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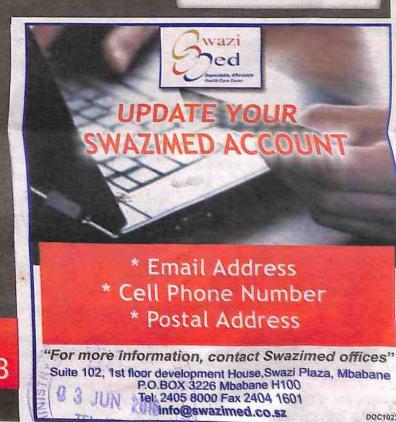
BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati III with members of the SADC Parliamentary Forum who paid a courtesy call to His Majesty at Lozitha Palace yesterday evening. The forum is in the country for the ongoing 39th Plenary Assembly Session at the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

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...Two uniformed cops driving a police vehicle dumped the top magician in the middle of the road

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MY KING: Siphosezwe Masango from the South African Parliament sharing a light moment with His Majesty King Mswati III after the King's meeting with the parliamentarian delegates from the SADC Parliamentary Forum. The forum is currently in the country for the SADC 39th Plenary Assembly Session at Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



ING ASSIGNS SADC MPS

By Sabatha Dlamini Lozitha

HIS Majesty King Mswati III says the ongoing Southern African **Development Community (SADC)** Plenary Assembly should focus on the economic independence of the citizens of the region.

Addressing members of the SADC Parliamentary Forum who paid a courtesy call to him yesterday, he implored them to come out with resolution that would make every member of the regional community proud.

His Majesty said he recalled very well in Malawi when heads of states established the SADC Parliamentary Forum.

He said the heads of states felt there were issues which needed to be discussed by that forum and that it would play a major role in shaping the structures of the regional organisation and its people.

His Majesty said he hoped that during the upcoming SADC Heads of States Summit, consideration would be made to transform the SADC PF into a formal structure of the organi-

He said when this parliamentary forum was established, some countries in the SADC region had not attained their independence and the region was faced with several challenges. These challenges ranged from political to economic.

Now that political independence has been attained, His Majesty implored the parliamentarians to work towards achieving peace and economic independence.

He emphasised on the importance of improving the lives of all the region's citizens through cooperation and the application of competitive strategies.

"We can do a lot together. It's not difficult. It can happen," emphasised His Majesty to a loud round of applause from the delegates.

He said other regions started from humble beginnings but were able to achieve their goals. All we needed was to work collectively for a common goal.

His Majesty said this was also in line with the African Union objectives. "We hope to achieve a better life for all but have to start from somewhere. It's important for us to come up with structures that will help

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YOUR MAJESTY: Secretary General of the SADC PF Dr Esau Chiviya making introductions.



ATTENTIVE: Parliamentarians listening to the King's speech

shape the future of our people. I hope the challenges we faced would be a thing of the past," said the King.

He said already the region has done very well in managing and minimising conflict.

Challenges

The remaining challenges that needed to be tackled and eradicated, His Majesty said, were poverty and the diseases that were ravaging the region's citizens.

The King said the challenge was on the regional parliamentarians themselves now to deliberate and come up

with recommendations that would bring better long term solutions to the challenges faced by the region.

The King hoped the SADC PF would arrive at decisions that one day the nation would be proud to stand up and celebrate them.

During United Nations meetings, His Majesty said he felt proud when he heard other delegates mentioning the Ezulwini UN Peace Resolutions.

The SADC PF leaders said they wished the forum would be transformed into a fully fledged parliament here in Swaziland.

Husband divorcing wife after giving pastor E15 000 savings

By Sizwe Dlamini Pigg's Peak

A 42-year-old man from Mhlangatane is divorcing his wife for allegedly giving away all of the family's savings to a South African pastor who has since left the country.

The man who identified himself as Siyabonga Maxwell Mkhaliphi from Mhlangatane in the Northern Hhohho region stated that he originally wanted to report the pastor for theft at the Buhleni Police Post but was informed by one of the officers there that the pastor had committed no crime.

Mkhaliphi then stated that he wanted to speak to the pastor to bring back the money, but then he disappeared and is believed to be back in Barberton South Africa.

According to Mkhaliphi, the incident happened at Herefords on Sunday afternoon. "I am a labourer and my bosses encouraged me to save money and not use it all so I had saved E15 000 in five years at my bosses' financial institution Swaziland Building Society. I got married four years ago and entrusted my wife with my savings because she is educated," said Mkhaliphi.

"I work at night so my wife who is unemployed and the other women in the community go to this church that has late afternoon and evening services," he elaborated. Mkhaliphi stated that the

church came to Herefords every month end and congregated in a tent which they would erect for church services. The church is from South Africa and is called the Risen Ministries.

"According to my wife the pastor told her to give all her money as an offering and in that way she will be blessed with a job immediately. My wife withdrew all our savings and gave the pastor without my consent. On Wednesday when I came home my wife told me what she had done in her pursuit of a job," he stat-

Problem

"The problem with these churches is they promise hope to us the desperate people and take our money as well with false hope stories. I wish there was a law against these things because you give money and it does not come true that the pastor will say you have no faith, but that is rubbish because you gave money."

I have sent my wife back to her parental home at Herefords and want to divorce her and marry another one. This one should go marry the pastor concluded a visibly very angry Mkhaliphi.

Another woman who frequents the church said "the pastors are rotated so the chances of him coming back to Swaziland are very slim as he might be sent to another community along with his praise team". The woman refused to give this reporter the name or the contact details of the church or the pastor and further stated that the church was not in the business of giving money back to people.

NEWS EXTRA

Blesser turned into a snake and tries to swallow blessee

A blesser who turned into a snake during love making was caught trying to swallow a young blessee in a hotel room.

This incident took place in a hotel (name withheld) Lee-Rato-Twin

near Province.

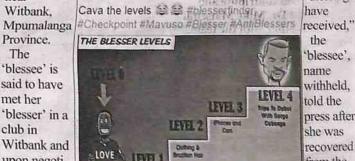
The 'blessee' is said to have met her 'blesser' in a club in Witbank and upon negotiations, both

agreed to share in their 'blessings'.

During the blessings initiations, the 'blesser' turned into a snake on the 'blessee'.

"He turned into a snake on me.

I quickly stood from the bed and ran while screaming for assistance. It was like a Nigerian movie to me. I have really regretted ever engaging in this trade. In fact this is



the blessee', name withheld, old the press after she was recovered from the

slithering

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large python. The South African Zoological Service and the police are at the scene trying to arrest the man in the form of capturing the snake. (Source: Fire News)

COPS DUMP MAGICIAN ON THE ROAD, DIES

COVER STORY

Stories by Samukelisiwe Ginindza Mbabane

WELL-KNOWN Mbabane top magician Mduduzi Gama died brutally in Mbabane, Mvakwelitje immediately after he was allegedly dropped off by police officers right in the middle of the road.

The shocking incident occurred yesterday morning around 5am according to a traumatised eye witness.

According to the eye witness whose name cannot be revealed in fear of being victimised, two police officers allegedly drove to the scene and dropped the deceased.

"Two police officers came here and hurriedly assisted the deceased disembark from the back of their car. They gave him his belongings and drove off.

He died immediately afterwards. They dropped him off in the middle of the road," said the witness.

The eye witness was doing her daily morning routine as she sells fat cakes and fruits in front of the butchery, where the magician took his last breath.

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LATE: The late Mbabane well known magician Mduduzi Gama. (Pics: Samukelisiwe Ginindza)

She further mentioned that she arrived at her vending business at exactly 4:55am and the police vehicle arrived about five minutes later.

She added that it was then that she began to worry about the man, who looked vulnerable as he was screaming for help when people passed him, as he helplessly writhed in pain on the ground.

"I then asked two men to assist him

off the road, where the police officers left him as he might be run over by passing cars," she went on to explain.

The two police officers are said to have been clad in their uniform.

"The police left him in a sleeping position, but he on several occasions attempted to sit up but failed. He would fall back as it was apparent that he was tired or had been thoroughly beaten," stated the shaken witness.

However, according to his family members who arrived at the scene he had a gashing wound on his forehead.

Police and the Swaziland Emergency Services are said to have been called by two security guards who were also passing by on their way home from work and the deceased was pronounced dead at the scene.

The deceased was taken to the Mbabane Government Hospital mortuary.

A post-mortem will be done next Wednesday.

'I heard him talking with his friends after midnight'

MDUDUZI Gama's sister Ncomile said she last heard him talking and laughing with friends outside his room just hours before he was found dead in Myakwelitje.

The 37-years old sister said she could not sleep on the day and was reading her novel when she heard him talking with his friends outside his room.

"I heard footsteps outside then his voice and he was talking and laughing with some people, whom we suspect were his friends," Ncomile said. She added that she could not fall asleep on the night, and then she resorted to reading her

Laughing

"I fell asleep around midnight, with them still talking and laughing in his room and unfortunately I could not wake up to check who he was with because it was cold and I suspected nothing," she elaborated.



WORDS OF SYMPATHY: Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Khulani Mamba addressing the family of the deceased during a visit by the police and members of the media to the deceased home in Zone 2.

Witness taken by cops

THE eye witness who was at the scene when police dropped the deceased off, was taken by police allegedly for questioning at the police head quar-

This happened after police who arrived at the scene had already taken her statement. When she was visited at her house in Mvakwelitje in Mbabane, she looked traumatised and worried that people from the area will think less of her.

She confirmed that she was taken by police officers for further questioning, when members of the media together with PICO paid her a visit.

...Family shocked, wants answers

THE family of the dead magician Mduduzi Gama who is originally from Dlangeni, but resides in Nkwalini Zone 2 are shocked about his demise, as they feel it was untimely.

When this journalist visited the family in the company of police, the mood at the homestead was solemn.

His father Sidumo Gama who could not even contain tears stated that he was shocked since the incident had not yet sunk in.

"I do not know what to say, I am a mess, he was not sick, so I feel that if only he got sick and I had the opportunity to visit him in hospital, it could have been better, but this is just shocking," Gama said in between sobs.

Answers

He urged the police to search for the police officers who are alleged to have dropped his son off so they can get answers from them.

"We want to know where they

picked him up and which state he was found in, if they claim he was already bleeding we want to know why they did not take him to hospital instead of leaving him in the cold, to die alone," he emotionally said.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Khulani Mamba stated that they are investigating the matter in an attempt to find the officers who allegedly dropped the deceased off, so they speak for themselves

Suspect cops go missing

THE police officers, who are alleged to have dropped Mduduzi Gama in Mvakwelitje before he subsequently died less than an hour later, are said to have vanished into thin air.

This was stated by Chief Police Information and Communication Officer Khulani Mamba. He was assuring the family of the deceased that the long arm of the law will catch the culprits and they will be put to justice.

"We have been searching for these two police officers but we are coming out with no answers and none is owning up," he said.

Phil Mnisi ready for the sweet-sour sugar sector

By Manqoba Makhubu Mbabane

"I go into the sector with an open mind, a learning attitude and a belief that I will contribute and build on what Dr. Mike Matsebula has done together with the team."

This was the response of the outgoing Standard Bank Chief Executive (CE) Phil Mnisi during an interview about his resignation from Standard Bank to join the Swaziland Sugar Association (SSA).

Mnisi is expected to officially resume his duties as SSA's new chief executive officer after July 31, 2016.

He would be replacing Dr. Mike Matsebula who has been at the helm of the SSA for close to 20 years.

Asked about his anticipation and aspirations of joining the sector which is currently faced with a number of challenges including the ongoing drought which was projected to
decrease sugar cane yields by about
10 percent this year, a sharp decline
of in European Union (EU) sugar
prices, and the de-regulation of the
EU markets in 2017, Mnisi said he
believed that Dr. Matsebula left
behind a strong team, hence he has
no doubt that they would assist him
as he provide the guidance in the sector.
"I believe that there is sustainable

"I believe that there is sustainable leadership in the sugar sector, there are millers, there are growers, there is the ministry of agriculture, there is the ministry of commerce, industry and trade, and there is Tibiyo TakaNgwane who all provide leadership in this sector. I believe that all this men and women have applied their mind and have put in place strategies there and initiatives to mitigate the risk," he said.

He said he goes into the sector with an open mind and believed that together with all the other stakeholders, would assess the situation and come with a solution.

Innovation

"It is said that a crisis brings about innovation so I am hoping that as a team, as a collective we will come with ways and means of lifting this economy even in difficult times," said Mnisi.

On average, Mnisi has spent three to four years in his past occupations. He has worked with the Swaziland Industrial Development Company (SIDC), Nedbank, in South Africa, at the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS), and Standard Bank,

Asked if his career with SSA was not a roller coaster ride, Mnisi said it is not the number of years that count, "but the difference that you make in that organisation." "When you come to an organisation you need to define the strategy and create a sustainable path for growth," he said. Mnisi said it was true that what Dr. Mike Matsebula has done was outstanding.

"In that sector you cannot make a difference in a short space of time. You need time, it's a diversified sector, it's a complex sector, and it's a big sector in the economy of the country. So I believe that one will have to learn and then begin to contribute. So I am not looking at it with a short sighted view, but with a long term perspective," said Mnisi.

Meanwhile, he said despite that he has been the face of Standard Bank for quite some time he would like the banking community and clientele to know that the bank has a collective leadership with a strong group of com-

petent men and women right across the spectrum.

"The brand is stronger, in the last four years we have positioned the bank as a premium bank, as a relevant bank. We have done our level best to introduce new products, we have tried our best to be relevant to the small and medium enterprise sector, to the general customers and we have grown our private banking offering and I believe these are things that I am taking with me," he said.

He said more importantly the bank was performing very well and has achieved various accolades in terms of service and sales.

"I thank God for helping me travail even when the bank was facing some reputational risks, but we were able to navigate those terrains and the bank today has come out strong," said Mnisi,

KING MEETS SADC PARLIAMENTARIANS



THE DELEGATION: His Majesty with local parliamentarians who were joined by some of the delegates for a group photo. This was after the King's meeting with the delegates from the SADC Parliamentary Forum. The forum is currently in the country for the SADC 39TH Plenary Assembly Session at Royal Swazi Spar. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



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MY PLEASURE: Tasneem Motara from the South African Parliament meeting His Majesty.

Palace.

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PRESIDING OFFI-CERS: His Majesty posing with speakers, presidents and their representatives from the member states after the brief session at the



BAYETHE: His Majesty addressing the SADC Parliamentarians.



INTRODUCTIONS: Secretary
General of SADC Parliamentary
Forum Dr. Esau Chiviya introducing the delegates to the King.



MY VIEW: SADC Parliamentary Forum Vice President, Hon. Joseph Njobvuyalema making his remarks.



THANK YOU: Speaker of Zimbabwean Parliament Advocate Jacob Francis speaking on behalf of his counterparts.

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NATIONAL CENSUS 2017: ...The counting of Swazis has begun

Stories by Gugu Simelane Mbabane

THE first phase towards conducting the 2017 national census has kicked off.

An officer in the ministry of economic planning and development revealed that phase one of the national census has started in the regions.

"We already have officers on the ground who have started with Phase One. We are hoping that by the end of July the first phase would have been finished. On the first phase our officers go to the regions and identify households that will be included in the census," she said. The officer further revealed that after identifying the households the officers make a list of the said households and mark them on a map for easy identification.

"Phase Two will start soon after the completion of Phase One and that is when our officers will be going to the various households and putting up the stickers on the doors. We are expecting this phase to be complete by the end of the year," she said.

The real national census will then start next year in April. "That is when the full scale

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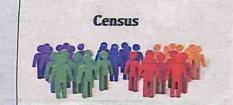
What is a census?

A census is the procedure of systematically acquiring and recording information about the members of a given popu-

It is a regularly occurring and official count of a particular population. The term is used mostly in connection with national. population and housing censuses; other common censuses include agriculture, business, and traffic censuses. The United Nations defines the essential features of population and housing censuses as "indi-

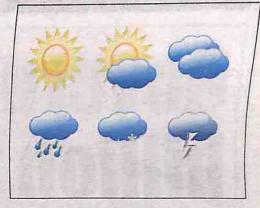
census will be conducted," said the officer. The last national census in Swaziland was conducted 10 years ago.

This is a very important exercise in the



vidual enumeration, universality within a defined territory, simultaneity and defined periodicity", and recommends that population censuses be taken at least every 10 years. (Wikipedia)

country since it determines how many people are young and old, female and male. Currently, statistics states that Swaziland has a population of about 1.27 million people.



'Cold weekend ahead'

THE public should expect a cold weekend, forecasters have said.

"Temperatures will drop drastically from tomorrow with temperatures failing to rise up above 25 degree Celsius the whole weekend.

Today, it will be fine and mild but warm and hot in the Lowveld with," said the forecaster.

Today's high temperature will hit up to 27 degrees Celsius in the Lowveld while the Highveld will hit up to 22 degrees Celsius.

Temperatures are expected to stay below 25 degrees in the Lowveld for the whole weekend. It will be partly cloudy and becoming fine and mild, warm to hot in the Lowveld.

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Government needs E1.5 billion for salary review

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi Manzini

SWAZILAND National Association of Teachers (SNAT) executive committee has revealed that government would have to part with E1.5 billion to implement the proposed salary review for public sector employees.

At an Extra-ordinary General Meeting which saw thousands of teachers gathering at the SNAT Centre yesterday, Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga said the salary review negotiations, which were supposed to be completed on May 20, were eventually discontinued after parties disagreed on fundamental issues.

At the commencement of the talks, government had argued she was going to negotiate on allowances only and not the salary structure and grading. Mhlanga said government tabled a budget of E811 million towards the implementation of the salary review report recommendations, citing a weak fiscal position.

Wage This translates to 13.1% of the wage bill with the SG describing such as putting the cart before the horse. Government gave the Public Sector Associations (PSAs) two options; the first being that of partial implementation of the allowances concurrently with the job evaluation grade and salary aspect of the recommen-

According to this option, allowances were to take 25% of the E811 million, which translates to E202.8 million.

The identified allowances, according to the update by SNAT, are housing, toolkit, field, detective, subsistence, plain clothes, subsistence for short periods of absence and commuted (bus) allowance. The salary structure and grading, on the other hand, was to be allocated 75% of the E811 million, which translates to E608 million.



IN NUMBERS: A section of the teachers who attended the SNAT Extra-ordinary General Meeting at their centre yesterday.

Mhlanga-said the second option presented to PSAs was that of zero allowances meaning the whole E811 million would be used up in the structure and grading.

With regards to allowances, according to the secretary general, PSAs made some movements and focused on two allowances that concern the majority of SNAT members. These are housing and commuting allowance.

Costs

The total costs of these two allowances alone is E600 million hence the PSAs asked government to mobilise this money as well.

With regards to the salary structure and grading, the PSAs argued that all cadres who were not moved from their initial salary bands, for example (A,B,C,D) be given a 30% salary

After government maintained its position in that it only has E811 million, the PSAs submitted that all members rather move from their current notch to a corresponding one on the new structure instead of starting from notch

The total cost of this proposal stood at E989 713 600 and the difference was E178 713 600, which government must come back with.

According to Mhlanga the total money needed for this exercise as well is E1.5 billion.

Example of the proposed notch movement:

C3 be moved from notch 5 (current structure) to notch 5 on the new structure instead of starting form notch 1.

C3. E9 255 - E10 937 (18%) C5. E13 423- E15 863 (18%)

SNAT to picket if grievances not met

IN forging a way forward, the teachers urged government to accede to their demands upon commencement of the negotiations or else they will take to the streets within seven days.

The teachers said this time government should be worried because when they hit the road the impact would be severely felt.

Making their submissions at the SNAT Centre, the teachers said they had noted that government takes them for granted because every time they staged peaceful demonstrations and after all is said and done they go back to class and teach.

Reason

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The teachers said it was for that reason government does not take them seriously when they try to

voice out their grievances as it simply effects the no-workno-pay rule. One teacher

even stated that in neighbouring South Africa when there is a protest the be severely felt. impact is felt as

everything comes to a standstill.

During the submissions one teacher even mentioned that if one or two stores could have their services disrupted and transport halted, maybe they could be heard. It was about time they applied the no-payno-work rule on government, they stated.

Meeting

During the same meeting it was also revealed that civil society was planning to hold a mass meeting during the SADC Summit in August.

Should their grievances not be heard they will make noise so the world knows exactly what they are going through as teachers in the country.

Principals must join fight for better salaries - SNAT

TEACHERS have called upon the Swaziland Principals Association (SWAPA) to join froces with them in the fight for better wages because at the end they would also benefit from the salary review negotiations.

Former SNAT President Sibongile Mazibuko said SWAPA must join SNAT in these negotiations, adding it was painful to note that principals would only get a meagre E250 increase in the proposed salary review.

Mazibuko described the government offer an insult, adding when looking at her situation it was very painful that after 36 years in the teaching service, all she would be getting would be a meagre E79 increase.

She urged principals to be on board as opposed to pulling the opposite direction noting even the 'Waya Waya' strike was stopped by them (principals) after being deceived by government. To date

they never received that carrot dangled at the time the strike was suspended, she said.

The teachers were hailed for being brave by attending the meeting much against the disapproval of principals from their respective schools.

Excuse

SNAT Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga said they were perplexed by the ministry of education and training's excuse that teachers were disrupting the learning process by honouring the extra-ordinary meeting yet some time back some of their members were called to attend a four-day workshop at Esibayeni Lodge but they never called that a disruption.

SWAPA is also hosting a workshop at Esibayeni Lodge which started tomorrow ending today and the ministry has not raised concerns about this.

There seemed to be elements hellbent on causing division amongst

teachers, he noted:

The first element was that of paying teachers a better salary because of the subjects they teach and the second being the Notch

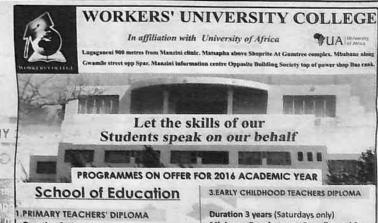
Performance Management System, which Mhlanga said every teacher, for example, would start at Notch 1

according to thsi.
He said if pupils do not perform that teacher remains at Notch I for RABY

Mhlanga stated that the system would result into teachers bewitching each other for the principals' positions.

"If your pupils as a teacher pass well, it doesn't mean you can be a principal, you are good at teaching not being a principal."

Mazibuko concurred with Mhlanga adding this has turned principals into the infamous 'blesser' figures as they try to impress the young female teachers who are still new and trying to climb their way



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Don't be afraid of PAC - principals told

Stories by Mbono Mdluli Matsapha

APPEARING before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) should not be seen as a nightmare but should be viewed as an opportunity for school principals to state their case before the committee.

This was said by Minister of Education and Training Phineas Magagula yesterday when he officially opened a workshop for principals at Esibayeni Lodge.

The theme of the workshop was "Quality leadership for quality education."

Magagula reminded the principals that their positions were not just ordinary, but they determined the success and failure of their schools.

He stated that principals were financial controllers of their schools. On top of that, he said, they were curriculum leaders and trustees of the ministry of education and training. He said they also acted as liaison officers between the schools they were heading and the communities they were serving as well as the ministry of education and training.

"I have heard that some of you principals are having a problem concerning your appearance before the PAC. The solution to all this is to respond swiftly to audit queries forwarded to you by the auditor general," Magagula said. The minister said audits were not done to fight personal battles with principals, but for the upkeep of audit books and establish how monies at the schools were spent. He urged them not to delay responding to the auditor general's queries.

The minister's words were echoed by Teaching Service Commission (TSC) Chairperson Simanga Mamba.

He said auditors were not sent by the commission to schools. If teachers were found to have embezzled school funds, they would have to appear before the PAC.

"The PAC is inquisitive by nature. The reason that makes you appear before the PAC is to give you an opportunity to state your case before the PAC makes recommendations," Mamba said. He said it would be unfair for the PAC to make recommendations without hearing from the principals, more especially



FEAR NOT: Minister of Education and Training Phineas Magagula.

when they were implicated in financial maladministration.

Mamba then warned the principals that embezzling school funds was an offence that warranted a dismissal from the profession. He likened it to crossing Mbuluzi River knowing very well that such a river was crocodile infested.

The chairperson made an example of a situation whereby a teacher was fired for squandering E9 750. The TSC, according to Mamba, did not look at whether the money was meagre or substantial, but they looked at the value of the money and what it could have done.

He said such an amount could be able to pay for educational needs of 17 primary school pupils, if that money was to be divided by E560, which is the school fees for one pupil. He also talked about a situation where teachers would steal food meant for pupils.

He condemned this act and reminded them that some parents did not have food at their homes and they banked their hopes on the food provided by the schools for their children.

He told teachers that they should not be doing such because they were getting paid at the end of each month yet some of the parents were not.

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TSC sorry for temporary teachers' non-payment

THE Teaching Service Commission (TSC) has stated that it would look into ways of engaging its stakeholders to make sure that the issue of the delayed payment of temporary teachers does not happen in future.

TSC Chairman Simanga Mamba said this yesterday during the opening of the Swaziland Principals Association (SWAPA) workshop held at Esibayeni Lodge in Matsapha. He said this after there was an outcry from temporary teachers who were not paid since the beginning of the year. Reports are to the effect that some temporary teachers have not been paid even up to this day.

Mamba highlighted to the principals that TSC was not solely responsible for paying teachers. "The payment process involves the ministry of public service and the treasury department but we find ourselves being the only ones to blame. I do not blame you because you know the TSC as the organisation to look up in solving to solve your problems. That is why I say please apologise on our behalf to the temporary teachers," Mamba said.

He said they were still working on sorting out that problem and would work on how they could be able to tackle challenges in a fast way in the future. He promised that from 2017, they would be on board as far as such issues are concerned.

The chairman went on to blame the principals for their contribution to the current status quo within the TSC. He said some principals had a tendency of breaching protocol and procedures of doing things at the



SORRY: TSC Chairman Simanga Mamba.

TSC. This was caused by the fact that some principals happened to personally know the influential people within the TSC like the chairperson and the executive secretary. Mamba warned principals to desist from such behaviour because it disadvantaged them and other principals who happened not to personally know them.

Such issues were so critical that when Mamba addressed them, the principals, who attended the event in huge numbers, would respond by mumbling and grumbling amongst themselves.

They would express themselves about how such issues affected them and hindered their performance in terms of attaining high pass rates.

He also warned teachers against having a tendency of preferring candidates that were to be transferred to their schools. He said such was the job of the TSC and the commission must be left to do its job independently.

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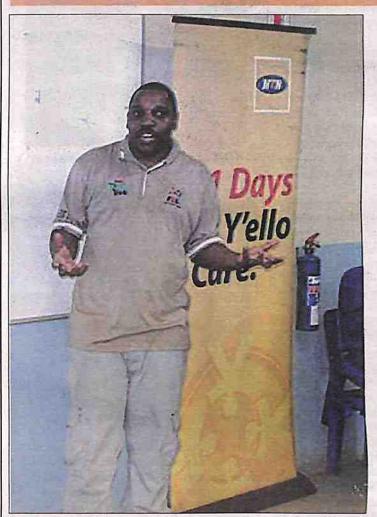
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21 DAYS OF Y'ELLO CARE





Y'ELLO LESSON: ICT teacher Mandla Sithole giving intructions to the pupils.

MTN looking to unearth

By Wonderboy Dlamini Shewula

AS MTN Swaziland's 21 Days of Y'ello Care Campaign kick-started yesterday, the company believes Swazi pupils are capable of becoming inventors of computer programmes and bring new innovations across the world.

The company recently launched this year's campaign which aims at equipping pupils with computer skills to enhance their academic path.

A team from the company yesterday visited one of the remote schools in the country, Shewula High, where pupils doing Forms One and Two were trained on coding and programming robots.

The pupils were made to assemble different types of robots and further programme them to undertake various activities.

This is said to be a project which 15 other schools from across the country will undertake and compete amongst themselves.

During the visit at the school, MTN Foundation Coordinator Lando



DAY TWO: MTN's Lando Diamini adressing the pupils at Shewula High School while Lungelo Sambo looks on.

Dlamini reported that this year's main project was aimed at making the pupils innovators and inventors of computer programmes.

Dlamini made an illustration of a popular social network, Facebook, which was invented by a young man using his computer skills.

She stated that coding and program-

ming of robots gave pupils the ability and desire to create something which has never been seen before.

She also pointed out the demand of ICT knowledge as the world is quickly engaging technology in daily activ-

"We are of the view that people like Mark Zukerberg, who created



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21 DAYS OF Y'ELLO CARE



Swazi 'Mark Zukerberg'



ROBOTS: ICT teacher Mzwandile Mahlalela assisting the pupils to assemble a robot.

Facebook, did not just wake up in a day and made up such a huge project but they started by learning the 'simple' things on how to give a command to a computer," said Dlamini.

She also reported that the pupils from each school would first be made

to compete amongst each other before the main competition which would include all the schools which form part of the STEM Foundation. Meanwhile, ICT teacher at

Shewula, Mzwandile Mahlalela said the project would enhance the pupils with more skills in computer studies.

Mahlalela said even though the project was not part of the curriculum, it would help the children to have more command and skills in information technology.





TRICKY SITUATION: The pupils working on assembling a motor during a coding and programming lesson.



NO TOYS: The pupils were made to assemble these items and make a robot.



FINALLY: At last the learners were able to assemble a car.



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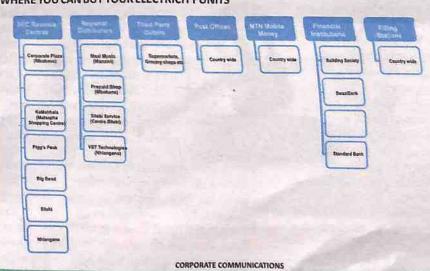
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CALM BEFORE THE STORM IN GENEVA

By Gugu Simelane Mbabane

MINISTER of Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula says all is well in Geneva.

The minister led a team of 12 delegates to Geneva last week to attend the 105th Session of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) conference.

Interviewed yesterday, the minister said since they arrived in Geneva they have been attending meetings with different committees.

"There are four topics that have been put up for discussion, by all the different groups present here. There is the workers group, the employers group and the government group and we all attend different committee meetings. We have been meeting up with other governments and discussed about the main topics," she

Agenda

"Amongst the four topics, firstly we discussed decent work in global supply chains. The Governing Body placed an item for general discussion on 'decent work in global supply chains' on the agerida of the present session of the International Labour Conference.

The general discussion offers a unique opportunity for ILO constituents to gain a better understanding of how engagement in global supply chains (GSCs) can contribute to sustainable development, inclusive economic growth, employment and decent work for all.

While the benefits of GSCs for eco-



KUHAMBA KAHLE: Minister of Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula.

nomic growth have been discussed, much less attention has been paid to their implications for employment and working conditions.

The ILO's general discussion on decent work in GSCs therefore has an important contribution to make to the global debate," she added.

The minister said the second issue discussed was employment and decent work for transition for peace, security and resilience.

Review

"The governing body decided to place this item on the agenda of the present session of the International Labour Conference under the double discussion procedure.

This standard setting item upholds the ILO's constitutional principles of social justice and peace, principles deeply rooted in the reconstruction and peace building efforts made following the First and Second World War.

Recommendation No. 71 was adopted at the end of World War II, to provide guidance on employment promotion efforts in the transition from war to peace. It is still today the only normative instrument in the United Nations and international system for responding to crises through employment and job creation," she

Report

"The third item on the agenda is evaluation of the impact of the ILO Declaration on social justice for a fair globalisation.

The committees are expected to review the impact of the Declaration, in particular the extent to which it has contributed to promoting, among members, the aims and purposes of the organisation through the integrated pursuit of the four strategic objectives: employment, social protection, social dialogue, and fundamental principles and rights at work, by placing employment and decent work at the centre of their social and economic policy," said the minister.

The minister said the last topic the committees would discuss is the issue of the upliftment of working standards.

She further revealed that next week was when all the member states would meet and share what has been discussed amongst the three groups.

"That is when Swaziland will submit its report on how far it has gone with the recommendations it was given," she said.



PARTNERS: RSP National Commissioner Isaac Magagula shaking hands with Limkokwing's Nkosilenhle Masuku.

Limkokwing, RSP partnership intensifies

By Majaha Nkonyane Mbabane

LIMKOKWING University of Creative Technology (LUCT) has joined hands with the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) Service in assisting students with their internship.

The university has chosen a new route as part of their innovative mandate and created ties with the police service.

This initiative was revealed by RSP National Commissioner Isaac Magagula in a press conference held at the police head-quarters when bidding farewell to 12 students from LUCT who undertook internship with the RSP.

This is the second year the university has sent students to do their internship with the RSP.

The first two students are already training with the recruits in Matsapha. The students were differently allocated within the police service and were doing their internship programmes in various departments like the police information and communications office (PICO), with three students; Mcebo Dlamini,

Papa Manana and Thamsanqa Vilakati. One student, Zandile Vilakati was with the information and communications technology (ICT).

At least four students were attached at the curriculum Design and Examinations Unit (CDEU) department and they were Muzi Paul Mnisi, Mayibongwe Tsabedze, Ncamiso Mkhonta and Nokwanda Mashego.

Nosmilo Ginindza and Malwande Hlophe were with 999 emergency response control centre. The crime prevention unit had two interns in Hlengiwe Nene and Sonto Dlamini.

The commissioner said the students had become ambassadors of both the police service and the university. He said the relationship created by the two organisations would not end with the interns adding that the police service would enrol some of their staff members with the university. Magagula said 13 police officers would undergo training in tailor made programmes with Limkokwing in specialised technological areas. The 12 students were also conferred with certificates by

Mabhoyane case postponed indefinitely

By Linda Jele Industrial Court

IT would seem the case concerning the sale of the Croydon Farm belonging to Rodgers Bhoyana Du Pont will not come to an end anytime soon.

A Supreme Court full bench yesterday postponed indefinitely the Swaziland Building Society's application to stay delivery of the judgment by the same court.

This will enable the High Court to determine the legality of the attorney general's involvement in a case of a private citizen.

The Attorney General
Majahenkhaba Dlamini represented
Du Pont in the review application
which was heard in February 2016.
He complained that the sale of the
farm during a public auction where
businessman Robert Nkambule won
was questionable.

LAW

He sought an order cancelling the auction sale.

The financial institution had filed an urgent application which was heard by a full bench presided over by Judge Phesheya Dlamini.

He sat with Judges Knox Nxumalo, Cyril Maphanga, Zonke Magagula

and Maxine Langwenya. The matter was first heard on
Tuesday, but it was postponed by the court and the
lawyers overe ordered to file
all the necessary papers.

resumed yesterday, the court again postponed it

indefinitely because the documents filed were too voluminous. Judge Dlamini said the court needed to have ample time to go through the papers to enable the judges question the attorneys from an informed point of view when they make their submissions.

"We are keen to understand the issues. This matter came under a cer-

tificate of urgency and the attorneys were bound to even commit errors trying to meet the timelines. They need to be corrected," he said.

Judge Nxumalo said the matter needed to be looked at in the context of the banking and commercial sector of the country. He said what had begun as a simple matter with no complex legal issues in 2006, was still pending before court in 2016 and had a plethora of judgments issued by different judges and courts.

He also urged the relevant attorneys to ensure they prepared themselves

"We want to give ourselves enough time. The issues are more involved and we do not need to rush, but do justice to the case," Nxumalo said.

The Swaziland Building Society is represented by lawyer Sidumo Mdladla of SV Mdladla Attorneys in the matter. Lawyer Lindifa Mamba appears on behalf of Nkambule while the Deputy Attorney General Sifiso Khumalo represents Du Pont, the registrar of Deeds and the attorney general in the matter.

SNAT saves property from sheriffs

By Linda Jele Industrial Court

PROPERTY belonging to the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) was almost attached by a deputy sheriff to recover E15 000 legal costs.

This followed a writ of execution issued by the registrar of the Industrial Court following an order agreed upon by the organisation and five teachers who had taken it to court.

The five teachers who had become known as the 'SNAT Five' had taken the association seeking an order to have the organisation's constitution amended to be in line with the Industrial Relations Act. The parties entered into an agreement that a task team would be set up to work on the issue.

It was also agreed that the organisation would contribute

E15 000 as legal costs. Lawyer Alex Fakudze, who was representing the SNAT Five, caused to be issued, the writ to recover the amount. A deputy sheriff, was last week sent to execute the writ at the SNAT premises in Manzini, but was told the money had been paid to SNAT's attorney a long time

SNAT Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga confirmed that the deputy sheriff had gone to attach, but was told the money was with the attorney.

"There was a miscommunication between our lawyer and theirs, because the money was long paid to our lawyer a long time ago as per the agreement.

They had withdrawn the case, after court records had gone missing and we agreed to have it removed and contribute. The attorney has been paid his dues," Mhlanga said.

TOMMY KIRK GETS ORDER BARRING MAN FROM MAHHALA

Stories by Linda Jele Mbabane

THE man who assaulted businessman Tommy Kirk in front of his employees has been directed not to go any 100 metres close to the victim.

Tommy Kirk alleged he was now living in fear after he was assaulted by Melusi Dlamini of Mbhuleni on May 28, 2016 in Matsapha and has applied for an order restraining Dlamini from going within the proximity of 100 metres of Kirk's location, anywhere in the country.

Barred

Dlamini has also been barred from going to Matsapha and restrained from going within the proximity of 500 metres close to Kirk's business premises at Matsapha Cash and Carry where the incident happened. Dlamini was arrested by Matsapha police after he manhandled Kirk and further carried a knife.

The Magistrate's Court issued an interim order restraining Dlamini from intimidating and threatening

KIRK LIVING IN FEAR AFTER ATTACK

TOMMY Kirk has alleged that he is living in fear that Dlamini may return to assault him again.

He said he was afraid of what Dlamini could do if he were to be given an opportunity, which was why he had applied for a protection court order.

staff at Matsapha Cash and Carry. He was also interdicted from setting foot at the premises or going any 100 metres close to Kirk.

He was charged with assault and breaching Regulation 3 (1) of the Dangerous Weapons Regulations of 1963 in that he carried a knife which was not required for a lawful purpose.

He is currently out on E1 000 bail which was granted by the Matsapha Circuit Court when he pleaded guilty to assault and not guilty to unlawfully carrying a knife.

Kirk has instituted a separate application seeking an order directing Dlamini to pay him E30 000 in

"I now fear for my life," he said. He claimed that Dlamini, of Mbhuleni, had not showed selfrestraint, confirming his reasons for being afraid.

Claimed

He further claimed that Dlamini was will fully placing his staff and

respect of damages as a result of the assault.

In respect of the restraint order granted by the Manzini Magistrate's Court, Kirk is represented by Thamsanqa Ndlovu of MTM Ndlovu Attorneys. Dlamini has been given until June 13 to file any papers, if any, to explain why the orders should not be made final.

Affidavit

In his founding affidavit, Kirk claimed his staff had reported to him that Dlamini constantly threatened them with violence whenever he visited the shops to purchase stock.

He had then decided to approach

himself in fear of the unknown.

"I humbly submit that there is absolutely no telling what he would do next if left unrestrained. I am advised that the honourable court is enjoined in law to censure such conduct by the respondent (Dlamini)," Kirk said.

him on the allegations. Kirk alleged he had approached Dlamini in December 2015 and told him to seek an alternative place to buy his stock.

"It would seem a consensus had been reached between Dlamini and I until the past weekend. The final straw to the issues was when he, on May 28, 2016, at around 1pm and 2pm came to my premises again. This time, not only did he threaten acts of violence and assault on my staff, but he actually assaulted my person until I was rescued by the security personnel at the said premises," Kirk said.

He submitted that the dignity of a person was inviolable and



ASSAULTED: Businessman Tommy Kirk.

Dlamini's conduct was an unjustifiable disregard of his personal rights not to be subjected to inhumane and degrading treatment. He said it constituted a threat to his peace.

He further submitted that the country's courts were enjoined by law to protect his constitutional rights.

He said Dlamini could not be allowed to constitute himself with powers to mete out punishment or take the law unto his own hands.

The national commissioner of police was directed to send his officers to assist a messenger of court in serving the court order to Dlamini.

Buhleni 'feels' govt's decentralisation

By Sizwe Dlamini Pigg's Peak

THE small town of Buhleni is a perfect example of government's decentralisation programme.

This is according to Mayiwane Constituency Headman Magolide Ndwandwe.

He said Buhleni now has Emergency Medical Services (EMS), a revenue office and a Swazi national documentation office.

"Buhleni town is located at least 54 kilometres away from the region's capital, which is Pigg's Peak. Government saw it fit to establish a mini-EMS, which works in conjunction with the Mkhuzweni Health Cen-

This is a very positive move by government as the residents now get easier access to vital health care services previously non-existent in the area," he said.

Constructed

Ndwandwe said government constructed a constituency that allowed residents to apply and receive important documentation like travel documents and marriage certificates.

"The good work of government has seen the inkhundla centre allowing locals to apply and receive death certificates.

The residents also get travel documents, marriage certificates as well as identity documents (IDs)," Ndwandwe said.

He noted that government introduced these services so that people do not travel long distances to get valuable documentation.

"All these services have helped the residents in the neighbouring areas a lot. This shows that government's plan of decentralisation through the tinkhundla system is a success," said Ndwandwe.

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USDF sergeant a no show in court again

By Jozane Maziya Mbabane Magistrate's Court

THE Umbutfo Swaziland
Defence Force (USDF)
Sergeant Sibusiso Magagula
who is alleged to have abandoned his family in 2010, has
once again failed to appear
before court despite being
served with summons.

The applicant and wife of the respondent, Angel Magagula, appeared before the court expecting to find her husband there. Instead her husband was a no show.

Upon learning the absence, Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati wasted no time and granted a garnishing order against Sergeant Magagula who has not contributed even a cent to the maintenance of his three minor children since he abandoned his family home in 2010.

The garnishing order was for E2 000 a month for the maintenance of the three minor children and the respondent had also been ordered to contribute money towards school fees for his children.

Magistrate Vilakati also reassured the abandoned wife that once the ordered E2 000 was deducted from his salary, the USDF sergeant was likely to



WASTED NO TIME: Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati.

be the first to appear before court. Vilakati said the sergeant would then claim he was never given a fair opportunity to defend himself in the case. The garnishing order would be effected from the end of June.

SECNEWS ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR ELECTRICITY SWEET AND SECOND SOURCE OF THE SHORT OF THE SHOTT OF THE SHORT OF THE



The Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) has found a silver lining in the misery brought about by drought. After completely shutting down its turbines due to low water levels in its dams and rivers around the country, the company is using this opportunity to remove silt from some of its dams to improve water holding capacity so that, when the rains return, it can capture more water to produce electricity more efficiently.

At Mkinkomo in the Matsapha industrial area, a massive project worth about E35m is underway to remove silt from what is, currently, a dry dam. This is to create about 800 000 cubic metres of water-holding capacity, which will drive the turbines at the nearby Dwaleni Hydro Power Station.

During a guided media tour last month led by SEC's Generation Manager Doctor Hlongwane, there were more than 20 graders, trucks and excavators in full throttle at Mkinkomo weir, removing silt.

The operation began in November last year and is scheduled to be completed by the end of July.

Watching from the sidelines during the media tour, the project looks like a pain-staking process. However, it is absolutely necessary for efficient electricity generation in the country.

Dwaleni Hydro Power Station generates 15MW of electricity through water fed from Mkinkomo

When you are at Mkinkomo weir, you realise that you do not have to go far in this country to see how devastating the drought situation has been. The land on which the weir sits is dry with patches of water here and

So hard is the soil from the dry weather that huge bulldozers move with ease on what was once the water bed. The silt is being removed to give the weir more length and depth so that when the next rains come it can capture the amount needed for power generation.

The water that feeds Mkinkomo comes from Luphohlo Dam in Ezulwini, which flows into the Little Usuthu River on its way to Matsapha. From here, it is taken by a 248-metre pipeline to the Dwaleni canal that conveys water to the hydro power station.

Dwaleni Hydro Power Station is the oldest plant in the country having been opened on 19 September 1964 by H.F.

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...to lessen the devastating drought effects on electricity generation.



Part of the de-silting works at Mkinkomo weir in Matsapha.



Generation Manager Doctor Hlongwane explaining the operations of Dwaleni Hydro Power Station.



SEC's Marketing and Corporate Communications Manager Sifiso Dhlamini (in cap) addressing the media during the tour.



Media practitioners listening sympathetically as they were briefed about the grave challenges faced by SEC.

Swazi TV journalists conducting an interview at the Dwaleni



Hlongwane demonstrating how the turbines work.

Oppenheimer. At its site are old diesel-driven turbines, which are a reminder of where we from come as a country.

Dwaleni Hydro Power Station also stands out as a reminder of how, at some point, water became the most effective means of electricity generation in the country when rising fuel made usage of the diesel engines prohibitive.

Thanks to the drought, SEC management has now realised the urgency to explore thermal power generation to light up the country. Constructing a thermal power plant will be extremely expensive, says chairman of the board of directors S'thofeni Ginindza, but it is the most efficient, reliable and cost-effective in the long run.

Interestingly, the silt being removed from the weir is not lost, but is being put to good use in the

.

surrounding areas.

Hlongwane told reporters that from the silt comes river sand and plaster sand. It is the latter that is in great demand from people who have tried to take it away for their

However, the silt that remains where it is deposited is important it dries up, it makes the area good for developmental purposes.

The removal of silt at Mkinkomo was last done in the early 1990s. On the area where that silt was deposited reportedly sits some of the most important structures of economic activity in the country such as Conco Swaziland.

While removal of the silt is on-going, the Luphohlo Dam whose flow ultimately feeds the weir has been filling up as the Ezulwini Hydro Power Station was shut down in October last year to



Journalists taking a tour of the Dwaleni Hydro Power Station.

conserve the water for what SEC calls the high season between June and August every year.

This is when the demand and price for electricity goes up during the height of winter and internal generation is supposed to be intensified to mitigate the costs of importing from South Africa.

At a media briefing held in

Mbabane about a month ago, SEC's acting Managing Director Meshack Kunene said it was unprecedented in the history of electricity generation in the country that they have had to completely shut down all their turbines because of the drought.

Improving the status quo lies on the swift taking of correct decisions by SEC's

stakeholders. diverse particularly its sole shareholder, Government. It is an open secret that the company needs massive financial support to undertake its critical projects such as the one going on at Mkinkomo weir, and its generation expansion programme with associated transmission infrastructure.

4 000 TO BENEFIT FROM KING'S DROUGHT INTERVENT

Stories by Simon Shabangu Nkilongo

HIS Majesty King Mswati III's donation towards drought victims will benefit close to 4 000 families, the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) has said.

A total of 3 989 from three constituencies namely, Nkilongo, Lugongolweni and Hlane will benefit from the King's donation.

Already Lubulini and Hlane residents have received their food parcels and next week, the agency will proceed to Lugongolweni, according to NDMA Communications Manager Setsabile Sibisi.

This Wednesday, NDMA was at Nkilongo Inkhundla where they distributed to different communities including Mangwaneni, Nkilongo, Dumisa and Game Five.



AID: Residents of Game Five, under Nkilongo Inkhundla getting their food aid during a food distribution exercise by the National Disaster Management Agency on Wednesday. The food aid is a donation from His Majesty towards drought victims. RIGHT - MINE: One of the residents carrying her share. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

Yesterday, NDMA visited

today they would distribute at Mahlabaneni and Gamula areas while Mndobandoba which seems to be the

largest as 368 people would receive food parcels.

NDMA is distributing food parcels consisting of one 50 kg of maize, two (5kg) beans and two by two litre cooking oil which is estimated to last for about a month while other families said it would last them two months.

Disaster

NDMA's Setsabile Sibisi said they selected areas which were on the red tape zone of the disaster which means such places were highly affected by the drought.

"We are aware that the whole country has been affected but some are more affected than others, hence we started with them. I must also stress that this aid is strictly from the King not government," she said when addressing Nkilongo residents.

... Community sing King's praises

NKILONGO residents have hailed His Majesty King Mswati III for the food parcels that they received through the

They extended their appreciation for the gesture to the King by shouting Bayethe. They said they were grateful to the King for showing signs of being a loving leader who was touched by the plight of his people.

They said despite that government had programmes in place to assist drought victims; the King has taken upon himself to personally contribute something. "We are grateful to the King and for the leadership he has shown. It is a great lesson to the nation that the one who has something must share with a neighbour who might be in need. The community here was in dire need of food aid and this will come as great relief to them and the leadership of the area," said Indvuna Yenkundla Nathi Mamba. He said the constituency team would breathe a sigh of relief these days because the people have something to eat.

"It is a difficult situation here because most people are not employed and they rely on piece jobs and handouts. We are the first people they run to when they are in need as they elected us into office. We are glad that all members of this community have benefitted from the King's aid and it is the first time since we took office to have everyone benefitting thus we shout Bayethe," he said.

'Don't plant the maize

THE NDMA has warned the residents against planting the maize donated to them.

NDMA said the maize was strictly for consumption. NDMA's Setsabile Sibisi said they have heard reports that other people attempted to plant the maize with the hope of increasing it yet there were no rains.

She said this maize was meant to help them for a duration of at least a month adding that people must not have other ideas for this food aid. "This is a gift from the King and he wants you to have something to eat, while other means of addressing the drought are made.

"I just want to warn you against planting this maize because it is not meant for that. As we have all witnessed there are no rains and the rivers are running dry, there is not water. So please do not attempt to do that because it will be a complete waste," she said.

She added that others who had gardens by the river banks used the maize for planting and this was discouraged.



Ministry of Public Works and Transport



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RECRUITMENT OF A NEW CEO AT LAVUMISA A NON-STARTER

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta Lavumisa

THE recruitment of a new chief executive officer at the Lavumisa Town Board seems like a non-starter as three months have elapsed since the then town clerk Manzi Mthupha was said to be recalled by the ministry of housing and urban development.

Following dissatisfaction by the town's board, Minister
Phiwayinkhosi Mabuza had said he would recall long serving CEO
Manzi Mthupha. The minister had advised the board to look for another CEO and Mthupha would hold the fort until the new town clerk has been hired.

The board had claimed since Mthupha was posted to the town, no tangible development was registered, which to many was interpreted to mean he was derailing progress.

The ministry then advised the board to look for its own CEO and also pay for his remuneration.

The town board in a correspondence to the ministry suggested that a new CEO should be sent to replace Mthupha or they should be allowed to recruit someone.

The minister granted such request and advised them to complete the recruitment process in three months.

Mthupha was on secondment as



STILL WAITING:
Minister of
Housing and
Urban
Development
Phiwayinkhosi
Mabuza is still
waiting on the
Lavumisa Town
Board regarding
the fate of CEO
Manzi Mthupha.

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CEO of Lavumisa and this meant he was a civil servant paid by government.

Struggling

In some towns, CEO's salaries come from the purse of ratepayers but for struggling local authorities, the ministry usually seconds individuals to hold such positions.

Lavumisa then must pay for its new CEO.

It has been gathered that ever since the minister relented to the demand by the town board, nothing has happened.

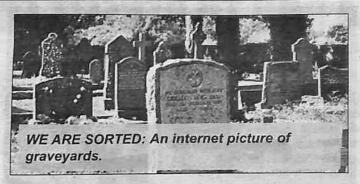
When contacted on this matter,

Minister Mabuza said he was still without any correspondence or document indicating that the Lavumisa Town Board had started the recruitment process.

Wait

He said with the three month period having elapsed he would wait for them to tell him how far they have gone.

"They have not told me anything and I am still waiting to hear from them. I am not going to put pressure on them but must be updated on the CEO recruitment progress, so that I know of the next move.



Lavumisa has enough burial space

THOUGH some towns and cities have reported that burial space is shrinking, the town of Lavumisa still has ample which can still last for many years.

Chief Executive Officer
Manzi Mthupha said the town
has always had ample space
for burial for many years now.
He said the shortage of burial
space would not be a problem
at the town anytime soon.

"We have never had a challenge with shortage of burial space here as our cemetery is not used often.

The thing is, we are a town with people who prefer bury-

There are things that have to be considered especially once they have a suitable candidate. I should know where to redeploy the current CEO and amongst things.

As things stand right now, there is nothing I can do until I am furnished as to how far this matter has gone," said the minister.

He believes he would be

ing their loved ones in family graves.

Even with the people living around, upon their death, relatives fetch them to bury them where they feel is suitable for them," said Mthupha.

However, he said this did not mean the town would entertain 'outsiders' who wanted to bury their loved ones in the small town.

Challenge

"The fact that we don't have the challenge faced by other towns does not mean we won't find ourselves in similar situation in future," said Mthupha.

updated on the process, regardless. The minister said he sympathised with the town board about the concern for the area's development.

Meanwhile, Mthupha said so far he was not aware of any development on the CEO recruitment process.

"I have not been informed of anything to date," it's all Mthupha could say.

Swaziland to launch GBR in Botswana

By Phesheya Kunene Mbabane

SWAZILAND will at the weekend launch the Global Business Roundtable (GBR) chapter in Botswana.

GBR Swaziland Chairman
Hezekiel Mabuza said a local delegate would travel to Botswana to
launch the chapter there adding
such was a mandate by GBR international that each country per year
must launch at least two chapters in
two respective countries.

He said for Swaziland it would be Botswana and they were also working on launching another chapter in Namibia before the end of the year.

Mabuza said in Swaziland, GBR was launched in July 2011 and the occasion was graced by former minister of commerce, industry and trade Jabulile Mashwama.

He said this year, Swaziland was also the chair of GBR SADC.

Adding, the chairman said there were a handful of local roundtables namely Mbabane, Manzini, Simunye and Nhlangano. They were also working at having more places join GBR like Pigg's Peak.

Mabuza noted that the main strategic objective for GBR was to reach out to all business people and



ALL SET: Swaziland will launch the Global Business Roundtable chapter in Botswana.

professionals, locally, regionally,

Mabuza said it was important that GBR expand internationally and regionally across Africa in collaboration with the church, non-government organisations, civil society government agencies and global partners in order to transform the society.

Consider

"We call upon business people locally, regionally and globally to receive this declaration to consider how your gifts and experiences might be used to help meet the world's most pressing spiritual and physical needs through our GBR business mission," he said.

GBR now covered 40 percent of the African continent and, the aim was to reach 60 percent by the end of 2016.

"It is our core belief at GBR that the world can and must be changed so that poverty is ended. This demonstrates what GBR stands for, everything we do about ending poverty and injustice swiftly.

He said it was time businesses and entrepreneurs taught people how to venture into entrepreneurship not giving them handouts because that was not a sustainable undertaking.

Masturbating man reported to cops

By Sizwe Dlamini Pigg's Peak

A 34-year-old homeless man from Nsangwini has been reported to the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) Service for allegedly masturbating in public.

Simanga Dlamini reported the man to the police on Wednesday.

He alleged that his little sister, a school going minor and three of her friends, were followed by the man who locals believed was mentally challenged.

"My sister
phoned me yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon to
inform me she was scared of
walking up the road to our homestead because there was this local
mentally challenged man walking around without any pants.
She said the man was following

her," he said.

Dlamini said he then walked down the road to meet his little sister and walked her back to

their homestead.

"The following day, my sister asked me to walk her down the street as she was still afraid and I did. That afternoon she sent me a please call me and when I phoned her, she said the man was following her and her friends and masturbating. Immediately I went to meet them and shouted at the man who ran in the opposite direction, downhill past my sister

and her friends," he said.

Dlamini said he then decided to report the matter to the Pigg's Peak Police Station.

"The police asked my sister to open a file and record a statement.

I just hope the police find him because he sometimes disappears for a long time from the structure that he sometimes visits," he

However, Dlamini said he was sceptical to say the man was mentally challenged because he was once a bus driver, but lost his job in 2013.

STAGEASS UP FOR INTER-GOVI-WELLNESS DAY

By Nomthandazo Nkambule Mbabane

SWAZILAND Tourism Authority (STA) will participate in the annual inter-governmental employee wellness day scheduled for today in Mbabane.

The event starts with a walk from Eveni to the Prince of Wales, where various sporting games will be played.

STA Marketing Manager
Bongani Dlamini said the fact
that his organisation usually partakes in sporting and wellness
activities every Wednesday,
made them look forward to
showing off their fitness levels
on Friday when they meet the
teams from other parastatals and
government ministries.

Dlamini lauded the initiative, and said these sporting activities were part of government's employee wellness programme, and therefore, should be taken seriously as they ensure fitness



HEALTHWISE: STA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini.

and health of employees. He said the importance of active living can never be over-emphasised.

"STA has many times before participated in initiatives that

promote good health and an active lifestyle, in order to ensure a productive workforce that effectively delivers public services, and we shall continue doing so in 2016," said Dlamini.
"The walk from Eveni to the

"The walk from Eveni to the Prince of Wales will surely revitalise the participants," he said. Dlamini said workers' social,

educational, psychosocial, emotional and other needs were being addressed in a holistic manner through comprehensive employee wellness programmes that include the services of a fully functional wellness corner in all ministries and parastatals.

"Public service employees are very crucial in carrying out their mandate, hence their good health and fitness is not just of the employer's, but public's concern as well," observed Dlamini.

Disciplines

Some of the sporting activities lined up for the day, said Dlamini, are volleyball, football, tug-of-war and many other athletic disciplines. The event will also involve voluntary screening and testing services for various non-communicable diseases as well as for HIV.

Government employee wellness programme is coordinated by the public sector HIV/AIDS Coordinating Committee (PSHACC) in collaboration with the ministry of health. PSHACC aims to ensure that Swaziland has a healthy and proactive workforce that is free of HIV/AIDS and effectively delivers public services. This year's theme is dubbed 'Public Sector Working Together for Better Health Towards 2022'.

As was reported by this newspaper, PSHACC last year visited STA for an educational session on the epidemiology of noncommunicable diseases that included heart diseases, strokes, cancers and kidney infections.

Mahamba Gorge proceeds distribution before week ends

By Starsky Mkhonta Nhlangano

PROCEEDS of this year's Mahamba Gorge Hiking will soon be distributed to the respective beneficiaries whom the committee has identified.

Sharon Neves, who is one of the senior organising committee members, said they were almost done with the list of all the beneficiaries which also included organisations and associations from different communities.

A press briefing on who had been identified as qualifying to benefit and also a report on how this year's event progressed has been slated for today at the Nhlangano AIDS Training Information and Counselling Centre.

The organisers would be expected to announce how much was raised in this year's event which was the third edition held on April 3.

"We are almost through with everything. The list of the beneficiaries has been prepared. The committee will announce how much was raised and outlining both successes as well as challenges encountered," said Neves.

Beneficiaries

Neves said the announcement of beneficiaries as well as the recap of how the event went this year, would mark the last process of 2016 event.

The committee would then be start to prepare for 2017 event which would be the fourth edition.

"We want to start planning early for next year's event and have realised that each year we are improving. Problems or should I say challenges we encounter in the previous years, we managed to tackle them the following year. We are now focused as we will draw up a plan on how to make 2017 event more successful than all the previous years," said Neves.

Neves, is a celebrated woman who made her mark in assisting communities.

Neves who is a senior regional officer employed by the National Emergency Response Council on HIV and AIDS, stated that all beneficiaries would get a share according to their needs.

"We are aware this region has many challenges and the Mahamba Gorge hiking programme was initiated to address some of these challenges faced by the communities,' she said

The Mahamba Methodist Church, orphans such as some of the child headed families; people living with disabilities, crime prevention are some of those identified to benefit from this year's proceeds.

Hlatikulu has plans for shrinking burial site

By Starsky Mkhonta Hlatikulu

AS burial space is shrinking in Hlatikulu, the town board says it has plans to extend the cemetery.

Residents are concerned that the area's burial site 15 diminishing and this raised fears of having two people in one grave.

The town's cemetery site is next to the sports ground on the way out of the town, using the Manzini direction.

Hlatikulu Chief Executive
Officer Bongani Dlamini said
residents should not worry that
the town was running out of burial space as everything was under
control.

Residents had noted that the fenced cemetery was now left with a small space for burial hence, there would be a challenge going forward.

The CEO said the town board drew its future plans on a number of things including the extension



of cemeteries.

"The fenced site is not the only burial space we have, thus residents should not worry because the boundaries of the cemetery are beyond that. We have extra land which can cover about six hectares. The fencing protects the graves from being damaged," he said.

Parents reach amicable agreement in maintenance case

By Jozane Maziya Mbabane Magistrate's Court

IN a rare occurrence, an applicant and respondent in a child maintenance case have made a peaceful agreement without the assistance of the law.

The applicant in the case, Lungile Mavuso and the respondent, father of her child, Jacob Chikobwa, appeared before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati not to debate contributions but to request a new court order which the two managed to negotiate with each other outside the court.

The court had previously ordered the respondent to contribute E800 a month towards the maintenance of his child in 2012, but Chikobwa had not obliged.

Arrears

However, the applicant has voluntarily undertaken to waive the amount in arrears in favour of starting over on a clean slate for the wellbeing of the child.

The court was informed by Attorney General Majahenkhaba Dlamini that the applicant and respondent have discussed the issue between them and came up with an agreement suitable to both parties.

Contribution

The agreement made by the two was that the court ordered contribution of E800 be lowered to E500.

This was because the respondent was unemployed but neverthless willing to make a contribution.

It was also agreed by the appli-

cant and respondent that they should split the school fees for the child equally between them.

Magistrate Vilakati advised the respondent to contribute towards the welfare and maintenance of his child as he (Chikobwa) has never challenged the paternity of the child.

INFORMED THE COURT: Attorney General Majahenkhaba Dlamini.





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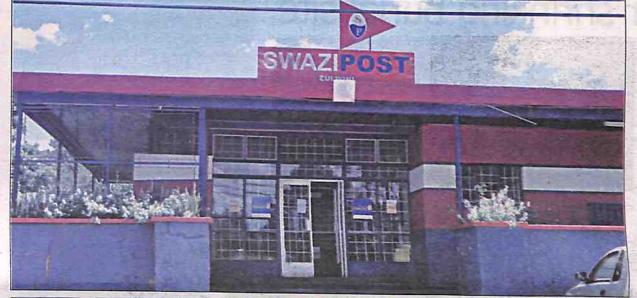
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UNTIL this morning school principals are grappling on whether they are on the side of employer representatives or are part of the wider teaching fraternity, the camaraderie of teachers.

For a long time, even long before the era of Albert Shabangu and Maduduza Zwane, the principals often regarded themselves as the leading extension 'of the industrial relations struggle' to liberate teachers and the teaching profession from the evils of overbearence by government.

However they have always been caught in the borderline of deciding to what extent they must discuss bread and butter issues, a matter otherwise left for union and employer federations

Principals over the years have been on the receiving end as regards matters of professional conduct, or lack of, especially the basics of bookkeeping and accounting for primary or secondary school education; sexual relations with members of staff and impregnating schoolgirls under their care, and lately female teachers having affairs with the schoolboy under their guidance.

Misery

Their misery has been further worsened by the omnipresence of Thuli Dladla's Public Accounts Committee and its indispensable ally, the auditor general.

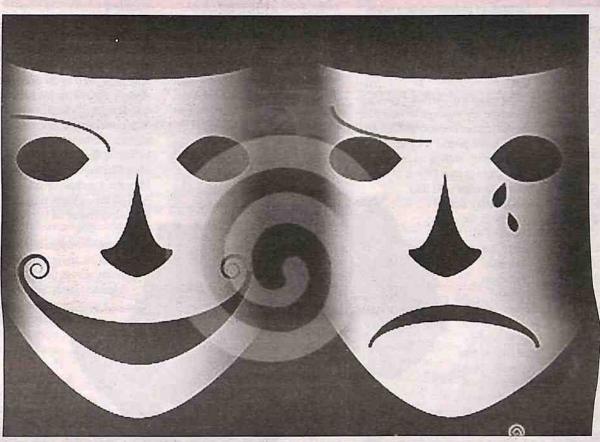
This grilling heavy machinery of the state appears ready to grind at the slightest opportunity anything school principal that cannot account for as much as one cent entrusted them.

The principals have developed a bad liking for this parliamentary provision and view these two departments of the state as being weapons to get even with anything that involves teachers, especially because of government's experience with the most powerful Swaziland National Association of Teachers to which principals have always thought themselves to belong.

But now the formation of the Swaziland Principals Association (SWAPA) was viewed to have been marking the graduation of the former

PRINCIPALS LOOK IN THE MIRROR, SEE GHOSTS

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PICK ONE?: School principals are grappling on whether they are on the side of employer representatives or are part of the wider teaching fraternity, the camaraderie of teachers.

teachers from belonging to a trade union to the status of an employer or staff association of sorts.

This conflict reared its head in 2012 when SNAT and SWAPA clashed resulting in the reconstitution of the Swaziland Schools Head teachers Association (SSHA).

Results

Big names in the teachers' rights fight such as in the person of S'phasha Dlamini came to the fore who was elected interim secretary of a committee entrusted with reviving the association. S'phasha came out guns blazing arguing that first and foremost a teacher is a teacher before qualifying to becoming a principal and therefore the arrangement within the indus-

the creation of an emerging class of oppressors in SWAPA who had forgotten the core principle that a teacher is always a teacher even when they become a principal.

Dominic Nxumalo was the torchbearer followed by Petros M. Dlamini Ngololweni Primary School, Vice-Chairperson, Siphasha Dlamini Sigcaweni High School, Secretary, Goodness Dlamini, Ekuphakameni Primary School Member and Freedom Dlamini, Malibeni Secondary School, Member.

But it would appear this splinter group was nothing but a distraction because SWAPA already boasted of over 500 members.

fore the arrangement within the industrial relations sphere anew resulted in out from the meeting of the schools principals ending today whether they have been able to grow beyond the cracks of forming breakaway groupings by offering whether they fully understand their space and role as school principals vis-a-vis the industrial relations dynamics, that is do they know that in fact by extension they are more the employers and therefore can no longer play the union fiddle.

It was quite disturbing to hear the second-in-charge at SWAPA on Wednesday morning on national radio saying the employer must provide this, the employer must provide that. It made SWAPA look like nothing but an extension of SNAT ready to take on government, the employer on working tools and bread and butter gle.

issues, the bottomline.

Adequate academic groundwork has already been covered to form a basis for what is the ideal definition of the schools principal in Swaziland at the different levels that is in terms of leadership and management.

However the media can attest to very disturbing scenarios that play out in the field of work. We have heard allegations of teachers being promoted to positions of school principals or deputies based on nepotism or outright corruption.

Jungle

Female teachers are said to have put to good use their Eve status to climb the ladder while male teachers used intimidation and connections to force their way up others, even dangling smohlwana.

Now this is probably where this week's meeting should centre its point of departure, it is from here that school principals must diagnose themselves before attempting to point the finger at the PAC and the 'employer' for having singled them out as thieves who help themselves to school funds and other resources allocated for the education of our children.

It is pleasing that they are not in denial that their names have already been tarnished, especially by their unending appearances before the PAC but the public deserves better than this admission, it deserves assurances and guarantees that a working and transparent system shall prevail, going forward, than grumbling about image.

It is therefore imperative that the school principals will stop seeing ghosts when they look into the mirror but their true reflections.

This week's meeting should provide the necessary adjustments or suggestions after getting the communication back from the mirror, check Mohamed Ali vs Joe Frasier in their gloves off fight somewhere in the jungle.

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THIS DAY

...February 26

1856 - Cullen Whipple patented the screw

1888 - "Casey at the Bat" the poem by Ernest Lawrence Thayer was first published.

1918 - The Finnish Parliament ratified its treaty with Germany.

1923 - In Italy, Benito Mussolini granted women the right to vote.

1932 - Lou Gehrig set a major league baseball record when he hit four consecutive home runs.

1937 - The Duke of Windsor, who had abdicated the British throne, married Wallis Warfield Simpson.

1938 - The German Reich voted to confiscate so-called "degenerate art."

1952 - A rebellion by North Korean prisoners in the Koje prison camp in South Korea was put down by American troops.

1959 - The first class graduated from the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO.

1965 - Edward White became the first American astronaut to do a "space walk" when he left the Gemini 4 capsule.

1970 - Har Gobind Khorana and colleagues announced the first synthesis of a gene from chemical components.

1985 - After five years, the characters of Nancy and Chris Hughes returned to CBS-TV's "As the World Turns."

1989 - Chinese army troops positioned themselves to began a sweep of Beijing to crush student-led pro-democracy demonstrations in Tiananmen Square.

1999 - Slobodan Milosevic's government accepted an international peace plan concerning Kosovo. NATO announced that airstrikes would continue until 40,000 Serb forces were withdrawn from Kosovo.

1999 - Dennis Muren received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

2003 - Sammy Sosa (Chicago Cubs) broke a bat when he grounded out against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. The bat he was using was a corked bat. (Illinois, Florida)

2003 - Toys "R" Us, Inc. announced that it had signed a multi-year agreement with Albertson to become the exclusive toy provider for all of all of Albertson's food and drug stores.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY







Mario Gotze (Soccer Player)- June 3 1992 - 23 years old

JR 'AFRICA RISING'?

By Welshman Ncube

AFRICA DAY, May 25, has come and gone and we remain with the burden of being Africans, the burden of the indignities and humiliation of colonialism, the burden of slavery which no other continent suffered from as the African continent, the burden of cruel postcolonial rule by caricatures of despotic black Africans, the burden of independence without freedom and liberty, the burden of dehumanising and grinding poverty and hunger and the burden of neocolonialism.

The images of Africans seeking to escape the scourge of beling on the African continent and drowning in boats bound for Europe are permanently etched on our minds, never mind those of our young women sold into modern day sexual slavery in the Middle East. We tire of the slogans and cliches on African Renaissance which lives only in conference rooms and seminars. During this entire past

week, progressive

been bombarded with the gospel of Africa's so-called renaissance. Bounds

Africans on the continent have

There are some who go further and say the continent has moved, in leaps and bounds - from pre-Kwame Nkrumah colonial malaise into the new age of development prosperity. Inevitably, Zimbabwe has not been spared this masochist deluge, mostly driven by ZANU PF toxic propaganda machinery attempting to cover tracks of 36 years of clueless governance incompetence.

Gwaradzimba

is the United

Assistant Secretary-General for

Andrew Byumbe was appointed

World Bank for African Group 1

region. Some of the best African

soccer players in Europe's top.

Samuel Eto' o, George Weah,

Seydou Keita, Benni McCarthy,

Zenadine Zidane and of course,

Benjamin Mwaruwaru and Yava

Toure of Manchester City FC.

shaken the entertainment world -

Actors Edi Gathegi and Lupita

Africa's Charlize Theron with

numerous Hollywood accolades

Nyong'o of Kenya, our very own

On the artistic scene, there are

dozens of Africans who have

musician Youssou N'dour;

Thandi Newton and South

under her belt.

leagues were/are African -

Peter Ndlovu, Emmanuel

Adebayor, Didier Drogba,

Safety and Security while

alternate Executive Director

constituency for the African

Nations

It is not clear who coined the term 'Africa Rising', popularised as a title of an IMF conference hosted by Mozambique in 2014. However, writer Hadassah Egbedi insists the term is of no African provenance but created by 'a well-meaning Western jour nalist'. Bitange Ndemo adds intrigue to this mystery: "When the term was coined initially in 2000, it described the rapid economic growth in sub-Saharan Africa, and the belief that the growth trajectory would be sustained."

As I see it, when it comes to the 'Africa Rising' narrative, there are those who choose to ignore perennial violators of social, economic and political rights - the rogue 'democracies' of Africa like Zimbabwe, Uganda, Sudan, Democratic and Republic of

Congo, who incidentally tend to shout loudest about this false narrative.

Technology

However, I am the first to admit that considering the state of Africa at the inception of the African Union in May 1963, we have made headway in embracing education and technology in some cases like Botswana, South Africa, Zambia and Nigeria - truly effective democracy. The continent boasts some of the most sophisticated infrastructure, as some companies like Dangote, DeBeers and Econet have made inroads into western stock markets. Some of the world's finest universities - Cape Town ranked 120 and Makerere 500 out of 800 - are in Africa, as the continent even exports its best human capital to the world's leading institutions and compa-

> nies. Zimbabwean Fadzai

And yet weighed against Africa's economic and governance misery, these 'risings' are small drops in an ocean of poverty, food insecurity and wars that stalk Africa. Our continent is home to some of the largest informal settlements on the planet - a reflection of the skewed priorities that our governments

The charge was the particular and the contract of the contract

Conflicts East Africa has unleashed millions of displaced persons from unending conflicts in South Sudan and Somalia - with Kenya recently threatening to close the Dadaab refugee camp home to almost half a million Somalis now infiltrated by Al Shabaab. Almost 20 000 people have been murdered by Boko Haram in Nigeria with thousands more displaced. Zimbabwe itself has three to four million of its citizens who have fled the brutality of Robert Mugabe's archaic dictatorship. And all this is happening under the 'supervision' of the African Union!

The massive migration of Africans escaping violence and poverty across the

Mediterranean Sea is another strong indicator that

something is terribly wrong in our continent. International Organisation for Migration reported that nearly 2 000 people were killed while travelling by sea from Libya to Italy in 2014, with reports that every single day there are corpses off these boats. Apart from a few countries

out of the 54 in our continent, the human development index (HDI) is on the wrong side of the scale. United Nations and its agencies no longer just consider gross domestic product (GDP) as the only measure of 'development'.

According to richestlifestyle.com, HDI is a standard way of measuring the wellbeing of the people of a country. It is a comparative measure of litdard of living. eracy, life expectancy and stan-

HDI is used to measure the impact of the economic policies on the quality of life of its people. Seychelles is right at the top of the list... "having met most of the Millennium Development Goals... The country has very good infrastructure. It has six airports with paved runways and eight airports with unpaved runways."

Some reports say Saharan Africa still accounts for 38 percent of global neonatal deaths, however with under-five deaths having fallen by almost forty percent. Although the continent still

exhibits strong real GDP growth rates of between four to six percent, Zimbabwe's indices are in the negative. Actually, as already mentioned, GDP is not necessarily a sign of good economic health.

Some African countries (Sudan -520 000, Egypt -680 000, Angola and Algeria -1.9 million, Libya -1.6 million and Nigeria -2.5 million) are said to be producing more barrels of oil per day than ever before, resulting in proliferation of highways, skyscrapers and shiny shopping malls. However, this has not reduced poverty because of lack of beneficiation, corruption and externalisation. We ourselves have experienced the 'resource curse' as three million Zimbabweans face starvation, five million are unemployed and almost all our infrastructure has collapsed - yet ZANU PF cronies spirited fifteen billion dollarsworth of diamonds out of the country in the last five years! We have absolutely nothing to show for our share of the sixty-billiondollar worth of foreign direct investment into Africa the last ten years because ZANU PF runs a battery of repulsive economic policies.

And so as Africa celebrates its 'rising' billionaires in Strive Masiyiwa, Mohamed Ibrahim, Patrice Moetsepe, Aliko Dangote and Salim Bakhresa, should we still continue taking solace in a mantra that means little to the bulk of our populace?

As a political leader myself my heart bleeds to know that Africa still lags behind in political advancement. As ISIS makes inroads into Libya and Kizza Besigye being under siege by the Ugandan despot Yoweri Museveni, Burundi's Pierre Nkurunziza has not stopped killing his people while Joseph Kabila continues to harass opposition leader Moise Katumbi. Mozambique will struggle to attain total peace as long as the concerns of Afonso Dhlakama are not fully addressed.

In South Africa, apart from the widening income disparities, are the punch ups between EFF and ANC members the 'new' form of Parliamentary democracy? World Energy Outlook postulates that Sub-Saharan Africa has now become the most electricity poor region in the world even though cell phone statistics put mobile phone penetration at 67 percent of Africa's 1.4 billion population.

My humble opinion is that unless Africa embraces genuine social democratic values that respect political diversity, the Africa Rising mantra remains a conundrum, actually, a delusion that might as well lead us to an Africa that is tumbling.

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WHAT ARE YOUR CHANCES OF GETTING CANCER

FEATURES & OPINION

USA - Whether it's through a close relative or friend, it's hard to find someone who hasn't been touched by cancer at some point in their lives.

From the well-known triggers like smoking to new official risk factors such as eating red meat, it can feel like everything we do contains a risk.

Cancer prevalence is rising with the most recent figures showing an estimated 14.1 million cancer cases around the world in 2012.

Of these 7.4 million cases were in men and 6.7 million in women.

Not only that but the number is expected to increase to 24 million by 2035.

So are we all destined to get cancer or are there things we can do to prevent it?

Writer and founder of the medical blogging site 'The Hippocratic Post', Thea Jourdan explains the risk of getting can-

Cancer is such a common illness now it has been estimated that more than one in three people (33 per cent) will develop cancer at some point in their lifetime, according to MacMillan Cancer Support.

Cancers can occur at any time but the risk increases with age.

The probability that a man will develop cancer in the next 12 months doubles from 65-69, when it is 1.8 per cent to 3.5 per cent when he is over 85 years



GET TESTED NOW: Most people will be affected by cancer in their lifetime either through getting it themselves or knowing someone has it. Figures reveal one in three of us will develop cancer at some stage.

The same jump is seen in older women, rising from a 1.3 per cent chance for women aged between 65-69 to 2.1 per cent when she is over the age of 85, according to figures from Cancer Research UK.

By 2030 it is estimated that three million people in England will have had some form of the disease, which is caused by abnormal cell growth.

Around one third of cancers, including lung cancer and bowel cancer are linked to smoking, diet, alcohol and obesity, but age is a major risk factor.

WHO IS MOST AT RISK? Figures show that death rates from cancer accelerate as people

Tom Stansfeld, Health Information Officer at Cancer Research UK explains: "Cancer is a disease that develops when cells' DNA gets damaged, upsetting the normal process of cell growth, division and death and letting cells grow out of control.

"DNA damage can builds up over time so as people get older, their risk goes up.

Programmed cell death, which is the natural process which means that cells are constantly renewed, is called apoptosis, and when this process breaks down, cancer begins to form.

Instead of dying like a normal healthy cells, cancer cells start

multiplying freely and spread throughout the body.

This is a cumulative effect so cancer becomes more likely with

In fact, 63 per cent of cases are diagnosed in people aged 65 and over, according to The King's Fund.

The average number of cancer cases diagnosed in a given year rises rapidly in both men and women from the age of 60 to over 80, according to 2009-2011 figures published by Cancer Research UK.

The lifetime risk of developing cancer is about one in three peo-

The probability of a man aged 65 to 69 being diagnosed with cancer in the next year is 1.8 per

But by the time a man is aged between 80 to 84, that probability has gone up to 3.2 per cent and the probability of a man aged 85+ being diagnosed with cancer in the next year is 3.5 per cent.

Women of all ages have less risk of being diagnosed with cancer than men.

The probability of a woman aged 65 to 69 being diagnosed with cancer in the next year is 1.3 per cent, going up to 2.1 per cent for women over the age of 85.

This is probably due to the prevalence of prostate cancer in men - it affects most men over the age of 80.

Daily Mail

- Good, better, best. Never let it rest. Til your good is better and your better is best. St. Jerome
- The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing. Walt Disney
- I'd rather attempt to do something great and fail than to attempt to do nothing and succeed. Robert H. Schuller
- Goal, Dream It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop. - Confucius It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop. Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers you cannot be successful or happy. Norman Vincent Peale
- It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop. Confucius
- Accept the challenges so you can feel the exhilaration of victory. George S. Patton
- Remember that guy that gave up?
 Neither does anybody else. Unknown
- Use what talent you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best.-Henry Van Dyke
- Far too many people are looking for the right person instead of trying to be the right person. - Gloria Steinem
- You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.-Zig Ziglar
- At one point in your life, you will either have the thing you want or reasons why you don't. - Andy Roddick
- What you do every day matters more than what you do every once in a while. - Unknown
- What you do today is important because you are exchanging a day of vour life for it. Unknown
- The time will pass anyway, you can either spend it creating the life you want or spend it living the life you don't want. The choice is yours. Unknown
- The only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't set-
- Steve Jobs
- If you don't make the time to work on creating the life you want, you're eventually going to be forced to spend a lot of time dealing with a life

A beer belly raises a man's odds of prostate cancer

LONDON - A beer belly raises a man's odds of deadly prostate cancer, Oxford University research suggests.

A study found that every extra four inches on a man's waistline increases his risk of developing the most dangerous form of the disease by 13 per cent.

He is also more likely to be killed by the cancer, a leading medical conference heard.

The scientists aren't sure what's behind the link but they say it is yet another reason for men to watch their weight.

Other experts said the find could help doctors spot the disease when it is at its earliest stages and so still easiest to treat.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in British men, with more than 43 000 cases and almost 11 000 deaths a year.

The Oxford scientists analysed data on almost 150 000 men from eight European countries, including the UK.

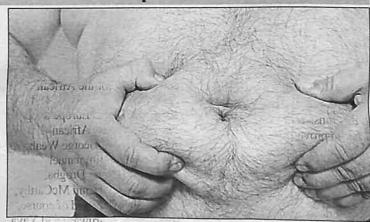
The men had an average age of 52 at the start of the study and, over the next 14 years, 7 022 developed prostate cancer and 934 died from it.

Prostate cancer is unusual ICIH because while a man may have the disease, it may grow so slowly that it never causes him any problems during his lifetime and he dies of something else.

Other men have a fast-growing, dangerous form and so need urgent attention.

The analysis showed that obese men have higher odds of the more serious type than thinner men.

For instance, a man whose waist is 37.5 inches (95cm) has a



#MKHABA MUST FALL: A beer belly raises a man's odds of deadly prostate cancer - with every extra four inches on his waist increasing the odds of developing the most dangerous form of the disease by 13 per cent, a study has found.

13 per cent higher risk of developing aggressive prostate cancer than one whose waist is 33.6 inches (85cm).

And a man with a 41.5-inch waist (105cm) has odds that are 26 per cent higher. Daily Mail

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STANDARD BANK LAUNCHES NEW INSURANCE PRODUCT

Stories by Manqoba Makhubu

STANDARD Bank has launched a new product dubbed Standard Bank Platinum Life Insurance Plan, which pays a lump sum from E500 000 up to E5 million.

The bank has come up with the product through assistance from its partner Liberty Life, where the financial institution has a 53 percent shareholding.

The official launch of the product was held yesterday at the Royall Villas, Ezulwini.

Standard Bank Chief Executive Phil Mnisi said the product covered family members, spouses and other dependants.

"The product has been designed to cater for the individual customer to ensure they leave a legacy for their families," he said.

Currently the bank had been only selling a funeral plan to its customers within the personal banking space.

"As a bank constantly innovative and 'moving forward' we have now developed a stand alone life insurance product. This product is designed to give you peace of mind knowing that if you were to pass away, your family will get a lump sum of money to help them through difficult times and enable them meet their daily financial obligations. If you were to be disabled or critically ill, you will get a

...cover starts from E500 000 up to E5 million



Bank Chief **Executive Phil** Mnisi delivering his keynote address during the launch of their new product dubbed Standard Bank Platinum Life Insurance Plan, which pays a lump sum from E500 000 up to E5 million at the Royal Villas yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

MOVING FOR-

WARD: Standard

lump sum to enable you maintain your lifestyle and provide for your family," said Mnisi.

He said the minimum and maximum of the cover was based on a detailed market research.

"We felt the cover should start from E500 000 to E5 million, with no waiting period. These insured sums are based on the financing that individual customers take, for example, vehicle, housing, and asset financing. The life insurance product can be used as collateral and security for this financing," he said.

However, Mnisi encouraged customers to take the life insurance policy as security for their families. This would be so that should they pass away the payout could be used for school fees, college and university fees, upbringing of children and maintenance of the

Meanwhile, Mnisi encouraged the bank customers not to only use the bank for its convectional usage of transacting, financing and savings, but also to take advantage of the insurance products the bank was making easily available for them.

general living standards.

The chief executive said the bank was of the view that understanding the needs of their customers and families was critical because they aspired to remain relevant to the markets in which they operated.

"Normally at Standard Bank we say 'Africa is our home we drive her growth, but as Standard Bank Swaziland we say, Swaziland is our home, we drive her growth," he said.

The launch was graced by the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Gideon Dlamini.

Also present during the launch were Financial Services
Regulatory Authority (FSRA)
Chief Executive Officer Sandile
Dlamini, Small Enterprises
Development Company (SEDCO)
Managing Director Dorrington
Matiwane, Liberty Life Managing
Director Dumisani Dlamini,
Liberty Africa Head Channel
Development Lefa Ndlovu, members of the bank management and staff, media representatives and the bank customers.

This is the bank's third freshest product this year, having recently launched an executive lounge at the King Mswati III International Airport at Sikhuphe, which was preceded by the small medium enterprise insurance cover launch held in March.

The product is also available for citizens who are currently not the bank's customers.

Mnisi said the objective was to grow the Swazi at grassroots level, to add value to the lives of the people and businesses.

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Life insurance part of govt's financial inclusion agenda

MINISTER of Commerce Industry and Trade Gideon Dlamini says government's financial inclusion agenda includes access to insurance products including life insurance.

The minister was speaking yesterday during the launch of Standard Bank's Platinum Life Insurance Plan.

He said the product was aligned with the country's financial inclusion agenda by expanding the range and packaging of various financial products. He said life insurance products measured one's love for his or her family.

"It is also aligned to our own cultural belief system where we believe the dead are looking over us. But also aligned to those of my Christian colleagues who believe in life after death, as this product allows you to leave with your family in the form of financial support," said Dlamini.

"An insurance life cover product like this one allows those who take advantage of it to leave a legacy for our families should the worst happen to you including me and all of us," he added.

Encouraged

The minister encouraged the bank staff members to join the scheme so they could experience the goodness of the product and talk about it from an experienced and fully informed position.

"I would like to further encourage the whole country to take advantage of this good selfless product for our families. By the same breath I want to encourage families and individuals to always invest in the future and inculcate this culture in everything they do.



GUEST: Minister of Commerce and Industry Gideon Dlamini delivering his speech.

This is true for both rich and poor as insurance covers are not only for a certain class but for every human being," said the minister.

He said the product umbrella cover which ranged from death to disability made the product human and practical as it addressed the real eventualities that people faced in their lives.

Dlamini also commended the participation of the FSRA, which is the authority that regulates financial products by assisting both retailers and buyers and urged the bank to make full use of the FSRA services and also observe high levels of compliance.

"I wish Standard Bank success in this new product line and also encourage that service providers also think creatively about products that will be friendly to the elderly, perhaps FSRA can facilitate this or we can leave it to individual service-providers to use as a competitive advantage product," said Dlamini,

Relevant principles lead to an optimum tax system

Stories by Linda Dlamini

AN efficient and effective tax system guided by relevant principles leads to an optimum tax system.

This was PKF's rationale behind hosting a workshop in conjunction with the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA).

PKF Swaziland organised a one day personal wealth workshop held at Indaba Room, Royal Swazi a fortnight ago.

The workshop was facilitated by the SRA to provide a platform to refresh taxpayers on principles of income tax regarding personal wealth, tax directives and trusts.

Designed

"The workshop was primarily designed to provide participants with the essentials of taxation and also give an intensive study of the current tax laws and regulations governing individuals and tax principles affecting individual taxpayers," said PKF Partner Thabsile Ntshalintshali.

Adding, she said at the end of the workshop the participants were better equipped to; have a comprehensive overview of the fundamental topics of personal income tax, necessary skills required to prepare income tax returns for individuals, appreciate the principles related to taxation of trusts, understand the application of income tax directives

with the SRA, appreciate and apply tax principles for provident and pension fund contributions or payouts and understand the emerging issues in income tax.

Source

"Swaziland is a source based as opposed to a worldwide tax system," Ntshalintshali said.

Facilitating during the workshop, SRA's Philile Mlotshwa discussed the most salient issues for the workshop.

She said Section 7 of the Income Tax Order of 1975 stated that gross income meant the total amount whether in cash or otherwise received by or accrued to or in favour of any person, excluding receipts or accruals of a capital nature, in any year or period assessable under this legislation from any source within Swaziland.

She further clarified that receipts or accruals of a capital nature were not yet taxed in Swaziland and income was source based in country, as opposed to a worldwide tax system.

Section 14 (1) (z) of the Income Tax Order states that any contribution, whether in cash or in kind, made by a taxpayer and actually paid or transferred during the year of assessment to any national disaster scheme or national emergency body established by the Swaziland Government is allowable for income tax purposes; provided that, contributions made to the National Emergency Response Council on HIV and AIDS (NERCHA) either for a specific project or to provide financial and material assistance to orphans and vulnerable children, such contributions shall only be deductible if the project or assistance has been approved by NERCHA.

Any other donations made to approve exempt organisations should not exceed five per centum of the taxable income for that company making the donation in any year of assessment.

Another topic of interest was contributions to an approved provident or pension fund.

Pointed SRA pointed to Section 14 (1) (k) of the Income Tax Order of 1975. "that any sum contributed by the employer less the employee's contribution during the year of assessment to any pension fund, provident fund or benefit fund established for the benefit of the employees of that employer as does not exceed 20 per centum is an allowable deduction in the hands of the employer."

... Subsistence farming treated differently from commercial farming

SRA emphasised

that dormant com-

panies established in

Swaziland must sub-

mit income tax

returns in every year

of assessment and

clearly state that

there has been no

trading operations in

that particular year

and reasons thereof.

MEANWHILE, farmers in attendance at the workshop were directed to Section 10 of the Income Tax Order of 1975.

The regulation states that

"the taxable income of any person carrying on pastoral, agricultural, plantation or other farming operations shall, in so far as it is derived from such operations, be determined in accordance with this Order, but subject to the First Schedule of the Income Tax Order, SRA's Philile

Mlotshwa said subsistence farming was treated differently from commercial farming for income tax purposes.
"We all know that some peo-

that some people do farming as a hobby but often times it changes to a business for profit making," she id.

Mlotshwa said the Income Tax Order of 1975 does not define a trust, however, is a taxable person for income tax purposes, and the taxable income is taxed at the rate of 33 percent per annum.

She explained that, for purposes of taxation, a trust must have residence in order to determine the source of its income. The residence will be

where the trust deed creating the trust was executed and where management is exercised to determine the location of source.

SRA emphasised that dormant companies established in Swaziland must submit income

tax returns in every year of assessment and clearly state that there has been no trading operations in that particular year and reasons thereof.

The issue of tax compliance was discussed at length during the workshopand it was ascertained that tax evasion equals money laundering and it is s a reportable offence as per the provisions of Section 13 of The Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism Act 2011.

"If you think compliance is expensive, try non-compliance," PKF's Ntshalintshali said, quoting the Former US Deputy Attorney General Paul McNulty.

SEDCO MD urges SMES to take up life insurance

By Manqoba Makhubu

SMALL Enterprise
Development Company
(SEDCO) Managing
Director Dorrington
Matiwane has urged small
businesses to take up life
insurance to protect their
businesses and families.

"How do you see that a business is Swazi owned? You see it when the owner dies, everything disappears," he said.

Speaking during Standard Bank Platinum Life Insurance Plan held yesterday at the Royal Villas, Ezulwini, Matiwane said this was part of the major problems faced by SMEs in the country.

"In the event of premature death, a life insurance policy can replace your income and protect your family as they may depend on your business income to survive," said Matiwane.

In addition life insurance could assure business sustainability in the event the owner or partner passes away and this could cushion families from selling businesses quickly on discounted prices or during unfavourable market conditions. Matiwane said this could also ensure profitability.

"Life insurance provides the option to ensure the business has available funds for death claims, keeping it competitive in the market," he said.

Matiwane said this could also help small and medium enterprises attract and retain exceptional employees which have been another major challenge for the sector.

Meanwhile, Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) Chief Executive Officer Sandile Dlamini has commended Standard Bank for coming up with the new product that would ensure that money circulated within the local economy.

He said this would benefit the economy compared to foreign policies.

"We assure of our 150 percent support towards this product. We believe this will help even informal traders who are afraid to buy foreign policies. This will definitely be a game changer," he said. Dlamini said the FSRA was doing everything to minimise capital outflow.



A ROUND OF APPLAUSE: Standard Bank customers and staff applauding the presentations.



REMARKS: FSRA Chief Executive Officer Sandile Dlamini on the podium.



MY POINT: SEDCO
Managing Director
Dorrington Matiwane was
among the speakers on the
day.



TRIO: Liberty Life Swaziland Managing Director Dumsani Diamini, Liberty Africa Head Channel Development Lefa Ndlovu and Business Development Consultant Melisizwe Mdluli.



Leader of Garissa University attack killed in raid

MOGADISHU - At least 10 people, including two lawmakers, were killed in the car bomb and gun attack at the Ambassador Hotel, according to medical and security sources, while dozens more were injured.

Fighting between Somali security forces and Shabaab Islamists at the hotel raged into the evening, some five hours after the attack began.

In the coastal Somali town of Kismayo meanwhile, a local security official said the suspected architect of the bloodbath in Garissa had been killed in a raid in southwestern Somalia.

"Sixteen armed men, four of them senior commanders including Mohamed Mohamud Ali known as 'Dulyadin' ... were killed by the Somali commandos and the special forces of the Jubaland," said Abdirashid Janan, Minister of State Security for Jubaland, an autonomous region in southern Somalia.

Local officials paraded the bodies of the four suspected commanders in the streets of Kismayo. The April 2, 2015 assault at Garissa University College, 365 kilometres (225 miles) northeast of the Kenyan capital Nairobi, left 148 people dead, 142 of them students. They were slain in their dormitories or rounded up and executed in a hall of residence. The operation was carried out by four gunmen from the Shabaab, Al-Qaeda's East Africa branch. It was Kenva's bloodiest terror attack since Al-Qaeda bombed the US embassy in Nairobi in 1998, killing 213 people. eNCA.



ABLAZE: Leader of Garissa's University cars burn at the scene of an attack at the Ambassador Hotel. (AP)

EGYPTAIR BLACK BOX SIGNAL DETECTED

CARIO - A French naval ship has detected a signal from one of two black boxes belonging to the doomed EgyptAir flight that crashed en route from Paris to Cairo on May 19, French investigators confirmed.

"The signal from a flight recorder has been detected by the survey ship Laplace," said Remi Jouty of France's Bureau of Investigations and Analysis (BEA), following an announcement from Egyptian authorities that the signal had probably been picked up. Jouty said the signal was spotted after data analysis, and a priority search area had been established.

"The detection of this signal is a first step," he said.

The Laplace arrived in the crash zone on Tuesday to

join the search for wreckage and the black boxes.

It is equipped with three devices capable of picking up the sonar "pings" from the black boxes at a distance of up to five kilometres (3.1 miles). The flight recorders could help solve the mystery of why the Airbus A320 plunged into the sea with 66 people on board.

timeslive.

In Moza, a return to the horrors of civil war

GORONGOSA -

Decomposing corpses in the bush, destroyed villages, abductions - in the central Mozambican district of Gorongosa clashes between the army and rebels have revived the spectre of a civil war that ended 20 years

"It has been two months since I found these bodies and no one has come to remove them," Donca Sabir, a local farmer, told AFP as he contemplated remains barely hidden among shrubs on his land.

Wearing scraps of civilian clothes, their trousers often pulled down, and their jaws open in macabre expressions of pain, the skeletal corpses lie just 100 metres (yards) from Mozambique's main north-south road.

From the roadside, the smell is strong from the bodies of at least nine men and women.

A little further down the road, under a small bridge, local authorities said they recently buried 11 other



'BACK TO WAR': Mozambican army vehicles patrol the roads on the outskirts of Vanduzi village in the Gorongosa area after clashes between the army and rebels. (AP)

But no proper autopsy was conducted, and four skulls and some bones are still visible in the sand.

The discovery of bodies in the area last month shocked many in Mozambique and alerted international human rights groups. Local villagers had also earlier reported an unconfirmed mass grave that could contain more than 100

But in Zone 76, the alleged location of the mass grave,

everyone is too scared to speak about it, and the government has dismissed the reports. "The Mozambican government must tell us who are these people, how they died and who left their bodies there," Zenaida Machado, Mozambique researcher for Human Rights Watch, told AFP.

"I find it difficult to understand how any investigation can be made without performing an autopsy on the bodies." yahoo

Another delay in church collapse case

BRIEFS

NIGERIA - Two of the engineers involved in the construction of the collapsed Synagogue Church of All Nations which claimed 116 lives and caused a furore around pastor TB Joshua will go on trial today. The trial the probes collapse of the six-storey guesthouse, which claimed the lives of 85 South Africans on a Pilgrimage. Charges of criminal negligence, manslaughter and failure to obtain a building permit are being faced by Oladel Ogundeji and Akinbela Fatiregun - the engineers who built the building - their companies and the trustees of the church which collapsed on September 12, 2014. Timeslive.

'Woman needs sex every day'

BULAWAYO - A woman in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, has told a magistrate she is addicted to sex, and needs it everyday according to a report. Hlengiwe Sibanda from Pumula South asked Magistrate Marylene Msthina not to grant her husband a restraining order, as she felt it was a plot to divorce her and deny her conjugal rights. "His plea for a protection order is a plot to divorce me. I will never accept that Your Worship. As a married woman I need sex everyday and to me it is my daily routine. "Indeed the peace order will make it difficult for me to bother my husband when I want to sleep with him, so can you immediately dismiss it," she said. Timeslive.

Opposition want to resolve stalemate

NAIROBI - Thousands of Kenyans turned

up at the Uhuru Park, Nairobi, on Wednesday to attend a parallel event held by opposition parties to mark Kenya's 53rd

Independence Day. Led by Opposition CORD party leader Raila Odinga and Moses Wetangula, the event was marked with no drama as was anticipated. Police frisked each person trying to access the venue and remained vigilant throughout the event. Opposition leaders said they would maintain their campaign to have the officials of the

Late president made peace major goal

current electoral body removed from office.

ALGIERS - President of the Republic Abdelaziz Bouteflika said the Sahrawi people have lost with the death of their President, Mohamed Abdelaziz, a courageous activist who "made peace a strategic principle and a major goal," saying he is saddened the deceased died before his country recovered freedom and independence. "It is a great misfortune the has struck the brotherly Sahrawi people and all the men who love freedom and peace in the world by the death of combatant and activist Mohamed Abdelaziz, Secretary General of the Polisario Front, President of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic, wrote Boutellika in a message of condolence. allAfrica.

Rapist 'prophet' jailed

JOHANNESBURG - A self-proclaimed prophet of the Johanne Masowe apostolic sect (nguwo tsvuku) has been jailed for 12 years for raping a 20-year-old client. Rickie Mutero of Chinamhora raped the client on the pretext that he was removing something from the woman's privates that was causing her bad luck. Mutero pleaded not guilty when he appeared before Regional Magistrate Sandra Mupindu, but was convicted on overwhelming evidence. He was sentenced to 15 years in prison, but three were suspended for five years on condition that he does not commit a similar offence. allAfrica.

EX-FIRST LADY CLAIMS ATTEMPTED RAPE

ABIDJAN - Ivory Coast's former first lady Simone Gbagbo on Wednesday denied charges of crimes against humanity during political violence in 2010 and said she had suffered attempted rape while in detention.

"I stand before this court on the demand of the government and for crimes I did not commit," Gbagbo said as her trial went into its second day.

"I am accused of facts that have not been proven. And not only that, I am accused of direct involvement," she said, wearing a violet scarf around her shoulders.

The wife of former president Laurent Gbagbo, nicknamed Ivory Coast's 'Iron Lady', also said she suffered a rape attempt when she and her husband were arrested on April 11, 2011. She also claimed French soldiers deployed in Ivory Coast filmed the attempted rape. Simone Gbagbo is accused of planning and organising rights abuses against supporters of her husband's presidential rival to try to keep him in power at any cost.

Laurent refused to admit defeat at the hands of his rival in 2010, triggering violence between the two sides. eNCA.

Police arrest six foreigners over attack

OUAGADOUGOU - Burkina Faso police have arrested six "foreigners" suspected of being behind jihadist attacks in January that left 30 people dead, the government and police said on Wednesday.

Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb claimed it was behind an assault on a top hotel and a cafe, both popular with foreigners, which also left 70 people wounded. "Six individuals of foreign nationalities were arrested on Monday May 30 in Ougadougou," the national police said in a statement sent to AFP.

These people are believed to

have "sheltered and aided the perpetrators of the attack in Ougadougou, and worked with the ringleader of the attacks (who is) still being tracked down".

Burkina's Minister of Internal Security, Simon Compaore, told reporters the arrests were made thanks to intelligence shared by other west African security forces.

Security forces have already detained a 38-year-old local man in connection with the attacks on the four-star Hotel Splendid and the nearby Cappuccino cafe.

Until this year, Burkina Faso had largely avoided the attacks.

Unauthorised expenditure

has increased threefold to over R15-billionn since 2010 -11;

Fruitless and wasteful

in the Eastern Cape and

to R1.34-billion.

Free State.

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over R1-billion since 2010-11,

Two of the main culprits are

the Nelson Mandela Bay Metro

Matjhabeng Municipality in the

Together they are responsible

for over R570-million in fruit-

less and wasteful expenditure.

Most municipalities aren't

wasting money, but 92 percent

of South Africa's 278 munici-

palities are spending more than

sinking into debt. eNCA.

they have, which means they are

Focus on

SABC DELAYING TACTICS OVER DA ADVERTA JOKE

CAPE TOWN - The Democratic Alliance (DA) has described as "a ioke" the argument put forward by lawyers for the South African **Broadcasting Corporation (SABC)** to justify the "refusal to air our paid election adverts".

It described the "SABC's explanatory affidavit to our complaint lodged" with the Independent Communication Authority of South Africa (ICASA) as "renewed desperation...to use misleading and, quite frankly, contradictory excuses".

"The SABC has argued they have to wait to confirm that we are a registered political party and have submitted our lists," the party's Phumzile van Damme said.

"The regulations are clear, as admitted by ICASA on SAfm today (Wednesday), that political parties are



allowed to buy airtime to flight their adverts as soon as the election date is proclaimed.

'Quite bizarrely, their contradictory affidavit proceeded to reference this very regulation." Van Damme also attacked the "excuse" that the SABC "needed until June 4, 2016 to 'investigate' the matter".

The SABC affidavit said the broadcaster's acting Chief Executive Officer Jimi Matthews had "requested an indul-

gence", and it "was not unfathomable that (he) would not be in a position to provide confirmation of the DA's demand to be allocated slots by the end of the day, 27 May".

Van Damme retorted: "The DA is still not clear what needed to be investigated. Again, the regulations are clear and the DA complied with these - as we have done in the past.

"The request for an investigation was merely a thinly veiled attempt to delay the adverts by a week, and therefore limit their effect on the election campaign." She said the "is becoming increasingly apparent that the SABC is determined to do whatever it can to censor our adverts", but added that the "DA will not be deterred by this undemocratic conduct and will do everything possible to ensure our adverts are aired". timeslive.

R15-billion since 2010 -11; BODIES FOUND TIED UP, BURNT INSIDE CONTAINER

AG warns of disastrous

municipal consequences

KEMPTON PARK - The charred bodies of two men were found with their hands bound inside a burnt-out tools container at a construction site in Kempton Park on the East Rand yesterday morning.

PRETORIA - Local govern-

ment officials are doing little

to nothing to stop ballooning

multi-billion rand irregular

General Kimi Makwetu.

over the past five years.

13 five years ago to 54.

That's the word from Auditor

On Wednesday, he released an

overview of municipal finances

More municipalities are doing

The number receiving a clean

general has increased from only

Municipal finances 2014-15

bill of health from the auditor

But it isn't all good news.

Irregular expenditure has

more than doubled to almost

expenditure.

the right thing.

A third victim was found close by with third degree burns covering his entire body.

Emergency services were called to the scene of a reported "house fire" at about 1:30am, said Ekurhuleni disaster and Emergency Management Services (EMS) spokesperson William Ntladi. On arrival at the scene, EMS found it was not a house fire but a blaze at a construction site, where a huge tools container was

on fire. The two bodies were found after the blaze was extinguished, Kempton Express reported.

"Two male bodies were discovered inside a container with both individuals' hands tied at the back. One other patient was medically treated on scene for full thickness burn wounds. He was then transported to Tambo Memorial Hospital in a critical condition," he explained. Ntladi said the surviving victim was found a few metres away from the container with 100% third degree burns.

"The scene was handed over to the police and an inquest docket has been opened to probe the cause of fire and deaths," added Ntladi. citizen.



ROBBED: Heavily armed men stormed into the SuperSpar at Philani Valley Mall in Umlazi, Durban, in the early hours of Wednesday morning. They stole an undisclosed amount of money. (AP)

Armed men rob Super Spar

DURBAN - A gang of thugs are on the run after robbing a supermarket.

The heavily armed men stormed into the Supar at Philani Valley Mall in Umlazi, Durban, in the early hours of Wednesday morning. They stole an undisclosed amount of money.

A witness said the men came into the store through the staff gate at about 1.30am. "Night shift workers, including cleaners and cooks, were on duty at the time.

"They told us to lie on the floor. They then took money from the tills and fled the scene," said the witness.

Centre Manager Hloniphani Mpanza declined to comment,

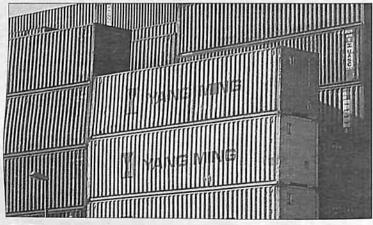
only saying the matter was in the hands of the police.

Lieutenant-Colonel Shooz Magudulela confirmed the robbery.

"The complainant alleged that gunmen entered the store in the early hours of the morning and took an undisclosed amount of cash before fleeing the scene.

"No shots were fired and no one was injured. A case of business robbery was opened at Bhekithemba cop shop and no arrests have been made."

On Tuesday, Umlazi police bust wanted suspects for business robberies. They were allegedly targeting Shoprite Usave and other businesses in Umlazi. Daily Sun.



BURNT TO DEATH: Two men were found with their hands bound inside a burnt-out tools container at a construction site in Kempton Park on the East Rand yesterday morning. (Citizen).

State capture probe a 'whitewash' - SACP

JOHANNESBURG - Tensions continue to escalate between the ANC and its tripartite alliance partner, the SACP, over corruption.

The Communist Party is now calling for a bilateral meeting to discuss the grievances.

This comes after the ANC stopped an investigation into the Gupta family's alleged

involvement in state affairs.

The SACP says the decision to stop the probe is a farce and a whitewash.

On the other hand, the ANC says the investigation was fruitless, adding only one person came forward with a written submission.

Magazine's airbrushing of Kganyago angers EFF's Ndlozi

JOHANNESNURG - Economic Freedom Fighters' spokesperson Mbuyiseni Ndlozi has taken up the cudgels for black women to defend them from body-shaming equating a local magazine's airbrushing of TV and radio personality Lerato Kganyago to the Europeans who dehumanised Saartjie Baartman as a "Hottentot Venus".

"True Love's actions to Lerato Kganyago can be compared to what colonialists did to Sarah Baartman," the people's bae said. "To all black women, let nobody in the world ever make you feel inferior about your body." The EFF tweeted an image of Lerato Kganyago for "Women Crush

Wednesday". The TV and radio personality recently spoke to TMG Entertainment about the True Love Photoshop scandal that has erupted around her.

She celebrates her curves, cellulite and all, saying she has "absolutely nothing to be embarrassed about".

"I'm disappointed that they (True Love) did this. They thought they were body shaming me. But nothing could be further from the truth. I often speak about my cellulite. I'm a woman. It's part of me."

It all started when the magazine released an image of its latest cover, on which Lerato is the main cover star. On social media people commented that the image was so edited that it did not do justice to Lerato's natural beauty. timeslive.

THE NEW ADOLF HITLER

..Holidaymaker is distraught when new passport arrives with photo making him look exactly like Hitler

LONDON - A holidaymaker was devastated when his new passport arrived with a photo making him look exactly like Adolf Hitler.

Stuart Boyd, from Salford, Greater Manchester, ordered his passport after booking a summer holiday to the Greek island of Rhodes with

A week later Boyd's document arrived but he was shocked to find that the reproduced photograph gave him a menacing toothbrush moustache, famously sported by the Nazi

The 50-year-old was so upset he complained to passport officers who are now investigating.

Boyd, a former paramedic who now works in public transport, said: "I was really angry when I saw it. I was distraught, really.

"I just thought, 'Oh, for God's sake, I have to have this for 10 years and they can't even get it right.' I wasn't really sure of the process of how to change it so I posted a picture of it on Facebook." Friends were quick to stick the boot in. Ruth Armstrong Carooppunnen, posted on Stuart's Facebook page: "That is Heil-ari-

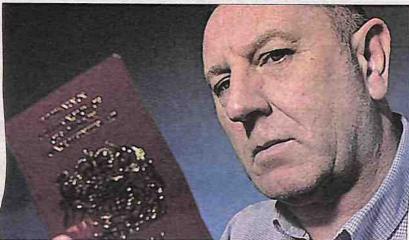
Another friend, Glenn Hughes, commented: "What's the problem? It looks al-Reich to me"

Not seeing the funny side, Boyd phoned his sister Angie to sound off.

"She just started laughing, she said to me, 'oh come on, you've got to see the funny side" then I did see the funny side. My friends and colleagues think it's hilarious."

After explaining the issue to the





UPSET: The 50-year-old was so upset that he complained to passport officers who are now investigating. (Daily Mail).

Passport Office, he was contacted first thing on Bank Holiday Monday.

He said: "To be fair the woman was very pleasant and helpful. She said they obviously didn't intentionally make me look like Adolf Hitler and told me to send it back so they can issue a new one."

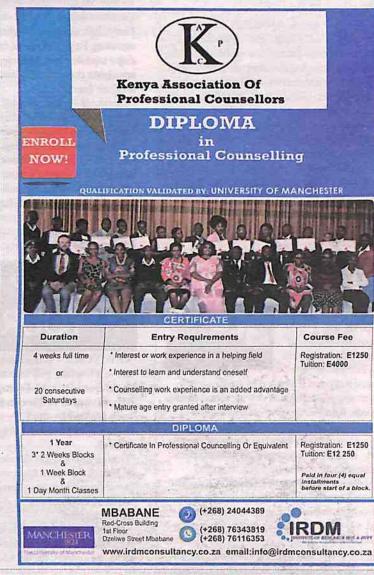
A spokesman for Her Majesty's Passport Office said: "All UK passports are carefully created and checked to exacting standards before they are issued. "We will be contacting him to investigate this case fur-

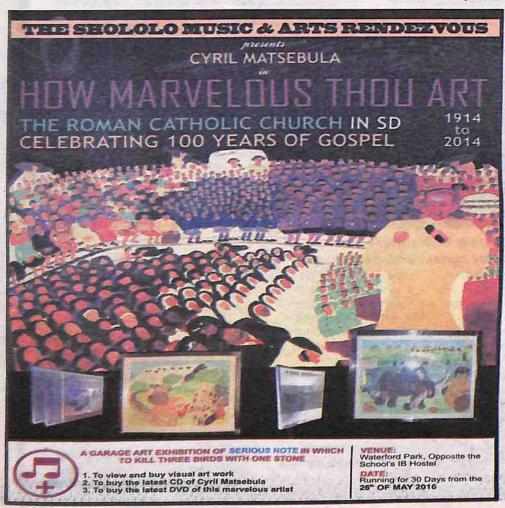
Daily Mail.





MENACING PICTURE: Stuart Boyd, from Salford, ordered a new passport. When it arrived he found the reproduced photograph gave him a menacing toothbrush moustache, famously sported by Nazi leader Adolf Hitler (pictured in 1923). (Daily Mail).







AND MANY MORE IN STOCK

BRIEFS

Teacher hands herself in to police

ALEXANDRIA - Their affair allegedly began when the boy didn't show up for school and Alexandria messaged him on Instagram. A female teacher accused of having sex with a 13-year-old pupil from her class has handed herself in to authorites, it has been reported. Alexandria Vera, 24, allegedly admitted to having the relationship with her pupil since September last year and is understood to be pregnant with his child. A warrant was issued for her arrest, but officers were unable to track down the middle aged school English teacher. mirror.

Gunman 'arrested after scaling fence'

LOS ANGELES - An armed man has been arrested after appearing to climb an airport perimeter fence. The unidentified man was detained by cops after he was spotted near the entrance to Los Angeles Airport, Police were called after a member of staff saw the man near the fence. Officers saw the man throw a handgun before jumping into a Mazda sedan and fleeing from police. The man was detained after a brief chase. He was found to be injured and has been taken to hospital for treatment. Police say the man had committed an assault with a deadly weapon and "in his attempt to escape, climbed over several vehicles near the perimeter fence giving the appearance of attempting to climb the fence." Daily Star.

New security warning on Facebook

CALIFORNIA -

Facebook users are sharing a new message about a social network scam, here



need to know. If you've spotted a security warning plastered acorss your social media feeds, warning about a scam tactic called Facebook Cloning – this is what's really going on. Unlike the majority of viral security statuses on Facebook, this latest spate warns about a genuine threat to social media users. Facebook Cloning is a malicious tactic where the details and photos available publicly on your account are lifted and used to create a new profile in your name. *Daily Star*.

Germany set to recognise genocide

BERLIN – German lawmakers were preparing to pass a resolution yesterday that recognises the massacre of Armenians by Ottoman forces as genocide, despite stark warnings from Turkey that the vote could hurt ties. Put forward by the ruling left-right coalition and the opposition Greens, the resolution entitled "Remembrance and commemoration of the genocide of Armenians and other Christian minorities in 1915 and 1916" also carries the contentious word throughout the text. enca.

South Korea welcomes US move

yesterday the US decision to label North
Korea a "global money laundering concern"
— a move that will further isolate Pyongyang
from the global financial system. The measure
will prevent both direct and indirect North
Korean financial activities within the US
banking network, ensuring that any thirdparty deals involving significant sums of US
dollars or other currencies cannot transit the
United States. "The government highly appreciates the action which reflects the firm US
commitment to strongly pursuing its own separate sanctions" against North Korea, the rescolution called on UN members.

timeslive.

World News-

OBAMA SHIFTS INTO FULL ELECTION CAMPAIGN MODE

ELKHART - President Barack Obama shifted into full election campaign mode on Wednesday, accusing Republicans of trying to dupe middle class American voters about the economy and prey on their fears.

Democrat Obama ditched his suit jacket and rolled-up his shirt sleeves for an hour-long partisan political speech in a predominantly Republican district of Indiana, a battleground state in the heart of America's hard-hit rust belt.

Obama leaves office in January next year, and with each passing week wades ever deeper into the 2016 presidential election campaigr

Americans going to the polls on November 8 will likely have to choose whether Republican Donald Trump or Democrat Hillary Clinton should replace Obama in the White House.

Contempt

The cerebral 44th president has scarcely concealed his contempt for the brusque, tough-talking Republican.

On Wednesday, Obama took another shot, lambasting Republicans — read Trump — for propagating "myths" about the state of the economy, that immigrants are taking US jobs, and that the United States is getting licked by trade rivals.

"The primary story that Republicans have been telling about the economy is not supported by the facts. It's just not," he said.

He later told a town hall meeting broadcast by PBS that Trump's prescription to fix the economy by negotiating better trade deals or stopping immigration had enticed some, but were illusory.

"If people are feeling insecure and they are offered a simple reason for how they can feel more secure, people are going to be tempted by it," Obama admitted. eNCA.



DEFENSIVE: US President Barack Obama highlighted economic progress made during his administration. (AP)

TRUMP NOT HAPPY PGA GOLF TOUR MOVED TO MEXICO

NEW YORK - A decision to move a leading golf tournament from Donald Trump's Miami course to Mexico has been blasted by the US Republican presidential candidate.

Trump, a golf resort developer, claims the move from his Doral course is putting "profit ahead of thousands of American jobs"

The billionaire has made several controversial comments about the country during his campaign trail - including vowing to build a wall to "keep Mexicans out of the United States".

And now Trump, a golf resort developer, claims moving the PGA Tour from his Doral course is putting "profit ahead of thousands of American jobs".

But the Tour said it was not a political decision and instead could not find sponsors to hold the 2017 World Golf Championship at his course. Trump blasted the comment, saying: "The PGA Tour has put profit ahead of thousands of American jobs, millions of dollars in revenue for local communities and charities and the enjoyment of hundreds of thousands of fans who make the tournament an annual tradition.

"This decision only further embodies the very reason I am running for president of the United States."

eNCA.

Brazilians protest over 'rape culture'

SAO PALO – Thousands of Brazilian women protested yesterday against a "culture of rape" they blamed for the shocking case of a 16-yearold girl allegedly sexually assaulted by more than 30 men.

Protesters flooded central streets in cities including São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, carrying signs with slogans such as "We are all bleeding" and "Not the victim's fault".

The largest rally was in São Paulo, where more than 5 000 women marched.

Brazilians have been outraged by the gang rape case, which came to light in an online video that showed the bloodied girl naked and seemingly unconscious on a bed, as a man boasts that she has been "impregnated" by more than 30 men.

Three suspects have been arrested, the last one on



PROTEST: Thousands of Brazilian women protested yesterday against a "culture of rape". (AP)

Wednesday. Police are hunting the others.

The video was made on May 21 in a Rio de Janeiro favela, one of the poor and often lawless neighbourhoods that dot Brazil's largest cities.

The nationwide protests came a day after the Senate passed a bill increasing the penalties for gang rape and criminalising rape recordings. But many Brazilian women

see little hope in politics.

One slogan at Wednesday's protests was "Fight without fear," a play on the name of acting President Michel Temer, whose surname means 'fear' in Portuguese.

Temer has come under fire for appointing an all-male cabinet after sidelining suspended President Dilma Rousseff, Brazil's first woman president. eNCA.

Albanian drug dealing murderer family expelled

LONDON - Each morning before dawn reveals the beauty of the Scottish Highlands where they live, Jason and Christy Zielsdorf observe certain routines.

While Christy heads to the kitchen to knead the bread with which they make the tasty sandwiches they sell in their village shop and cafe, Jason prepares the morning's lessons for their five home-educated children. Lately another ritual has been added before they open up the store to welcome the first hiker or angler heading to the banks of the river Spey. It is to see if any unfamiliar cars have pulled up outside.

They might be the official-looking vehicles used by immigration staff or, perhaps, a police car or two. For after eight happy and hard-working years in Scotland where they have put down roots, the Zielsdorfs and their children are being thrown out of the country.

Any day now — despite having invested more than £200 000 in a business which they have turned into the thriving hub of

community life in Laggan, the beautiful village where the BBC series Monarch of the Glen was set, their lives are poised to be turned upside down. You might wonder what terrible offence they must have committed to have the full force of the law come down on them. eNCA.

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NOT SO SMART: Saliman Barci who now claims he is innocent is using human rights law to avoid being deported to his homeland, where he has already been convicted of killing two men. (eNCA)



ANOTHER WEEKEND, ANOTHER **OPPORTUNITY FOR A GOOD TIME!**

Compiled by Tenele Dlamini

EXCUSE me as I catch my breath and I'm sure most of our readers can attest to the fact that last week's events at Malkerns were simply fun filled,

explosive and lived up to expectation.' Well that aside, we have yet another three days full of relaxation and many are already on party mode.

I'm certain that most people will not be caught 'just chilling'

'with no agenda, purpose or destination.

From Mbabane to Manzini and the Lowveld region. Let's check out what's in store for our loyal fun lovers and club hoppers. Cheers to a great weekend.

TO FEA-

Manzini

When: Tomorrow

About: The Songo's Party that will be held at the fast becoming popular White House Night spot promises to sizzle in the winter

Patrons can expect to watch and be entertained by DJs playing house music, hip hop, rnb, kwaito, lounge and trap. Entry fee at this show is E40 when fun lovers bring two beers and/ or cider. See you there!

The Playboys Rebirth

What: Playboys Rebirth show Where: Solanis Shisanyama

When: Tonight

About: The Playboys will heat things up in Mbabane with an impressive line-up of DJs including Froggz, Paris, Katz, Tonic Deep, Popo, LFA, Zulu D and Smish.

Interested clubbers should note that the evening event will require E40 fee at the entrance.

Scenes of Dance @ Marios What: Scenes of Dance @ Marios

Where: Marios, Manzini

When: Tonight

About: Scenes of Dance the touring movement and ensemble of various Swazi DJs will be hosting a deejaying event at Marios in Manzini tonight.

Featured on this show will be; The Scientists, DJ Dope Deep and DJ

Cup, Master P, NYP and Menzi.

For those who may be interested in knowing more about the movement and any other concept idea, organisers have urged them to contact DJ Cup at 7844 8844. Tonight's show and party fest that is themed 'We Support Local' will kick-off at 6pm and entry will be E30.

Unpack Around the Fire Delight

What: Unpack Around The Fire Where: Dwaleni Farm Lodge

When: Tonight

About: Tonight is yet another delightful time by the sizzling fireplace as good music lovers enjoy various live acoustic bands and vocalists, comedy nights as well as every second Friday.

Diners can be sure of delectable meals on the menu that include; vegetarian delight, hake fillet, pork chops and tender stake all at a reasonable price.

So if farm style 'umgcwembe' dinning and red wine is you style, why not pop by for a great experience?

Biggest Braai Road Show @ Matsapha

What: Biggest Braai Road Where: Matsapha SPAR When: Tomorrow

About: The general public is invited to the 10am road show in Matsapha, where those interested will be briefed regarding the upcoming Biggest Braai on July

Don't miss out as everyone jumps on the speeding train that has all participants determined to beat the World Guinness book of records for 'the largest number of people cooking simultaneously'. Be there!

Benjamin Dube to Perform at Fairview Free **Evangelical Assemblies** Dinner

What: Benjamin Dube guest artist at fundraising dinner

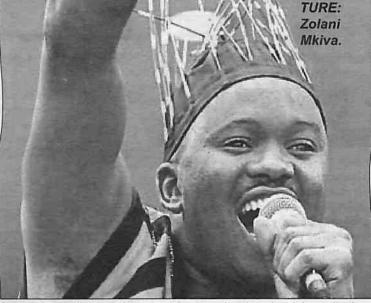
Where: Fairview Free Evangelical Assemblies, Manzini

When: Tonight

About: South African gospel legend and award winning gospel music artist, Benjamin Dube, is to perform at Fairview FEA. Invited singers include; Linda Dlamini of 'Ukholo lwami' and the Police Gospel Messengers. Starting time is at 6pm Main guest is; Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini.

National Delphic Council SA Launch @





National Delphic Council SA Launch

Where: Sibane Hotel, Ezulwini When: Tomorrow

About: The National Delphic Council of South Africa, which is a division of the International Delphic Council, will be hosting an arts and culture event tomorrow

evening. Invited Guest; The CEO at the Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture, Stanley Dlamini. South African poet, Zolani Mkiva will feature alongside other local comedians and music artists. Starting time is 6pm.

Songo's Party @ White House What: Songo's Party

Where: White House Club,

ANOTHER LINE-UP FOR HIPNOTIK DROPPED



AS the countdown to Hipnotik 2016 continues, the second phase of artists who will be performing at this hip hop festival at the Grey Hound in Ezulwini on July 9 were revealed vesterday.

According to Swazi Jive's founder and Director Sakhile Nkambule, one of Swazi Jive's aims for this year's festival that also serves

as a five-year anniversary, is to promote local artists by giving them a platform to showcase their talent. This has been achieved through inviting artists to submit their music to Dobro Audio, an online music market for artists, where some of them have been selected to perform at this year's event.

Artists

The artists who were selected based on the quality of their music and the number of downloads on the site are; Eimsofly, Tendaness, Drew, Kdirrty, and Jazz P. Winners of T55 talent national competition, Tribal Misfits, have also been added to the line-up. These artists will receive the same treatment as international artists which have also been scheduled to perform.

INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS...

"The local artists will join renowned Mozambican DJ Dilson, South African artists Nasty C, Kwesta and producer and beat maker I weezy. Kwesta is not only making waves for the hit single 'Ngud', but he is also a very established hip hop artist after making history at the 13th annual Metro Awards to win a major award without having a physical copy available at traditional retail outlets.

"Tweezy whose real name is Tumelo Mathebula, is a renowned producer and has worked with one of South Africa's leading hip hop artists AKA, in producing tracks like 'Run Jozi', 'All Eyes on Me,' and 'Sim Dope'. Nasty C has also grown to fame releasing hit tracks after another

such as 'Juice Back,' 'Hell Naw,' 'Love Nasty', amongst others. These artists join others who were revealed in the first phase; Benchmarq, Miss Pru DJ, KO, Emtee, Fifi Cooper, Areece, and 80 Script," said Nkambule.

Meanwhile, one of the artists who were selected through Dobro Audio Drew has promised a great performance to hip hop lovers who will attend the festival.

"I am very excited to perform at the Hipnotik Festival and to be featured alongside the amazing artists scheduled to grace the event. I have always loved making music but I started making it on a serious platform from 2014. When I saw a post on Twitter calling on artists to submit music on the site, I gladly did so because I saw it as a perfect opportunity, I can promise nothing but the best," he

MISS CULTURAL HERITAGE'S **E20 000 BOOST FROM CRIME STOP**

Stories by Tenele Dlamini

CRIME Stop Security has sponsored the Miss Cultural Heritage pageant with E20 000.

This was confirmed by Themba Fakudze, who made the commitment at the launch of the prestigious event held at Sibane Hotel in Ezulwini on Wednesday evening.

"The spirit of giving is a good gesture," said Fakudze as he urged other participants present at the launch to follow suit.

He further pledged another sum of E1 000 as part of sponsorship for this year's queens and princesses, on behalf of the outgoing 2015/2016 queen Nosipho Dlamini, who spoke at intervals introducing the sibhaca and ingadla dancers while models paraded in traditional themed outfits. Dlamini also accompanied the pageant's Mhlonishwa Motsa as an



OUR CULTURE, OUR GOLD: Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture CEO Stanley Dlamini addressing the gathering during the official launch of Miss Cultural Heritage 2016/17 on Wednesday. (Pics: Thandeka Ndlangamandla)

MC for the day and Trisha rendered smooth tunes as part of the entertainment line-up

Emphasised

Clad in traditional regalia as was the case with most participants on the night, Fakudze emphasised on the importance of culture and tradition to the Swazi nation as a whole.

"It is good to have traditions as Swazi people and we must be proud of our culture.

We must encourage each other in this regard," he stated and thanked all the other sponsors present at the

Sponsors rally behind pageant

OTHER sponsors who pledged ncluded; FNB and AMADI University College.

AMADI will be sponsoring winners with free studying at their institution for a course of their choice; Dark n Lovely Hair Products; Suzuki, Ford and Kia all offered free transport for the queen and her princesses to all assignments and duties throughout the year.

Other sponsors included; Edgars, Phela Live that offered 12 months free access at the gym for the winners, Zazi Dlamini of Events Masters promised to assist in the technical aspects of professional stage and lighting management, while the Power of Prayer Salon pledged to maintain the winners' hair for the duration of their tenure. Premier, referred to as one of the oldest partners, offered sanitary towels to the girls at last year's pageant promised to assist in any way possible.

Macmillan Swaziland, on the other hand, previously provided reading material to the winner and will again this year award vouchers to winners and the queen will get a study sponsorship at the Mananga Centre.



Wolf in a deep conversation before the start of the event.

Former director pleased by pageant's progress

FORMER Director of Miss Cultural Heritage, Sifiso Xaba, who was one of the many guests invited to the launch, was evidently pleased at how the pageant has progressed over the years.

"When we started, this was only just a dream and today I'm so proud to sit in this audiSponsorship

Although I do not reside in the country anymore, as I'm now based in South Africa, I am making a commitment to support the dream and work in certain areas such as scouting for financial sponsorship and raising funds outside of the country", Xaba said.



CHATTING: Pageants Swaziland's Melissa Du Pont with Wahenda Mansoor and Gladys Rudd-Smith couldn't miss the event.



PRESENT: Sifiso Xaba and Larry Mhlanga sharing a light moment after the event.

SNCAC's Stanley Dlamini excited

THE CEO at the Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture, Stanley Dlamini said his organisation was excited with this event.

"We all grew up in Swazi cultural homes; let us now take our culture to another level by putting some economy around our culture. We can celebrate the kingdom and tradition, but even culture alone cannot bring food to the table," Dlamini said, who went on to thank all the sponsors for bringing tradition and the pageant to a level of the elite.

Pageants to be fair, transparent

PAGEANTS Swaziland, also responsible for running and organising Miss Swaziland this year, will also be overseeing Miss Cultural Heritage transparently this time around.

This was confirmed by the organisation's Melissa Du Pont. "The organisation's governing body is responsible for running all pageants in the country fairly and transparently.

We are looking for pageants run by managers and would like to thank the Miss Cultural Heritage for this invitation," Du Pont stated.



STYLISH: Models Tenani and Zinhle displaying some of the stylish dresses designed in Swazi attire.

Another Swazi lady for Skeem Saam

By Phumelele Mkhonta

YET again another Swazi female, Gcebile Dlamini, graced our screens on Skeem Saam, SABC 1's popular soapie.

Dlamini ('Piliso') from Siteki first graced our screens on Wednesday night on the popular soapie.

Dlamini attended high school at Siteki Nazarene. She is currently residing in South Africa pursuing a career in freelance acting.

The actress is the second Swazi to be unveiled in the soapie in the past two weeks. Another Swazi is Nomvuyo Shabangu, from Ezulwini who is also based in Johannesburg.

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She was featured in the show about two weeks ago. She acts as 'Cebile' and is a cell mate with Amanda du Pont who acts as 'Lelo'. Amanda is also another Swazi born actress who

is one of the major players in the

soapie and has been casted for over a year now.

LIGHTS, CAMERA,

of Gcebile 'Piliso'

on Skeem Saam.

Dlamini from Siteki

She plays the role of a villain and a psychopath in the soapie who seemingly enjoys playing with people's minds and lives.

Swaziland breeds budding talent - SNCAC CFO

SWAZILAND National Council of Arts and Culture's CEO, Stanley Dlamini, said this demonstrated that the country has a lot of budding talent.

"The fact that this soapie is being infiltrated by Swazis confirms there is a lot of potentialin this country, and it makes us proud.

Being featured in such international forums simply illustrates we are developing as Swaziland; despite the fact that we do not have formal institu-

tions locally to train artists. We are proud to be producing artists and actors who are hoisting the Swazi flag up high, especially in South Africa.

Exported

"It is now upon our visual broadcasters to notice the hype our neighbours have in our Swazi artists and actors and act

If talent can be exported, it means we can as a country feature more of these actors in our local plays for us to retain these talents," said Dlamini. A STATE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF T

MULTI-PURPOSE DISTRIBUTORS PARTNERS WITH REDEMPTION

By Simon Shabangu

MUL-TIPURPOSE Distributors has come on board to partner with Redemption Mass Choir in their comeback project with an undisclosed amount of sponsorship.

The company, which is under the directorship of Thulani Xaba, deals in transportation and haulage. The company did not quantify the sponsorship because there are many areas of cooperation they are looking at assisting the choir on. This was confirmed by the project coordinator Thulani Nsthangase.

This was after the meeting held with the company directors and the group's leadership during the rehearsal session at the Redemption Villa in Manzini on Wednesday night. The sponsorship comes after another funding of E75 000 by Destiny Music recently announced by Inkhosikati LaMbikiza who is the founding patron of the choir.

Ntshangase said they were delighted with the sponsorship, as it would help the choir do their work more effectively in preparing for the studio. On another note Inkhosikati LaMbikiza witnessed the choir's rehearsals where she joined the members at the Redemption Villa. Joined by her entourage, the Inkhosikati took time to listen to the different songs which are being prepared for the studio.

She also assisted the members on



LET'S GO: Ntokozo Dlamini aka 'Upendo' leading the choir on one of the songs during their rehearsals.

how best they can perform the songs, something that gave the young ones courage and motivation to have her in their midst. Ntshangase confirmed this was the first time they had the honour of having Inkhosikati witness the rehearsals, adding the choir was highly motivated.

Among the many songs the choir did during their rehearsal was the composition by Inkhosikati LaMbikiza, which is a Siswati song titled 'Wabasoni Ngenca yetfu' which was received with great enthusiasm and blended in with appropriate dance moves.

He said they had covered a lot of ground so far, adding that it looks very promising. "We have so far done seven compositions and five rearrangements plus one cover version. The choir seems to be a readymade outfit in terms of their fesponse to new songs. The choir members are fast learners as they easily jell and synchronise with the band led by Derrick Dlamini aka Dyz. We are very busy these days as we are engaged in vocal training sessions with the members we do on daily basis before the real rehearsal," he added.

Meanwhile the choir is already utilising the sound equipment sponsored by Destiny Music as announced recently. The five piece band made up of Derrick Dlamini band leader, Daniel Chulu, Mayenziwe Dlamini, Paul Banda and Josephat Banda, backed the choir up using the equipment comprising drum sets, lead and bass guitars, keyboard, microphones and sound mixer among others things.



SUPPORTING: Redemption Mass Choir Patron Inkhosikati LaMbikiza and her entourage comprising Temthunzi Mthupha, Ntombi Matse and Lindiwe Mngomezulu watching rehearsals at Redemption Villa on Wednesday evening.



FEELING IT: Band leader Derrick Dlamini ensuring everything was on point.

Choir to perform at Joyous Celebration show

NTSHANGASE also revealed that the choir will perform at the upcoming Joyous

Celebration show next month.

He said they were also booked to perform at Mahalia Buchman show at Royal Swazi Convention at the end of July.

He further added that things looked bright for the choir as they have received a number of invitations despite having not gone to the studio for their new project.

"Our live recording is sched-

uled for August but we are already receiving bookings, which is amazing. We are humbled by the support and trust people have in us, as this shows we were missed in the gospel music scene.

Confidence

This will be good for the choir as by the time we get to the recording stage, members would have had a feel of the stage and gained confidence," he said.

Skeel to shoot first two music videos

By Majaha Nkonyane

EUTHOLOGY talk show host and poet Sakhile 'Skeel' Simelane is working hard on his music career and will be shooting not one but two music videos.

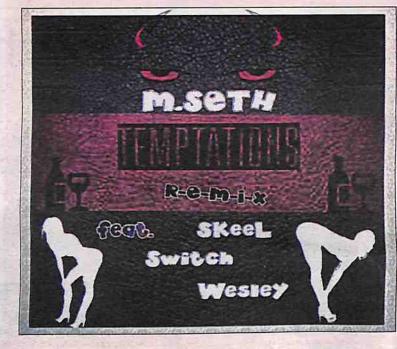
One of the videos to be filmed is a single of his upcoming album featuring M.Seth which is inspired by a four part series that was hosted on the radio show Euthology titled 'Finding me more'. The second music which is a remix of M.Seth's 'Temptations' features M.Seth, Rapper Switch and Wesley.

The artist recently returned from South Africa where he recorded another video with Bheka Mthethwa, well known from the Joyous Celebration band as a bass guitarist, on SABC 1 studios for Gospel Gold.

"I will be shooting these videos within the month of June, starting from next week. More information will be available on social media," he said.

The videos are to air first on local channels before they spread on other platforms to be viewed by the public. They are aimed at targeting the youth mostly, as the music from this artist touches on societal issues that affect the livelihoods of young people.

"My music is transformational and



redemptive and these themes are to open a platform for one to think deeply about their lives and realise their spiritual ability.

Identity

Because of how diverse my music is, the music videos to be recorded focus on identity and how we tend to emulate the next person and abandon our own identities. It's called 'Sitelingi', thematically for the message that you are the lead actor in

your own life. Don't do yourself injustice by getting out of character and living out somebody else's life. I can't wait to share my experiences in this project and make my mark in people's lives and the media platform at large," he said.

The artist has been working on an album titled 'StainlesSkeel' for the past year after the release of his second album called 'New Wadrobe'. The new album contains 17 tracks.

Explosive line-up for Siteki Hotel

By Phumelele Mkhonta

KOOL Swazi Entertainment is hosting another vibrant show with music gurus in the Lubombo Region.

This time around the entertainment stable is collaborating with Siteki Hotel in hosting an all

night gig for patrons and fun lovers at the Hall formerly known as Club 747.

The June 25 gig will mainly comprise of a local line-up with talented deejays and musos; going towards the promotion of mainly

Swazi talent.

According to Kool Swazi's DJ

Mfundo, DJ Benny would be the
guest as he comes from Maputo
thus catering for Mozambicans.

"People from Mozambique are urged not to miss this show as DJ Benny promised to dish out a set from his country," stated Mfundo.

On the ones and twos will be; The Scientists, Benny from Mozambique, DD Cool, DJ Mfundo, Njebza, Freestyle vs. DeepMotion, Luster, Lady Cream who previously made a mind blowing track with Durban's Afrotainment, Chester,

DJ Africa and DJ Kwethu. Performances will be by Magaya and Zolani. Tickets are available at Siteki Hotel reception and cost E40.

"As usual, we will deliver nothing but the best.

The show will be exciting and this will be a very

fresh experience.

Revellers should not worry about the cold as this event will be indoors. I should highlight that as a stable we promote safety; so to those who will not be able to drive rooms will be readily available," said Mfundo.



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HIGHLIGHTS



BLACK HAWK DOWN

Date: Tonight Time: 19:00

Channel: Studio Universal (112)

See the 'Cast of Thrones' in some of the movies on Studio Universal this month. See Black Hawk Down with Nikolaj Coster-Waldau (tonight at 19:00), Alexander Siddig in Reign of Fire (tomorrow at 19:00), Charles Dance and Mackenzie Crook in Ironclad.



MYSTERIES OF LAURA

Date: Tonight Time: 19:30 Channel: M-Net (101)

'S2/E1 - 'The Mystery Of The Taken Boy'. Emmy winner 'Debra Messing' stars as a quirky homicide detective in this cop drama. In the second season premiere, 'Detective Diamond' and her team race against time to recover a kidnapped boy.



RESORTWEAR AND STYLE

Date: Tonight Time: 22:00

Channel: Fashion One (178)
Summer's hottest resort wear and trends are perfect for having fun in the sun.

FOCUS

Date: Tomorrow Time:13:00 Channel: TRACE Urban (325)

Queen B, Sasha Fierce, Mrs. Carter... whatever you call her, Beyoncé is one of the hottest stars this side of the sun. So far this year, she's dropped the brand new song 'Formation', made headlines with her political performance at the Superbowl and released a clothing line that sold out faster than you can say 'Bootylicious.'

SAMWING SAME

M-Net Blackout Highlights

PEEPLES: Serious business, such as marriage and family traditions, produce raucous laughter in a comedy that leaps from one surprising twist to the next.

Kerry Washington (The Fixer) is the girl who causes a lot of the trouble. An unexpected wedding proposal at an annual reunion sets the tone for this loopy story about family secrets, hidden agendas and that trusty old favourite, forbidden love. It airs tomorrow at 11:15 CAT.

'The Wedding Ringer: A laugha-minute farce about the perils of fake identities – and lying in general. In this case, a white lie escalates into a full-scale catastrophe. It's miracle that Doug found someone willing to marry him. His social skills are so feeble that he cannot even find a best man! And now he needs no fewer than seven, to match his wife-to-be's entourage. Enter best man for hire Jimmy Callahan (Kevin Hart)... and half a dozen inglorious misfits! Tune in on Sunday at 20:00 CAT.

'Wild Wild West:Men in Black' director Barry Sonnenfeld takes Will Smith to the 'Wild Wild' West in this action-packed comedy about two hired guns trying to save the US president and the country. Airs on Monday June 6 at 13:14 CAT.

'Dark Tide: Kate Mathieson' (Halle Berry) was once hailed for her understanding of the ocean's BLACKOUT 109

most fearsome creatures, but her reputation is shattered when a diver under her command is killed by a shark. Now she gets a chance to redeem herself... in the deadly feeding ground known as Shark Alley. Tune in on Thursday June 9, at 14:30 CAT.

Hancock: Not all superheroes strive to be musclemen in fancy outfits. This is one of the many themes tackled by a truly original story, with Will Smith and Charlize Theron in the leading roles.

Supepowers

Hancock's superpowers allow him to perform one good deed after the other, and yet he becomes the most hated man in Los Angeles because he is also a drunk who wreaks havoc "on duty". A PR man restores his image, and their meeting leads to a startling discovery. On Thursday 9 June at 18:25 CAT.

'Bad Boys II': The crazy duo of Will Smith and Martin Lawrence return for this pulsating sequel. This time the two loose cannon cops are investigating the shipping of 'Ecstasy' into Florida Airs on Friday June 10, at 20:00 CAT.

Madea's Big Happy Family:

Comedy and tragedy are blood brothers or, in the case of Madea, soul sisters. It is the fifth instalment in the Madea series. Madea's niece Shirley received devastating news concerning her health, which she needs to share with her three grownup children, but they are preoccupied with troubles of their own.

Madea has to step in and draw the clan together. On Saturday June 11, at 18:14 CAT.

'Diary of a Mad Black
Woman': Tyler Perry, who
brought us the inimitable Madea
and all her laugh-a-minute films,
started his movie career with this
film about infidelity. Friends are
shocked when Helen and
Charles's seemingly perfect marriage falls apart due to his unfaithfulness and abusive behaviour. A
deplorable turn of events shows
Helen that the time has arrived for
her to take the driving seat. Airs
on Saturday June 11, at 20:00
CAT.

Coach Carter:Based on a true story of high school basketball coach Ken Carter, who refused to short-change his players in terms of receiving a good education. Samuel L Jackson plays the title role of Coach Carter who returns to the school he attended and represented on the basketball court many years ago. He is shocked by the players' rudeness and poor academic performance, and draws up a code of conduct. Nobody thinks he will stick to it. Bad mistake! Airs on Tuesday June 14, at 14:00 CAT.

'Fanie Fourie's Lobola': South Africa does not have a Snake River Canyon, but it has a cultural rift twice the size.

Shock

For a laugh, and to shock his Afrikaner acquaintances, Fanie Fourie invites a Zulu girl to accompany him to a wedding, and the unexpected happens: they fall madly in love. Now they both have a lot of explaining to do! Watch it on Thursday 16 June at 14:35 CAT.

Trevor Noah: 'It's My Culture': Trevor Noah's stand-up routines have won wide acclaim by steering clear of stale traditional gags to create something totally fresh and original.

In South Africa, even the weirdest actions can be defended... as long as one can prove that they fit into one's cultural framework.

Trevor Noah investigates – and sends up – the cultural eccentricities found in Zambia, New Zealand, London and New York. On Thursday June 16, at 18:45

Jerusalema: Kenny Kunene is sick of the slums and wants to move up in the world.

Throwback shows to watch on DStv

THERE's nothing quite like taking a trip back to the nineties and early norties for its fashion, music and pop culture – and with these great shows on DStv, we get that and so much more.

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FRIENDS (WEEKDAYS AT 15:45 ON COMEDY CENTRAL)

Grabbing a coffee and hanging out with your friends is a very good life, and for Chandler, Monica, Ross, Rachel, Phoebe and Joey, they get to live the good life every day. That's in between pitching up for work, falling in love, and for some, debating the age old question of if they were on a break or

SCRUBS (WEEKDAYS AT 16:10 ON SONY)

Visiting a hospital has never been this much fun! JD and Turk are doctors at 'Sacred Heart', and with



their colleagues, love lives and starting families, this is a comedy that definitely pulls on the heart strings.

'Will and Grace' (weekdays at 17:25 on Comedy Central)

It's a case of opposites attract with 'Will and Grace' – they're each other's shoulders to cry on and to ask advice from. And they also fight. But it's all so entertaining, especially when their friends Jack and Karen add their two-cents worth.

CHARMED (WEEKDAYS AT 17:40 ON FOX)

The Halliwell sisters are uber cool! After finding out they descend from a long line of witches, they use their special powers to do good – coming face to face, and putting an end to some of the underworlds grossest creatures.

'Walker, Texas Ranger' (weekdays at 18:30 on CBS Action) No throwback list is complete without adding some Chuck Norris! As Cordell Walker, Chuck made us want to take up martial arts – he always makes it seem so easy, while fighting the bad guys.

SISTER, SISTER (WEEKDAYS AT 18:30 ON CBS DRAMA)

Tia and Tamera may look identical, but these sisters, who were separated at birth are so different! After they find each other in a shopping mall, the teens go through the ups and downs of a blended family, with school and love lives to deal with. And who couldn't love their nosy neighbour, Roger Evans.

MANGIN' WITH MR. COOPER (WEEKDAYS AT 19:20 ON CBS DRAMA)

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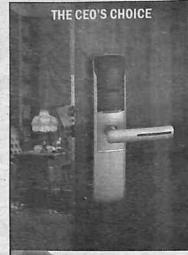


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DEATHS



Annah Bindzile Mavuso, Mrs Lulane is late. Memorial service at Zakhele F.E.A on Friday 3rd June 2016 after a night vigil. Announcement by her children.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Sabelo Sifiso Fakudze lotalwa ngu Obed eGundvwini akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bakaFakudze Macetjeni Emdumezulu n g e s h e y a kweSidvokodvo, bekhabonina eBush libandla lakhe eThile no.2 kanye nebasemsebentini wakhe e Buy'n'Save ka Manzini. Kutawulindzelwa ngemgcibelo afihlwe ngelisontfo ekuseni mhlaka 05 June 2016. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngunina egameni lemndeni.



Relatives and friends of Bhekuyise 'jojobala' Nxumalo are notified of his demise. Funeral will be held Saturday on the 4th of June 2016 after a night vigil at his home in Mbekelweni Announcement by the Nxumalo Family.



Kwatiswa tihlobo

nemndeni wababe Johane Khushwa Gamedze kutsi a k a s e k h o e m h l a b e n i . Kwatiswa baka G a m e d z e nemphakatsi ePhonjwane, beGundvwini bekhakhakhe kaNdzinisa nebekhabonina kaNkhambule kuBulunga. Kwatiswa nebelibandla lakhe iDamaseko phansi kwemfundisi S.M Dvuba. Utawufihlwa eGundvwini emtini wakhe ngemgcibelo mhlaka 4 Juneemva kwemlindzelo ngalesihlanu.simem etelo sikhishwa ngu Gideon Gamedze umnakabo egameni lemndeni.



nebangani baBabe

Petros Sankweza Hlatshwayo kutsi a k a s e k h o e m h l a b e n i . Kwatiswa baka Hlatshwayo kaLobamba lomdzala, baka Simelane Kontjingila ekhakhakhe nebakaMalinga ekhabonina eMakhungutja n e b a z a l w a n e bonkhe. Ufihlwa e k h a ya lakhe e N g o n i n i eMfabantfu kababe Gandagandza Hlatshwayo n g e m g c i b e l o mhlaka 4 June emva k w e m l i n d z e l o ngalesihlanu. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Samson Bantana Hlathwayo.



Friends and relatives of Busisiwe Mavis Dlamini are notified of her demise. Funeral will be on the 4th of June after a night vigil on the 3rd of June 2016 at her parental home kaHlatsi in a place known as Nkomonye Service starting at 18:00hrs on Friday the 3rd of June 2016. Rest in Peace Hlubi. Announcement by Celimphilo Mahlalela.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni ta Duduzile Cedigugu Kunene kaLogoba kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bekhabonina ka T f w a l a . Utawu fih l wa ngemgcibelo mhlaka June 2016 emva kwemlindzelo ngalesihlanu. Simemetelo sikhishwa



of gogo Shabagu known as Sophie Salaphi Msibi are notified of her demise. Funeral at Mankayane Ekuthokozeni on Saturday 04 June 2016 after a night vigil on Friday. Announcement by Arloma Dlamini.



Kwatiswa tihlobo lalabekaseenta nabo e Fashion International kutsi Sibonsile Amanda Nhlabatsi akasekho emhlabeni, ufihlwa e k h a y a k u b o e M o o i h o e k ngelisontfo mhlaka 5 June 2016 emya kwemlindzelo ngemgcibeno mhlaka 4 June. Kwatiswa baka Gamedze e L u b u l i n i e k h a b o n i n a . S i m e m e t e l o sikhishwa ngu Elizabeth Mkuwe Nhlabatsi egameni



nebangani ba Nokuthula Dlamini/Nkhamule kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utofihlwa Emliba ekhakhakhe ngemgcibelo nhlaka 4 June 2016 emva k w e m l i n d z e l o ngalesihlanu. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Vusie Nkhambule umyeni wakhe.



Kwatiswa tihlobo takaMabuza, bakaZikalala Mangcongco, bakaDvuba ekhabonina, bangani n e b a n g a n i nabobonkhe labamati nga Nozipho Treasure Mabuza (laZikalala) kutsi

akasekho emhlabeni. ufihlwa ekhakhakhe eNhlambeni. Inkonzo yesikhumbuto ingalesihlanu mhlaka 3 June 2016 nga 1pm eSwedish Free Church, Manzini besekuba ngumlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa bakaMabuza ekhakhakhe.



Jele (nee Zwane) are nebakaKunene. notified of her demise. Her homegoing service will be held on Saturday 4 June 2016 at 6:00am after a night vigil at the Jele homestead next to Hardware in



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Relatives and friends of Jabulile Accurate Shongwe known as Tima, are notiled of her demise after a short illness. The funeral will be on the 5th of June 2016, after a night vigil at Siphofaneni, Service starts at 1800hrs on kutsi akasekho Saturday emhlabeni. Kwatiswa Announcement made baka Matsebula by her mother esigangeni nase Bridgette Mdzandza

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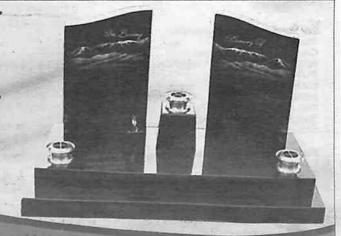
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TENDER NO: SACU / 001 / 2017 / 0

SACU STUDY TO ASSESS THE EXPORT MARKET AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE EFTA

The SACU Secretariat wishes to appoint suitably qualified, experienced and reputable consultant(s) who have proven research experience and knowledge in export market and investment promotion issues in the SACU, EFTA and other Regional Economic Blocs; to undertake the above study.

The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) document can be obtained online at www.sacu.int OR directly from the SACU Secretariat Offices at Erf: 8531 Corner of Lazarett and Feld Street, Windhoek, Namibia.

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Closing Date & Time: 11h00 (Namibian time) on Thursday, 23rd June 2016

The SACU Secretariat reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal that fails to meet its requirements and will not, in any case, be responsible or liable for any costs associated with the preparation and submission of any proposal. Kindly note that only short-listed bidders will be contacted. Please note that this tender requires two offers, a technical and a financial offer, submitted in separate envelopes as stipulated in the ToR document.

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TENDER NO.01 OF 2016/2017
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE ALUMINIUM CLADDING SUBCONTRACT

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE

TENDER NO.01 OF 2016/17:
ADVERTISEMENT-TENDER FOR ALUMINIUM CLADDINGSUBCONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF
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Applications are invited from <u>Suitably Qualified Cladding Specialists</u> that are registered with the Swaziland Construction Industry Council (CIC) for the financial year 2016/17 wishing to tender for the abovementioned project. Joint ventures between local Contractors and reputable international contractors are welcome.

Tender returns comprise the following:

- 1. A completed set of Tender Documents
- 2. A valid Trading License
- 3. A valid Labour Compliance Certificate
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- A valid Tender surety worth E10, 000.00
 A valid certification of registration with the Swaziland Construction Industry Council
- 7. A copy of general Receipt as proof of purchase

Tender documents will be available from <u>8am on Tuesday 31st May 2016</u> and may be collected from:

The Engineer Site Office

Ezulwini, Swaziland

There will be a compulsory site inspection on <u>Monday 6th of June 2016</u>. Tenderers are advised to assemble at the site security gate by 10am. Tenderers who will not attend the site inspection will not be evaluated.

Tender bids should be returned no later than 10am on Friday the 24th of June 2016 to the tender box located at the Site Office and must be addressed as follows:

Tender No. 01 of 2016/17 The Engineer Site Office Ezulwini, Swaziland

The client does not bind herself to accept the lowest tender or any part thereof.

DOC10568



National Emergency Response Council On HIV/AIDS

INVITATION TO TENDER

CONTRACT TITLE: Supply and Installation of Shelving for Central Medical Stores Warehouse REFERENCE NO. PP/GOODS/005/2016

The NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COUNCIL FOR HIV & AIDS (NERCHA) invites bids from eligible bidders for the supply and installation of Shelving for the Ministry of Health Central Medical Stores Warehouse.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement Unit, National Emergency Response Council For HIV & AIDS (NERCHA), PLOT 738 OF Farm 2, Emajika Road, Mbabane, Telephone: (268) 2406 5000, FAX: (268) 406 5004/5/6 and inspect the bidding documents during office hours 08.30 to 16.30at the address given below.

A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested eligible bidders from the 25th of May 2016at the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of E300. The method of payment will be Cash or Bank certified cheque.

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 10.00 am on Friday 18th June 2016. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below on Friday 18 June 2016 10am in the NERCHA Training Room.

The address referred to above is;
Tender Box
C/o Procurement Manager
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UBOMBO SUGAR LIMITED

TENDER NOTICE

PROVISION OF A HOSPITAL PHARMACY INVENTORY
AND BILLING SOFTWARE

Tender Number: UBO 25/2016 HR

Tenders are invited for the provision and installation of a hospital pharmacy inventory management and billing software at Ubombo Sugar Limited Hospital. The automated inventory management system should assist the hospital in managing and tracking medication, supplies and health information. The billing software should be able to handle patient scheduling, admissions and discharges, cater for complex pricing structures and offer a comprehensive range of customisable practice management reports.

Tender documents are obtained from the Procurement Manager's secretary (Mill Stores) from Monday the 6th of June 2016 to Friday the 10th of June 2016 till 1200hrs, upon payment of non-refundable fee of E300.00. The fee is payable at the cashier's office at the Main Office between 0800hrs and 1100hrs. A compulsory clarification meeting for this tender will be held on Tuesday the 14th of June 2016 at 1100hrs in the Finance Boardroom at Ubombo Sugar main offices.

The completed tender documents must be hand delivered in a sealed envelope marked.

UBO 25/1610 HR PROVISION OF A HOSPITAL PHARMACY INVENTORY AND BILLING SOFTWARE" and posted into a Tender Box located at the Administration reception (Ubombo Sugar, Main Office) in Big Bend not later than 1200hrs on Wednesday the 22nd of June 2016. No late submission will be accepted.

Enquiries for the tender clarification meeting should be directed to the Chief Medical Officer: Dr Ernest Peresu; Email address: eperesu@illovo.co.za; Mobile: +268 76026657.

Ubombo Sugar Ltd reserves the right not to accept the lowest or any tender at its entire discretion.



NEYMAR TEAMS UP

Barcelona star Nevmar and basketball legend Michael Jordan have teamed up to create a stylish football boot as part of a unique Nike/Jordan collaboration.

The Brazilian forward becomes the first footballer to feature Jordan's iconic 'Jumpman' logo on his boots.

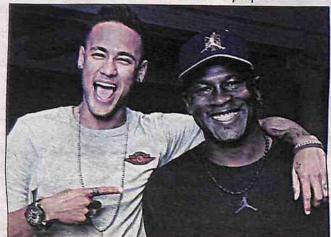
Jordan's legendary No 23 is prominent on the back of the boot along with No 10 - the number Neymar wears when representing his country.

The duo apparently decided to work together to create a new boot due to the mutual respect they share thanks to their sporting achievements in basketball and football respectively.

Nike football design director Nathan VanHook said of the boot: "The Jordan V is very iconic and has the fighter jet shark teeth on the front."

Jordan's brand will release a Neymar edition of the Jordan V Low with the Barcelona man's name stitched inside the tongue in

Barcelona star will debut at Rio Olympics



PARTNERS: Neymar and NBA legend Michael Jordan have teamed up to create a new Nike football boot.

another sign of the respect between the duo.

Neymar has put his own stamp on the tongue-less Hypervenom by ensuring the initials of his son - DL (David Lucca) - and the Brazil flag are placed on the boot. Jordan said of his new partnership with Neymar: "I'm excited that Neymar and the Jordan Brand are working together.

"I'm a fan of his creativity,

style and passion for the game of soccer. He's a special player and I look forward to this collaboration."

And Nevmar added: "Michael Jordan set the standard for greatness. He's an incredible competitor and a champion. I've always admired him, so to collaborate with him and have his icon on my boots means a great deal to me."

Olympic medallists to cash in this year

JOHANNESBURG -South Africa's Olympic and Paralympic medallists at the Rio Games later this year are to be rewarded with prize money.

SA Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (Sascoc) CEO Tubby Reddy was unable to say how much they would receive for gold, silver and bronze medals, but added he hoped to have a combined pot of R10-million.

He was talking at the Telkom head office yesterday morning where the parastatal announced it had signed up as Sascoc's telecommunications partner for the 2016 Games.

Telkom will give R8-million, half towards the pot of prize money and R4-million towards the teams.

Medallists at the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics were rewarded with R500



000 for gold, R250 000 for silver and R100 000 for bronze, with 80% going to the athletes and 20% their coaches.

Reddy said the pot would be split evenly between the Olympics and Paralympics -R5-million each if the R10million is achieved - and that the formula of the payouts would depend on the number of medallists.

SA is on track to surpass its best Olympic medal haul since re-admission in 1992,

the six medals won at London 2012.

But the Paralympic haul could drop, with the likes of swimmer Natalie du Toit having retired and athlete Oscar Pistorius ineligible after being convicted for killing his girlfriend.

SA's Paralympians won eight gold, 12 silver and nine bronze medals in London, but that was down on the 21 gold, three silver and six bronze medals bagged at Beijing 2008. Timeslive



SWAZILAND NATIONAL HOUSING BOARD INSTITUTIONAL HOUSING PROJECT 2016 (BUILDING CONSTRUCTION)



SWAZILAND NATIONAL HOUSING BOARD INSTITUTIONAL HOUSING PROJECT 2016 (BUILDING CONSTRUCTION)

CALL FOR TENDERS TENDER NO.06 OF 2016/2017

INVITATION TO TENDER FOR PACKAGE 'HH2' (PIGG'S PEAK AND HORO)

Project Background

The Swaziland National Housing Board (SNHB) has been appointed by the Swaziland Government to implement a phased housing program for civil servants. The project is intended to address the acute housing shortage currently experienced by civil service agencies. SNHB will raise finance, construct and manage the housing units which will be

Invitation to Tender

CIC registered Swazi contractors under Category B2 are invited to submit tenders for the eighteenth package of this project Package "HH2" which involves the construction of units in Pigg's Peak for the Ministry of Health and the construction of units

Tender documents are to be purchased from Wednesday 1st June to Friday 3rd June 2016 from SNHB Revenue office,

Acompulsory site inspection will be held on Monday, 13th June 2016 at 1000 hrs. The meeting point will be the Horo Clinic, thereafter proceed to other sites.

Tender documents are to be submitted into the SNHB Tender Box at the SNHB reception, and on or before 10:00 am on Friday 24th June 2016.

Fenders are to be marked Institutional Housing Project Package 'HH2' (Pigg's Peak and Horo) and addressed to:

The Secretary The Tender Committee Swaziland National Housing Board P.O. Box 798 MBABANE

The Board is under no obligation to select the lowest or any tender.

Tender documents must be returned to the SNHB and be deposited to the designated tender box by the stipulated deadline in order to be eligible for consideration,

Informal and/or any undue influence on the tendering process by bidders is discouraged and may result in

disqualification

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Coloured copies of Directors' IDs

Copy of SNHB receipt

Proof of registration with the Construction Industry Council

Preference in the award of contract will be given to Swazi contractors who fulfill all the requirements of tender and demonstrate a record of exceptional performance, technical competence and financial capability.

For further information contact The Director Institutional HousingTel: 2405 5000

For: Swaziland National Housing Board

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RFP



Daily Mail

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INSTALLATION OF BOREHOLE & RETICULATION SYSTEM	RFP	CBS_B.HOLE_FACILITIES_RFP_06 -2016_L
REFURBISHMENT OF SLIDING GATE	RFP	CBS_GATE_FACILITIES_RFP_06 -2016_L

The CBS invites eligible interested service providers to access the RFPs on the CBS website; www.centralbank.org.sz under Tenders

Closing date: 10 JUNE 2016

Please address all Enquiries to: Secretary, Tender Committee Tel: (+268) 2 408 2000 Supply Chain Division - Fax (+268) 2404 8636

Email: tenders@centralbank.org.sz

All tender documents should be sealed and deposited in the tender box situated at the Umntsholi Building (ground floor) clearly marked;

The Secretary, Tender Committee

Tender Name & Reference

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ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP



IIKAY GUNDOGAN SIGNS FOR CITY

MANCHESTER -Manchester City yesterday made llkay Gundogan the first signing of the Pep Guardiola era and the German midfielder said he

things" with the club. The 25-year-old moved from Borussia Dortmund on

wanted to do "great

a four-year contract, City announced. Gundogan had refused to extend his deal with Borussia which ends

Gundogan has won 16 caps for Germany, scoring four goals, but is ruled out of the European Championship finals with a knee injury.

"I'm thrilled to have signed for Manchester City," Gundogan said on City's official website. "When I learned of City's interest my heart was set on coming here and things have moved very quickly.

"I have loved my time with Borussia Dortmund and I would like to thank the club and the supporters for the five very happy years I spent

"They gave me a platform to play on and I became a better player because of the belief, patience and trust they showed in me."

Daily Mail



England denied Gareth Bale trial run

...after Portugal captain Cristiano Ronaldo pulls out of Wembley friendly clash

LONDON - Some plans go up in smoke. Others, as Roy Hodgson discovered, go sunbathing on private yachts.

England's manager did not seem overly concerned as this evening's friendly against Portugal still enables him to send out the team he has in mind for that opening European Championship encounter with Russia.

But Portugal were selected as opponents with Cristiano Ronaldo expected to represent the threat Gareth Bale will pose in that second group game against Wales, and his absence is a source of frustration.

Had Ronaldo not required a break after scoring the winning penalty in the Champions League final, he might have answered some of the nagging

questions that remain for England. Not least when it comes to the selection of the back four and the role someone like Eric Dier might yet play.

Bale enjoys a free role with Wales but he likes to attack from out wide, and Ronaldo certainly would have provided a similar such test for the full-backs. The squad numbers would suggest Tottenham pair Kyle Walker and Danny Rose are currently in possession. But there is little to choose between Walker and Nathaniel Clyne, while Ryan Bertrand's fine performance against Australia would have made the choice of left back interesting had he not been nursing a knock. Rose, after all, looked a little shaky against Turkey. At centre half too, there are issues to resolve. AP

Giggs on brink of leaving United

Cape Town - Ryan Giggs may end his 29-year association with Manchester United, according to widespread reports.

The 42-year-old has been with the club since the tender age of 14 and has served as number two to Louis Van Gaal and his predecessor, David Moyes for the past two

According to the Telegraph, Giggs will meet newly appointed United manager Jose Mourinho before the end of the week to decide his fate in the club.

It's believed that Giggs will want to be a part of the first-team; however with Mourinho as chief, the Portuguese manager will most likely have his faithful longstanding assistants Rui Faria and Silvino Louro to join his tenure.

There have also been reports that the two-time Champions League winner was offered a new job to be within the club's academy, which is managed by a close

friend and former team-mate Nicky Butt. Although it's uncertain whether Giggs will stay or go, United will take into account his work alongside controversial managers Moyes and Van Gaal.

Rashford ready to rock the Euros as his miracle rise continues

MANCHESTER: The young Manchester United striker has burst onto the scene over the past few months, but he may

not be finished yet with a trip to the European Championship lying

Even by the standards Marcus Rashford has set himself in 2016, the

last week has been something quite spe-Handed an England

debut on Friday, he netted within 138 seconds to become the nation's youngest debut goal scorer in history. On Monday it was announced that his form with Manchester United had earned him a new four-year contract, and 24 hours later he was confirmed as one of Roy Hodgson's 23-man

squad to head to the Euro 2016 finals.

For a young man who started the calendar year as a regular in the under-18s at Old Trafford with occasional under-21 substitute appearances to add to his portfolio,

Rashford has suddenly become one of the most talked-about footballers in the country.

And as England gear up for their flight to France with a final friendly match against Portugal at Wembley yesterday, his remains the name on everybody's lips.

But there is a fear that Rashford's rise will plateau

somewhat in France. "In all honesty, I can't really see him playing," admitted former England managerial candidate Harry Redknapp after squad announcement.

"We've got Kane, we've got Vardy, we've got Sturridge, we've got Rooney - I think [Hodgson] has

got a lot of options up front. "I wouldn't see Rashford getting a game and I'll be surprised if he gets too much, if any, games personally."

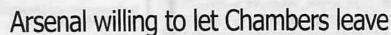
Yet there are others who see no reason why the 18-year-old's sensational rise to prominence shouldn't continue during the finals in France.

"He's not been daunted by any of it, so this is another obstacle if he actually gets to play," former England front man Emile Heskey told Goal.

"But I don't think he'll care about that to be honest, he'll just go out there and perform the way that he can.

"None of it has been any problem for him. He's been a breath of fresh air for Manchester United because they were looking for strikers themselves.

Goal.com

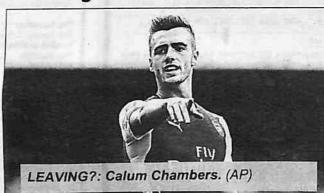


LONDON - Arsenal are prepared to loan Calum Chambers out next season, provided they sign a new centre back.

But Arsene Wenger will not sanction a permanent exit for the former Southampton believing he can still become a key figure for the Gunners.

Chambers was used sparingly by the Gunners last season, mainly being used off the bench.

Arsenal are keen for Chambers to gain regular first-team football and will consider loan proposals for



the 21-year-old.

First, however, the Gunners will look to land a new centre-back.

Having signed Granit Xhaka from Borussia Monchengladbach, Wenger will turn his attentions to landing a dominant centre back.

If they are successful in

their pursuit of a new centre back, Arsenal will consider a temporary switch to a Premier League club for Chambers.

Wenger, though, still believes Chambers can become a regular for the Gunners in the future despite his recent lack of opportunities. Daily Mail

Neville wants new deal for Hodgson

MANCHESTER - England manager Roy Hodgson's work over the last four years should earn him a contract extension, his assistant Gary Neville has said.

Hodgson, who took over from Fabio Capello in May 2012, led England to a quarter-final finish at the European Championship a month later but he oversaw a poor 2014 World Cup campaign, where the side were eliminated at the group stages.

"Yes, people would argue that the 2014 tournament was a major disappointment," Neville said in an interview in Henry Winter's book "Fifty Years of Hurt".

"I'd agree with that but this summer is a big moment in terms of how the four years will be viewed, in terms of the four-year contract we were all given. People will judge it based upon tournaments." Daily Mail

BORBII STOTIST

Compiled by Sanele Jele 2017 AFCON Qualifier Tomorrow at Zakhele Hall vs Hellenic 13:30 (U20) Kwaluseni First Division League Swaziland vs Guinea 3:30pm Correctional vs Scandza Tomorrow at Msunduza Sports Ground 4pm Tomorrow at TB Centre 2 Sports Ground PLS Reserve League Mbabane CC vs RSP 4pm M Citizens vs Sivutsa 8:30am (U17) Shali United vs Sigombeni Juventus 1pm Tomorrow at Old Trade Fair Raiway vs RSP M Citizens 6pm vs M Celtics 9:30am (U20) Tomorrow at Zombodze Sports Ground Manzini Sea Birds Milky Max Mbabane Juniors League E10 000 vs Bad Boys 10:30am Sivutsa vs Red Stars 10:30am (U20) NsengaShagari XI vs Kwaluseni United 1pm Mbabane Highlanders vs Red Lions 12:30pm Tomorrow at United Sports- U13 Mohalati vs Mpolonjeni 11:30am (U20) SigombeniSockers vs NkamaziAK47 Tomorrow at Manzini Club vs Mphalati Tomorrow at Sidwashini Sports Ground Sunday at Ludzeludze Sports Ground Manzini Wanderers vs Malanti Chiefs 10am Dark City vs Super sport SOS Ludzeludze Celtics vs Dark City vs Umbelebele 8:30am (U17) 9am vs Mbabane Swallows12pm Amawele vs Swallows Dark City vs Imbumbe Sunday at Zombodze Sports Ground 11:30am (U17) vs Young Buffaloes 2pm Royal Leopard Dynamos vs Hurricane Sunday at United Sports Ground BafanaBafana vs Gum Valley Sunday at Manzini Club R Tec vs Umbelebele PMT vs Mphalati 8am (U13) Supersport vs Fashion International Manzini Sundowns vs Midas City Dark City Imbumbe vs Hellenic Sunday at TB Centre 1 Sports Ground vs Super sport 9am (U13)Killers vs Thembelihle Amawele vs Swallows 10am (U13)Sihhohhweni vs Ludzeludze Kicks 9am Swaziland National Volleyball League Dynamos vs Hurricane 11am (U13) vs Ntunja Arsenal 11am Tomorrow at Bosco Skills Centre Milky Max Lobamba Juniors League E10 000 R Tec vs Umbelebele 12pm (U13)Days & Doors S&S Malkerns Knockout Tournament Correctional vs Zakhele Lobamba sports-Tomorrow U13 vs Hellenic Imbumbe 1pm (U13)Tomorrow at Mahlanya Sports Ground Bob Ladies vs Elangeni High 10am vs SUB vs Thembelihle 2pm Killers (U13)Red Swallows vs Mohini 2pm Chilly Babes vs Rssc 11am Y. Bombers vs Umlilo 9:50am Chaps Soka Nawe Soccer Challenge Hhohho Fa Cup Tomorrow at Khalang'lile Sports Ground USDF vs RSP R. Masters vs F. Stars 10:35am Northern Zone Cutter Cosmos vs NdindaVoclanoes 10 am Zakhele vs RSSC 1pm Gunners Tomorrow at Killerney Sports Ground vs Sunrise 11:20am Makhungutsha vs Luyengo Foxes 12pm vs Elangeni High 2pm Rsp Majukujuku vs Umfilo 12:10pm Vultures vs Ndlalambi Troublemakers vs Mahlanya United 2pm Chilly Babes vs Correctional 3pm Tomorrow at Lobamba sports- U15 Black Swallows vs Seven Stars 3pm Manzini First Division league Bob Ladies Southern Zone vs USDF Ground A Tomorrow at Zakhele 1sports Ground Tomorrow at Bosco Coarts A V. Lions vs F. Stars Sunday At Prince Of Wales Kholwane Fly Birds vs The Bones 2pm 7akhele vs Chilly Babes 9am Majukujuku vs F. Reaction 10am Tinyosi vs PMT 10am Tomorrow at Salesian Sports Ground vs Correctional 10am V. Lions vs P. Stars 11am Sibuyeni vs Gordon Stars Manzini United vs Fairview Chiefs 12pm 2pm Tomorrow at Bosco Coarts B Masters vs Majukujuku 12pm Sunday at Zakhele 2 Sports Ground Bob Ladies Ground B Manzini Regional Football Association FC Bayem vs Manzini Bullets vs Rsp Langeni High vs USDF Save Mor Kwaluseni Promotionleague Y. Bombers vs P. Stars Swaziland National Basketball League 10am Tomorrow at TB Centre1 Sports Ground Manzini Regional Play-Offs Gunners vs Sunrise Tomorrow at Coronaion Park Tinyosi vs SUB 11am Real Heroes vs Swazi Wire Tomorrow at Zakhele 2 Sports Ground MatsaphaAutozone vs Matsapha United 3pm Nyakeni Heroes vs Mkhuzweni United 12pm vs. Dunkylaine 12pm Z. Aces vs Gunners Mandla Mahewu Mbabane Juniors' League E 5 000 vs Othandweni Swallows 2pm Pistons vs Heat Tomorrow atLudzeludze Sports Ground Young Warriors 2pm Tomorrow at Police Sports Ground Real Professionals vs Mhlane United SRIC E 50 000 Darts League Express vs. R Dynamos 8:30am (U17) Zombodze United vs Boyane Y Aces Langa Brick Malindza Zonal E35 000 League vs All Stars 9:30am (U17) Tomorrow at TB Centre 2 Sports Ground Tomorrow at Mpaka Stadium Today at Malkerns Club Hurricane 10:30am (U20) Kwaluseni Rebels Giant B vs Ecco Water Super sport vs Wailers vs Kudzeni Sigodlo vs Lubhuku 10am Sunday at Ludzeludze Sports Ground Hurricane vs Umbelebele 11:30am (U20) Bhelebane vs Liverpool 12pm Today at Zakhele Hall 12:30pm (U20) Zama United vs Nsenga Comra 11am **Promising Stars** vs Mahlaleni 2pm vs Volcano vs Railway standings 10 Dynamos 30 10 8 12 48 53 -5 38 1 Mahlanya United 29 19 6 4 56 22 34 63 12 Malandela's 24 4 3 17 27 71 -44 15 Kukhanyeni Inkhundia Promotion 30 10 7 13 45 48 -3 37 13 United Brothers 24 4 1 19 22 70 -48 13 11 Ma-G-Man 30 10 6 14 43 63 -20 36 12 MoyeniSupersport 30 8 5 17 38 61 -23 28 13 Vultures MP Mankayane Promotion League 14 XI Bees 30 7 4 19 38 76 -38 23 15 Logoba Young Killers 30 3 4 23 27 86 -59 13 30 3 4 23 18 89 -71 13 16 Madubula Rovers

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2 Louis XIV	30	17	9	4	52	25	27	60
3 Kukhanyeni	30	17	8	5	48	21	27	59
4 Ngwazini	30	17	8	5	59	34	25	59
5 Brave Lions	29	14	12	3	47	28	19	54
6 Nyakeni Ravens	29	12	10	7	52	42	10	46
7 Young Killers	30	12	5	13	52	52	0	41
8 Mbuluzana	30	11	5	14	47	41	6	38
9 Lion Heart	30	11	4	15	46	51	-5	37
10 Bhekinkhosi	29	8	10	11	37	44	-7	34
11 Nyakeni Cosmos	29	8	9	12	39	42	-3	33
12 Sub-Marine	30	9	5	16	36	51	-15	32
13 NyakeniTrompies	30	9	5	16	29	53	-24	32
14 Mdayane	30	8	4	18	32	44	-12	28
15 Mphola Celtics	30	6	6	18	36	57	-21	24
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Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Mkhuzweni United	30	23	3	3	78	20	58	72
2 Moyeni United	30	21	4	5	77	25	52	67
3 Young Carnibals	30	19	3	8	73	37	36	60
4 Timbutini	30	16	5	9	54	32	22	53
5 Khamatfo	30	16	4	10	56	43	13	52
6 Vulamehlo Classic	30	15	6	9	61	40	21	51
7 Emataliyane	30	14	5	11	45	35	10	46
8 Ntabamhloshana	30	13	5	12	33	33	0	44
9 Nkonga Pirates	30	11	8	11	51	44	7	41

Mkhiweni Promotion L	eague				2			
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Step Ahead	32	19	5	7	66	29	37	62
2 Sangcotfo	- 32	18	7	7	70	42	28	61
3 Zama United	32	17	8	4	7	9	22	59
4 Luve Stars	32	15	11	6	60	48	12	56
5 Colani United	32	16	7	9	81	39	42	55
6 Liverpool	32	15	9	8	49	39	10	54
7 NgoniniY. Aces	32	16	6	10	60	51	9	54
8 Bantu City	32	15	7	10	60	40	20	52
9 Mbasheni Brothers	32	12	9	11	44	44	0	45
10 Blue Birds	32	11	8	13	39	43	-4	41
11 All Stars	32	11	5	16	63	71	-8	29
12 LuveSuncity	32	10	6	16	42	57	-15	36
13 Mantshonga	32	8	11	13	33	40	-7	35
14 Toronto	32	9	5	18	41	66	-25	32
15 Luve Classic	32	6	7	19	28	65	-37	25
16 Manchester	32	6	6	20	31	77	-46	24
17 White Killers	32	5	6	21	28	66	-38	21

S & S Malkerns Promotion League P W D L F A GD Pts

	2 Luyengo Foxes	30	18	8	4	59	21	38	62
	3 Power Sparks	29	18	7	4	46	28	18	61
	4 Don Don	30	15	9	6	49	25	24	54
	5 Current Toasters	30	14	8	8	43	28	15	50
	6 Phondo	30	12	9	9	41	38	3	45
1	7 Makhungutsha	30	9	9	12	43	50	-7	36
	8 Mphini	30	9	9	12	29	39	-10	36
	9 Ndinda Volcanoes	30	10	6	14	34	49	-15	36
	10 Cutter Cosmos	30	10	5	15	40	54	-14	35
	11 Swazi Can United	30	10	5	15	30	44	-14	35
100	12 Izinyokanyoka	30	9	8	13	37	52	-15	35
Š	13 Troublemakers	30	7	9	14	29	40	-11	30
	14 lyashisaBhe	30	6	10	14	29	46	-17	28
	15 Gebeni	30	7	6	17	25	38	-13	27
	16 Ritz All Stars	30	6	6	18	24	40	-16	24
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1 Young Warriors	18	14	3	1	52	8	44	45
2 Super Eagles	18	11	6	1	32	15	17	39
3 Manchester United	18	9	5	4	35	21	14	32
4 Total	18	8	4	6	36	31	5	28
5 Vultures	18	8	4	6	37	34	3	28
6 Junior Bucs	18	8	3	7	23	22	1	27
7 Boca Juniors	18	4	4	10	23	40	-17	16
8 Brazillians	18	3	4	11	23	38	-15	13
9 Nkhangala Express	18	3	3	12	23	51	-28	12
10 Mzabalazo	18	1	6	11	24	48	-24	9

Nsingweni Promotion League

Team	P	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	Pts
1 Nsuka United	22	19	2	1	68	18	50	59
2 Nsuka Fighters	22	18	2	2	63	18	45	56
3 All Stars	22	12	5	5	47	19	28	41
4 Red Lions	22	12	4	6	50	33	17	40
5 AC Milan	22	9	6	7	40	30	10	33
6 McengeniSundowns	22	9	6	7	42	38	4	33
7 Young Madrid	22	9	5	8	37	31	6	32
8 Black Aces	22	9	2	11	36	42	-6	29
9 Mfeni Pirates	22	7	1	14	24	50	-26	22
10 Highland Blues	22	5	2	15	29	60	-31	17
11 Matsantsantsa	22	4	2	16	21	52	-31	14
12 Young Lovers	22	0	1	21	7	73	-66	1

SIHLANGU TRAINING SESSION AT SOMHLOLO NATIONAL STADIUM



KEEP IT UP: National Football Association of Swaziland President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa greeting Head of Youth Sonnyboy Mabuza and players Mcolisi Lukhele, Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu and Mlilo during Sihlangu training session yesterday. (Pics; Lucky Simelane)



SAVE: Goalkeeper Sandile 'Nkomishi' Lukhele makes a save during the shooting drill.



CAN'T BEAT ME: Goalkeeper Nhlanhla Gwebu in action.

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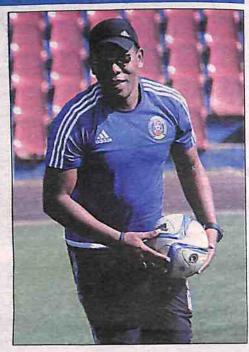
DEDICATED: Defender Siyabonga 'Msholozi' Mdluli doing stretching exercises after the session.



DONE FOR THE DAY: Players boarding the bus to the technical centre after the session.



IT'S ON: Zweli 'Mlilo' Nxumalo and Tony 'TT' Tsabedze arrive for training.



MENTOR: Sihlangu coach Harries 'Madze' Bulunga taking the players through the training session.



READY: International player Mthunzi Mkhontfo and skipper Tony 'TT' Tsabedze leave the pitch after training.



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PLS Youth Development Communications Manager





WHO WILL BE CROWNED PLS RESERVE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS?

AS we head to the final games of our Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) Reserve League, the million dollar question is who will be crowned the champions?

Two teams are currently neck-tocheck to claim the top prize and these are Young Buffaloes and Royal Leopard; kuyafiwa. Worth noting is that Manzini Sundowns are also in with a chance to win the third position if Manzini Wanderers falter in their final game. We are expecting a reasonable crowd to cram our stadiums to rally behind four teams as they battle for the top prizes. We have been getting quite an impressive crowd in our games and expect more in the final games. This year we have seen a much improved, competitive Sea Birds team.

Relegation (PLS Reserve League) son, it will direct our reserve league

THE rules and regulations in our league are very clear on the issue of relegation at the end of the season.

Just to bring light on this issue, our

league is directly linked to the MTN Premier League.

This, therefore, means once the PLS announces the teams to be relegated from the elite league this sea-

son, it will directly apply to those in our reserve league.

I won't say who has been relegated from the Premier League because it is not official yet but all I can say is rules will definitely apply in our league in as far as the issue of relegation is concerned.

My corner within my corner

Quotable quotes from football personals

Musa Masuku: The reason I went to school was to eradicate bulima.

Vuyile Dlamini: Yewena make wena I'm not your friend and I will never be one, bangani bami naba embikwami benele.

Sibusiso Manana: Ebudzeni bendlela anikasishiyi sodvwa maswiswai!

Sitawuhamba nalabakhulu nalabancane betfu nasiya eveni lesetsembiso!

Frank Hurube: Hhawu umfana wami 'Mzoro' bhubu lelikhulu ligoli kwatsi kusenjalo hhawu 'Mlilo', hhawu 'Mlilo.'

Sifiso Masuku: Sanibonani Zin, oni zolwandle, la-kukitsi akusiko ekhabo make.

Comfort Shongwe: Hlasela bhubesi, ngiyafunga ngiyagomela phambi kwakho Ntfombitanele ngitsi sitowina.

Lieutenant Sandile Gwebu:

Nalenasiyafuna, naleyalokuncane asho agidza umgubho Gegasitiba Sandile Gwebu.

Preparations for football festivals

AS previously mentioned in this column, we will soon be embarking on development festivals around the country with the intention of spotting fresh talent to help improve the standard of the local

We are finalising the logistics

and the idea is to stage the festivals during the off-season peri-

We will also be interacting with parents of the young players because we want them to be abreast with what we are trying to achieve so they support our initiatives.

MTN Prize Presentation

THIS column takes this opportunity to thank our sponsors, MTN Swaziland, for putting together a memorable prize presentation ceremony for the MTN tournaments.

The organisation of this event

was brilliant and very professional. It was like they had planned this for months.

We also commend the individual winners on the night for their achievement and encourage them to maintain that for the new season.

2015/2016 Season 'Bunch of Winners'

Let me make special mention of the best PROs in Frank Hurube of Royal Leopard (MTN Premier League) and Sibusiso Manana of Mbabane Swallows (SwaziBank Cup).

I further commend other

individuals, who won themselves awards for their achievements on both tournaments; we encourage all of you to maintain that for the new season. We are proud of you, siyatichenya ngani bafowethu.

WINNERS

SwaziBank Cup bunch of winners:

Champions - Mbabane Swallows
Best Player - Felix Badenhorst
Top goal scorers - Njabulo Ndlovu,
Lungelo and Felix
Best Coach - Thabo 'Konkhe'

Vilakati
Best PRO - Sibusiso (Cusi)
Manana
Best Ref. - Thulani Sibandze

MTN Premier League bunch of winners:

Champions - Royal Leopard
Best Player - LungeloTsabedze
Best Coach - Caleb Ngwenya
Best PRO - Frank Hurube
Best Ref. - Mbongiseni Nhleko
Top Goal scorer - Phinda, Lungelo

Congratulations are in order for all of you, feel proud, you did well.

PLS CEO

THE PLS CEO John
Mazibuko has passed words
of thanks to all football stakeholders for all the hard work
they put in ensuring that the
past season was a success
story.

He has particularly thanked football followers, who spent their hard earned money to support Premier League games and were at their best behaviour.

Mazibuko admitted though that all was not smooth-sailing because there were challenges along the way but is appreciative of the fact that PLS members supported the organisation. Mazibuko further wished all the PLS members a safe offseason break but advised players to remain disciplined and not involve themselves in bad social habits.



Club legend Ryan Giggs, 42, is set to end his 29-year association with Manchester United by declining a new position under Jose Mourinho. (Daily Mirror)

England's assistant manager Gary Neville believes Roy Hodgson should stay on as national team boss beyond the end of his current contract, which expires after Euro 2016. (Daily Telegraph)

Aston Villa were to confirm former Chelsea boss Roberto di Matteo as their new manager yesterday. (Daily Mail)

Chelsea are lining up a £20m bid for Roma's Germany defender Antonio Rudiger, 23. *(Daily Star)*

Tottenham goalkeeper Hugo Lloris has rejected a new contract offer at White Hart Lane as the France international, 29, holds out for a better deal. (Daily Mirror)

Liverpool are closing in on a £4m move for Anderlecht's Belgium Under-21 midfielder Samuel Bastien, 19. (Daily Mail)

New Manchester United boss Jose Mourinho is pulling out of his first match in charge at Old Trafford as the manager of an England team for a Soccer Aid charity game on Sunday. (The Sun)

Rafa Benitez could add to his coaching staff at Newcastle United after losing number two Fabio Pecchia, who has become the new manager of Hellas Verona following their relegation from Italy's Serie A. (Newcastle Chronicle)
Real Madrid striker Karim
Benzema, 28, is not looking for a
reunion with former boss Jose
Mourinho at Manchester United.
(Daily Express)

Manchester City are set to confirm Ilkay Gundogan, 25, as their first signing under new Manager Pep Guardiola in a £21m move from Borussia Dortmund. (Daily Mail)

West Brom defender James Chester, 27, has suggested he could join Wales centre-back partner Ashley Williams at Swansea City. (Daily Express) Manchester United are interested in signing 19-year-old French midfielder Adam Ounas from Bordeaux. (*Daily Mirror*)

United and England forward Marcus Rashford, 18, has received backing from Pele ahead of Euro 2016, despite the Brazil legend never having seen him play. (Daily Express)

Jose Mourinho spent time on his first day at Old Trafford speaking to Port Vale Chairman Norman Smurthwaite about who the League One club should appoint as manager.

(Daily Mail)

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team's international friendly against Lesotho last week. The player did not train with the rest of the team yesterday but instead did some light training. The team's coach Harries 'Madze' Bulunga stated that the player's injury was not serious and was hoping he would recover in no time.

"We felt it would be good to rest him so he can nurse the pain instead of aggravating the injury. That is why he is doing light training but we cannot rule out that this injury may affect him going to Sunday but he will be fine for COSAFA," he said. The coach highlighted that all

other players were ready for the qualifiers and that most of them were given a chance to play during the games against Lesotho. "The game against Lesotho was not about winning but to test the players and combinations. Almost all the players got a chance to play except for Wonder Nhleko, who was excluded due to a knock. He has, however, recovered and back in the field. "Out of the 26 players that were called, 23 are here as the others had to be excused for various reasons. These are Sidumo Vilakati, Sibonelo Mamba and Bonginkhosi Dlamini," he said.

Final COSAFA squad to be announced on Monday

SOCCER-SIHLANGU national team coach Harries 'Madze' Bulunga says the technical bench is yet to finalise the team to represent the country in the COSAFA Castle Cup.

Addressing the media during their training session at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday, the coach said the final list would be released on Monday.

"This is just a list of players we submitted to COSAFA just to meet the deadline. We are still to finalise the squad and this will be done after the game on Sunday, which is the main focus now. There are a number of issues to consider including injuries, Xolani Sibandze, who will be writing exams and international player Mthunzi Mkhonto.

"It is true that FIFA recognises the COSAFA Cup but it does not fall on FIFA days hence the reason we are negotiating with AS Vita to release him for the games. These are



TO FINALISE: Sihlangu head coach Harries 'Madze' Bulunga.

the issues to be taken into consideration in finalising the team," he said.

Players in first choice goalkeeper Nhlanhla Gwebu, Muzi 'Mzoro' Dlamini and defender Siyabonga 'Msholozi' Mdluli were excluded in the squad submitted to the COSAFA

Title decider will be a cliff-hanger - 'DU'

By Sanele Jele

SOCCER - PLS Development Communication Officer Dumsani 'DU' Sibandze has described the title decider between Leopard and Buffs as a cliffhanger.

Sibandze said the two teams would be all out to record wins in their match to enhance their chances on cinching the league title.

"This is going to be a cracker as both teams stand a good chance of winning the league. 'Buffs' are on top of the log and would not want to surrender the league in this last game while Leopard also want to make history by snatching it at the very last end. This is surely a match not to be missed as it is a title decider.'

Sibandze said the other teams would be fighting for the third position.

'Manzini Wanderers are currently on the third spot but should they lose their last game and Sundowns win theirs, then the latter will claim the third sport. Otherwise, we expect great football in the closing games. The league has been very competitive. We are also happy to note that some of the players have been promoted to senior teams," he

Sibandze then invited members of the public to come in great numbers to support these

"The games will be played in two different venues. The Old Trade Ground will host a



CLIFF-HANGER: PLS **Development Communication** Officer Dumsani 'DU' Sibandze.

double header between Sea Birds and Bad Boys while Highlanders will take on Red Lions. A triple header will be played at Manzini Club.'

He invited fans to come and rally behind

"We also want to thank the PLS for introducing the Reserve League because it is unearthing new talent," he said.

0:30am

2:30pm

The Full Fixture			
Tomorrow at Old Trade Fai	r		Tarrest treatment
Manzini Sea Birds	VS	Bad Boys	10:30an
Mbabane Highlanders	VS	Red Lions	12:30pn
Tomorrow at Manzini Club	C. T. K		
Manzini Wanderers	VS	Malanti Chiefs	10am
Green Mamba	VS	Mbabane Swallows	12pm
Royal Leopard	VS	Young Buffaloes	2pm
Sunday at Manzini Club	and .		
Manzini Sundowns	vs	Midas City	930am

Former 'Buffs' PRO Nhlanhla to be buried on Sunday

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER - THE late former Young Buffaloes PRO Nhlanhla Mabuza will be laid to rest at Nyakeni on Sunday.

Mabuza, who was a captain at the Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USFD), succumbed to death while admitted at the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial (RFM) hospital in Manzini last Sunday. A memorial service will be held in his honour tomorrow at the St Pauls Methodist Church, starting at 1pm. A night vigil will be

held on the same day, starting at 9 pm and the funeral service commencing at 6am on Sunday. At the time of his death, Mabuza was the

team's National Supporters Committee (NSC) chairman. Mabuza, who served as Buffaloes PRO from

the 2007/08 season to 2013 was known for his 'three pali' statement and was one of the longest serving PROs in local football.

Efforts to get a comment from incumbent Buffaloes PRO Sandile Gwebu proved futile as his mobile phone was not available on the MTN network when contacted yesterday.





HERO WELCOME: Zithande Club athlete Nsizwa Thwala posing for a group photo with Stanlib staff during a press briefing yesterday at the company's offices.

Stanlib pledges continued support to Nsizwa

By Sanele Jele

ATHLETICS - STANLIB Swaziland has pledged their continued support to long distance runner Nsizwa Thwala following his exceptional performance in the Comrades

Thwala surprised many and even himself when he smashed his own record of 9:09hours which he recorded in 2015 in the same

This time around he clocked at 8:16 hours in the 89 km which started from Pietermaritzburg to Durban on Sunday.

Worth noting is that he was then eligible to receive the Bill's Rowen silver medal which is awarded to athletes, who clocked between 7 hours 30 minutes and 9 hours.

The marathon was attended by more than 20 000 from all over the world which and was eventually won by South African David Gatebe in 5 hours 18 minutes, taking the first prize of E350 000. Speaking during the media briefing yesterday, Stanlib Business Development manager Gordon Bennett said they were pleased with Thwala's achievement in the race.

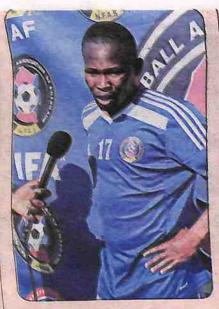
"We are very happy with what Thwala has achieved in the Comrades Marathon.

As our ambassador we are proud of him and this is why today we want to proudly pledge our continued support to him.

He has left a milestone and we are very glad to partner with him," Bennett said. Making his remarks, Thwala said he was grateful for the enormous support from Stanlib.

"I appreciate what Stanlib has done for me and I would like to acknowledge that without their support I would not have achieved this remarkable accomplishment.

I did not have to worry about the budget for the race as they catered for all expenses. 1 promise to do better next year and hopefully come back with a gold medal," Thwala said.



COING ALL OUT: Sihlangu captain Tony 'TT' Tsabedze being interviewed about the upcoming game.

We are ready for Guinea - 'TT'

SOCCER - NATIONAL team Sihlangu captain Tony 'TT' Tsabedze says they will continue from where they left off against Guinea.

The Mbabane Swallows winger yesterday declared that his troops were ready for the game against the West Africans side to be staged at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.

"We are going to give our best against Guinea. We have played against them so we know what to expect. Guinea are a big team and unlike them we are not under pressure. Ours is just to go there and play to ensure we achieve our goal of qualifying for the AFCON," he said.

Asked if he would score against the team, the skipper, who scored a brace in the first leg of the clash played in Morocco, said anyone was capable of scoring in the team. "The spirit is very high in camp and we are all gunning for nothing but a victory. We would like to invite the nation to come and rally behind the team on Sunday as their support will go a long way in motivating the squad," he

What the other players had to say:

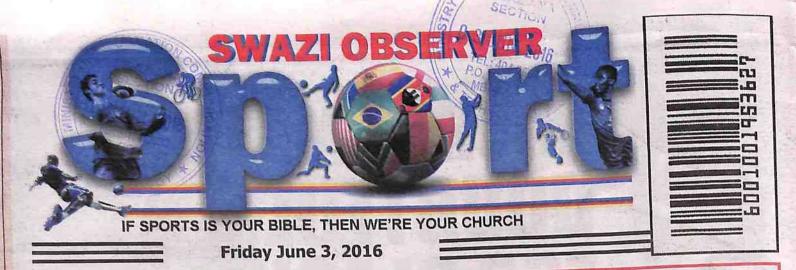
MTHUNZI 'XAVI' MKHONTFO

"I am happy that I have joined the team in preparation for the game on Sunday. I do, however, feel a bit behind but am positive that I will catch up.

Being with Sihlangu means I must momentarily forget about AS Vita and shift focus to my national team as we prepare for this important game. The previous score against Zimbabwe is now in the past as we are playing a different game altogether. We are on track and ready for action come Sunday."

PHINDA 'PHINDRIX' DLAMINI

"Being recalled to the national team was a welcome achievement for me. I know how difficult it is donning the national team jersey but I am not new in this setup hence know what is expected of me. I have done well at team level and am hoping to do the same here, especially because I got a warm welcome. "Coming to the game on Sunday, I am confident we will achieve positive results because we are united as a team. The coaches also motivate us and we believe we are ready for the game. I have faced tough defenders before and if given the chance I will give them a run for their money."



SIHLANGU UP 16 PLACES LATEST FIFA RANKING

Coach says we can beat Guinea again

fiers.

Says players just need to stick to the game and everything will fall into place

Meanwhile, Sihlangu coach

Harries 'Madze' Bulunga is confi-

dent his charges can beat Guinea as

long as they stick to the game plan.

National Stadium, the coach said it

was possible for the team to beat

their opponents when they clash in

the second leg of the AFCON quali-

Work

"We know Guinea, their pedigree

in football and what to expect from

before. Yes, they are a strong team

but we can beat them just like we

did in the first leg. Their squad will

not be different from that of the first

leg except for the recalling of their

German-based captain Troure," he

said. He said the game plan was

mainly finding a balance between

the defence and attacks as well as

60 percent of our goals from set-

set-pieces."We have conceded about

pieces thus we need to work on this.

Our opponents are deadly when it

comes to this as they have players

with the right height and strong

physically. We have planned for

them and hopefully everything will

go according to plan," he said. The

coach said this was a must win for

the local squad if qualifying for

them as we have played them

Addressing the media during a

press briefing at the Somhlolo

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER - THE national team Sihlangu has gone up 16 places in the international football rankings released by FIFA yesterday.

The team moved from position 133 to 117 and are the second best movers after Madagascar, who moved 29 places up to occupy the 108th position.

Worth noting is that the Harries 'Madze' Bulunga-led charges are tied on the 117th position with two other countries, Niger and Thailand.

The rankings will come as a boost to the team as they prepare for the second leg of the AFCON Qualifiers clash against Guinea at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday, starting at 3.30pm.

National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Frederick Mngomezulu said this was good news for the country.

"This improvement in the rankings puts us on the world map. We are almost halfway in the map and that is commendable. Improving in the rankings also show that we are doing something right and it motivates us to continue doing so," he

The CEO said such would in the long run open up opportunities for the players at interna-

tional level. "Some countries consider rankings when recruiting players from other countries. the more we improve in the rankings, the greater the opportunities for our play-

ers,"

he

said.

Gabon is anything to go by. "We are not out as yet because Zimbabwe also have three points advantage over us. Our plan is to collect the remaining six points in this game and also against Malawi in September.

If we do that we can

For the Good of the Game

qualify.

Besides there is a spot for the best second place finisher, which should work to our advantage in the event we fail to finish at the top

of our group,' he said.

> 'Madze' said the boys were ready for the game and further invited the nation to come in great numbers for the game.

"The spirit in the camp is very high and we have all players available for selection including 'Xavi', who plays in a professional level.

He seems to be adapting well in this setting and is improving tactically. I am banking on him to come to the party and deliver on game day," he said.

YES WE CAN: Sihlangu coach Harries 'Madze' Bulunga is confident his charges can

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