total Gold Series, offering a whiskey tasting experience within the all new VIP lounge, creating a wonderful time for the whiskey lovers.

Hankey Bannister is the same brand that had collaborated with King Terry and his team in hosting the famous 'Royal Nights' at Pub&Grill in Ezulwini.

The second edition of the Total Gold Series is on Friday which is headlined by South African jazz legend Siphosiphiso 'Hotstix' Mabuse with supporting acts like Swazi afro-jazz musician Itallo Dlamini and DJ Mix Mash to keep the party going.

The Total Gold Series is an initiative by House on Fire to make a sequence of classy and entertaining shows that will at least incorporate one main act from outside the country. Other sponsors of the second edition of the Total Gold Series are Total Swaziland (main sponsor), Happy Valley Hotel (to accommodate the international acts) and Sky World Travel and Tours for transportation. According to House on Fire's Communication Officer Khuli-

Neto Dlamini, the soapstone space will offer an amazing platform for local artisans to showcase locally produced goods that include Zubane, Lumphondvo designs as well as Kwazi designs.

Experience

"House on Fire aims to deliver a complete experience for attendees by offering a variety of offerings within the event in a bid to allow for attendees to be fulfilled on different levels," said Dlamini.

Tickets are still available from Debonairs Gables, Mbabane as well as Mandela's Internet café, general tickets are E200.

As of today only 25 VIP tickets were still available at E500 each. "Doors open at 20:00 with the full program kicking off at 20:30.

Siphosiphiso 'Hotstix' Mabuse and the band will set the House on Fire stage alight at 22:15. Be sure to make your way to the venue in time to avoid disappointment of missing out on what is set to be the performance of the year," he said.



the Spirit Lives On. We encourage all Swazis to leverage on our reputation as Umvini of bringing the best and most organised shows and not miss this must attend event. Come Sunday you shall all be blessed", Umvini management Director Thulani

Mthethwa said.

The event will also feature performances from local acts such as; Mathuba Gumedze, Phetsile Masilela, Linda Dlamini, Banele Dlamini, Shongwe Nekhuphuka and Mduduzi nezinceku Zamagawugawu.

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HIGHLIGHTS.

California investigator

Today 20:10 | Discovery IDx (171)
Returning series California Investigator is inspired by the files of private investigator Brian Wolfe and his 25 years of



experience in the field. Whether investigating infidelity, fraud or other wrongdoings, Wolfe and his team of associates conduct surveillance, wear disguises, set up spy-cams, and do whatever it takes to gather concrete proof for his desperate clients.

SOFIA THE FIRST

Saturday 09:00 | Disney Junior (309)
"S3/E79 - The Secret Library: The Tale



Of The Noble Knight". Sofia visits her secret library, and learns the tale of the Noble Knight seeking the Ice Fire Shield.

RAMBO: FIRST BLOOD

Saturday 19:55 | Studio Universal (112)

The S Men continue on Action Weekends with the incomparable Sylvester Stallone taking charge. It's a deadly scavenger hunt in Cliffhanger, where Sly plays Gabe Walker, an expert climber taken hostage by a gang of criminals looking for missing loot after

a plane crash in the Rockies. With \$100 million at stake, it's a scramble to get out alive. Next, it's cult classic Rambo: First Blood, where former POW John Rambo is forced into the mountains after a manhunt led by a local sheriff. Stallone shines in this gritty tale of survival and violence



THE ROAD LESS TRAVELLED

Saturday 21:00 | Travel Channel (179)

Jonathan Legg is back on The Road Less Travelled, seeking out exotic experiences all over the world. In this second series, Jonathan takes a bike ride round Amsterdam, explores the art, architecture and history of the Taj Mahal, and searches for a

mystical good luck charm in Jakarta.

Plus, he follows in John Lennon's footsteps in India, gets to grips with bajajs and geteks in Indonesia, and spars with a kickboxing legend in the Netherlands and a Muay Thai champion in Thailand. Join Jonathan as he puts the "beaten" into "off the beaten track!"



DISNEY CHANNEL TO CELEBRATE 10TH BIRTHDAY ON CHANNEL 303

IN October, the Disney Channel will continue to celebrate its 10th birthday on channel 303.

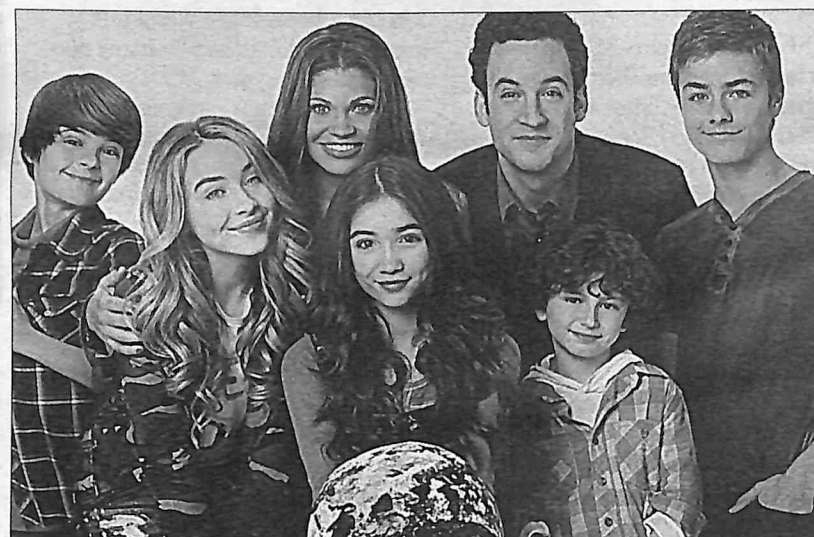
Here are some of the exciting shows you can look forward to:

Disney highlights in October
Thank Disney It's Thursday!
Today, catch all new episodes of your favourite series from 17:25 – enjoy Alex & Co, Girl Meets World, Disney Cookabout and Stuck in the Middle.

Exciting

An exciting new season of LoliRock premieres on 10 October at 16:10 – join Iris and her girl group as their magical powers are revealed as they fight against injustice. What's more, is that the third, exciting season of Hank Zipzer premieres on 24 October at 15:15. Join Hank and his friends, Franky and Ashley, on their misadventures in London.

Elena of Avalor: On 29 October at 08:25, tune in for the series premiere where princess Elena has saved her kingdom. Free from the evil sorceress, Elena must now learn to rule as Avalor's crown princess, where she



goes on incredible adventures and learns that her new role requires compassion and resilience.

Disney Channel Original Movies: There's a special treat this school holiday – Disney Channel Original Movies at 09:00. Grab the popcorn and enjoy Cloud 9, Invisible Sister, Bad Hair Day, Descendants and Cheetah Girls! And there's more. Disney Channel has doubles of your

favourite shows throughout the day!

Halloween: On 31 October, the Disney Channel is celebrating Halloween with specials of your favourite shows throughout the day. Make sure not to miss this, and a special screening of the spooky movie Girl vs Monster.

Stay connected to DStv and enjoy these great programmes on Disney Channel and so much more!

Of all the planets in our solar system, none has captured our collective imagination like Mars — a mysterious, indelible part of the zeitgeist.

The quest to send humans to Mars has engaged the top minds in science in a modern-day space race, and it has infiltrated pop culture through blockbusters like Andy Weir's The Martian and through out-of-this-world tweets from astronaut Scott Kelly.

Producers

Now, National Geographic Channel (NGC), Academy Award- and Emmy-winning producers Brian Grazer, Ron Howard and Michael Rosenberg of Imagine Entertainment; and Academy Award-nominated and Emmy-winning producer Justin Wilkes and Dave O'Connor of RadicalMedia have joined forces to launch viewers farther into outer space than ever before with the global event series MARS.

Premiering on the National Geographic Channel in 171 countries and 45 languages on Sunday 13

MARS on Nat Geo

November, MARS — which is set both in the future and in the present day — will redefine television storytelling by combining feature-film-quality scripted drama and visual effects with best-in-class documentary sequences to drive forward a cohesive, edge-of-your seat story of mankind's thrilling quest to colonise Mars.

This epic six-part global event series tells the inspiring story from the vantage point of a fictitious crewed mission in 2033.

"Brian [Grazer] and I, along with our friends at Radical, had this ambitious idea, which was to create a documentary about the quest to go to Mars but also bring it to life in a really dramatic and cinematic way," said Executive Producer Ron Howard.

"The offer to the audience will be information meets vivid and experiential filmmaking.

Nat Geo's ambition was high, and we are really honoured and thrilled to try and meet that challenge."

The starting point for this unique storytelling method is the year 2033, and we have embarked on the first crewed mission to MARS.

Elements

As dramatic scripted elements and feature film-calibre visual effects bring this future world to life, the modern-day quest to reach the red planet is told through documentary vérité and interviews with the present-day scientists and innovators who are leading the research and development of space technology that will make the 2033 mission possible.

Executive producers Howard and Grazer hand-selected visionary Mexican filmmaker Everardo Gout (Days of Grace) to direct the scripted portions of the series, filmed earlier this year in Budapest and Morocco.





International Celebrity News

Justin Bieber skips VMAs to snuggle with Richie

LOS CABOS -Justin Bieber and Sofia Richie took their tour of love to the high seas on Sunday.

The 22-year-old singer and his new girlfriend are enjoying a romantic getaway in Los Cabos, Mexico. Bieber missed the MTV VMA's in Madison Square Garden in New York City on Sunday in order to treat Sofia to a holiday, no doubt for her birthday which she celebrated last week Wednesday. The pair were spotted looking very cozy on a yacht on Monday as they frolicked in the ocean and cuddled on the deck. They looked very intimate as they sunbathed next to one another and shared several kisses. Bieber and Sofia even had their own Titanic moment on the deck as she cuddled him from behind whilst they looked out onto the water. Justin cooled off by having a bucket of water poured on him multiple times throughout the day. Sofia looked ready to explore the ocean as at one point she was decked out in a pair of flippers as she made her way into the water. *Dailymail*



ON HOLIDAYS:
Justin Bieber and Sofia Richie.

Saint West enjoys a day out in NYC

NEW YORK - He is the newest addition to the family. New York after the Yeezus rapper fell short of a moonman on Sunday night at the MTV VMAs. Little Saint was adorable in a camouflage getup, with matching shorts and a T-shirt.

But on Monday, nine-month-old Saint certainly stole the limelight as he stepped out with his father Kanye West, mother Kim Kardashian, and older sister North. The family were seen shopping in



FAMILY TIME:
Kanye West, mother Kim Kardashian, and older sister North.

The little angel was seen being doted upon by his father Kanye and later by his besotted mother while perusing various shops. *Dailymail*

Rihanna enjoys intimate date night with Drake

NEW YORK - Drake professed his love for Rihanna at the MTV VMAs the previous night.

And though they have remained mum on whether or not they are official, it certainly looked like they were getting on well on their latest outing together.

The 28-year-old singer and 29-year-old rapper were spotted after an intimate dinner date at Nobu in New York City on Monday night. Rihanna looked absolutely



ENJOYS:
Rihanna.

fabulous as always as she showed off her legs in a white blouse mini dress. The frock was held together by a brown leather belt around her waist which she matched with suede stilettos featuring a fringed design.

She accessorised the look with a pink designer clutch, large green ring and stud earrings.

Her raven-coloured tresses were pulled up in an elegant bun as she let her natural looks show with complimentary make-up including shiny pink lip. *Dailymail*

Taylor Swift gets dismissed from Jury duty

LOS ANGELES -Yes, even Taylor Swift gets summoned to jury duty.

The singing superstar took care of her civic obligation in Nashville yesterday morning when she arrived at the criminal courthouse in downtown, and was instantly recognised by fellow citizens who probably woke up dreading jury duty this morning, and then became pleasantly surprised. According to local reports, Swift posed for photographs and videos with fans, and when prosecutors asked her profession during jury selection, T.Swift replied, "I am a songwriter." E! News learns that Swift was called on to be a prospective juror for a trial, but was ultimately dismissed due to her own ongoing legal case that is similar in nature. *Eonline*



DISMISSED:Taylor Swift

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST



ISIBAYA

TODAY

Jabu gives Iris some devastating news. Thandeka is determined to get on with her life and Khanyi stirs the fires between Qondi and Sihle.



DETERMINED:Thandeka.



ISIDINGO

TODAY

SQUEEZED:
Nina.



Calvin works out who was behind the attack on his life. Detective Majola puts the squeeze on Nina. Despite his best efforts, S'khu is losing Nikiwe to someone else.



Muvhango

TODAY

Morapedi and Mangwashe make peace but trying times lie ahead. The fight between Azwindini and Vusi escalates. Mulalo's life is spinning out of control.



ESCALATES: Azwindini.



RHYTHM CITY

TODAY



DEMANDS: Suffocate.

Suffocate goes to Themba and demands the truth. Bongi is taken aback when Doc suggests they should have another child. Sindiswa suggests she and Emmanuel bunk school



SA Celebrity News

Guetta heading to SA for Ultra Music Festival 2017

JOHANNESBURG - Get your dancing shoes on! International house music maestro David Guetta is heading to South Africa.

The star was on Tuesday announced as one of the first headline acts of Ultra Music Festival 2017, to be held in Johannesburg and Cape Town in February



LIVE IN SA: David Guetta.

next year.

David will share a stage with fellow international dance music sensation Martin Garrix and a host of local acts.

South Africa has been blessed to have some of the biggest house and dance acts in the world visit our shores in recent years. But fans have long been calling for David Guetta to return for another show in the country. *Timeslive*

Gospel star Ntokozo to compete for Muzik gong

JOHANNESBURG - Gospel star Ntokozo Mbambo has been nominated for the 3rd African Muzik Magazine Awards (Afrimma).

The international awards nominations were announced last week and the ceremony will be held on October 15 in Dallas, Texas, in the US.

The Durban-born star was nominated in the best gospel category alongside Frank Edwards,

Sinach, and Uche Agu (all from Nigeria); Willy Paul (Kenya); SP Koffi Sarpong and Sonnie Badu (Ghana), and Toronto-based Icha Kavons (Congo).

The voting public will decide the winner in this category.

Recently returned from a tour of the UK, Mbambo said she regarded the nomination as a huge achievement in her career. *Sowetan*



NOMINEE:
Ntokozo Mbambo.

Brenda Fassie may have 'died' before her actual death

JOHANNESBURG - Legendary musician Blondie Makhene believes that the country was never kind to the late township pop star Brenda Fassie.

Makhene said the country was not kind to all musicians.

He was speaking at the One Night in No Man's Land sessions on Saturday at SoMa Art + Space in Maboneng, Johannesburg.

The musician was answering a question that if Fassie had not died, where would she be in terms of



TOO SOON: The Late Brenda Fassie.

music. Makhene said the issue of overbooking musicians forced them to use stimulants to deal with the pressure. He made an example of when an artist had 10 gigs over a weekend, it was taxing both physically and mentally. "It is not easy to move from one gig to another after a performance. You do not have time to sleep because you are constantly on the road. "In some parts

of the world, they ask you if you want to do the tour or not, and they give you cocaine to keep you energetic and awake," he said. *Sowetan*

Reasons to get excited about Malinga's final album

JOHANNESBURG -It has been sadness and miserable faces in the office ever since we learnt that Robbie Malinga is calling time on his solo music career to focus on production. But there's a silver lining...or four.

Robbie recently revealed that his upcoming album, entitled Love Duets, will be his last as a solo recording artist, as he prepares to move behind the scenes full-time. While, that may be one of the saddest bits of news we've heard in a long time, it's



NEW ALBUM:
Robbie Malinga.

not all doom and gloom for fans of the artist.

It will be out before you know it! There's nothing worse than waiting for an album that you are excited for. And while Robbie may not do a Beyoncé and drop his album when we least expect it, he at least won't make us wait a million years like Frank Ocean. Robbie this week told fans that the album will be out in "two weeks" time. Which means you'll probably be playing it all-day by the end of next month. *Timeslive*



FEMALE GREMLIN

NICKI MINAJ

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

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The support you need is within your reach. This is a good time to solve problems and make important decisions. You will find a way around almost any obstacle and are in control and able to guide yourself with ease. Your sense of inner direction is good and should lead to many opportunities. You bring a sense of value and the ideal to what are otherwise very practical matters. You may find that you would be good management material.



Daily Aquarius January 20 - February 18

You will tend to enjoy socializing at work today. You can always put your ideas into words and describe or analyze situations for yourself and others. Your theories may be fine, but you may lack the patience to let things ripen. Write down your ideas and present them to an administrator instead of talking about them to co-workers.



Daily Pisces February 19 - March 20

There may be confusion today over a professional or career decision. You do not like making career decisions any more than the rest of us—this time you might consider some professional advice. Otherwise, the question at hand could become somewhat more complex. Making your mark on the world has special significance for you. Achievement, ambition and authority take on a greater importance.



Daily Aries March 21 - April 19

You take an attitude of gratitude today as you move forward with your career plans—loved ones support your ideas. Your system of values may deepen, providing you with a better sense of discrimination and good taste. You will begin to make good choices in the area of investments now. There is a lot of mental energy to complete your plans but there must be a balance maintained so you are not too stressed.



Daily Taurus April 20 - May 20

There could be some restrictions on your activities at work today—you may find yourself pacing the floor much of the morning. Inactivity can be just as stressful as too much activity. Repairing machinery or perhaps taking inventory would be beneficial. Perhaps you could find ways in which you can be of help to someone else. This will speed things along and then you will find a busy afternoon.



Daily Gemini May 21 - June 21

Your outward seriousness and no-nonsense approach to things are obvious to all. This deliberate sense of responsibility comes across and is central to your personality and the way you relate to other people. Everything is run through your checkpoint to see if it holds up and can pass the test. You can be a stickler with details today. You are driven and passionate in your pursuit of change and inner growth.



Daily Cancer June 22 - July 22

When it comes to your work or home, your conservative values clash with whatever is unconventional and different. You may not care for the furniture or appliance someone has chosen. You do not value novelty and do your best to ignore changes. You appreciate tradition and regularity and your value system is dead set against anything new or out of the ordinary. There are regular infusions of change, which you may find very disturbing. New things may seem to overpower you. Occasionally, you surprise others and this could be one of those times.



Daily Leo July 23 - August 22

Others may find you especially witty and eccentric at this time. Much of your personal life hinges on pursuing your own growth and success. Your sense of discrimination, the ability to discern gradations and differences, is a crucial element in your personality.



Daily Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 22

There are plenty of opportunities today for you to choose and move into positive and upbeat circles. You may not have had any idea that your supervisors knew you were talented. You will have a chance to show off your talents and help create new ideas that improve the techniques of many employees you may have never seen. This may also entail the writing down of instructions and perhaps a guide for others to follow.



Daily Libra September 23 - October 23

You are a very feeling person and can sense the drift of a situation without a lot of study or wasted time. This immediate hands-on approach might be contrasted with one that is more deliberate. You could be left with a bit of an inferiority complex when it comes to matters of education, philosophy and conceptual ability. In a word, you revere this kind of stuff, not because it is natural to you, but rather because it may not come easily.



Daily Scorpio October 24 - November 21

Try not to worry so much—your abilities are much more accurate than you realize. Your general sense of concern for everything makes you valuable when anything needs doing but, if left unoccupied, you have been known to worry needlessly. Given only a few facts, you are able to take in a situation and come up with a real picture of what is happening.



Daily Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21

You have an innate urge to save, salvage and conserve. You could and probably will teach others the secret of your success—whatever that might be. You always want to help, to be of service, and to be fully useful. You hate waste and are very thorough and precise. For the most part, you are accepting. There is a need to be the center of attention this afternoon when you discover an investment you made was a good choice.



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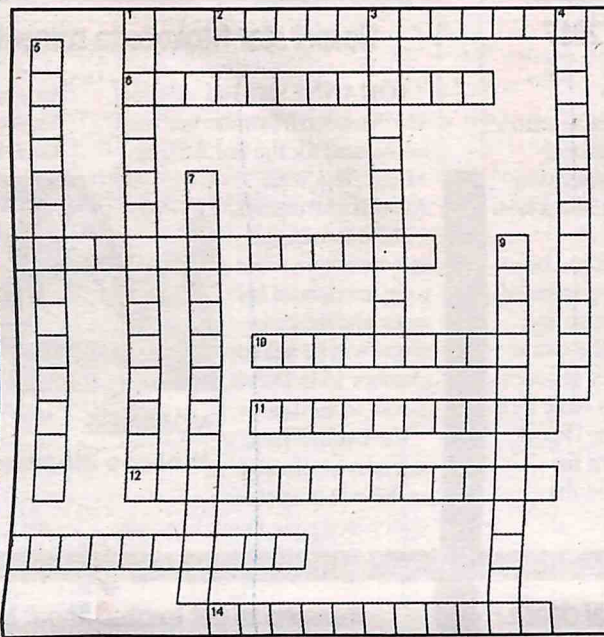


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ACROSS

2. Dan Aykroyd was Dr Stantz in this 1984 movie (5,7)
6. He is Peter Parker in the Spider-Man movies (5,7)
8. Ava Gardner in the 2004 movie, The Aviator (4,10)
10. John Hancock in the 2008 movie, Hancock (4,5)
11. Director of the 1977 movie, Annie Hall (5,5)
12. Director of the 1971 movie, A Clockwork Orange (7,7)
13. Marshal Will Kane in the 1952 classic, High Noon (4,6)
14. Sylvia Llewelyn Davies in the

2004 movie, Finding Neverland (4,7)

DOWN

1. El Mariachi in the 2003 movie, Once Upon a Time in Mexico (7,8)
3. Voice of RJ in the 2006 movie, Over the Hedge (5,6)
4. Capt. Virgil Hilt in the 1963 movie, The Great Escape (5,7)
5. Kevin McCallister in the 1990 movie, Home Alone (8,6)
7. He was Batman in the 1989 movie (7,6)
9. Alfred in the 2005 movie, Batman Begins (7,5)



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Two hours later Hung Chow calls again: "Boss, I do what you say and I feel great. I be at work soon. You got nice house."

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3. "Evaluation and Parameterization of Stability and Safety Performance Characteristics of Two and Three Wheeled Vehicular Toys for Riding." Title of a \$230,000 research project proposed by the Department

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4. Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2-6 years of age.

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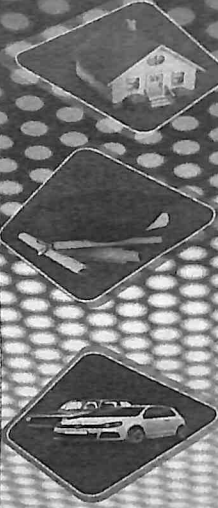
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Relatives and friends of **Mkhetsile Magongo** (nee Fakudze) are notified of her death. Funeral will at her home at kaLanga Siteki bus stop Khalakahle Primary School on Saturday 3rd of September 2016 after a night vigil on Friday. Announcement by family.



Kwatiswa baka **Mkhathshwa nebakankhosi kaHhohho** nelibandla lemaNazarene kaManzini kutsi **gogo Hlalaphi Evelyn Nxumalo** ulaNkhosi uhambile emhlabeni utawufihlwa ngeMgcibelo 03/09/16 2pm eSharpe Memorial Church of the Nazarene Evening Service 02/09/16 nga 8pm, ekhaya. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.



Friends and relatives of **Nhlanhla Kwazi Mabuza** are informed of a memorial service in his remembrance to be held at Free Evangelical Assemblies (Ludzeludze) on Friday 13:00 hours 02/09/2016. He will be laid to rest on Saturday 03/09/2016 at Ludzeludze kaHM Mabuza. Announcement by the Mabuza family.



Kwatiswa tihlobo, nebangani, nemndeni wa **Monica Qhubekile Nkhambule** lowendze kaNkhosi kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa eMliba ngeliSontfo ngeMuvu kwemlindzelo lotaba ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 03/09/2016. Kwatiswa baka **Ndwandwe ekhabonina eNkambeni nebakubo ka Nkhambule eMliba kanye nelibandla lakhe leMliba Nazarene** lithuba umsebenti. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguMfundu Walter Dlamini umyeni wakhe egameni lemndeni.



Kwatiswa tihlobo neMndeni wakaMavimbela kutsi akasekho emhlabeni **Mkhumbuzi Mbanjwa Mavimbela**, Ufihlwa ekhaya kaphunga ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 03/09/16 emvakwemlindzelo ngaleSihlanu 02/09/16. Kwatiswa baka **Gamedze ekhabonina Emphumakudze nebaka Mavimbela ePower naseSicineni. Longasekho nguMkhumbuzi Mbanjwa Mavimbela. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni wakaMavimbela.**



Friends and relatives of **Mrs Lilly V. Mtsetfwa** (gogo Khoza) are notified of her demise on the 27/08/2016. She will be laid to rest at Mpofu Emadelezini(NO7) at 5:00am after a night vigil on Friday 2/09/2016. There will be a memorial service at Vuvulane High School Hall on Thursday 1/09/2016 at 2:00 pm. Rest in Peace Khoza Mayisane. Announcemnet by family.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Gabriel 'Bricks' Mnisi** lobekaliSotja kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa belibandla lakhe lase "ZCC" Tsawela nase Malkems nebasekhakhakhe ka Vilane ka Velezizweni. Utawufihlwa ngeliSontfo 04/09/2016 ekhaya lakhe eMotshane ngemuva kwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.



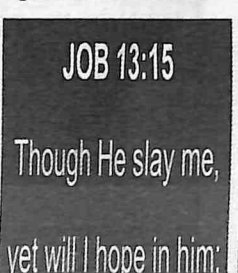
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Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Mrs. Norah Buyaphi Dlamini Ntshangase** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ngeMgcibelo 03 September 2016 emvakwemlindzelo. Utawufihlwa ekhaya lakhe kaDlamini, ka Makhomba Enyanyali sithesi kusesikhunjini kalobafazi. Simemetelo sikhishwa bantfwabakhe egameni lemndeni.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Mbuyiseni Sonnyboy Kunene** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ekhaya kubo Emdonjane ngeliSontfo 04/09/2016. Kulindzelwa ngeMgcibelo Kwatiswa bekhabonina eSihhoye kanye nebasemsebentini lapho abesebenta khona e king's Office. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu yise Themba Kunene egameni lemndeni.



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Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Nomsa Goodness Dlamini** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa baka May ekhakhakhe nebaka Dlamini Emgwenya (Nhlango). Utawufihlwa ngeMgcibelo ekhaya ka Langa (Lukhula). Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Thembi dzadzewabo egameni lemndeni.



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Friends and relatives of **Phumelela Wanance Dlamini** are notified of his sudden dismay after a short illness. He will be laid to rest at Mpuluzi on 04/09/16. Notice by the Dlamini family for more information contact: 7607 4555 / 7688 6229.

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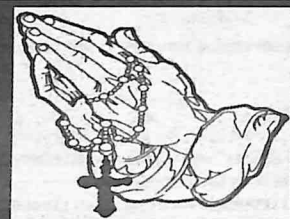
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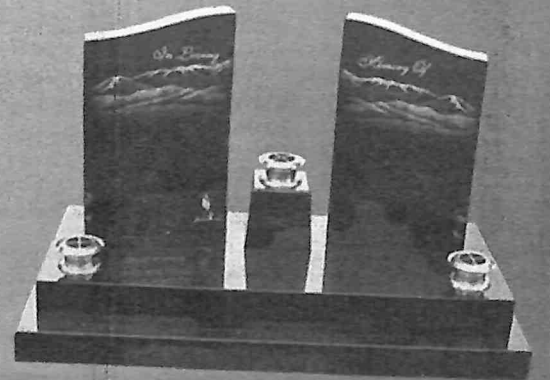
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CHELSEA MOVE FOR LUIZ EDGING CLOSER

... as Antonio Conte's side plan second bid for Brazilian defender

LONDON - Chelsea's move for David Luiz is edging closer and is set to be sealed before the end of the transfer window.

Antonio Conte's side had a £30million bid rejected but were expected to go back with another offer before the window closed last night.

Luiz left Chelsea for Paris Saint-Germain in 2014 for £50million and the Blues will need to edge up their bid to £32million to seal the return of their former defender.

The Brazilian is unsettled in the French capital and has his heart set on a return to London and Stamford Bridge.

The deal would see Luiz hold two of the three biggest transfer

fees for a defender in history, along with Manchester City's John Stones.

Luiz does not see Chelsea's lack of European football as an issue, targeting a return to the Champions League next season.

Antonio Conte's men turned to the possibility of Luiz after becoming frustrated with rejected bids for the likes of Kalidou Koulibaly and Alessandro Romagnoli.

They also enquired about Luiz's PSG team-mate Marquinhos.

Should Chelsea's bid to resign their former cult hero fail, they may turn their attention to West Ham's Angelo Ogbonna.

The Italian defender was

offered to the Blues by his agent as they continue to look for defensive cover.

Luiz is still a popular figure with Chelsea fans after

playing through the pain barrier to help them win the Champions League in Munich in 2012, winning the FA Cup and lifting the Europa League while at Stamford Bridge. *Daily Mail*



LOURINHO HAS 8 OUTFIELD PLAYERS IN TRAINING

MANCHESTER - Jose Mourinho reveals he has only eight outfield players at his disposal ahead of the first Manchester derby of the season, due to the majority of his squad being away with their countries.

The Red Devils are in good form having won their first three Premier League matches of the season, but the former Chelsea manager admitted in an interview with MUTV that his plans for the match will be affected due to the international schedule.

"We keep eight outfield players and Sam Johnstone as the goalkeeper for training," Mourinho said.

"We are going to lose the others and we don't know the way they train, the way they recover, the life they are going to have with their national teams."

"Some are coming back on the Monday before the Manchester City match but some are coming back on Friday. The day before Man City, we will still have

Sergio Romero, Marcos Rojo and Antonio Valencia arriving.

"It will be a complicated process but we know it is like this when we have these players. And I would love all of the players to go because it would mean that everybody is being selected for their national teams."

Decision

Mourinho also explained Zlatan Ibrahimovic will be given extra time off following his decision to retire from representing Sweden.

"I give the other guys, who are not selected for the national teams, two days off," he said. "And I give four days to Zlatan. At 34 years old, you need to rest."

Despite their disjointed preparations ahead of the match, United have been given a timely boost after Sergio Aguero looks certain to miss out for Manchester City after he was charged by the FA for elbowing West Ham defender Winston Reid. *Daily Mail*

VACANCY - EXTERNAL



CLEANER (2)

Applications are invited from suitable and qualifying candidates to fill the above two vacancies that exists in the Facilities Division within the Human Resources & Administration Department. The incumbent reports to the Senior Premises Clerk.

Summary of the Job:

Provides cleaning and housekeeping services in the bank and ensures hygienic and clean facilities in line with required standards.

Key Functions of the Job:

- Cleans in designated offices, restrooms and ancillary areas
- Collects trash from offices for disposal
- Cleans, prepares and replenish meeting room consumables as directed
- Identifies, monitors and controls consumables in the kitchen and bathrooms
- Provides tea services at designated times and places for staff
- Collects used kitchen utensils from offices for washing and disposal
- Liaises and recommends on cleaning and housekeeping services to the supervisor

Qualification:

- Form 5 certificate
- Must have formal training as a housekeeping agent/site cleaner

Experience:

- At least 1-2 years' experience in a similar position in a corporate environment

Skills and Competencies:

- Good interpersonal and communication skills
- Paying attention to detail
- Dependability
- Confidentiality.

Remuneration:

The Bank offers a competitive package, commensurate with experience and training.

Deadline:

Interested applicants are to submit hard copy applications, certified copies of academic qualifications and Curriculum Vitae at the Central Bank, Ground Floor Imfembe Building, by the close of business Friday 2nd September 2016.

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Municipality

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Matsapha Town Council extends an invitation to the Matsapha citizenry, development partners and all other relevant and interested stakeholders to its **ANNUAL MEETINGS** scheduled on the dates and venues listed below;

Date	Venue	Time
Sunday 04/09/2016	Matsapha Town Council Meeting Hall	2:30pm
Monday 12/09/2016	Matsapha Town Council Meeting Hall	09:00am
Monday 12/09/2016	Matsapha Town Council Meeting Hall	5:30pm

AGENDA:

1. Presentation of Audited Accounts for financial year ended 31 March 2016;
2. Receiving submissions from the community.

We look forward to seeing you in these meetings, as we continue to build our town together.

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ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP



STOKE CITY COMPLETE LOAN MOVE FOR WILFRIED BONY

LONDON - Stoke City have finalised the loan signing of Wilfried Bony.

The Manchester City striker has joined the Potters for a £2million loan fee with Stoke paying his £120 000-a-week wages. Bony, whose move to City never really sparked into life, seemingly spoke about the move on Twitter yesterday.

Exciting

"It's a new day and I look forward to a new exciting challenge," Bony posted on social media. The Ivorian took to Twitter for a second time after his move was formally confirmed by Stoke.



He wrote: "Thank You to all the MCFC fans for the support and hello to @stokecity fans I look forward to a great season together".

Potters Manager Mark Hughes described his move for the forward as a 'no-brainer'.

"He knows the Premier League and has scored plenty of goals at this level," Hughes told Stoke's official website.

Attributes

"He has power, speed and very good physical attributes which will undoubtedly help us, and

his technical and finishing skills are outstanding too.

"Eighteen months ago he was being bought for a hugely significant amount of money, so we know that we are bringing in a top quality striker.

Surprise

"Everybody is aware of Wilfried and what he is capable of, and it was no surprise that one of the bigger clubs came in for him on the back of his performances for Swansea - the only surprise has been that he didn't enjoy the success with Manchester City that we all thought he would."

Daily Mail

Aguero charged with violent conduct

MANCHESTER - Manchester City striker Sergio Aguero is in danger of missing the Manchester derby after he was charged with violent conduct by England's Football Association on Tuesday.

The charge relates to an incident during City's 3-1 home win over West Ham United last Sunday when Aguero appeared to swing his left elbow towards visiting defender Winston Reid.

He faces a three-game ban if found guilty, which would rule him out of City's trip to Manchester United on September 10, a home game with Bournemouth and a trip to Swansea City in the League Cup.

"Sergio Aguero has been charged for an alleged act of violent conduct which was not seen by the match officials but caught on video," the FA said in a statement on its website.

"The Manchester City forward was involved in an incident with West Ham United's Winston Reid in the 76th minute of the game on Sunday."

AFP

I wanted Atletico return - Diego Costa

LONDON - Chelsea striker Diego Costa admits he was eager to secure a transfer back to former club Atletico Madrid.

The Brazil-born Spain international joined the Blues in 2014 after two seasons with Los Rojiblancos, winning La Liga and reaching the Champions League final. There were reports that the

27-year-old wanted to quit Stamford Bridge for another spell at Vicente Calderon, and he admits the rumours were true.

Possibility

"I wanted to go back, I won't lie about it," he is quoted as saying by AS. "Everybody knows there was a possibility of going back to Atletico but it didn't happen

because of a few details.

"Now I'm at Chelsea, I'm happy there and I've started the season with them. I hope Atletico do well this season like last year and win titles."

Costa has started the current campaign in good form, and already has two goals from three Premier League matches.

Sport

Wilshere faces dilemma

CAPE TOWN - Jack Wilshere looks set to remain in the Premier League, with Crystal Palace and Bournemouth emerging as favourites to sign the Arsenal midfielder on loan.

A series of injuries have set Wilshere's Gunners career back, Manager Arsene Wenger willing to let the 24-year-old go out on loan after having reinforced his squad with the likes of Switzerland's Granit Xhaka and Mohamed Elneny, the Egyptian international central midfielder.

Wilshere has reportedly attracted attention across Europe, including clubs such as Sporting Lisbon and Benfica.

But according to Sky Sport, he is keen to remain close to home and as such held talks with Crystal Palace Manager boss Alan

Pardew on Tuesday afternoon before meeting Bournemouth Manager Eddie Howe later in the evening.

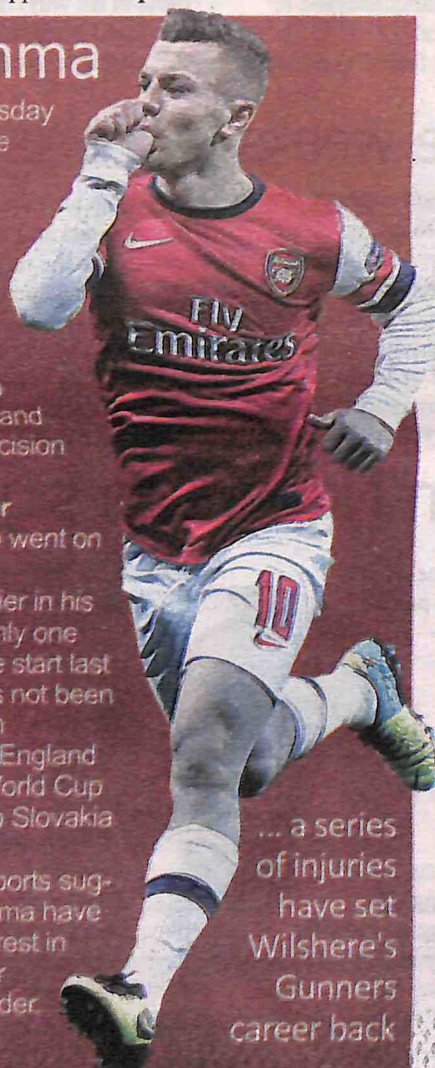
It is now believed that Wilshere was to inform Pardew and Howe of his decision yesterday.

Earlier

Wilshere, who went on loan at Bolton Wanderers earlier in his career, made only one Premier League start last season and has not been included in Sam Allardyce's first England squad for the World Cup qualifier away to Slovakia on Sunday.

Meanwhile, reports suggest that AS Roma have also shown interest in the out-of-favour Gunners midfielder.

Sport24



... a series of injuries have set Wilshere's Gunners career back



INVITATION TO TENDER

REQUEST FOR BID PROPOSALS (RFBP's) FOR A FINANCE AND BUILD CONTRACT

1. TENDER NO. 193 OF 2016/2017
MR25 (HLATHIKHULU - SITHOBELWENI)
2. TENDER NO. 194 OF 2016/2017
MR14 (NSOKO - MALOMA) AND MR 21 (MALOMA - NSALITJE)
3. TENDER NO. 195 OF 2016/2017
MR14 (SPHOFANENI - SITHOBELWENI - MALOMA)
AND D 50 (Junction from MR 14 - St PHILLIPS)

The Ministry of Public Works and Transport of the Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland, hereinafter referred to as MOPWT, requests Build and Finance Bids Proposals for the Upgrade of the above named roads projects. The project scope of works includes the construction of the existing gravel roads to bituminous standard and the construction of bridges.

Prospective bidding firms are encouraged to visit the site and make their own assessment for the purposes of submitting proposals.

Each completed bid document should be in a sealed envelope and endorsed with the names of the contracts on their respective tenders, "Tender No. 193 or 194 or 195 of 2016/2017: Bid Proposal for a Finance and Build Contract for project.....", and indicate clearly the firm's name, address and contact phone and mobile numbers. The proposal shall be addressed to:

Secretary to the Government Tender Board
Treasury Building
P.O. Box 38
MBABANE, SWAZILAND

and shall be delivered to The Treasury Building opposite the Government Hospital, MBABANE not later than 9.00am on Friday 04 November 2016. (Swaziland Standard Time).

A compulsory pre-bid meeting will be held in the MOPWT's Conference Room on Friday 23 September 2016 at 1000 hrs. The onus rests with prospective firms to make their own arrangements to visit the site, should they deem it necessary.

All proposals received after the proposal due date and time shall be considered late and will be immediately rejected.

As this is a Build and Finance contract, prospective bidders are advised that they will also be expected to carry the capital cost of construction. Only the most attractive offer to Government will be considered.

Bid documents may be obtained from the office of:

THE CHIEF ROADS ENGINEER
Roads Department
Office No. 84
Ministry of Public Works & Transport
P.O. Box 58
MBABANE, SWAZILAND

from Friday 02 September 2016 for a non-refundable amount of E2 000.00 (Two Thousand Emalangeni Only). Prospective bidders must quote the following item code when making payment:
Head 53; Responsibility Centre 2101; Item Code 21132

Bona fide proposals must comprise:

- A complete set of proposal documents;
- A General Receipt to the value of E2 000.00;
- A Bid Security in the amount of E10 000.00 (Ten Thousand Emalangeni);
- A valid Construction Industry Council Registration Certificate (C1 or CF);
- A valid Trading Licence (where applicable);
- A valid Tax Compliance Certificate (where applicable);
- A valid Labour Compliance Certificate (where applicable);

Telegraphic bids will not be accepted. Bids shall be valid for a period of ninety (90) calendar days from the closing date.

Any attempt to influence the outcome of the bidding process shall result in immediate disqualification.

The MOPWT does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any bid.



'Cheeseboy' excited by Ajax Cape Town chapter

CAPE TOWN - KickOff.com yesterday revealed Mokoena and fellow midfielder Mark Mayambela had both penned two-year deals with the Urban Warriors.

'Cheeseboy' left Mamelodi Sundowns at the end of last season as a free agent after seven years at Chloorkop.

Mokoena, 29, told Ajax's website: "This has given me a totally different view to football. Ajax Cape Town are very professional in everything that they do, on and off the field.

"I was so impressed with the way the coaching staff and management handle things, they really made me feel like part of the team.

"It's really great to see the amount of young players who are given a chance to play at Ajax Cape Town and I'm happy to be part of it. I want to thank the coach and management of the club for giving me this opportunity.

"I am very excited to wear the Ajax Cape Town jersey and I'm ready to give my all for the club," vowed the former Orlando Pirates winger.

Myeni signs for Wits

JOHANNESBURG - Sifiso Myeni has gone back to Bidvest Wits and signed a four year contract after being frozen out at Orlando Pirates, the club announced yesterday.

Myeni is yet another high profile acquisition for the Clever Boys as they build a squad capable of taking a first ever Absa Premiership title.

"Bidvest Wits is pleased to announce the signing of Sifiso Myeni. Welcome back to the family," tweeted the club (@BidvestWits). Myeni, 28, had been at

the Buccaneers for the last four seasons, starting 106 games and 17 goals. But with the arrival of new coach Muhsin Ertugral

had been told he was no longer required by the club.

He had spent four seasons before that at Wits, including winning the 2010 Nedbank Cup.

His Wits career, which ironically started against Pirates in September 2008, saw him start 107 games with 15 goals. Wits have had a busy transfer window with several high profile signings including goalkeeper Darren Keet; defender Pentjie Zulu, midfielders Xola Mlambo, Thabang Monare and Mogakolodi Ngele and strikers Cuthbert Malajila, Frank Mhango and Eleazor Rodgers.

Mzansi Football

KOMPHELA HAS A BELOW-PAR WIN RATIO AT KAIZER CHIEFS

JOHANNESBURG - Steve Komphela has been in charge at Chiefs since the beginning of last season and since his first game in charge his reign has spanned 45 official games, which includes the CAF Champions League walkover win over Volcan de Moroni.

The 40 percent win return that Komphela is sitting on at the moment is actually generous as it not only includes game against the 'Fishermen' which was never played but also factors in the penalty shoot-out victory over Orlando Pirates in the Telkom KnockOut semi-finals which actually finished as a draw after extra-time.

Take these two games out of the equation and Komphela's wins are reduced to 16 in 45 games for a 35,7% win return.

Having lost both of their opening games for this season Chiefs

are now without a win since April and sitting on just a single victory in their last 15 games.

Through his time at Naturena the 49-year-old Komphela has overseen 15 drawn matches and 12 losses whilst bringing no silverware to date.

Last season Chiefs actually played to the most stalemates of all clubs in league games, having been involved in 13 matches that finished without winners.

While a host of internationals players have reported for national duty with Bafana Bafana, Zimbabwe and Zambia - Komphela has remained hard at work at Naturena trying to find ways of fixing whatever has been the problem.

AmaKhosi will host Platinum Stars in their next fixture in a fortnight by which time Komphela will hope to have remembered how to devise a



FAILING: Kaizer Chiefs coach Steve Komphela.

winning formula otherwise he the pressure he is under may intensify.

Komphela has already provided an unsightly blemish to the Chiefs record books by overseeing the club's longest spell without scoring since the start of the modern-day PSL, a feat he managed in

March.

Besides the upcoming fixture with Dikwena the other games that will take Komphela to 50 games in charge of Chiefs will be against Highlands Park, Maritzburg United, Free State Stars and Ajax Cape Town.

Joseph Molongoane loses case against Chippa

JOHANNESBURG - The player had lodged a case with the Premier Soccer League's Dispute Resolution Chamber (DRC) in a bid to get his clearance from the club after claiming his contract has expired with the club.

However, the Chilli Boys have maintained that the former Orlando Pirates player still has two years left on his contract with the club.

According to a source, the DRC

decision means Molongoane has now been forced to report back to Chippa United despite having already signed a pre-contract with Kaizer Chiefs.

"The case was heard this morning and unfortunately he

[Molongoane] lost it," said the source.

"He is now forced to go back to

Chippa United."

Meanwhile, Chippa United boss Chippa Mpengesi said the doors are still open for Molongoane to return to the club.

"It's unfortunate that this matter has to go this route instead of being resolved without going to the DRC.

The supporters of Chippa United love Joseph Molongoane and he's never been chased away from the club," said Mpengesi.

"Our doors are still open for him. If he wants to go we won't stand in his way. If any team is interested in signing him we are still available to talk."



Letlotlo out for three weeks

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs have confirmed that young striker Emmanuel Letlotlo has been ruled out for three weeks with a torn muscle.

The 19-year-old went down unchallenged in the MTN8 quarterfinal loss to Cape Town City tomorrow night and it has been

confirmed that he tore the muscle that attaches to his hip bone.

Much is expected of Letlotlo this season after he top-scored in the MultiChoice Diski Challenge last campaign with nine goals.

Nicknamed 'Adebayor' after the Togo international striker, the Soweto-born youngster started

playing at his father's team Young Stars and has moved steadily up the ranks with the AmaKhosi. Chiefs have made a dismal start to the campaign, losing their league opener 2-1 before being bundled out of the MTN8 at the quarterfinal stage by City.

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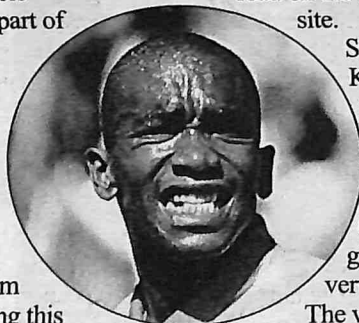
Sundowns confirm Ngcongca signing

PRETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns have confirmed the signing of Bafana Bafana international Anele Ngcongca.

The Siya crew revealed earlier this morning that the player had announced his move to Sundowns in the Belgian media while breaking the news that he was set to pen to paper on three-year deal with Masandwana, which includes a one-year option. The club has now confirmed the signing on their official website.

"Mamelodi Sundowns have confirmed signing Bafana Bafana

right back Anele Ngcongca as part of coach Pitso Mosimane's bid to strengthen his team ahead of the multiple fronts on which his team will be fighting this season, ending speculation about the player's destination as several Premier Soccer League clubs were after his signature,"



read on the club's official website.

Sundowns have beaten Kaizer Chiefs to the 28-year-old's signature, bolstering their defense as they go in search of CAF Champions League glory and domestic silverware.

The versatile defender can play at both right-back and centre-back which will allow Coach Pitso Mosimane options in the defence.

Rantie joins Bafana camp

JOHANNESBURG - Rantie was the last player to report for national duty on Tuesday.

However, the striker missed both training sessions.

Earlier in the day Belgium-based Andile Jali checked in for the squad's first training session but could only watch from the sidelines, while late call-up Diamond Thopola of Chippa United only joined his teammates after lunch.

Both Jali and Thopola managed to attend the second training session at the Kanyamazane Stadium.

Thabiso Kutumela, another late call-up, arrived in camp on Monday night.

Kutumela and Thopola replaced Rivaldo Coetzee (illness) and the injured Prince Nxumalo.

On the other hand, Mamelodi Sundowns forward Dolly was rested from training as he is still receiving medical attention for his hamstring strain.

It is still unclear whether he will be able to play against Mauritania tomorrow at the Mbombela Stadium in the final 2017 Gabon Africa Cup of Nations qualifier.

Bafana have two more training sessions to go before the dead-rubber, one today and the final one tomorrow.

Mashaba's men will also be hosting Egypt in the annual Nelson Mandela Challenge at Orlando Stadium on Tuesday.

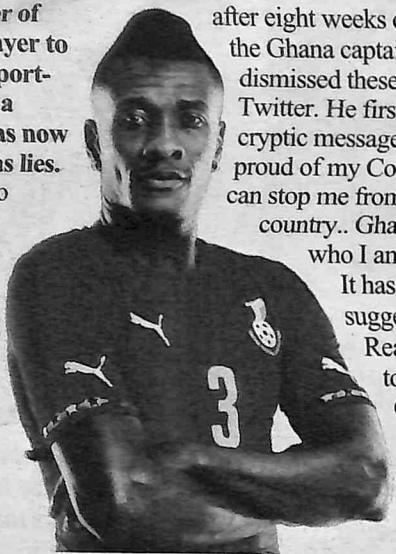
ASAMOAH GYAN SLAMS LIES ABOUT FAILED MEDICAL

LONDON - The transfer of Africa's highest paid player to a championship club reportedly broke down due to a failed medical, but he has now slammed these reports as lies.

Asamoah Gyan flew into England on Sunday and underwent a medical examination on Monday.

It was reported by Getreeding that Gyan failed the medical, and would only be fit to play

ANGRY: Asamoah Gyan



after eight weeks of training, but the Ghana captain has now dismissed these claims via Twitter. He first posted a cryptic message, saying: "Am proud of my Country, No one can stop me from serving my country.. Ghana made me who I am today.."

It has since been suggested that Reading wanted to prevent Gyan from playing in the upcoming 2017 Africa Cup of

Nations, for which Ghana have already qualified. He could miss up to five weeks of club football while representing the Black Stars at the tournament in Gabon next year, and it seems Reading were not prepared to conclude the transfer knowing they would not have their new striker available for a crucial stage of the season. Gyan, though, could still complete a deadline day transfer after being linked with Sunderland and Fulham. Either way, the 30-year-old will probably have to take a massive pay cut from the £227 000 a week he currently earns at Shanghai SIPG in order to complete a move.

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Venus scrambles into second round

NEW YORK - Venus Williams battled into the second round of the US Open on Tuesday, grabbing a slice of Grand Slam history along the way with her 72nd main draw appearance in a major.

On the same day that younger sister Serena was due to launch her bid for a record seventh US Open title - and a record-setting 23rd Grand Slam crown - the elder Williams broke the Open Era mark she had shared with Amy Frazier for most Grand Slams contested.

The 36-year-old Venus, enjoying something of a resurgence in a 2016 season that includes a WTA title in Taiwan, survived 63 unforced errors in a 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 victory over 22-year-old Ukrainian Kateryna Kozlova, who has risen more than 80 spots in the world rankings since February to her current number 93.

"The errors told the story today," said Williams, whose aggressive game also produced 46 winners. "I'm going to try to change that for the sec-

ond round."

The match closed out the afternoon action on the Arthur Ashe stadium court, setting the stage for a blockbuster night that included Serena's first-round clash with Russian veteran Ekaterina Makarova and second-seeded Andy Murray taking on Czech Lukas Rosol.

Serena's Wimbledon triumph in July saw her equal Steffi Graf's Open Era record of 22 major titles.

She has won four of five encounters with Makarova, including two US Open matches against the Russian left-hander.

Murray is bidding to become the fourth man in the Open Era to reach all four major finals in a calendar year.

Since capturing his second Wimbledon title Murray has gone on to defend his Olympic gold in Rio.

Murray has downplayed any grudge match aspect to his clash with Rosol, who provoked an angry outburst from the Briton when they met in the

quarter-finals at Munich last year.

In other early matches, third-seeded Swiss Stan Wawrinka, a two-time semi-finalist, reached the second round with a 7-6 (7/4), 6-4, 6-4 win over Spain's Fernando Verdasco.

"I'm really happy," Wawrinka said after evening his career record against Verdasco at three wins apiece.

"Fernando is a tough player to play. He can be really aggressive. He doesn't give you so much rhythm, so it's not easy."

Kei Nishikori, who became Asia's first men's Grand Slam finalist in New York in 2014, when he fell to Marin Cilic in the final, also advanced, downing German Benjamin Becker 6-1, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

"It was a great feeling of course," said Nishikori, whose breakthrough run in 2014 was followed by an abrupt first-round exit last year.

"I have great memories here and I always love coming back to New York."

Daily Mail

Jali blames Lekgwathi for his poor PSL discipline

JOHANNESBURG - Andile Jali blamed his poor disciplinary record at Orlando Pirates on the recently-retired Lucky Lekgwathi, who he claims used to shout at him during matches.

The 26-year-old, who now plays for KV Oostende in the Belgium Pro League, pointed out that he would become angry because Lekgwathi would often shout at him constantly throughout games.

The combative central-midfielder picked up his fair share of cautions - he tallied close to 20 yellow cards during his five-year spell with Pirates.

Jali and Lekgwathi played together at the Sea Robbers from 2009 until 2014 - a period in which the club secured a famous back-to-back trebles and also reached the final of the CAF Champions League in 2013, before losing to Al Ahly.

The midfielder, who was recently linked with a move to Leeds United in the English Championship, told the club's official website, "I would get



BLAME GAME: Andile Jali and recently-retired Lucky Lekgwathi.

so angry because while I was trying to focus, there comes Bra Slugger (Lekgwathi) shouting at me for the entire match."

He added, "So I would take out my frustration on the opposition and when I get booked we would fight because I blamed him for making me angry and he blamed me for getting booked."

Nonetheless, Jali was also quick to note that Lekgwathi's competitive

spirit never left the field of play, saying, "The one thing I respect about him was that at the end of the match, he left it all on the field. The fights never even once went beyond the final whistle, at the end of the match he was like a friend and a big brother again."

The Bucs legend hung up his boots recently after a glorious 12-year career with the Soweto giants.

Sport24

Sevilla confirm the signing of Nasri

SPAIN - Sevilla have confirmed the signing of Manchester City playmaker Samir Nasri on a season-long loan.

The 29-year-old flew to Spain on Tuesday night and the La Liga side held discussions with City sporting director Txiki Begiristain, who has been stationed at the club's training ground.

Sevilla said they were 'trying to close a deal' for Nasri just a few hours ago and have now confirmed the move for the former French international, who is the Andalusians' 10th signing this summer.

Pep Guardiola has been proactive in the transfer market, with Wilfried Bony and Joe Hart also leaving the Etihad Stadium temporarily.

Guardiola said a few days ago that Nasri can stay at Manchester City 'if he wants to help us and be part of something.' The Frenchman reported for pre-season training overweight and was seemingly cast aside by Guardiola as a raft of new attackers arrived at the Etihad.

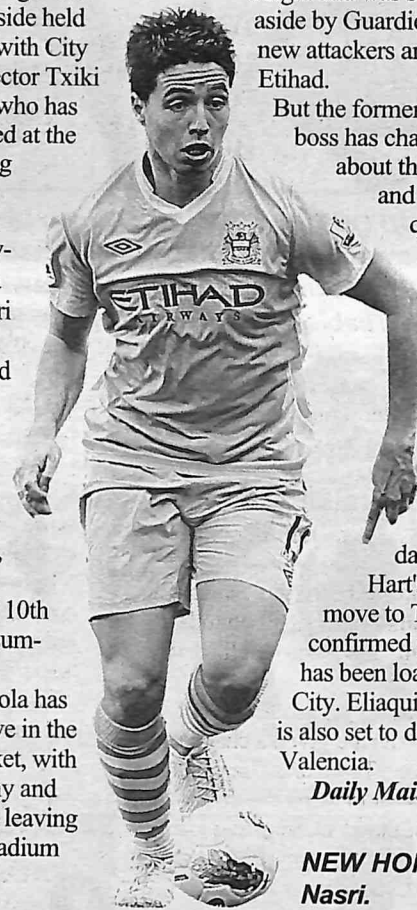
But the former Barcelona boss has changed his tune about the playmaker and believes 'his quality is on another level.'

Nasri is the third senior City player to leave the club on loan on deadline day.

Hart's temporary move to Torino was confirmed while Bony has been loaned to Stoke City. Eliaquim Mangala is also set to depart to Valencia.

Daily Mail

NEW HOME: Samir Nasri.



'Martial needs to be more consistent'

MANCHESTER - Manchester United's Anthony Martial needs to show greater consistency, France coach Didier Deschamps has said.

Martial enjoyed a strong start to his United career since signing from Monaco in September, scoring 11 goals in 31 Premier League games last campaign but has been unable to find the back of the net under manager Jose Mourinho.

"Anthony started the season very early and he has already played a lot in a system that is different to ours. He needs to be more consistent despite his qualities," Deschamps told British media of the 20-year-old.

"He can make the difference in a game because he's fast and powerful and can score and assist. At this age, even if he has already proved a lot, he has to go through that stage. He has to maintain a certain level of performance for weeks

and months."

Martial made three appearances in Euro 2016 and Deschamps believes fatigue could have affected his performances in France.

"He's played a lot. He's the one who played the most last sea-

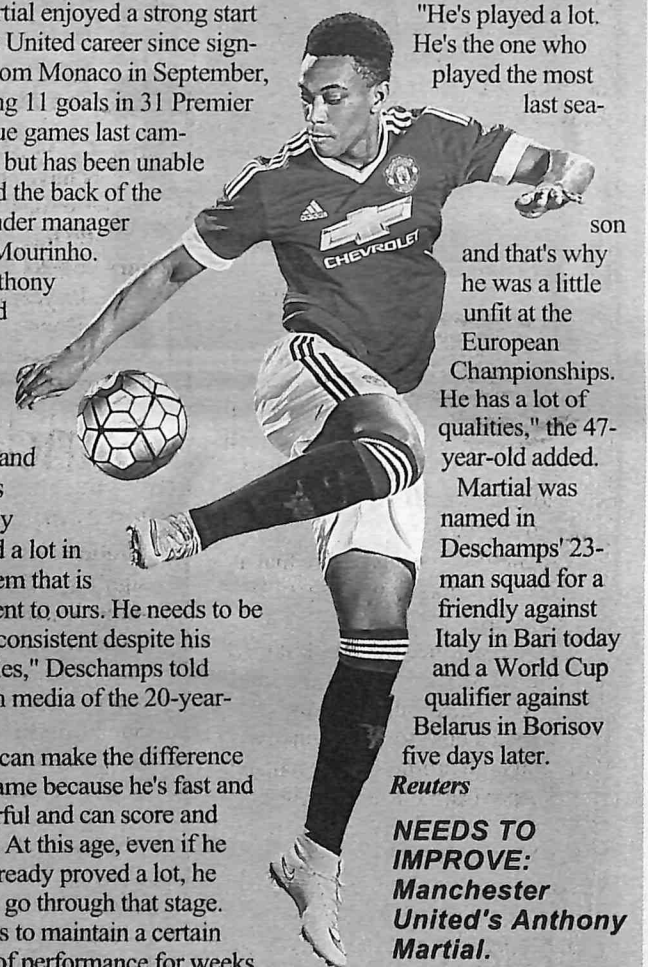
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and that's why he was a little unfit at the European Championships. He has a lot of qualities," the 47-year-old added.

Martial was named in Deschamps' 23-man squad for a friendly against Italy in Bari today and a World Cup qualifier against Belarus in Borisov five days later.

Reuters

NEEDS TO IMPROVE: Manchester United's Anthony Martial.



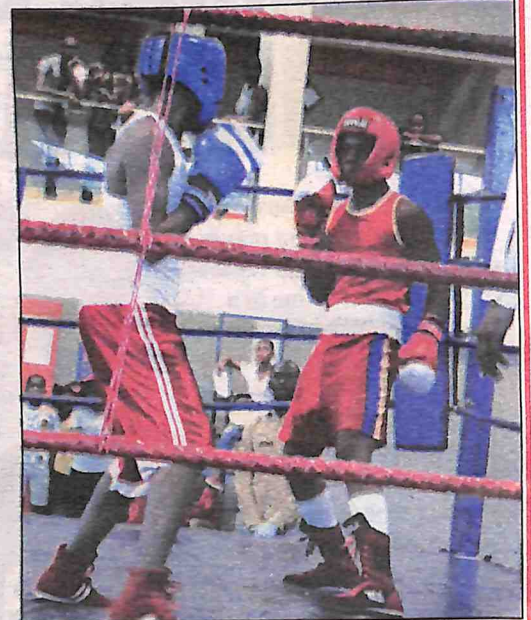
SIPA BOXING TOURNAMENT @ MAVUSO



DOWN AND OUT: Kid Mamba's Qiniso Dlamini goes down after a heavy blow from Matsapha's Thabiso Dlamini during the SIPA Boxing Tournament at Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday. Thabiso won on a KO. (Pics: Sanele Jele)



POWERFUL: Zebra Force's Phumlani Dlamini emerged the winner against Sifiso Ginindza.



VIGOROUS: Zebra Force's Phelindaba Gamedze ready to unleash his next punch against Ingwe's Kwanele Ginindza. Ginindza won 3-0.



ENERGETIC: Njabulo Mdzebele's in full force against Siboniso Mkhabela while he also fights back.



ARE YOU OK: Qiniso Dlamini getting ready for his fight while Malkerns coach Mbongiseni Jele has the last word with him.



WINNER: Malkerns' Qiniso Dlamini won the sixth bout by 3-0 against Zebra Force's Xolani Dlamini.



MUSIC MATTERS: Sifiso Mkhonta, Derrick Dim aka DJ Dim and Lisa Mavuso. DJ Dim kept the crowd entertained.



CHATTING: Swaziland National Boxing Association Vice-President Webster Lukhele and President Pearl Dlamini having a small chat.



OOPS: Kid Mamba's Qiniso Dlamini lands on the canvas after a blow from Thabiso of Matsapha Boxing Club.



TAKE THAT: Zebra Force's Phumlani Shabalala unleashes a mighty blow on Ingwe's Genius Mkhathjwa's face.

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football talk

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● Paris St-Germain defender David Luiz could be in line for a shock return to Chelsea. The Premier League club have offered £30m plus add-ons for the Brazil international, who left for the French champions two years ago in a £50m deal. (*Sky Sports*)

● England midfielder Jack Wilshere, 24, is set to complete a season-long loan deal with Crystal Palace. The Gunners received 22 offers from clubs in England and in Europe for Wilshere. (*Daily Mirror*)

● Alternatively, Wilshere could join AC Milan with the Serie A club wanting to complete a season-long loan deal with a £30m option to buy the player. (*Sun*)

● Chelsea will complete a £23m move for Fiorentina's Spanish full-back Marcos Alonso, 25, and will look to the loan market for another central defender. (*Telegraph*)

● Tottenham have offered to take Real Madrid's Spain midfielder Isco, 24, on a season-long loan. (*Daily Mirror*)

● Spurs are also targeting Newcastle United's France midfielder Moussa Sissoko, 27. (*Telegraph*)

● However, Tottenham have given up on signing Crystal Palace winger Wilfried Zaha, 23. (*Sky Sports*)

● Burnley are close to signing Derby County midfielder Jeff Hendrick, 24. The Republic of Ireland international will cost the Clarets a club record fee in excess of £10m. (*Daily Mail*)

● Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho is angry with German midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger, 32, for rejecting a free transfer to Sporting Lisbon. (*Daily Star*)

● Valencia have made an offer to sign Manchester United's Argentina defender Marcos Rojo, 26, on loan. (*Squawka*)

● Stoke City are targeting Manchester City's 27-year-old Ivory Coast striker Wilfried Bony. (*Telegraph*)

● West Brom will bid £32m for Watford's Nigeria forward Odion Ighalo, 27. Manager Tony Pulis will use the sale of English striker Saido Berahino, 23 - set to move to Stoke - to part-fund the purchase. (*Mirror*)

● Leicester City are still hopeful of signing two Sporting Lisbon players - Algeria striker Islam Slimani, 28, and Portugal midfielder Adrien Silva, 27, - before the transfer deadline. (*Leicester Mercury*)

● Sunderland could break their transfer record for £17m-rated Lorient and Gabon midfielder Didier Ndong, 22. (*Sunderland Echo*)

● Black Cats boss David Moyes will also offer £6.5m for St Etienne's Guinea defender Florentin Pogba, the brother of Manchester United midfielder Paul. (*Sun*)

NB: Some of the deals were settled by midnight while others fell through.



By Sanele Jele

SOCCER - A total of 28 team officials, under the RSSC Siyakha Northern Zone League, participated in a four-day football 'Administration Course' conducted by shrewd football administrator and former National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Vice President, Timothy 'Tim' Shongwe at Maphiveni Center over the weekend.

The course, aimed at equipping team officials with the necessary skills of football leadership, received a splendid turn-out from the administrators, who were eager to grasp everything pertaining football administration.

Speaking during the closing ceremony on Sunday afternoon the, participants' representative, Luke Shongwe of Tabankhulu Callies, thanked the stakeholders for availing such an opportunity and promised that they would effectively utilise the skills attained from this course.

He assured that now that they had acquired the necessary knowledge about the sport, they would never think of taking football matters to court, disregarding the laid down football structures.

Expressed

He expressed his gratitude to Shongwe for his ability to impart the basic football administration skills to the team directors.

He stressed that Shongwe boast of vast experience in football administration as he had even

The list of participants:

1. Simon Msihi - Brave Lions
2. Shampeni Sifundza - Shewula Professionals
3. Luke Shongwe - Tabankhulu Callies
4. Sibusiso Gule - Peacemakers
5. Bongani Sifundza - Silver Stars
6. John Mpanza - Shewula Professionals
7. Sabelo Mahlalela - Tsambokhulu Rovers
8. Ntokozo Mofokeng - Free at Last
9. Simanga Mahlalela - Boys to Men
10. Elphas Mahlalela - Tsambokhulu Rovers
11. Machawe Mathabela - Tongart
12. Samson Nyoni - Tongart
13. Nkosingiphile Sibiya - Tabankhulu Callies
14. Sabelo Mavimbela - Shewula Juventus

15. Sibusiso Dlamini - Equator
16. Musa Masilela - Equator
17. Siyabonga Magagula - Bacambi
18. Mlungisi Sifundza - Skyline
19. Sibusiso Magagula - Summerise
20. Noram Mahlalela - Stars
21. Zwelinthali Ntshali - Mhlume Highlanders
22. Bhekimasimula - Zwelabantu
23. Thulani Mavimbela - Zamalek
24. Simanga Dlamini - Mafucula Young Killers
25. Masotja Mahlalela - Tabankhulu F.C
26. Sandile Tfwala - Revelations
27. Thabo Mofokeng - League Assistant Secretary
28. Monday Maseko - Mafucula Young Killers

Emphasised

On another note, it was also emphasised that an administration course was a constitutional obligation for one to stand for the elections of any leadership position within the football structures, so it increased the pool of the candidates.

been a team director especially in the zone, which made it easier for them to understand his philosophies.

In essence, they promised to form the structures in their teams, so as to introduce professionalism in the game as per the dictates of FIFA, the world governing football body.



SKILLFUL: Some of those who attended the administration course at Maphiveni Center over the weekend.

Swazi Trac Lubombo Super League kick-off in style

SOCCER - THE wait is over for the passionate football fans of Lubombo as the 2016/17 Swazi Trac Super League kicked off in style over the past weekend, with eight games taking part in various stadiums around the region.

A total of 28 goals were scored in the opening games with Tabankhulu Callies mercilessly butchering new-comers,

Juventus 7-1 while former National First Division side, Ubombo Flyers bruised aside Lubhuku Liverpool 5-2 in another game which saw an avalanche of goals.

The other fixtures saw newly-promoted Ngcina FC beating Magwanyane FC 1-0, while fallen Siteki giants, XI Men played a one-all draw against Barcelona FC. Rail United beat Young

Aces 3-2 with Illovo beating CPL 1-0. Equator FC also caused an upset when they put Dangerous Darkies to the sword with 2-0 score-line and the game between Black Swallows and Richmond Aces ended in a goal-less draw. The league which is sponsored to the tune of E52 500 by Swazi Trac was officially launched on Wednesday (August 24) at the company's

premises in Matsapha. The 16 super league teams are to battle it out for the championship, which also carries the ticket to the MTN National First Division. To add icing to the cake the top two first round finishers will win a ticket to participate in the SwaziBank Cup, with the Ingwenyama Cup set to be played under a new format this season.

Jazz, Pacers through to PSI basketball semis

By Sanele Jele

BASKETBALL - MBA-BANE Jazz and Luyengo Pacers yesterday advanced to the semi-finals of the Population Service International (PSI) basketball tournament held at Mavuso Sports Centre.

Jazz proved why they are one

of the best teams in the country when they beat their archrival Mbabane Knicks 47-38. The game started on a high note with Jazz showing enthusiasm when attacking.

Basically, they played as a team, while their opponents were caught ball watching in most instances.

Meanwhile, Pacers had a hard time against the resilient RSSC.

Pacers eventually won 49-43 as they proved to be the better prepared team.

Pacers and Jazz are through to the next round while RSSC and Knicks are out of E15000 spon-

sored tourney. In the ladies category, Lady Jazz won the first leg of the series, beating Super Ladies 28-26.

It was quite an interesting affair but the former reigned supreme. It is not yet over as these two will meet tomorrow in game two.

Ladies			
Lady Jazz	28	Super Ladies	26
Males			
Mbabane Knicks	38	Mbabane Jazz	47
Luyengo Pacers	49	RSSC Tridents	43

MULIFE LOOKING TO JOIN MATSAPHA UNITED

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCKER – FORMER Mbabane Highlanders, Manzini Sundowns goalkeeper Sitali Mulife is amongst others, who have applied for the goalkeeping coach position at ambitious Matsapha United.

Information gathered is that the former goalkeeper, who now possesses a CAF C Licence, wants to join the National First Division outfit, which will kick-off their new season against another of his former teams, Malanti Chiefs. Mulife confirmed the matter when sought for comment yesterday. He stated that this was one of the clubs he was hoping to join in the new season. "It is true that I now have CAF C, which I obtained in Zambia and it is in addition to a coaching certificate that I attained in Swaziland. Matsapha United are one of the teams I hope to join, that is if I am



LOOKING INTO IT: Former Mbabane Highlanders and Manzini Sundowns goalkeeper Sitali Mulife, Matsapha United CEO Celucolo 'Dino' Dlamini.

given the position. There are other teams that I am currently in talks with over this job.

"I am very passionate about goalkeeping and that is why I want to take up goalkeeper coaching because I am now not in a position to play, after picking up a bad injury five months ago," he said.

Matsapha United CEO Celucolo 'Dino' Dlamini confirmed the matter when contacted yesterday.

"The MC has seen the application and it is one of the many that it is deliberating on. After deliberations we will table a report to the directors," he said.

Thabiso outsmart Qiniso in SIPA Boxing Tourney

By Sanele Jele

BOXING - MATSAPHA boxer Thabiso Dlamini beat Kid Mamba's, Qiniso Dlamini, in the Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority (SIPA) boxing tourney, held at Mavuso Sports Centre on Tuesday.

The first round saw both boxers exchanging a few powerless punches that did not even score points for them. With the over 100 boxing lovers sitting at the edge of their seats, the fight gained momentum with both boxers showing aggression.

In the second round, Thabiso proved why he is one of the best boxers in the country, when he unleashed one lethal punch that sent the inexperienced boxer on the ground. The punch landed on his left cheek and that was the end of him.

When the referee signaled if he was ready to continue with the fight, he nodded affirmatively.

The referee of the day, Kido Shongwe was forced to end the match on a technical knockout, in the second round, after he deemed Qiniso Dlamini not fit to continue with the fight.

This was after Thabiso landed a few more heavy punches to confuse his opponent.

Asked on his ambition after winning the match, Thabiso Dlamini said it was his dream to get another gold medal from the upcoming World Commonwealth Games in 2018.

"I take every fight very serious. I want to improve in every aspect in my boxing career. Coming to this fight, I think Qiniso is good but needs to work a little bit more on his tactics and approach, otherwise, he is on the right track," Dlamini said.

Other interesting fight saw the likes of Zebra Force Boxing Club's Phumlani Tshabalala beating Genius Mkhathwa 3-0 junior boxers in Bafo Dladla of Zebra Force defeated Malkerns' Siyabonga Zishwili.

The results in full:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| 1. Phiwa Ndawandwe | vs Mfanfuthi Greenhead - winner (Green head) |
| 2. Siyabonga Zishwili (Malkerns) | vs Bafo Dladla (Zebra) - winner (Dladla) |
| 3. Kwanele Ginindza | vs Phelindzaba Gamedze - winner (Gamedze) |
| 4. Genius Ginindza | vs Phumlani Tshabalala - winner (Tshabalala) |
| 5. Njabulo Mndzebele | vs Siboniso Mkhabela - winner (Mkhabela) |
| 6. Qiniso Dlamini | vs Xolani Dlamini - winner (Xolani) |
| 7. Sifiso Ginindza | vs Phumlani Dlamini - winner (Phumlani) |
| 8. Thabiso Dlamini | vs Qiniso Dlamini - winner (Thabiso) |
| 9. Sifiso Ngwenya | vs Mneli Nkambule - winner (Ngwenya) |
| 10. Muntu Simelane | vs Zweli Dlamini - winner (Dlamini) |
| 11. Nkosinathi Dlamini | vs Lindelani Maseko - winner (Maseko) |

MRPA suspends Legends Pool Club

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCKER – THE Legends Pool Club has been slapped with a suspension by the Manzini Regional Pool Association (MRPA).

The team has been suspended for the rest of the current season after failure to fully comply with registration requirements.

MRPA Secretary Mbongeni Gamedze stated in a letter, written to the team, that the decision was further perpetuated by the fact that the club continued to breach article 5.3 which

states that; Members shall at all times uphold the good name of the association and shall endeavor to conduct themselves in a manner, which shall contribute to the realisation of the aims and objectives of the association.

Gamedze stated that Article 8.5 of the adopted constitution gave the executive committee and Management Committee power to deal with all cases of misconduct, misdemeanor, breach of rules or by-laws, breach of codes that may from time to time be in operation as the general meeting or the Executive

Committee may have decided;

"Subsequent to numerous engagements between the MRPA MC, Manzini Zone, BAS, and Sports Council, it was agreed on a number of issues, including that teams will register with the office guided by the set requirements. Such requirements were agreed in our meeting and submitted to Sports Council before nominations and elections," reads part of the letter.

He added that while on suspension, the team and its players would not be allowed to participate in all MRPA activities.

King's Cup Golf committee happy with progress

Stories by Sanele Jele

GOLF - KING's Golf Cup Organising Committee member, Vusi Dlamini, says they are very happy with the progress in the ongoing tournament.

Dlamini said all was in order as far as the tournament is concerned and was impressed with the competitiveness.

"The tournament started on the high and the golfers are happy to be back in the country. It is encouraging to get a positive feedback from the golfers and hopefully they will enjoy their stay in Swaziland. Coming to the greens, there is a little bit of a concern about the course as it has not been raining lately, otherwise the weather looks great and all is set for the E350 000 tournament," said Dlamini.

Adding he said they were grate-

ful that, through the King's Golf Cup, they were able to give 10 local professional golfers a chance to play against the best.

"We hope they will play to their full potential and represent the country well in this tournament." Moses Shongwe of Mbabane Golf Club said he was happy with his performance and was optimistic he would do better tomorrow. "Today I did 80 under-par and tomorrow (today) I am hoping for something better than that. It is very encouraging to play against the best and it is a learning curve for some of us," said Shongwe.

Round two of the tournament will continue today, which will see the best top 40 golfers battle for the E350 000 prize money. 120 professional golfers participated yesterday in round one.

The prize money for the hole in one sponsored by SRIC to a tune of E250 000 still stands as no golfer managed it.

Bogey-free Groenewald fires in King's Cup

GOLF - COERT Groenewald fired four birdies and an eagle on his back nine to sign off for a superb eight-under-par 64, in round one of the King's Cup Big Easy Tour.

This is according to Sunshine Big Easy Tour website.

The back nine 30 coupled with a front nine of two-under-par 34 gave Groenewald a one-stroke lead over local golfer James Pennington.

"I am really happy with the round. I started nicely with two birdies in the first three holes. I putted really well and made some nice putts on the front nine, but some putts just didn't go in. On the back nine it was a completely different story. I mean, shooting 30 on the back nine with no drops, I'm really happy with my round today," explained Groenewald.

With the little rain the country has had in the past few months, the course has suffered the repercussions and is playing extremely hard on the sloping layout.

"The course is exceptionally dry. If you hit it on the wrong line the ball can go 50-yards offline. It makes hitting the fairways that much more important and also that much more diffi-

cult," said Groenewald.

The fast start by Groenewald was an impressive one, and it's something the 27-year-old will need to build on as the Royal Swazi Spa Country Club has a history of yielding low scores.

"I don't think I'll change my game plan for tomorrow. I think I'll keep it exactly the same because it looks like its working and I'm enjoying it. I am hitting quite a few drivers off the tee and it's just about picking a line and making sure you stick to it," he explained.

Pennington carded an incredible 10 birdies in his seven-under-par round of 63, while Mark Murless lies in sole possession of third place after a six-under-par 66.

Murless, who started with six birdies in a row, laughed off his fast start and said he was looked forward to the remaining two days.

"There's never a dull moment out here. Those six birdies, it was a lot of fun. It obviously wasn't so easy on the other nine but I'll take it," he said.

Vusi Dlamini a member of the King's Golf Cup organising committee said they were happy with the progress of the tournament so far.

KINGS CUP BIG EASY TOUR SCORES AT END OF ROUND 1

Position	Name	Score	6= Jeff Inglis	69
			6= Sipho Bujela	69
1	Coert Groenewald	64	9= Werner van Niekerk	70
2	James Pennington	65	9= Toto Thimba	70
3	Mark Murless	66	9= Hennie du Plessis	70
4	Derick Petersen	67	9= Omar Sandys	70
5	Thanda Mavundla	68	9= Stuart Smith	70
6=	Teboho Sefatsa	69	9= Arthur Home	70



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MTN PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS-OFF ON SEPTEMBER 17

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCKER – THE MTN Premier League 2016/2017 season will officially kick-off on September 17.

The league will give way to the AFCON qualifiers clash pitting the national team Sihlangu against Malawi at the Kamuzu Stadium this Sunday and the Caste Premier Challenge second leg semi-finals next weekend. Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) Chief Operations Officer Pat Vilakati confirmed the developments when sought for comment yesterday.

“The word we have from the PLS Executive Committee, in partnership with sponsors of the league MTN, is that the new season will kick-off on September 17,” he said.

Treated

The league opening games would see supporters being treated to another dose of the Mbabane derby pitting arch rivals Mbabane Swallows and Mbabane Highlanders.

Meanwhile, the National First Division will kick-off on Saturday at the Manzini Club. The grand opening in this division will see a triple header taking centre stage at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.

Relegated Malanti Chiefs will host ambitious Matsapha United in the last game of the day scheduled for 4pm.

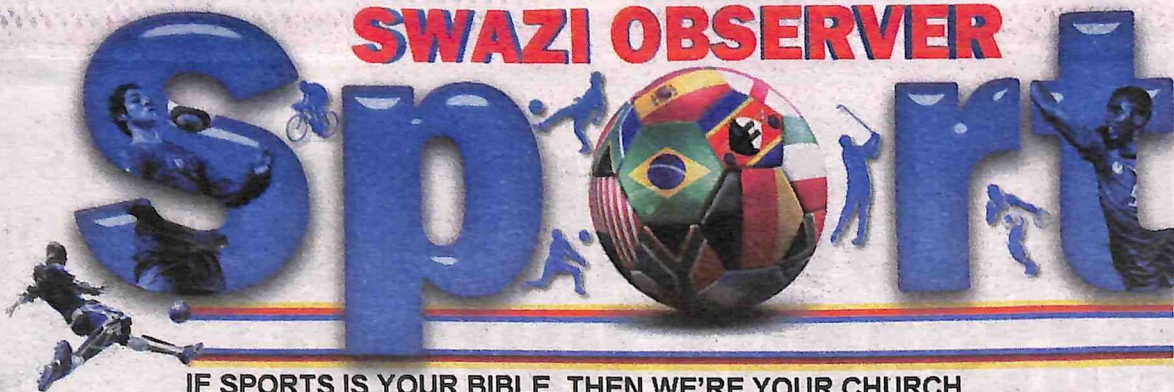
MTN PREMIER LEAGUE OPENING GAMES:

Manzini Wanderers	vs	Royal Leopard
Mbabane Swallows	vs	Mbabane Highlanders
Green Mamba	vs	Young Buffaloes
Manzini Sundowns	vs	Midas City
Sea Birds	vs	Moneni Pirates
Red Lions	vs	Tambuti

MTN NATIONAL FIRST DIVISION:

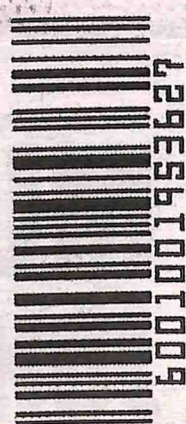
Saturday at Manzini Club		
Vovovo	vs	City Warriors 2pm
Hlabisa	vs	Mbabane Citizen 4pm
Sunday at Manzini Club		
Hlabisa Warriors	vs	Sikhalo se Afrika 1 30pm
Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium		
Bad Boys	vs	Madinye 12pm
Amalinda	vs	Lutzeludze Brothers 2pm
Malanti Chiefs	vs	Matsapha United 4pm

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SADC HEADS OF STATE INVITED TO IMBUBE MARATHON

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCKER – HIS Majesty King Mswati has invited the SADC heads of state to the Imbube Marathon to be held next month.

Addressing the gathering during the closing of the SADC Summit at the Mandvulo Grand Hall yesterday, His Majesty told the SADC leaders that as a marathon runner himself, he was challenging them to attend the race scheduled for October 8.

“As a marathon runner myself, I invite the heads of state to come and be part of this race. Who knows, one of you might just be a winner,” he said, to a round of applause.

The King said the leaders should know that Swaziland was their home away from home and hoped they would spread the good news about the country in their respective countries and find time to return for their leisure.

SNPF CEO Prince Lonkhokhela also urged the SADC leaders to spread the word about the upcoming marathon in their respective countries.

Mission

“The King has invited SADC to this marathon and we do urge the nation to support His Majesty in this mission.

The marathon will attract a number of international athletes and the nation is expected to continue upholding one of their strong values which is

● His Majesty King Mswati III extends invitation to all SADC leaders to attend SNPF sponsored marathon billed for October 8



LEADER: SADC Chairperson His Majesty King Mswati III taking his seat at the Holding Room of Heads of State and Government. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

respect.

“Local athletes are also urged to work extra hard in preparing for this race as the King has made it clear that he wants them to win all the prizes and not give them away to the internationals,” he said.

The race, sponsored to a tune of E500 000 by the Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF), promises to be the highlight of the country's athletics calendar.

The 42.2km race will start at the Mavuso Sports Centre in

Manzini and end at the Prince of Wales in Mbabane.

This historic marathon was announced by His Majesty King Mswati III during the official opening of the SNPF building in July last year.

Chance

The marathon, to be an annual event, will for the first time give the country's athletics a chance to compete locally for such as opposed to only competing in the South African Marathons.

Speaking during the event, the

King said the sponsorship was quite a sizeable amount adding all that was needed was for the nation to consider hitting the gym and shed a few kilos, especially ‘pot bellies’ in order to participate in the event.

Healthy

He said he was happy that SNPF, otherwise known as Lidlelantfongeni, heeded his calls for the country to place sports as a vehicle to living healthy lives hence considering the marathon as their intervention in the sporting fraternity.

SIHLANGU LEAVES FOR MALAWI TODAY

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCKER – THE national team Sihlangu will leave for Blantyre, Malawi, today.

The team was initially meant to leave the country for the AFCON qualifiers final clash against Malawi yesterday as stated by National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) CEO Frederick

Mngomezulu during a press briefing last week.

The CEO, however, stated a change of plan necessitated the team leaves today at a time still to be confirmed.

“The national team will leave tomorrow but we are still finalising with other stakeholders the time of departure because we know there are issues of bidding the team a proper farewell. This will be com-

municated once everything has been finalised,” he said.

The Harries ‘Madze’ Bulunga-led charges will lock horns with the ‘Flames’ in a match slated for the Kamuzu Stadium on Sunday starting at 3pm. A victory for the side will increase the team's chances of qualifying for Gabon next year by getting one of two spots available for best runners-up.

The team's coach is also expected

to name the final 18 member-squad to travel to Malawi before their departure today.

The nation's pride will be looking to end their poor away record against Malawi when the two country's face-off in the game.

Since 1968, Sihlangu have failed to beat the ‘Flames’ away in their previous nine meetings.

Malawi's biggest win over Sihlangu was in 1987 where they handed the locals a 6-1 drubbing.

However, the team cannot be written off ahead of the upcoming encounter after pulling some heroics



SIHLANGU LEAVING: NFAS CEO Frederick Mngomezulu.

in their away outing, beating Guinea 2-1 in their opening Group L in June last year which was played in Casablanca, Morocco.