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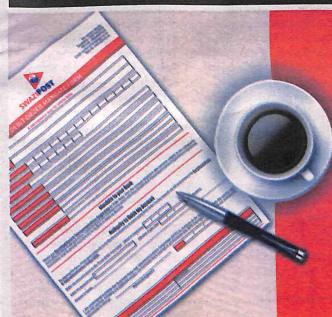
GLAMOUR: Emakhosikati LaMatsebula, LaNgangaza, LaMagongo and LaNkambule pictured at the King's Golf Cup dinner at Royal Swazi Sun on Saturday night. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

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# He is reputed to be selling lucky juice for E50, lucky T-shirts for E250

and prayers for E5 000





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### FORECASTERS: IT'S A HOT WEEK

By Nozipho Sibiya Mbabane

FORECASTERS are pointing to a hot week ahead.

They further said chances of rainfall remain low.

"It will be another hot week ahead and it will be foggy in the mornings before things turn partly cloudy in the afternoons," said the forecasters.

Today's high temperatures will hit up to 35 degrees Celsius in the

lowveld while the Highveld will hit up to 29 degrees Celsius.

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Temperatures are expected to stay in the upper 30s in the lowveld for the whole week.

12/29

 Mbabane
 12/29

 Mankayane
 13/30

 Manzini
 14/32

 Siteki
 15/31

 Mhlume
 14/34

 Big Bend
 11/35

Tomorrow it will be fine and warm to hot in the Lowveld becoming partly cloudy later.

### WEATHER FORECAST

Mbabane 13/25 Mankayane 14/26 Manzini 15/28 Siteki 16/27 Mhlume 15/30 Big Bend 12/31

On Wednesday it will be fine and warm in the Lowveld.

Mankayane 13/28
Manzini 14/30
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Mhlume 12/32
Big Bend 11/33
On Thursday, there will be moming fog becoming partly cloudy and cool to hot in the

## PM WASHES HANDS ON SWAZIS TOYI-TOYING OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini Lobamba

PRIME Minister Sibusiso Dlamini says government has no control over activities of Swazi protesters who gather outside the country.

Speaking during the debate of the Public Order Bill of 2016, Dlamini said arrests could be effected by the host country in line with their own laws if the gathered people violated certain laws.

The prime minister was responding to a question by Senator Princess Phumelele who wanted to know how government would deal with protesters who would cross the borderline for gatherings outside the country.

The prime minister explained that government would have no control on such eventualities.

He, however, doubted such would be necessary anymore because the objective of the law under amendment was to allow for freedom of assembly by lawfully organising for gatherings within the country.

Following the successful hosting of the 36th Southern African Development Community (SADC) Ordinary Summit of heads of State and Government, the prime minister said regional leaders had an opportunity to see for themselves that all the negative talk about the country's governance was not closer to the truth.

Such external gatherings and

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#### SPEAKS OUT: Prime Minister Sibusiso Diamini.

protests would, therefore, be rendered futile.

The prime minister is piloting the amendment of the Public Order Act, 1963 to align it with International Labour Organisation (ILO) standards.

Motivating the Bill, Dlamini said it was centred on two key words, 'event' and 'gathering'.

He explained that for people to hold an event they did not need a compliance certificate but for a gathering, which he defined as a meeting of 15 or more people to discuss issues of interest to them, the law stipulated a process which had to be undertaken.

He said for a gathering, the law also required that there be an indentified convenor of the gathering, who would be required to provide all their particulars, including a physical address when giving notice for the intended gathering.

The prime minister explained the country's constitution allowed for public gatherings but all that was required under the proposed law was for people to follow laid down steps, notice the local authority and subsequently obtain a compliance certificate.

The local authority is defined in terms of the law and, in urban areas town councils are recognised local authorities while regional administrators assume the role in areas outside towns.

On top of providing their full particulars, the convenor is also required to state the reasons for the gathering and the time and date in which it would be conducted. If those gathered intend marching, they need to state the route they wish to use.

All these details would have to be

# Police to take videos of public gatherings

THE Public Order Bill, 2016, allows police officers to videorecord proceedings of public gatherings unhindered.

Prime Minister Sibusiso
Dlamini who is piloting the Bill
in Senate said not only the
police would be allowed to
capture the gatherings but the
local authority as well as the
media and the convenor.

### Standards

The prime minister assured the senators the Bill was in conformity with international standards.

He said the International Labour Organisation (ILO) was also involved in the amendment process and their experts were comfortable with the changes made in the 1963 Public Order Act.

The PM said, in terms of this

law, it would be a serious offence punishable with heavy penalties to burn the national flag or trample over it.

He said not only the national flag would be protected but other national insignia as well.

Senator Prince Fipha said Swaziland prided itself with peace and stability that existed in the country.

He said, therefore, they hoped the law would help maintain that cherished stability for the benefit of all citizens.

He said in the past, street vendors had been affected by marching protesters and hoped the Bill would address those concerns.

He also stated that there was a need for the general public to be sensitized on issues of human rights and public order.

provided by the convenor of the intended gathering within seven days to the local authority.

If, for some reasons, they want a 48 hour notice, such a request would be made to a principal magistrate. The principal magistrate would also intervene in the event the convenor and the local authority don't agree on the requested gathering.

Any aggrieved party could take the matter up to the high court if not satisfied by the decision of the principal magistrate.

Senator Adam Bomber Mtsetfwa questioned the logic behind the selection of only a principal magistrate for the responsibility.

Senator Mtsetfwa wanted to know why, for example, a senior magistrate or just a magistrate could not determine such cases because these were equally competent judicial officers.

### Drag racing immoral

SENATOR Lungile Gama challenged the prime minister to explain in detail the issue of morals.

She believed it was wide and deeper, making an example with carspinning and drag-racing, wondering if those activities did not fall within socially unacceptable activities and, therefore, needed to be barred on the basis that they were immoral and promoted gangsterism.

She failed to understand why gov-

ernment allowed such activities, arguing they promoted anti-social practices associated with gangsters.

Acts

At an event she attended where one of those activities were performed, she told her colleagues she was shocked to witness the kind of acts that were displayed:

Senator Gama also called upon the government to consider reviving a law reform committee to ensure most of the country's laws were amended on time to remain relevant and serve their purpose.

The prime minister's response was that he would take up the matter with the minister of justice and constitutional affairs.

He said government had such a committee in the past but consisted of members who had other responsibilities, ultimately limiting their performance.

The prime minister said people who violated public morality, public safety, public health and public order would be dealt with by the police national commissioner in terms of the law.

### No turning of funerals into political rallies

CHIEF of Emanyandzeni in the Shiselweni region, Senator Ngome Ndlangamandla appealed to Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini to ensure the Public Order Bill, 2016 effectively dealt with and put to an end all the morally incorrect practices that were becoming common in their communities.

These culturally unacceptable practices, Chief Ngome said, included the turning of funerals into political rallies by political activists.

The senator said while govern-

ment was trying to control such gatherings with the amendment of the Act, consideration should also be given to those who attend funerals in the communities only to convert them into political rallies

He said some uncultured people had gone to the extent of dancing with caskets, directly infringing with public morals. Senator Prince Kusa raised a similar concern and asked the prime minister how the law would help ensure religious groups did not deteriorate into anarchy.

### 'Chiefs main victims of terrorism'

Chief of Mdumezulu in the Lubombo region, Senator Prince Kusa says chiefs were main victims of terrorism in the country.

The senator questioned the logic behind the non-inclusion and involvement of chiefs in the Public Order Bill, 2016. He said not long ago a chief's residence was petrol bombed. Prince Kusa said chiefs

were not thoroughly consulted on the Bill yet the worst form of terrorism in the country was witnessed in the chiefdoms under their jurisdictions.

He said they only came to contact with the Bill in the chamber yet they were the main stakeholders.

He said the Bill was also silent on the role to be played by chiefs yet a lot of hate speech and terrorist threats took place in chiefdoms.

He said the United Nations Universal Declaration gave them the right to self-determination hence their involvement in the crafting of the law was justified.

Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini said chiefs were not left out in the legislative process.

He said there were stages in line with the parliamentary process and that it was important those stages were followed.

The consultation process, he said was wider at the portfolio committee stages, when stakeholders were invited to make submissions.

Meanwhile, Acting Senate President Ngomyayona Gamedze invited senators to come to parliament today to review questions they submitted for cabinet ministers and the various government departments in readiness for preparation and release of a Notice Paper. A Notice Paper is an official communication between the two arms of government, the legislature and the executive, which informs ministries in advance of the questions posed by legislators for them to provide answers.

The need for a review of these questions usually emanates from the two arms' failure to meet on time, resulting to other questions being overtaken by events and rendered irrelevant.

# SWAZI PASTOR SELLING E50 LUCKY JUICE, PRAYERS FOR E5 000 IN SA

COVER STORY

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi Manzini

**CONTROVERSIAL Mvutjini** Pastor Mandla Mhlanga who is famously known in the country as Pastor 'Doors are Open' is at the centre of controversy in South Africa in the Kwazulu Natal Province to be specific.

Mhlanga stands accused of making money from unsuspecting church members and the public by offering to pray for their successes and other social problems at a fee of E250 up to a maximum of E 5

 The South African publication reported that the pastor tells his congregation to drink the juice and further use it to bath so that they can have good luck in whatever they do

According to a South African Publication ILANGA newspaper, Mhlanga opened a church upon leaving Swaziland in a place known as Nondabuya in Jozini.

It is alleged by the newspaper Mhlanga also sells a lucky juice which costs E50.

Congregation

The South African publication reported that the pastor tells his congregation to drink the juice and further use it to bath so that they can have good luck in whatever they do.

This is similar to what Apostle Jeremiah Dlamini used to do. He sold T-shirts which he claimed would heal people of all their ailments if they wore them.

Mhlanga too, is also alleged to be selling branded T-shirts with his name on them at a fee of R250, the T-shirts according to the reports are said to bring luck on whoever wears them.

Charges

Among the series of allegations brought against the pastor is that when he goes to the different

places where he offers prayer services, he charges R5 000.

It is said Mhlanga also makes promises to the youth of his church promising them that they will get married if they make offerings to him.

Expose

The promises by Mhlanga are alleged to have divided the congregation with some members going to the media to expose the pastor who delivers like a prophet

Mhlanga left Swaziland at the

centre of a controversy after he blamed his colleagues of being selfish of his successes live on air.

Our sister publication, Observer on Saturday reported that Pastor 'Doors Are Open' Mhlanga, in the company of a self-confessed devil worshipper, claimed on Channel Swazi live talk show programme 'People and Places' that some of his colleagues were baying for his life because of his success.

"He said his success emanated from his adherence to the Christian gospel to the extent that he had been able to uncover the dirty works by his colleagues who serve the devil," part of the article

This did not go down well with other men of the cloth in the country as Pastor Steven Masilela was reported to have said Mhlanga was dividing the Christian com-

Mhlanga has also been accused by his South African congregation of making serious witchcraft allegations amongst members of the church telling them that they were being bewitched by their relatives.

### MPs, senators to meet King over SADC summit

By Sabatha Dlamini Lobamba

SENATOR Prince Fipha moved a motion calling upon Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini and parliament presiding officers to seek an audience with His Majesty King

The purpose is to thank him for having successfully hosted the 36th Ordinary Summit of SADC Heads of State and Government.

Prince Fipha said he was in short of appropriate words in which to express his appreciation to both Their Majesties and the Almighty God for the successful hosting of the Summit at a time when the nation had other equally important events like the

national annual Umhlanga Reed Dance, the International Trade Fair and others.

Supporting the motion, Senator Prince Kusa said at the beginning they were in doubt how the country would handle all these events at the same time, but with time they realised proper preparations had been done.

He said Umhlanga was well staged with a beautiful attire and well planned and improved transport logis-

He expressed appreciation of the gift of a university the King gave to

Senator Princess Phumelele said the country made history, adding that the delegates themselves attested to that, proudly and openly telling them they

had attended SADC Summits before but none like this one.

She said the Umhlanga girls also staged splendid performances, bringing with them high quality reeds.

She attributed all these successes to the peace and stability which she said His Majesty had been asking his subjects to grant to him as a gift.

She said they hoped the country would now reap the economic benefits of hosting the regional

Senator Ndumiso Mdluli said His Majesty's vision for the country to

attain first world status would surely be realised, especially with the SADC University gift and the offered scholarships to students.

He also spoke of the beauty of the Summit venue at Mandvulo

Grand Hall at Lozitha. He said it was difficult to believe that was Swaziland.

Senator Mdluli also commended the business lessons that were provided at the ongoing International Trade Fair to participating small and medi-

um investors. Senator Vuka Moi-Moi Masilela commended security officers for a job well done, saying they were visible in every corner ensuring that everyone was safe.

Senator Lungile Gama expressed

her appreciation with regards the infrastructure development the country had so far achieved, probably as part of the SADC preparations. She said the road from Moneni-Mafutseni down to Mbadlane was well constructed.

Senator Meninjeni Mahlalela said it was good to give credit where it was due and heaped praises on the media and security personnel for having gone all out in terms of executing their duties. Chief Ngome Ndlangamandla said it was now clear the country was ready to host an event of any magnitude.

Senator Chief Sontunwane Sacolo thanked His Majesty for the sneakers he gave to the Imbali girls regiment while Acting President Ngomyayona Gamedze concluded with a shout of the royal Bayethe cry.

The motion was unanimously

### Immigration officer investigated for 'smuggling' Asians

By Wonderboy Dlamini Siteki

AN immigration officer based at the Mhlumeni Border Post is being investigated for allegedly assisting Asian nationals to unlawfully enter and remain within the borders of

The officer who is on the verge of making an appearance for a disciplinary hearing has recently been implicated in such dirty business during the case of four men from India who questionably crossed the border into Swaziland without having their travel documents checked.

The illegal immigrants were arrested along the Mhlumeni-Siteki road while aboard a motor vehicle after they had just crossed the border.

During their appearance before Principal Magistrate Dumsani Magagula, it transpired that the accused persons were assisted by an immigration officer to contravene the law.

 It is said the officer has also been implicated to other similar incidents where some foreign nationals questionably gained entry at the same border gate without being in possession of travel documents

Independent investigations further revealed that the officer took the Indian men into his house on the day when the offence was committed.

He then assisted them to call another Asian man based in Siteki to come and collect them from his house which is situated next to the border post.

An impeccable source has revealed that management at the border post has since launched further investigations on the matter.

It is said the officer has also been implicated to other similar incidents where some foreign nationals questionably gained entry at the same border gate without being in possession of travel documents.

Further information gathered is that the officer had made it a way of making extra cash to illegally assist for-

eign nationals, especially Asians to enter into the country and then pay him a certain amount.

"Apparently, the said officer is expected to make an appearance before a disciplinary committee any time this week," said the source.

Meanwhile, it is worth recalling that Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso had previously called for a detailed investigation on how some illegal immigrants managed to cross the Mhlumeni Border without declaring their travel documents.

Magistrate Mavuso made this call during a trial of a similar case where some illegal immigrants presented blank passports before the court.

The senior magistrate noted that there was a lot of rot happening at the border post.

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# SEC SALUTES TWO EMPLOYEES FOR 35 YEARS OF SERVIC

Stories by Observer Reporter Ezulwini

**THE Swaziland Electricity** Company's light continues to shine in retaining its staff as yesterday it honoured 104 employees for their long-service.

This is almost double the number of employees honoured for long service last year and it included two, who have served the company for 35 years.

SEC hosted a combined Prayer Day and Long Service Awards Ceremony at the Royal Swazi Sun in a marquee.

The event was attended by employees and their family members.

The company has been in operation for 53 years and many of the awardees had started out with it while it was known as the Swaziland Electricity Board (SEB). Corporate Communications and Marketing Manager Sifiso Dhlamini, said the service contributed by the long-serving employees was one

still operational even today. **SEC Acting Managing** Director Meshack Kunene, paid tribute to the employees and pledged the company's support towards ensuring they work under favourable conditions.

of the main reasons SEC was

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LONG SERVING EMPLOYEES: SEC Acting MD Meshack Kunene presenting awards of 35 years of service to Norah Mamba and Samuel Mbonane.

Samuel Mbonane, who was honoured for 35 years service, said everyone at the company had become like family to him.

"I am grateful to be a part of this company and appreciate the dedication of my colleagues as well as thank the support of my family though all these years," he said.

Norah Mamba, who has also

served for 35 years, said her secret to longevity in the workplace was putting God first.

"I joined the company as a young lady and have grown with it over the years. We have overcome challenges like converting from Post-Paid to Pre-Paid through always putting

God first," she said. Workers representatives **NESMASA** and SES-MAWU also thanked the company for hosting the event and honouring the commitment of the employees.

with entertainment from Ekuphumuleni Church in Zion and Ndawonye Christ Worshippers as well as a motivational sermon from Pastor Senzo Hlatshwayo.

The long service awardees in a nutshell;

Number of year	s of service Number of Awardees
10	17
15	41
20	8
25	35
30	1
35	2 .
TOTAL	104





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### Workers get free life-skills tips, prayers

SEC employees have received advice on how to survive challenges in the workplace from Pastor Senzo Hlatshwayo and the secret to excelling in their jobs.

Pastor Hlatshwayo was the Guest Speaker at the prayer day and he advised the employees to rise above any challenges they face by seeking God.

"Find strength in God, speak to Him. heart to heart. There will be stresses in life but do not go around telling everyone. Share it with God because He knows how to keep a secret and will also provide a solution," he said. He hailed SEC for hosting the prayer day noting the company would continue to succeed due to its faith. "Another thing you must always do when you face tough times is to worship God like Paul and Silas . If you have something you feel may have been wrongfully taken from you, pray about it and God will restore it," he said. He also prayed for all the employees from management to the cleaners and asked God to solve any challenges they may face. Dabede Mamba, in a vote of thanks, said he was appreciative that since 1997, SEC had continued to host the Prayer Day religiously.



**MESSAGE FROM ABOVE:** Reverend Senzo Hlatshwayo preaching the Word of God during SEC's Prayer Day.

### SEC says thanks with bright incentives

IT was an early Christmas for the long-serving staff as they not only received awards and certificates but also monetary incentives.

The 104 long-serving employees received the incentives according to the number of years they had served.

The announcement of the prizes was made by Corporate Communications and Marketing Manager Sifiso Dhlamini.

"We also have tokens of appreciation for all the awardees on top of the certificates they have received," he said.

Those who served as much as 35 years walked away with a bonus pay of their monthly salary while those who had served for 10 years received watches.



ME TOO: Anah Diamini was also honoured.



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### MBABANE BEAUTY SHOWCASED AT TRADE FAIR

By Nozipho Sibiya

Mbabane

THE Municipal Council of Mbabane stand at the Swaziland International Trade Fair was a hive of activity as people flocked to view a video footage of the city.

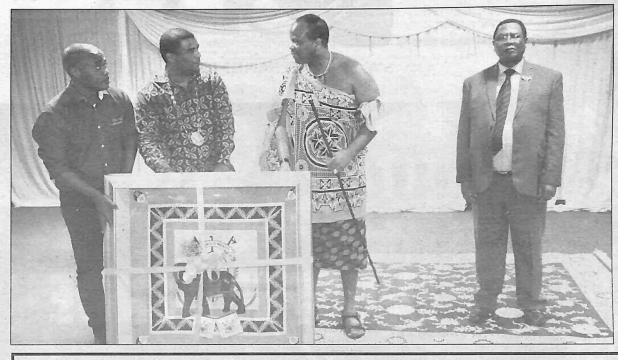
Most were captivated by the awesome beauty of the view from the skies, especially the number of new buildings in the capital city.

Municipal Council Public Relations Officer Lucky Tsabedze said they were happy to welcome people to their stand and were impressed by the interest shown in the city.

"We were happy to welcome the public to our stall at the Trade Fair to inquire about any issues concerning the capital city," he said. They had developed a video footage which showed all the beautiful places of the city.

"Most visitors to our stand wanted to know about the rates and also view the video footage that shows all the sites of the beautiful city."

The stall was inside the main hall next to Ehlandzeni Municipality.



YOUR MAJESTY: Mbabane Municipal Council Information and **Public Relations** Officer Lucky Tsabedze and Mayor Benito Jones presenting a gift to the King at the Trade Fair recently. Looking on is COMESA General Secretary Sindiso Ngwenya. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

# Farmer new Ludzeludze Indvuna Yenkhundla

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi Ludzeludze

SELF-EMPLOYED farmer Senzo Charles Shongwe (34), emerged victorious in the race for Ludzeludze Constituency Headman (Indvuna Yenkhundla) by-elections over the weekend.

Shongwe claimed first position by a clear 635 votes.

Shongwe, who hails from Ekudzeni Chiefdom, was chosen among the eight candidates from the different chiefdoms under Ludzeludze Constituency. He said not only will he represent Ekudzeni but the interests of all the eight different chiefdoms.

Shongwe said bringing about development in these areas was his top priority. The highly motivated young man said he understands he is taking over from a person who left while some projects were not complete and would see them through.

### Relevant

He would work with the relevant people including Bucopho, Member of Parliament Bambumuti Sithole and the community to ensure the completion of these projects which are already underway.

Shongwe said he has always been engaged in community projects as he was hands on in bringing a school to Ekudzeni community and was currently earning a living through farming as he grows crops such as maize and raises pigs for sale.

### **Distances**

Shongwe said before Ekudzeni Primary was built in the area, children used to walk long distances to the nearest school, which is about two hours walk from the communi-

He understands that the community elected him because

they believed he would deliver and he intends on doing just that. He said among some of the things he would be working on was bringing electricity to the rural areas.

He said as someone who is self-employed in the transport industry he understands the hardships of transport in the different chiefdoms and would ensure the upgrading of roads is taken into consideration.

He also heard the people's concerns at the recent People's Parliament (Sibaya) and would pay attention to these, especially issues affecting his community the most.

### Pensioners must go home – Shongwe

NEW Ludzeludze Indvuna YeNkhundla Senzo Charles Shongwe, has called on the youth to come forward and share ideas that will bring about change and development to their communities thus creating job opportunities.

Shongwe said it was about time government looked into the issue of retired persons who were now working on contracts thus barring the younger generation from playing a role in the development of the country.

He said the issue of extending contracts must come to an end.

The new constituency headman called for the youth to be united so they can forge a way forward for the betterment of the community.

Even though he had not intended to stand for the position the community saw it fit to elect him to work for them because they believed in his capabilities. He added that he would not let the constituency down.

He also stated that it was about

time the Elections and Boundearies Commission (EBC) educated the nation about the elections in preparation for the upcoming 2018 elections.

Shongwe was hailed as someone who is wise beyond his years as he managed some community projects successfully for the last 14 years.

#### The candidates and votes: Candidate votes Senzo Shogwe 635 Ben Dlamini 369 Mhlabuhlangene Dlamini 340 Sipho Matisa 299 Velamuva Dlamini 157 Hezekiel Mangwe 142 Ambrose Dlamini 104 Cyprian Motsa 66

### 'MISSING' GIRL FOUND WITH DAD

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza

Mbabane

DRAMA unfolded when a 35-year-old woman cried hysterically after her 17-year-old child did not come back home after she had gone swimming with her friends.

This incident took place at Mfabantfu, which is where Noxolo Lubisi resides with her daughter and six-month-old son. While Noxolo was taking a nap with her youngest son, her daughter left for a swim with her peers in a nearby river but failed to return home.

Lubisi quickly rushed to the river to search for her daughter fearing the worst, but she found no traces of her. "I seriously thought she had drowned as she went swimming with her friends and then they told me she did not swim but watched from outside. I started to panic more as she was nowhere to be found," the mother said. Fortunately, just as she was searching for her she received a call from the father of the child, alerting her that the little girl had just walked to his house. "It turned out that she had gone to visit her father who also happens to live in the same area but across the road," she added. The father then quickly brought the girl back and the police, who had already been alerted about the supposedly missing child, were made aware of the develop-

## Tambankulu Estate workers' strike enters second month

By Wonderboy Dlamini Siteki

TAMBANKULU Estate and its workers remain miles apart as the workers stand firm by their resolution to engage on a 'Waya Waya' strike until the employer has yielded to their demands.

The workers are demanding a salary increment of 12.5 percent. They came to the resolution of engaging in a strike after their negotiations with the administration failed to produce the desired fruits. The stand-off has been going on for over a month now as the workers first engaged on a strike early last month. The employer, on the other hand, is offering seven percent, which has been vigorously opposed by the Swaziland Agriculture Plantation Workers Union (SAPWU), the body representing the workers. Over the past weeks, the two parties were back at the negotiating table to look for possible ways to reach common ground. These negotiations have, however, proven unsuccessful as each party maintained its stand. An employee who also forms part of the negotiating team has revealed that each party has refused to back down on the figures put on the table. This has led to talks remaining on standstill as there has been no progress for the entire month of August. The workers, on the other hand, gather within the company's premises each and every working day. They normally gather next to the administration block where they would discuss their options on the matter Such gatherings would also be characterised with prayers and picketing for the duration of each day. It is also alleged that the workers have not been paid their salaries for August. "Even tomorrow (today) we will be at our workplace, but not to work until our demands are met by the management," said the senior

employee.

Meanwhile, the company has reportedly suffered major losses due to non productivity and loss of sales. About three months ago, four fields were also reported to have been burnt by unknown people, also contributing to the losses which have since been suffered by the compa-

# Jilted man sets lover's homestead alight

By Wonderboy Dlamini Siteki

A man of Makhewu was thoroughly beaten by a mob after he set alight a parental homestead of his girlfriend who wanted out of the relationship.

The man, in his 30s, is now languishing in hospital after sustaining serious injuries from the beatings meted on him after he set the homestead on fire.

The incident reportedly happened last Sunday at Makhewu. The two lovers have been in a steady relationship for some years now as they also have a child together. However, their relationship recently turned sour to the extent that the woman wanted out

The man, on the other side, could not accept this decision as he became aggressive and attempted to force the woman to stay in the relationship. It has been gathered that on numerous

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occasions, the two would engage in fights.

The lovers who are also neighbours in the community, which is about 10 kilometres east of Siteki town, would also argue over the maintenance of the child. At one instance, they also appeared before the umphakatsi after they had engaged in a fight.

On the fateful day, the man visited the parental homestead of his lover late in the evening with the intent of taking her with him. However, an

argument ensued between them, with the woman's parents also taking her

The man eventually left but only to return later in the night.

On his return, the man set alight two main houses at the homestead which were occupied by the family. Luckily, the family members managed to escape the attack.

The houses and other valuable items were, however, burnt to ashes.

The family members then raised an alarm, attracting scores of residents. The community members were able to track down the man who was subsequently beaten to a pulp. Police were later called and took him to hos-

Community headman Sigwili Nkonyane confirmed the incident.

"A man was reported to have attacked a family and set houses on fire after having a misunderstanding with the mother of his child. He is currently in the hands of the police," said Nkonyane.

### START OF SPRING SEES 83 ARRESTED FOR DD

By Nozipho Sibiya Mbabane

A total of 83 motorists were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol over the weekend.

Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the figure yesterday.

"There were 83 drink-driving cases reported over the past weekend while in the previous one, 61 motorists were arrested," said Vilakati.

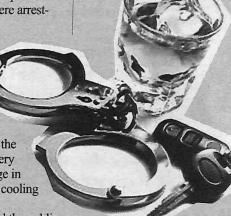
She attributed the sharp rise in the numbers of drink-driving cases to the spring season that has already started.

"Most people find the high temperatures very tempting thus indulge in alcohol as means of cooling off," she said.

She therefore urged the public

to drink responsibly and not get behind the wheel after drinking any alcoholic beverage.

"We are aware it is the spring season but people should not drink excessively and forget to obey the laws of the country,' she added. Vilakati said there was one fatal road traffic accident reported. On Saturday along MR103 road at Bethany junction, a motor vehicle driven by a 67-year-old man of Ludzeludze knocked down a pedestrian



aged 65

### FIRST BATCH OF GRADE ZERO TEACHERS TO GRADUATE

By Starsky Mkhonta Nhlangano

THE first group of students enrolled for the newly-introduced Early **Childhood Development** Education (ECDE), Grade Zero at NgwaneTeacher's Training College, will be graduating this month.

At least 86 teachers under this programme will form part of the about 200 students who enrolled for the Primary Teacher's Diploma (PTD). This means the college will be having a double graduation this year.

Ngwane Teacher's Training College was identified to be the first institution to have the Grade Zero teachers trained there. It is believed the teachers who would be graduating from this three-year programme, are those who were admitted

The ECDE programme, like the PTD offered at the college, is a three-year course.

Principal Dr Amos Mahlalela confirmed that the first group of the ECDE students would be graduating together with those who had enrolled for the PTD.

"It's going to be a graduation for the PTD students combined with ECDE group. The ECDE group is the first one since the programme started in 2013.



DOUBLE GRADUATION: Ngwane Teacher's Training College students during a previous graduation.

We were the only college in the kingdom tasked with training these students in readiness to start teaching in 2017. It's going to be a combined event," said Dr Mahlalela.

He said they were privileged to be the first college to train the students for the ECDE programme. He said the programme had progressed well.

"We appreciate the effort of the country's leaders who are determined to see Swazis afforded better and quality education from an infant stage.

We feel honoured to be the institution tasked with training these students and the

first crop we are to be ushering out this year," said Dr

Mahlalela. He said with most preschools privately owned, some of the teachers were lacking in as far as the necessary skills was concerned.

"His Majesty's Government has decided to do something about ensuring that the Swazi child is given an early start in their education. So, we have ensured that the Grade Zero teachers are well trained. It should also be noted that these teachers will not only help government as even the privately run pre-schools stand to benefit from this programme," said Dr Mahlalela,

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# Banker in a speed chase with cops

By Phesheya Kunene Mbabane

THE Magistrate's Court heard how an unlicenced First National Bank (FNB) employee was involved in a speed chase with traffic police officers after he was found driving reckless-

Sifiso Sitsebe was appearing before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati on numerous traffic charges including driving without a valid driver's licence. In fact, Sitsebe was charged with 11 counts of traffic offences which he committed on August 31.

However, he was acquitted on one count which is that of failing to stop and examine damages caused to the motor vehicle he was driving after hitting a wall while driving at high speed.

Sitsebe is said to have lost control of the motor vehicle and hit a wall at Manzana traffic circle while driving on the MR3 public road.

### Dramatic

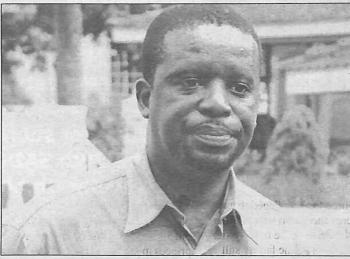
It is alleged, the dramatic speed chase started off at Mangwaneni traffic circle whereby Sitsebe is said to have committed his first offence, that of driving on a solid line while off-ramping.

After committing this offence, Sitsebe allegedly failed to stop when traffic police officers ordered him to, leading to his second offence as he was charged with failing to stop when traffic police officers ordered him to.

For his third offence, the 29year-old was charged with negligent driving after he drove in a zig-zag manner which further led to him driving on a yellow line. He allegedly drove in this manner while trying to dodge the traffic officers who were hot on his heels.

The accused pleaded guilty to

### ... Charged with 11 traffic offences



YOUR WORSHIP: Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati.

all the above mentioned charges while displaying an attitude of being a remorseful person.

While still driving at high speed, Sitsebe is said to have knocked down a road sign at Manzana traffic circle something that booked him his fourth count. He pleaded guilty to the offence of damaging a road sign while driving in a sloppy manner.

Injuring

He was further charged with injuring two passengers he was with when he caused a road accident which he could have avoided when he allegedly hit a wall. He pleaded guilty to this offence and further confirmed that only one passenger got injured.

Furthermore, for count six, the First National Bank (FNB) employee was charged with failing to stop after causing the accident as he simply drove off ignoring what had happened.

For count eight, it is said the first offender failed to assist the injured passengers as he did not stop to examine their injuries and further assist them in getting

It proved to be a bad day in office for Sitsebe as he was further charged with driving without a valid driver's licence, which bright his counts tally to nine.

It did not end there as for count 10, it is said the motor vehicle he was driving was unroadworthy thus committing the traffic offence.

It is alleged that the car had a cracked windscreen and scratched body. He pleaded guilty to this offence too.

Refused

For his final count, which is count 11, it is said Sitsebe left his car at Manzana while on a public road and took to his heels as he refused to be arrested after the traffic police caught up with him. The two traffic police officers who arrested the rebellious offender were identified as Gama and Mkhwanazi. He pleaded guilty to the offence of resisting arrest.

While appearing at the Mbabane Magistrate's Court for these counts, Sitsebe was found guilty and convicted as per his own plea by Magistrate Sifiso

LESS SPEED, PLEASE!

Vilakati.

He was ordered to pay a fine of

This was the total after all the counts had been grouped together as each count carried a fine of E500. However, count one to count five ran concurrently while count six to 10 also ran concurrently. Count 11 stood alone, which meant that, effectively, the accused person had to pay a fine El 500 to gain his freedom

Magistrate Vilakati warned the accused to stop behaving like a teenager and go for driving lessons. He was ordered to pay a five thousand emalangeni fine and go save his job as he alleged that he was a breadwinner for his family.

Situation

"You knew your situation before; so you should have thought about that before committing these offences. You need to grow up and be a law-abiding citizen. Stop behaving like a teenager at 29 years, now your job is on the line as you did not go to work after spending a night behind bars," Vilakati said.

Taking things further, Vilakati produced his own driver's licence and showed it to Sitsebe as he believed he did not know how a valid driver's licence looked like.

"The first thing you need to have before driving is a valid driver's licence, your conduct is totally unacceptable, you need to learn a lesson," the Magistrate added. During mitigation, the accused person alleged that he was from fixing the car's brakes and had no one to drive it while adding that he did not have transport to take him back home.

### Lavumisa Clinic project now in limbo

By Mbono Mdluli Mbabane

THE people of Lavumisa might see themselves without a clinic after failing to meet a deadline on starting the project last month.

The project had been slated to commence last month after receiving financial support from the World Bank, which stood at E6m.

However, construction has not begun as expected. This was said by Somntongo Member of Parliament (MP) Sandile Nxumalo yesterday.

This is despite the fact that the ministry of housing and urban development had already allocated the land to the ministry of health where the clinic was to be built.

Nxumalo said the housing ministry made an about turn and told them that land had to be sought from the authorities. This surprised the MP because no such thing was done when the water project was implemented in Lavumisa.

"This is so surprising because there was a project where water was drawn from Jozini Dam. A water treatment plant was built here in Lavumisa but no letters were needed to carry out the project," Nxumalo

Surprised

The MP went on to say he was surprised why they were now being referred to the authorities in order to get the land. He said the clinic was very important to the people of Lavumisa. He said they were at pains and it was difficult for them to accept that they could lose the clinic.

The officials in the ministry of health are said to be thinking of looking for another place to construct the clinic. The ministry of health is also said to be given a timeframe to use the E6 million allocated by the World Bank for the construction of the clinic.

Lavumisa Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Manzi Mthupha could not comment on the matter.

"The matter is with the ministry of housing (and urban development). Please talk to the principal secretary for an update," Mthupha said.

Efforts were made to contact Ministry of Housing and Urban Development Principal Secretary (PS) Clifford Mamba but cellphone would ring unanswered. Minister of Housing and Urban Development Phiwayinkhosi Mabuza was also not reachable yesterday.

Neither of them had responded to messages that were sent to them by this reporter at the time of compiling the report.

## Estranged wife says Makhwapheni frequents her home

By Phesheya Kunene Mbabane

AN employee of the Food and **Agriculture Organisation** she would not be going back to her matrimonial house as a 'side chick' frequents her home.

A weepy Olga Tsabedze, appeared in court as a defendant in a civil matter pitting her against her husband, Shelton Tsabedze, whereby she asked the Mbabane Magistrate's Court to restore conjugal rights in her marriage by being given a chance to go back to her marital home, failing which she would file for divorce. However, the defendant made a U-turn when the plaintiff's lawyer accepted the move and shared in court that his client was ready to welcome his wife back nome and further save their marriage

### Frequents

"There is someone else, your worship; there is a woman who frequents our matrimonial home mainly on weekends and I learnt about this through my children who are living with him at Ezulwini. I will not be going back there," she alleged.

Tsabedze, who was pouring out her heart in court about her ordeal, said her husband chased

her out of their home in August 2013 and since then she had been living with her family in Mpaka.

"I have had enough of the hell, I have endured a hellish life with him for the past 35 years and do not want that anymore," she added.

Belongings

Tsabedze said her belongings were stuffed in a truck and delivered to her parental home weeks after she was ordered to leave and never come back by the father of her three children.

"I was from buying groceries when I came back with the car keys and found him in the living room and he shouted at me while telling me not to go beyond the

living room as I was no longer needed in the house. Because it was late, I could not go back to my parental home, thus I spent the night sleeping on the couch," she alleged.

The plaintiff's lawyer disputed the claims of a 'side chick' while adding that it was impossible for the defendant to prove this as she had never set her foot in their matrimonial home for three years now.

"The attitude of my client is that he also wants you back and if possible you can move back in by September 5," he said.

The matter was postponed to September 21 after both parties made their submissions.



CONFIRMED: Somntongo Member of Parliament Sandile Nxumalo.

# 36 YEARS LATER; STILL NO CHIEF AT MAGELE

...power struggle within the ruling household stalls the process

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta Nhlangano

A power struggle within the ruling clan of Magele near Hlatikulu has led to a delay in the appointment of a new chief.

The last chief of the area was Chief Maphumzane (Dlamini) who passed away in the early 80s and since then, there has been no one to replace him at Magele, which means for over 36 years now there has been no successor to the chief-

There are allegations that the ruling family did choose a successor but the said individual did not last long as at the time he was being nurtured and also being prepared to

take over the reins he passed away. It is said the candidate Mangaliso



Dlamini had been identified as the next chief but he died while all necessary preparations and other logistics were being done to officially install him as the new ruler. It is said he had also been given the name Chief Sinywane II.

According to a source, preparations were at an advanced stage to officially install him as he was to dance 'sibhimbi' but as those processes were underway and

almost concluded, he died under mysterious circumstances and that was the beginning of the conflict in the ruling household.

The source further alleged that there were others who started questioning the death of the new 'leader' while some within the family still feel 'Chief' Sinywane's death was questionable.

According to a family insider, the Magele ruling clan has since identi-

fied the one to take over the reigns but the family is again divided as one faction claims it is the one that should produce the next ruler not the family which is believed to be pushing for the appointment of the already identified candidate.

"It's a serious confusion caused by another household which claims it is the one which should produce the next chief. What is funny is that the candidate the ruling family has in mind is the one we all think qualifies without any doubt as he is the only one deserving to be the heir to the chieftaincy. He was long identified but we have been deliberating on this matter for a long time without success as there is a clique that keeps on causing this confusion each time we gather as a family. It's just a minor misunderstanding which needs honest people and not those who are power hungry.

There is no one in the ruling family who does not know who should be the next chief but we have those that seem to be only interested in dividing the family and we don't know what are they going to benefit out of this," said one of the senior princes in the ruling household.

It has also been explained that if it had not been for the power struggle within the ruling household, the candidate would have long been

presented to the country's leaders.

"The ruling household has to meet and thrash out their differences first before they take the identified candidate to the country's leaders. We believe it's not a big issue that is delaying the appointment of the new chief but rather internal family squabbles.

Maybe it is also time we refer the matter to BakaNgwane because seemingly with the way things are going we would never have a new chief soon. I believe the elders know the right candidate but have been coy to give the right information and direction. The problem is that a number of these people who know the family history has since died and only a few now remain," said the senior prince It is said the candidate identified to take over the reins has since been hidden somewhere in fear that he could be targeted following the conflict within the family. As a debate rages on, the elders of the ruling household appointed Hezekiah 'Cothi' Dlamini to remain in charge as acting chief at Magele. He has been acting in this position for nearly two years now but he stated in an interview that he was feeling the heat already as there were those within the same household who are giving him a headache.

### Acting chief feeling the heat

**MAGELE** acting chief Hezekiah Cothi Dlamini has disclosed that he was now confused on what to do regarding the appointment of a new chief in the area.

He said there were still those in the family who were keen in not seeing this happening.

Dlamini said he was aware that members of the ruling family were among those that were

divided, with some even questioning his appointment as acting chief. He said he was not ready to cling to power as he was fully aware that he was on this position on acting basis.

He said he was only asked by the authorities to help in keeping the fires burning so as not to stall progress in the area. He said he had no interest at all to be a leader of the area and once the

right candidate has been identified he would readily step down.

"I am the one who is pushing the other princes and princesses to have the new chief appointed. He is known to the family and there is not even a debate on why he qualifies. I have managed to even trace his whereabouts after he disappeared because of the conflict in the family caused by certain individuals. Right now, it is not safe to have him around until the ground is level," said Dlamini.

The acting chief said he has per-

sonally met with the candidate whom he said was now old enough to take over the reins. He said he was flexible to hand over the reins to the next leader so long as he was convinced that it was safe to do so.

"I have a serious problem as those that are delaying the process of appointing the chief are the very people from the same household.

We have met several times as a family but still failed to come up with a solution to the problem," said Dlamini.

### IN THE MAGISTRIES COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MANZINI

HELD AT MANZINI CASE NO 3833/16

THEMBA SIBABA DLAMINI

PLAINTIFF

ELMON MAGWINYA NTSHALINTSHALI T/A ASAMBE SONKHE TRANSPORT

DEFENDANT

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## Magistrate gives 'tortured' suspect free bail

By Wonderboy Dlamini Siteki

A suspect who was arrested for cultivating dagga got himself free bail after telling the court that he was tortured by the police during his arrest.

Mfanasibili Shongwe (42) of Macetjeni appeared before Magistrate Joseph Dlamini after he was charged with contravening section 2(b) of the opium habit forming drug Act 37 of 1922

He was alleged to have wrongfully and unlawfully cultivated 740 plants of dagga without having a valid licence.

During his appearance before the court, the accused looked sickly such that the magistrate asked him if he was alright.

### Assault

The accused said he had pains all over the body as a result of an assault meted to him by the police during his arrest.

He further asked the court to allow him to go and seek medical attention.

The accused person further pleaded not guilty to the charge when it was read to



The crown applied that the accused be remanded into custody pending setting of a trial date.

### Accused

However, the magistrate remanded the accused out of custody on warning.

He warned him not to evade trial and not to interfere with crown witnesses. The matter was eventually postponed to September 14, 2016 pending commencement of trial.

Meanwhile in the same court, two men were facing a charge of theft. Vumani Mtsetfwa (22) and Sipho Nsimbini (22) were said to have acted in furtherance of a common purpose and stole a water pump

valued at E15 976, a property of Swaziland Water Services Company.

The pump is said to have been stolen from Siphofaneni Water Treatment department. When the charge sheet was read to them, the first accused person pleaded not guilty while the second accused pleaded guilty to the charge.

The crown however asked the court to enter a plea of not guilty for both accused persons to avoid a separation of trial. A security guard was called in as a witness in the matter.

The matter was eventually postponed to September 14, 2016, while the accused persons were granted bail of E2 000 each.



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MP DUMSANI NDLANGA-

NGUDZENI MP

## MINISTER BUILDS EIGHT HOUSES FOR SOME OF HIS NEEDY VOTERS

NGUDZENI – Being homeless and having to go to sleep without food is very stressful and indeed frustrating.

With the unemployment rate in the country at a very alarming rate, most people are exposed to dire poverty.

Swaziland has a population of around 1.2 million but a quarter cannot afford to put food on the table let alone put up in a proper shelter.

Some Swazis live in abject poverty such that several families are now headed by children as young as nine years.

One of the people who are touched by such state of affairs is generous Minister of Information, Communication and Technology Dumsani Ndlangamandla.

He has shown how touched he was. As a way of giving back to the electorate under his constituency, he embarked on a generous exercise in which he has built at least eight houses for under privileged people.

The eight houses, which mostly are occupied by orphaned children have cost the politician close to E200 000. He has no regrets because what he has done comes straight from the heart. In 2013, electorate under Ngudzeni constituency voted for Ndlangamandla to represent them in the 10th parliament.

They further entrusted him with, among other things, to bring electricity and also sort the water shortage in the Inkhundla. Their MP who was to be later, rightfully so, assigned by the King to be minister of ICT decided to embark first on a humanitarian project – building shelter for the poor.

The soft-spoken politician, who has become the people's favourite in his constituency, said he also managed to implement several electricity schemes thus bringing electricity to Ngundzeni.

Though, as a minister, most of his time is absorbed by government's busy schedule, Ndlangamandla has not abandoned his constituency.

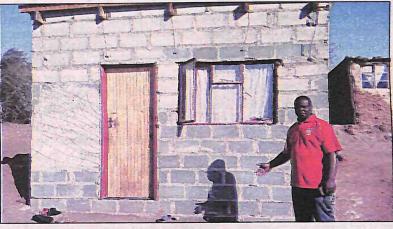
Two weeks ago, the politician was found mingling with residents launching the construction of Hlatane Bridge. For this project, the minister has promised to donate 170 bags of cement while Maloma Colliery donated mesh wire plus a front loader truck and 30 bags of cement.

Minister Ndlangamandla said the reason he embarked on a programme of constructing houses for the poor was because he comes from a similar background.

He said he knows the pain and frustration of going to school bare foot due to poverty.

"You will note that most people who come from poor backgrounds

The former lecturer at Ngwane College said he identified eight families per chiefdom in the constituency that needed help. He said after identifying the eight families he then started building houses. The minister spent around E20 000 per house. Apart from building the houses, the minister donated 100 bags of cement for the construction of Mawoti Free Evangelical church. Under his term of office, the minister has also facilitated completion of Mahhoshe dip tank



LOOK: Ngudzeni MP Dumsani Ndlangamandla showing a house he constructed for Phiwayinkhosi Sibandze.



PLACE OF WORSHIP: Ndlangamandla donated 100 bags of cement for the construction of this church.



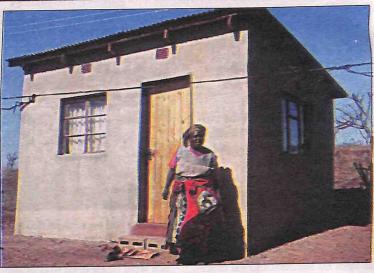
CONVERSING: Ndlangamandla talking to Mcondisi Mamba next to the house he constructed for him.

become great and somehow successful in life," he said.

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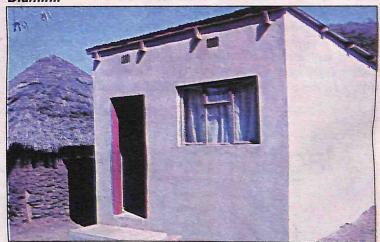
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MY HOUSE: Jabulile Mkhaliphi posing next to the house constructed by the legislator.



THANK YOU: A house constructed by the MP for Jomo Diamini.



BEFORE AND AFTER: Another house constructed by MP Ndlangamandla.

of Mahhoshe dip tank.

Ngudzeni has eight chiefdoms. They are Mkhaya, Nokwane, Ndushulweni, Lusitini, Mshengu, Phobane, Mphini and Mhawu.

#### ■ NO MORE CARRYING CHILDREN ON THEIR BACKS ACROSS THE RIVER

For years, parents whose children attend Ngudzeni high and primary schools had been forced to carry their children on the back to cross the Hlatane River.

They have been doing this to prevent cases of drowning because there is no bridge which can be used to access both schools.

During rainy days pupils are literally grounded. This, according to residents, has somehow affected the pupils academically.

Ngudzeni Member of

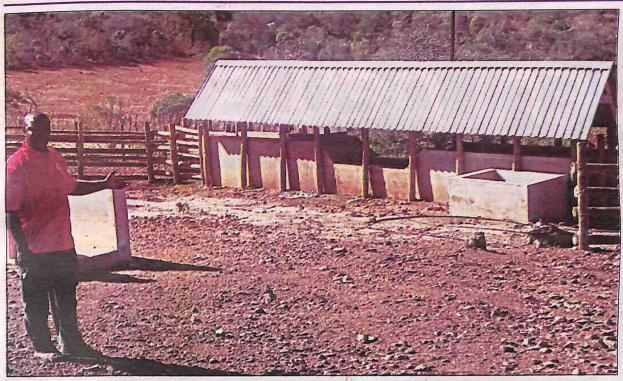
Parliament Dumsani Ndlangamandla has however brought a sigh of relief to the affected residents and pupil.

He has done this by implementing a project for the construction of a bridge. This bridge, which will service at least 3 000 homesteads, is expected to be completed in the next three months.

Ndlangamandla, who is also the Minister of Information, Communication and Technology, said they have received donation from Maloma Colliery, Infraset and govern-

He said the Maloma company donated mesh wire, front loader plus 30 bags of cement. Infraset, a company based in Matsapha, donated pipes.

"Government has also come on board by providing transport and



WELL DONE: The Mahhoshe dip tank has been completed.

### WHAT THE PEOPLE HAD TO SAY:

#### ■ DERRICK **MKHALIPHI**

We are happy with what our MP has done so far especially the construction of the Hlatane bridge. We have been struggling during rainy seasons to access the other side of the river.

I wish people could vote for Ndlangamandla come



2018.

### ELIJAH **MATSEBULA**

Our MP is very approach-

He is friendly even to the youth.

He has contributed so much towards sports even before he became an MP. We are also happy about

the construction of the bridge and we believe it would also help both humans and animals cross to the other side

#### **JEREMIAH PHAKATHI**

I will definitely vote for MP Ndlangamandla in 2018 because of what he has done for us in terms

constituency.

#### **■ VELIBANGWA MAMBA**

of development in the

We are happy and pleased by the projects that the MP has implemented. He is indeed a workaholic man





crush," he said.

Jeremiah Phakathi, a resident, said they are very grateful and happy for the construction of the bridge.

"Kudala silifuna lelibhuloho," he said meaning 'we needed the bridge'

He said as residents they assigned Ndlangamandla when he took office to work towards the construction of the bridge. This was after their previous parliament representative, according to Phakathi, had failed to construct the bridge.

Recently, residents were found gathered at the construction site where they expressed their excitement over the bridge.

Velibangwa Mamba, chairman of the Hlatane bridge, said parents had to cross with their children on their backs to school in order to avoid them drowning. He said this was stressful and somehow a risky exercise. "We are very happy with the construction because it will bring relief to parents," he said.

MINISTER SOASTS 100% IMPLEMENTATION RATE Minister of Information,

Communication and Technology Dumsani Ndlangamandla says they have hit the 100 percent mark in terms of project implementation for his constituency.

Speaking in an interview, the legislator said given government's financial challenges in 2013, some projects had to be stalled but they have, however, implemented all the projects that they had targeted as a constituen-

"All the projects that we initiated have been implemented in the constituency which is the reason I believe we have hit the 100 percent mark," the politician said.

He said they have also managed to purchase a tractor which will be used by residents under the Ngudzeni constituency.

The tractor was purchased through the Regional Development Fund (RDF).

He said what has become an imminent challenge is that most people in his constituency are no longer interested in venturing into income generating businesses.

He said this has been caused by the

presence of the taxing exercises brought by the Swaziland Revenue Authority. He said before he leaves office he is targeting to implement an agricultural project that will bring employment to the youth.

#### ■ INDVUNA YENKHUNDLA JUST LOVES **WORKING WITH NDLANGAMANDLA**

Ngudzeni Indvuna Yenkhundla Raymond Ngcamphalala said when they took office in 2013 they found too many incomplete projects.

He said this was the biggest challenge they had to conquer first before implementing new projects for the constituency.

"At first when our MP was appointed into cabinet, it was hard for us to

"However, the MP came back to the constituency and worked hard to implement the targeted projects. The MP has done great so far. We have a good working relationship which is a bonus to the development of the constituency," he said.

"When we took office we found so many incomplete projects which forced us to start afresh," he said.

### PROJECTS IMPLIMENTED BY MP **DUMSANI NDLANGAMANDLA**

### ELECTRICITY SCHEME

- Phikelela electricity scheme
- Hlangunjani electricity scheme worth E700 000
- Mpungane electricity scheme worth E300 000
- Mphelandzaba electricity scheme worth E400 000

#### DIP TANK

 Completed the construction of Mahhoshe dip tank

#### FROM THE HEART

- · Constructed 8 houses for underprivileged residents
- Donated 100 bags of cement for Mawonti FEA

### **SPORTS**

- Sponsored the Ngudzeni Zonal League plus Nokwane Zonal league for E50 000 - Bought outfits for 26 soccer team worth over E100 000

### SCHOOL

· Constructed a home economics laboratory with the assistance of Micro-projects at Ngudzeni High school worth E900 000

### **FARMING**

 Purchased a tractor trailer for Siyacabanga Association worth E179 000 through the Rural Development Fund



ME TOO: Tithobhi Mamba posing next to her house.



HERE IS ANOTHER HOUSE: A house constructed by MP Ndlangamandla for Khethukuthula Mamba.



CROSSING OVER: MP Dumsani Ndlangamandla watches as Andiswa Vilakati cross the Hlatane river where a bridge will be constructed.



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# SHISELWENI NEWS

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Starsky Mkhonta





HOUSE OF GOD: The new Thunzini Baptist Church, a building which was opened on Saturday. (r) This is the old structure brethren have been using in the past.

# OPENED AFTER EIGHT

IT has taken almost eight years to finish the construction of a church in Thunzini, which is valued at over E300 000.

The Thunzini Baptist Church branch, situated at Engwanyameni under Zombodze Emuva Inkhundla, was officially opened on Saturday where Engwanyameni's Chief Mbiko officiated.

The event was also attended by one of the founders of Baptist Church, Pastor Wayne Myers, who is believed to have contributed immensely in the establishment of similar churches throughout the country.

The Baptist church has between 20 to 25 branches in Swaziland.

Giving a brief background of the branch, one of the long serving members Nomsa Mkhonta, told the gathering that it was way back in 1995 when it all started with Bible studies where young people used to gather under a 'tree'

They were taught about the Word and not just reading through.

She said the new building's construction started in 2009 and in January 2016, it was almost finished, thus the official opening on September 3.

She said it was through Pastor Myers' efforts that the Thunzini Baptist branch gained strength and members of the community were encouraged and participated in itsteachings. Another elder of the church Absalom Dununu Mkhonta when addressing the gathering, recalled that it was many years ago when they 'khontaed' for the church. He said it was during the reign of late chief, Magoloza (Mkhonta), the father of Chief Mbiko when they secured the land.

He said the late chief graciously allocated them land to build the church at a site accessible to everyone as it is just a few metres away from the main public road.

Nhlangano/Mhlosheni, just across the residence of respected Nhlangano businessman Chris Mavava Vilane, whose business empire includes properties in town, a blockyard and also fleet of trucks. Ironically, one Vilane's daughters Samu is the leader of the church's praise team.

"Chief Magoloza warmly welcomed us when we requested for this land where the church has been

Today as we are gathered here, here is his son (Chief Mbiko) to fulfill what his father started by officiating in its opening," said Absalom. Also present during the opening of the branch was a representative from Baptist Church convention body, Simanga Ndlovu. Others included the branch leader Pastor Nkosingiphile Dlamini, Bucopho of the area Vusi Mkhwanazi, as well as many others with the programme directed by Gcina Malindzisa.

### Church member talks hard on keeping time

SIMANGA Ndlovu, who represented Baptist Church convention during the opening of the Thunzini Baptist branch on Saturday, noted that time keeping is still a challenge among brethren.

He was not pleased when he arrived to be part of the event which was planned to start at 0900 hours, only for it to start several hours after later.

"We do not encourage late coming," he said.

Ndlovu said he was aware failure to keep time was now something brethren were not taking seriously and urged for an end to this.

He said Christians must be

exemplary in everything both within communities and elsewhere.

"If a church service begins at 10:00, church members should stick to that time. Because you fail to keep time, authorities of the Convention have delegated me to present you with a clock," said Ndlovu.

But he congratulated the brethren for finishing the church structure, saying it was a clear sign they were committed and serious with the work of the Lord. He said the dedication and commitment displayed as the project progressed, was encouraged even in the other branches.

# Existence of church structures signals peace, respect

THE existence of a church also means respect and peace prevails in society, and by extension, the country.

Engwanyameni Chief Mbiko said he believed churches were the foundation of peace in any part of the world saying where there was a church, peace and harmony existed.

speaker during the event.

In his remarks, the chief praised the leadership of the Baptist Church for inviting elders of the area to grace the event.

He said that was clear indication the church leaders respected the elders of the area.

Him being invited to officiate in the opening of a church was also another great honour.

"You have not erred by requesting me to be part of this event and by so doing; I am giving this church my bless-

You have shown others how things should be done.

This also shows how as a church you respect those that have been entrusted by the country's leaders to shepherd you," said the chief.

The chief expressed delight with the mushrooming churches in his community.

He was equally impressed with the manner the project was handled and the channels followed by brethren in securing the land.

To him the structure was completed within a reasonable period.



KEEP TIME: Simanga Ndlovu, who represented Swaziland Baptist Church convention during the opening of the Thunzini Baptist Church branch, making his remarks.



SAFETY FIRST: Chief Mbiko delivering his speech while flanked by his 'bodyguards'.

# 200 STUDENTS GRADUATE AT NGWANE TEACHER'S COLLEGE

By Starsky Mkhonta Nhlangano

ABOUT 200 students will graduate this year at the Ngwane Teacher's Training College.

The soon to be graduates are those that had enrolled for a three-year Primary Teacher's Diploma (PTD) programme.

The graduation ceremony is expected to take place this month on a date still to be announced.

Principal Dr Amos Mahlalela, said preparations for the event were now at advanced stages.

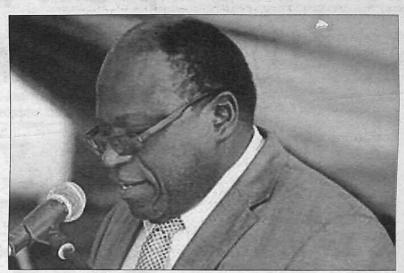
#### Graduation

He said because the graduation ceremony had now become part of the Shiselweni activity calendar, it was not upon him to announce the exact date but would have to first consult with authorities of the land.

Usually, the month of September sees Their Majesties visiting the region for the Umhlanga ceremony.

It is during this time of the year where Their Majesties, apart from gracing the Umhlanga event, also officiate in a number of other activities such as opening of new projects.

It has only been during Dr Mahlalela's time as the Principal that His Majesty visited the college on three occassions.



GRADUATION: Principal Dr Amos Mahlalela.

His Majesty King Mswati III graced the 2012 graduation ceremony and again in 2014 where he officially opened the stretch of the road from Emaphetselweni to the college which he (His Majesty) had ordered that it should be given a facelift.

This was after Dr Mahlalela had raised a concern about it and a year later it was tarred.

His Majesty again visited the college during last year's graduation where he also officiated in the opening of other projects and the launch of the Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) programme.

Dr Mahlalela said his office would be advised by the relevant authorities on the suitable date for the graduation.

"September is usually an important month for the region as it's when we hold important events such as Umhlanga. We have to get a directive from the relevant authorities as to when our graduation should be held so it does not clash with the events usually graced by the country's leaders. In actual fact, we have found that our graduation becomes part of the Shiselweni calendar of activities," said Dr Mahlalela.

# UNESCO celebrates International Literacy Day

By Nozipho Sibiya Mbabane

THE United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organisation
(UNESCO) will celebrate the
50th anniversary of
International Literacy Day
under the banner 'Reading
the Past, Writing the Future'.

UNESCO Director General Irina Bokova, said the International Literacy Day 2016 would celebrate and honour the past five decades of national and international engagement, efforts and progress made to increase literacy rates around the world.

"About 50 years ago, UNESCO officially proclaimed September 8 the International Literacy Day as an empowering force for women and men and for society as a whole. We have seen great progress since the proclamation of the International Literacy Day by UNESCO in 1966. The world's population has increased substantially, but the number of young adults without literacy skills decreased by 25 percent between 1990 and 2015," she said in a press statement.

She said there had been movement in enhancing women's

opportunities to acquire literacy as 43 countries had shown major improvement in gender parity.

However, Bokova said there was still about 758 million adults who could not read or write a simple sentence and two thirds of them were women.

"On the side-lines of the global village, they receive none of the benefits of globalisation and suffer all its costs.

#### Vulnerable

The women and men are more vulnerable to ill-health, exploitation and human rights abuse," she said.

Women were more likely to be unemployed and paid less. This was because they were unable to read or write, were held back from their full potential, and whole communities were locked into vicious cycles of poverty that lay the conditions for violence and strife.

Literacy was a part of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Four, which aimed at ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

The target was that by 2030 all youth and a substantial proportion of adults, both men and women, achieve literacy and numeracy (SDG target 4.6).

### SEASONED DRIVER FINED E2 000 FOR INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER

By Sizwe Dlamini Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court

A 46-year-old man from Bulembu has been sentenced to two years in a correctional facility for involuntary manslaughter.

This was after Sibusiso Nkambule's van ran over Wonderboy Shongwe, killing him instantly.

The incident happened along the MR6 gravel road between Mhlangatane and Buhleni.

Nkambule told the court he was driving at about 40 kilometres per hour along the gravel road when out of nowhere the deceased Shongwe appeared in front of his van.

Nkambule said he tried to avoid run-

ning over Shongwe but it was impossible.

### Deceased

"The deceased came out of a steep incline located on the left side of the road, and was trying to run across the road whilst being chased by two other boys. After seeing the accident, they ran back up the incline into the forest.

I tried to avoid Shongwe but it was impossible thus ran over him, it was an accident," Nkambule said before Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini in court. The accused added he was sober on the day. He had been a driver since 1994 and had never been involved in any sort of car accident. The magistrate sentenced him to two years in a correctional facility if he failed to pay a fine of E2 000 for involuntary manslaughter.

### DD offender has date with court on Christmas Day

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court

A 46-year-old man charged for drink-driving had his trial date set for Christmas Day.

He was granted E1 500 bail after his car rolled over twice and his trial was set for Christmas Day. While most people will be celebrating Christmas Day this festive season, Thulani Shongwe must appear before the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court. He faces drink-driving and negligent driving charges. He caused an accident as his car was driven into a donga and it overturned twice. The accident happened along the MR6 gravel road between Mhlangatane and Buhleni

last Sunday.

Shongwe told the court he was not the one driving so he pleaded not guilty to the charges.

He said the driver of the vehicle was in South Africa.

"I was not the one driving the car, but was infact a passenger," Shongwe said.

He failed his breathalyser test as it recorded 1.11mg, which is above the legal blood alcohol limit.

Shongwe pleaded not guilty to all charges and was granted bail set at E1 500 by Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini.

The magistrate informed him that his trial date would be set on December 25, which is Christmas Day.



RULES: Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini.

down strain

# Gambia's first female presidential candidate calls on Jammeh 'to go'

BANJUL - Gambia's first-ever female presidential candidate on Friday said it was time for President Yahya Jammeh "to go", promising to rejoin the Commonwealth community and set the country on a path to prosperity.

Isatou Touray, a development expert and campaigner against female genital mutilation, railed against the "lavish" lifestyle she said Jammeh enjoyed while ruling one of Africa's poorest nations, and accused him of sowing division between communities. Jammeh is expected to win a fifth-term at the helm of the poor west African nation in the December election.

"(Jammeh's) style is not only

flamboyant and lavish, but gross," Touray told a press conference announcing her candidacy. "It is time for him to go."

She said she would stand as an independent candidate in the polls, and would "steer the Gambia towards a direction that will enable it to respond to the needs and aspirations of the people," by focusing on welcoming back the Gambian diaspora and creating jobs.

On foreign policy, Jammeh's decision to declare the Gambia an Islamic state and to leave the Commonwealth community of former British colonies have isolated it internationally, she said, pledging to reverse both deci-

# UN URGES SOUTH SUDAN TO ACCEPT 'PROTECTION FORCE

JUBA - The UN Security
Council on Saturday urged
South Sudan to drop its opposition to the deployment of a
regional protection force to beef
up a large UN peacekeeping
mission in the war-scarred
country.

Echoing a call made earlier by South Sudanese religious leaders, ambassadors from the council's 15 member states met with senior government ministers in Juba and all spoke in favour of sending an

additional 4 000 troops to the 13 000-strong mission, known as UNMISS.

One of the ambassadors, who asked not to be named, told AFP he thought the South Sudanese ministers "were surprised to see that the Security Council spoke with one voice. "They were surprised by the tone of Russia, and also of China, which acted like someone who lost two peace-keepers." AFP

## LUDZIDZINI GOVERNOR TV MAIN GUEST AT MTHETHWA CLAN GATHERING

By Simon Shabangu Manzini

SOUTH African Minister of Arts and Culture Nathi Mthethwa missed the gathering of his clansmen which was held at the Gum Tree, outside Manzini.

He was supposed to be one of the speakers during the gathering, to motivate and pass words of encouragement to the Mthethwa people.

The event which was under the theme 'back to our roots' was attended by the Mthethwa people from as far as Zimbabwe, Mozambique, different provinces around South Africa and those resident locally.

It was hosted by the Mthethwa Clan Association at Musa Mthethwa and Lubombo RA Sylvia's residence at Gum Tree.

#### Arrival

The joyful occassion started on Friday night with the arrival of the different delegations which came in small and big cars that were littered all over the yard of Mthethwa's plush home.

It continued on Saturday and ended yesterday.

The event saw different speakers, both within and outside the country, introducing themselves and giving a background of their origin.

Speaking at the event, main speaker and Ludzidzini Governor Velebo

### ....SA's Minister Nathi gives it a miss



MISSES OUT: South African Minister of Arts and Culture Nathi Mthethwa.

Mtetwa, well known as TV, said it was important for the clan to have such gatherings where they would get to know each other.

### Appreciated

He said unity was the source of strength hence appreciated those behind the get-together, which was hosted in Mozambique last year.

"Gatherings of such nature look impossible until they are initiated hence I want to appreciate the people who are

the brains behind this and encourage them to keep it alive.

It looks impossible because there are financial implications that go with hosting such gatherings.

The dedication and commitment displayed by those behind this initiative excites me, and I encourage them to work even harder," he said.

He also appreciated the effort of documenting the history of the Mthethwa people which was done by Dr. BV Mthethwa who has written a book about the origins of the clan. "I have been informed that a team of researchers have been putting together the history of the clan to add to the great work done by Dr Mthethwa," he added

#### **Comments**

The governor was a hit amongst the clansmen following the remixed versions of his remarks from the recently held Sibaya. Many were making remarks related to his comments at the Sibaya and the song recently composed from his interventions there, which he recently laughed off during an interview. The gathering was entertained by artists like Nonhle Mthetwa, Amazing Mthethwa, Nhlanhlalenhle Mthethwa and Swazi Gospel Singers led by Mathokoza Mthetwa, who is a founding member.

### THE MTHETHWA CLAN GET-TOGETHER



BONYAMBOSE: Indvuna TV posing with Robert and Thulani from Johannesburg. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)





WE ARE ONE: Prophet Gcina Mthethwa with some of his clansmen who attended the gathering over the weekend.



SITEKI TOWN COUNCIL

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP PROJECT NO. 1/2016-17

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP's) FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STRATEGIC SITE IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT OF SITEKI URBAN AREA.

Proposals are hereby invited from suitably qualified property developers/Investors for the development of a strategic site in Siteki into a retail shopping complex.

Request for Proposals (RFP's) for this exercise are obtainable from Siteki Town Council offices, during business hours, on payment of a non-refundable amount of E300-00 cash per set. It is compulsory to attach tender receipt, tax clearance certificate, valid trading license, certificate of incorporation and Form J.

Completed tenders shall be delivered to the address stipulated below, not later than **Noon** on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016, at which time tenders will be opened in public. On the outside, the tender envelope shall be clearly marked:

"Confidential, Public Private Partnership Project No. 1 of 2016/17, preparation of Integrated Development Plan (Not to be opened before 12Noon on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016)".

The Town Clerk Siteki Town Council P.O. Box 57 Siteki, L300 Lot 93 and 94 Siteki

> SITHEMBILE SIMELANE TOWN CLERK

### Malkerns Town Board

### TENDER NOTICE FOR MALKERNS TOWN BOARD

TENDERS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT TENDERS FOR THE FOLLOWING
TENDERNO 1 – TENDER FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO REVIEW MALKERNS IPD
(INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN) AND PREPARE AN ORGANISATION DESIGN

A consultancy firm shall be selected using the quality and Cost Based selection (QCBS) procedure as well as criterion based on the Request for Proposal (RFP)

The following documents must be submitted together with proposals:

- Detailed technical proposal
- ii. Detailed costs for accomplishing the assignment (Financial Statements should separate from the technical proposal)
- iii. Valid certificate of Incorporation
- iv. Valid form J from Registrar of Companies
- v. Power of attorney
- vi. Proof of legal joint Venture (where necessary)
- vii. valid and current Tax Clearance Certificate
- viii. Valid and current Trading Licence
- ix. Valid proof for the purchase of the tender document from the bank acc No. 663-164 0140063987901 standard bank Mbabane
- x. Professional Indemnity Cover

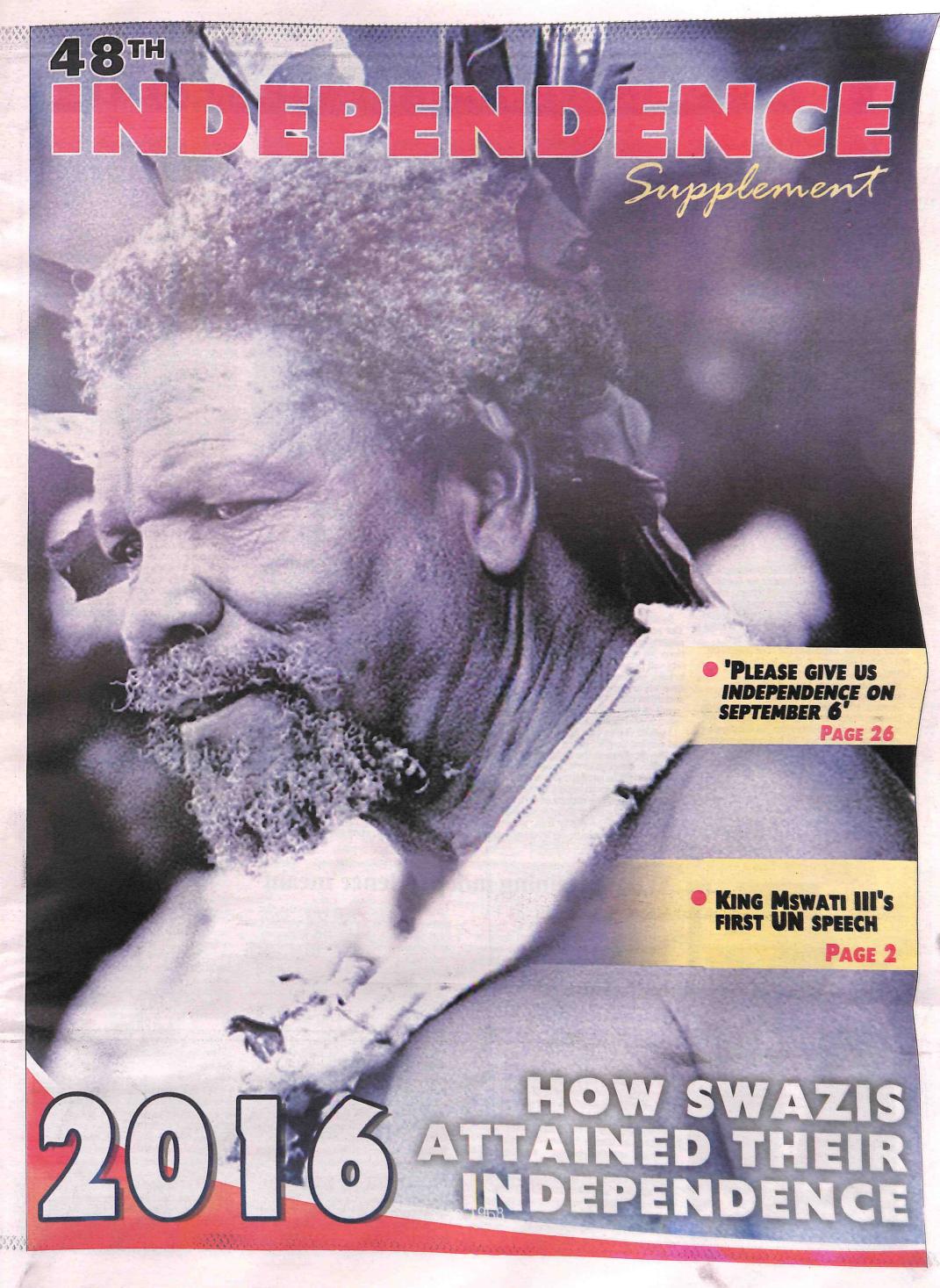
THE DOCUMENTS MAY BE COLLECTED FROM THE Malkerns Town Board Offices located at Portion 37 of Portion 14 Farm 65 Mahlanya /Luyengo Road on submission of proof of payment of E300.00 At the above account.

Tenders should be returned not later than 1200 n00n on the 9th of September 2016 and can be deposited at the Malkerns Town Board Offices. Opening of the technical proposals shall be made immediately thereafter. All tenders must be addressed as following:

Tender no 1 of 2016 - IDP review and organisation design and development

Clerk to Board Malkerns Town Board P. O.B OK 100

MALKERNS





ay I start, Mr. President, by congratulating you most sincerely on your well deserved election to the presidency of this, the forty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly.

I am confident that with your outstanding diplomatic skills, proved experience and undoubted leadership abilities, the Assembly will meet the challenge of its global commitments. On a personal note, we Swazis are delighted that this vitally important presidency is in the hands of a fellow African, with whose country we have enjoyed excellent and longstanding relations.

I wish also to register our appreciation for all that your predecessor, His Excellency Dante Caputo, managed to achieve while so ably guiding the proceedings of last year's session.

You will be aware that this is my first opportunity to address the General Assembly. No other Swazi King had such an opportunity.

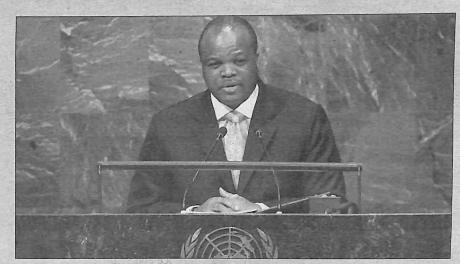
I am very conscious, as I stand before you, of the 44 years of illustrious history belonging to the United Nations. History has shown, time and again, that the organisation remains the most important multilateral institution for resolving international conflicts. I, Her Majesty the Indlovukazi, and the whole Swazi nation are proud to be identified with such history, and I can assure you of my determination to lend Swaziland's full support to the organization's fundamental principles and guiding

The promotion of international peace and security, through full respect for human rights and the dignity of all citizens, remains elemental to our goals and purposes. I, therefore, note with relief and satisfaction that we meet against a backdrop of a relaxation in the relations between the two super powers. I applaud the role played by the United Nations, in this, and in all its efforts in multilateral diplomacy.

With that in mind, I would like at this point to pay tribute to our Secretary-General, His Excellency Mr. Javier Perez de Cuellar. The international community, without question, benefits from his outstanding devotion to duty and his boundless energy. His staff, too, deserves our gratitude. The specialised agencies, and particularly the United Nations peace-keeping forces throughout the world, continue to earn our gratitude and appreciation for work well done in their mission for advancing the cause of human dignity and justice.

I must express Swaziland's concern at

## KING MSWATI III'S IRST UN SPEECH



renewed evidence of the economic imbalance between the North and South. The latest findings of the Economic Survey of 1989 hold out very little hope to us in the South of any improvement.

As a result, Swaziland is an active member of the South African Development Co-ordination Conference and the preferential trade area. It is our aim to counter the imbalance by encouraging our economic community in eastern and southern Africa. **Economic** 

Swaziland is a small, landlocked Kingdom. Our economic development depends on a healthy climate of international trade relations. An active regional economic community will provide essential markets and this, in turn, will encourage our producers to diversify and thus strengthen our agroindustrial base. I would welcome endorsement of this policy by our economic partners in development.

I would like to turn my attention to areas of current conflict in the world today.

The problems in the Middle East continue to cause concern to the people of Swaziland. We sympathise with the ones involved and would appeal to the concerned parties to exercise maximum restraint. We welcome the call for an international peace conference on the Middle East. We feel that participation should be on an equal footing,

with no conditions.

Close to home, I would like to reassert Swaziland's unswerving commitment to the principles of non-racial democracy, nonalignment and complete respect for human dignity, justice and peaceful coexistence

We hope that the South African government, under its new leadership, will respect the views and rightful expectations of all its citizens. We are encouraged by the new initiatives and can only hope that words are backed by action.

Government

This time next month Namibia will have elected its first democratic government. My country prays for a peaceful election process, free from outside pressure. Whatever the outcome, we trust that monitoring force of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group will ensure that it is the will of the majority that prevails. We look forward to welcoming Namibia to next

year's Assembly session. En route to New York, I paid a short visit to our neighbour Mozambique. During friendly and fruitful discussions, I assured the President of my resolve to speak out clearly on his country's behalf. The continuing war affects Swaziland in many ways. The refugees fleeing the conflict are of particular concern to us, constituting at least 7

percent of our total population. Fifty thousand refugees currently stretch our resources in land, finance and employment. While we are encouraged by the response of the international community as a whole, and of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) in particular, we feel that the time has now come for the Assembly to give full attention to supporting the process started

by
President Chissano and carried on by Presidents Moi and Mugabe of Kenya and Zimbabwe, respectively. Let us give real

assistance to the people of Mozambique and ease the alarming pattern of emigration, which is threatening to choke the countries playing reluctant hosts.

Sadly, many other situations of conflict persist throughout the world.

Swaziland would welcome the guidance of the Secretary-General and United Nations agencies in their future settlement. I refer to the ongoing situations in Afghanistan, Iran-Iraq, the Korean peninsula, Western Sahara, Latin America and others. Our previous successes should spur us on to address today's problems.

Swaziland was saddened to hear of events in Beijing earlier this year. We hope and pray that peace has returned to that city and that the spirit of youthful expression has not been entirely squashed.

Share

It is heartening to be able to share in the enthusiasm of the United Nations for environmental issues. I am impressed by the deep concern of several Member States, which are working within the United Nations system on this agenda.

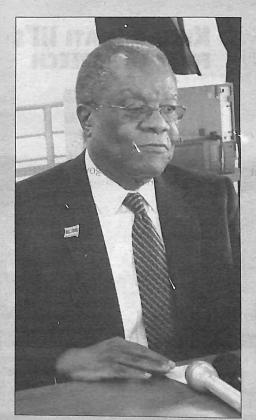
Swaziland is fully prepared to play its part in this vital programme of action. Issues such as deforestation and desertification have particular relevance for us.

We support fully all proposals made by the Assembly for an international conference in 1992, to focus on environmental awareness. In conclusion, I would like to express my opinion that the United Nations continues to be the best hope for mankind. We, the people of Swaziland, are proud to be associated with this august Assembly.

Our own policies are dictated by the realities of our situation, and cautious wisdom has always been the Swazi watchword. The Charter of the United Nations is one with

which we identify most strongly.
It is my privilege then, on behalf of all the Swazi people, to pledge our continued cooperation with the United Nations system and its specialised agencies.

God bless you all.



### What attaining independence meant

BY NOMILE HLATSHWAYO

ndependence meant casting off the yoke of control by a pre-independence master who would never have the passion to develop our country in the way that we, Swazis, would choose, Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini said.

The PM said Swaziland's day of Independence on September 6, 1968, was a magnificent and truly memorable event and, of course, unique in the history of the

"And it was a very special day personally for all Swazis alive at the time. Quite simply, it represented the moment of freedom freedom to organise our own political, economic and social affairs, and manage our route to further development in the way that we, as Swazis, wanted," he said.

"It meant casting off the yoke of control by a pre-independence master who would never have the passion to develop our country in the way that we, Swazis, would choose. It also meant casting into the trashcan the more odious characteristics of colonialism that, today, we find hard to believe existed

Asked about his feelings at the time, the premier said, "At the time of independence, I was excited by the sensation of freedom and being the citizen of a country that could now forge its own development path and be more in control of its destiny. The subsequent years have not disappointed me and I remain deeply proud of where we are today as a nation.'

Dlamini said on the day he was in Washington DC, the capital of the United States of America, having travelled down from the University of Wisconsin, where he was studying Industrial Chemistry.

"I was fortunate in being assisted by the US government to join the celebrations together with eight other Swazi students, at the residence of Ambassador Msindazwe Sukati, our Swazi diplomatic representative in the USA at the time. If we had known then what Swaziland would look like today, we might have been as much stunned as we were happy," he recalled.

The PM noted the great subsequent changes to the Swazi landscape, both metaphorical and literal, in what is almost half a century of post-independence devel-

"I will not go too much into the way of detail, but am pleased to have the opportunity to highlight for the reader some of the remarkable changes that we have enjoyed in the post-independence years. My fellow students and I were, in fact, very lucky to be at university at all, let alone at established and reputable American institutions. Back home in Swaziland, very few young people had access to tertiary education.

Local

"The only university that could remotely be called 'local' was the University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland, local Roma, Lesotho. Today we have our own university that offers a high standard of tertiary education across a wide range of subjects and a scholarship system that has enabled thousands of students to gain a university education whether at home, elsewhere in the region or overseas," noted the PM.

Dlamini continued, "Indeed across the education sector, from primary to high school level, it was only after independence that the number of schools mushroomed and literacy rate shot up to what it is today."

In the other main avenue of social service delivery, health - our facilities have grown



xisting under colonial rule is like staying in a government or company house where you do not develop because you cannot even plant that avocado tree you have always wanted.

These were the words of former Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku (now Regional Administrator for Shiselweni region) when he was he was asked about life in Swaziland before Independence in 1968.

Being a fairly young lad then, Masuku however recalls the euphoria that filled the air when Swazis converged at Somhlolo National Stadium to celebrate their freedom from the British. Swaziland was a British protectorate.

"At the time there was just so much excitement. Some people did not comprehend what Independence really meant. They were just happy that the British were leaving the country. But for others, they understood that as Swazis we were now on our own and we needed to do something to claim our space regionally and internationally. We understood that help was not going to come from outside but from within ourselves as Swazis, in terms of the things we would do from then on," Masuku said.

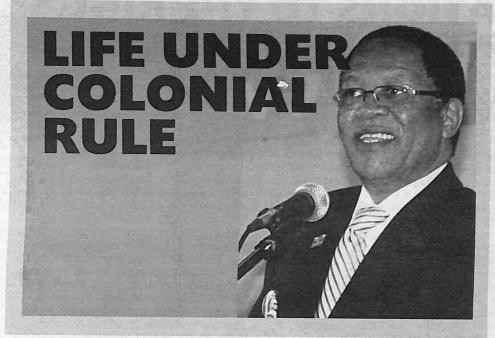
from then on," Masuku said.

He added, "Not only was this revolution taking place in Swaziland, Africa was being unshackled from the irons of colonisation.

Our independence came just after other countries in Africa had attained their freedom." Masuku likened living under colonial rule to, "living in a government or company house where you do not develop because you cannot even plant that avocado or peach tree you have always wanted; in fact, you cannot do anything you want."

Independence, therefore, meant we could now claim ownership of the house called Swaziland; we were free to plant that avocado tree and do anything we pleased in our backyard, he said. The former DPM said there were so many thoughts going through people's minds about the impending freedom. "What excited some of us the most was that as Swazis we were suddenly free to sing our own national anthem, not the British one; we did that with so much pride on the day! The excitement was one of a kind. I recall singing the national anthem thinking of all the things I longed to do as young man,' Masuku reminisced. Masuku further said as young people, their thoughts wondered to the opportunities that they could take advantage of with the new state of affairs.

"We talked of the opportunities our independence had availed to us as young people at university. We thought 'if that British guy leaves, I will now replace him at that job or I will buy that car and no one will frown upon me'. We were really looking forward to reclaiming our space," he lightly chuckled. He noted that Swaziland had come a long



way, not only politically but also economically, socially and otherwise.

#### **POLITICALLY**

Masuku disclosed that with Independence, the country had to go through vigorous political construction, in terms of setting up and laying down the foundation. "We were lucky that with the wise leadership of King Sobhuza II, Swaziland was able to chart the way forward because for the first time we were independent. As a country, we had to find our political space regionally," he noted. He recalled that there were, however, those underlying fears in terms of uncertainty regarding Swazi culture versus the Western ways of politics.

"It is like being thrown into the deep end; contemplating how the Western way would interfere with our cultural way of doing things." Politically, the most exciting thing according to Masuku was having a King.

He continued, "It was frustrating for Swazis to refer to King Sobhuza as paramount chief before independence because to us, abeyinkhosi. Therefore, to be able to call him King or Ingwenyama brought so much pride and sitfunti to our Monarchy: it was really exciting. The King led us to find our political space and our identity as a nation." Fast forward to post 1986, the DPM said King Mswati III ascended the Throne and took things to a different level.

"The monarchy combined well with modern life of managing politics. We continued our space through our desire to sustain peace and stability in Swaziland. That is why

throughout Africa, Swaziland has been the oasis of peace and stability," Masuku said.

#### **ECONOMICALLY**

Masuku said the transformation that the Swazi economy has undergone since independence was amazing.

He recalled that one vibrant industry that was there at Independence was the forestry plantations in Pigg's Peak and Bhunya. "Those two companies were so vibrant that most men were employed by them, hence the song 'mema mntfwanam ebhunya baholile', which was coined after women saw the trend of men going to work there and not returning home," he enthused.

### **VIBRANT**

He said the sugar industry was also vibrant at the time. "You will not believe that there were no tarred roads in most of the towns in Swaziland except in Mbabane. That is why the infrastructural development over the years has been amazing. Moreover, there were no fancy jobs in Swaziland then. Most people were employed in forestry plantations and some in mining at Ngwenya and Bulembu; the rest were gardeners, maids or teachers," he pointed out. Masuku noted, however, that the population was small at Independence, "We have, over the years, seen a boom in various industries in Swaziland, mostly due to the apartheid era in neighbouring South Africa and the war in Mozambique. For years Swaziland was the investment destination of choice because it

was considered safe for investing," Masuku noted.

#### SOCIALLY

The DPM said everything has its time - be it politically, economically and socially. He said over the years, government embarked on the social aspect of things in a big way.

"We now have an organised welfare system that incorporates grants and free medical services for the elderly. This then creates a situation where, if there is now due recognition for the elderly, one would then want to do better and respond positively. This Gender and Family department comprises of gender and family issues, as well as children and disability aspects. We wanted to organise these different aspects and focus on each. As a country, we also looked at our children and created a situation where we wanted to build on our young people," Masuku said. He added that many have been questioning the disability issue.

"As government, we thought it was important to strengthen gender aspect first because it is not only about females but incorporates issues of men and women in society. We then moved on to children and later on, to issues of disability," he explained. On another note, Masuku said government also focused on the social aspect of things which has resulted in many communities, especially in the rural areas, having easier access to potable water and electricity.

#### **AMAZING**

"It is amazing that when you move around at night, especially in the rural areas, you would assume you are in town because most of the homesteads now have electricity," he said. One serious challenge, according to Masuku, is land ownership. "If, for instance, you consider the thousands of maidens that attended the Reed Dance - that means about 100 000 young people will soon require land to build their homes. This is a challenge for government, which has to be taken into consideration," Masuku noted. In terms of edu-cation, Masuku said in the last five years, the country had seen a major change especially with tertiary institutions. "We have seen the establishment of more tertiary institutions such as the Southern African Nazarene University, Limkokwing University of Creative Technology and lately, the Swaziland Christian Medical University, among others. There has been a big change in the education scenario. This means that more of our young people are getting education, which will help the country in terms of skills development for the different industries," Masuku added.

out of all recognition," the PM noted.

"At the time of Independence, we had around five Swazi medical doctors and only three hospitals in Mbabane, Manzini and Siteki. Today we have many Swazi doctors and a number of specialists, and three more hospitals in Hlathikulu, Mankayane and Pigg's Peak as well as the TB hospital outside Manzini.

### Grateful

We have always been grateful to the missionaries and their good work, and at independence, their clinics almost entirely made up the rural health facilities across the country. Now we have a clinic in every inkhundla and a number of health centres," noted the premier.

Indeed, the level of government expenditure on public services was tiny by present day standards, even adjusting for the effect of inflation over the years. Putting things in perspective, the government budget in 1968 was barely E10 million, and that of course, was expressed in Rand because we did not have our own currency until 1974," he explained.

Among the changes between 1968 and today, the most readily visible would be in

the country's infrastructure.

He recalled, "The only tarred road back then was between Mbabane and Manzini. Yet within the first 15 years of independence, we had bitumen roads between Manzini and Big Bend, a long stretch taking the motorist from Manzini through Mafutseni and Mliba, and all the way from Manzini to Lomahasha. The railway line that existed at independence ran from Ngwenya right down to Mhlumeni (Goba) before linking up with the Mozambique stretch that took goods down to Matola in Mozambique." Dlamini explained that that had been built just before independence to transport the iron ore extracted at Ngwenya.

He said following the cessation of iron ore mining at Ngwenya, until recently, the line has since contracted to meet our local requirements but plans are underway for a substantial new railway project in the coming years.

In 1968, the only airline operating into Swaziland was known as Swazi Air but owned by a South African entity.

The creation of our own airline, Royal Swazi Airways, took place after independence, the PM disclosed.

### Ties That Bind - capturing the strength of our bond

he year 1968 saw the dawn of an exciting new era for the Kingdom of Eswatini as we celebrated independence and relished the national development changes that lay ahead.

How fortunate was our country to have, in that same year, forged a friendship with the Republic of China (Taiwan) that was to endure for over four decades and today, be as strong as ever.

A great partner in development is how we view this generous country that has provided support across so wide a spectrum.

The development footprint left by the Taiwanese is in evidence throughout our society and our economy.

The beneficent support has taken electricity and water to our rural areas, provided lifesaving medical support to our hospitals, given assistance in two of our infrastructure projects that will have a significant impact on

future development-Sikhuphe International Airport (later named King Mswati III International Airport) and the Royal Science and Technology Park.

Taiwanese aid has trained entrepreneurs, and provided extensive technical assistance in agriculture, as well as computers to schools and His Majesty's government.

The production of a magazine that presents in detail the long, healthy and reciprocal relationship between our two countries is an excellent way of presenting that history and expressing our deep appreciation to the Taiwanese people and their Government.

The title 'Ties That Bind' captures the nature of support in each sector and the strength of the bond that has built up between our two countries.

We look forward to the distribution of the magazine to a wide audience, especially the Taiwanese people so they can derive a warm satisfaction from the development assistance provided to the Kingdom of Swaziland.

DR. B.S.S. Dlamini Prime Minister (Source: Ties that Bind magazine)



### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KING'S CHAIRMANSHIP - DENZIL ERASMUS

BY PHUMELELE MKHONTA

enzil Erasmus, a saxophonist from South Africa educed on how excited he is on Swaziland hosting this year's SADC Summit and on His Majesty King Mswati III being instated as the chairman of SADC.

Erasmus is a South African saxophonist, composer and an anointed worshipper. He was born in Cape Town and grew up in Mitchell's Plain. He has collaborated and shared stages with big names such as the late Lulu Dikana, Neville D, Sipho Makhabane, Cece Winans, Dr. Juanita Bynum, Israel Houghton and many oth-

He has performed in the country many times; actually, he has even collaborated with Swazi gospel artists. He has collaborated with Nothando Hlophe, Shekinah Motsa, Nduduzo Matse and many others. He also performed at

the Biggest Braai 2016 alongside Sipho Makhabane.

The saxophone guru said that he has always taken interest in the country and the activities that occur in it.

"I have always been fascinated by Swaziland and its development. I think over the years the country has made a lot of progress. The fact that it has taken the chair position in the SADC Region portrays the recognition and trust it has gained from the other SADC countries. This is a huge position which should be embraced and taken care of. I trust the King will do a great job and make Swaziland and me proud," said Erasmus.

He also said that he is always excited when he has a gig in the country or has to come for a social reason. "Every time I have to come to Swaziland I barely get any sleep due to excitement. I honestly do not know the reason to

this but I love the country. My connections and network in Swaziland has become widespread and deep; it is literally home away from home to me know. I have been in it more than four times this year, imagine that; it is not normal for an artist to have many gigs outside borders in the same venue," he said.

Welcoming

According to Erasmus, Swazi people are nice, down to earth and welcoming.

"Swazis are so welcoming at all levels. Recently, I am doing a lot of projects with Leserato Events and the reception that they have given me is so encouraging and welcoming. The media in the country has the best journalists; the coverage I have been getting has actually contributed in the growth of my

He excited about the King be a very nice person; he said that he calmed him down

career," Erasmus explained.

when he was tongue tied in a public platform when he was delivering his speech.

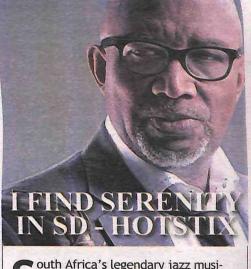
"I am very excited to have met the King I tell you. It was such an experience and I so happened to be overwhelmed. When delivering my brief speech I was stammering which is a trait that does not match my character. The King just told me to take it slow and calm down. Imagine that, I thought that so cool for a lady, he is a great man. "I was not aware of the Swazi Independence date but I wish the country all best in its endavours. And again, congratulations to the King for his new position," he said.



The Board of Directors, Management and Staff of Swaziland Water Services Corporation wishes His Majesty King Mswati III, The Indlovukazi and the entire Swazi Nation a happy 48th Independence Anniversary.



Bayethe Wena Waphakathil



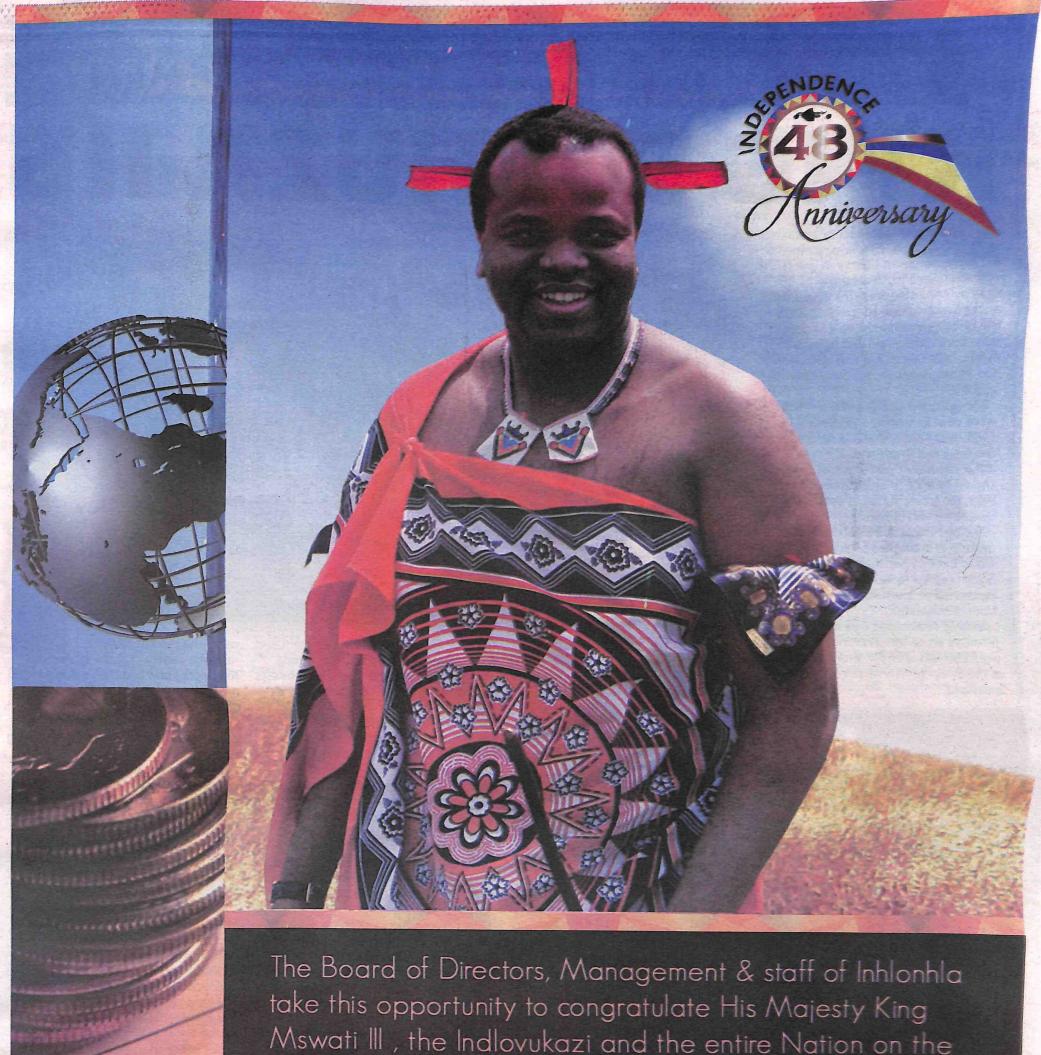
outh Africa's legendary jazz musician, Sipho 'Hotstix' Mabuse, elicited how he finds a peace of mind and he was able to replenish his energy every time he is in Swaziland.

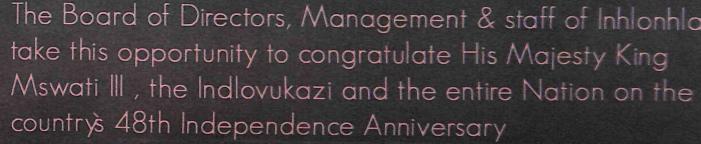
Sipho Hotstix Mabuse is one of Africa's most-loved and respected Afro-pop/jazz musicians. He was born in South Africa in 1951. He has been honored by music lovers the world over from Carnegie Hall, New York, to Newtown, Johannesburg, his ongoing contribution to the continents musical landscape has earned him legendary status. Mabuse confessed to having a long history with Swaziland, tracing back to the apartheid era in South Africa.

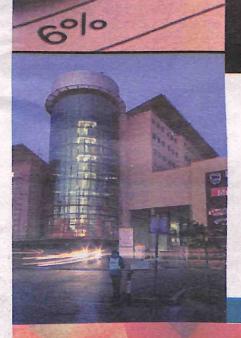
"I find peace each time I pay a visit in Swaziland; for me it is a holiday destination. I am so proud with the way in which it has progressed from the time I started coming here. The infrastructure is so beautiful and the places that I usually perform at are gorgeous. I just love the country," he said. He also said he is proud of His Majesty King Mswati III taking over the SADC chairmanship because it demonstrated the country's development. **History** 

Mabuse briefly talked about his history with the country. "I started performing in the country 50 years ago and I have performed almost every year since then; In actual fact, I have come maybe almost twice a year. Swaziland is a phenomenal place with wonderful people and beautiful crowds; I always get good reception when performing in the country. My best memory is when the country hosted a huge concert in movement towards removing the apartheid regime: it was so intimate and I was honored to perform alongside Eric Clapton," said Mabuse.

He wished the King and the country a







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# KING SOBHUZA II'S

bednego Kuseni Hlophe (popularly known as A.K.) will go down into the annals of history as one of the men who were trusted by the Ngwenyama, King Sobhuza II, and the whole Swazi nation to speak sense to the British government on a variety of issues, including land and mineral rights, that Swazis wanted addressed in the White Paper for the Swaziland constitution.

The outcome of these talks, which were held in London on February 19, 1968, was vital and would determine the future of Swaziland.

The significant part was that delegates should be able to agree upon a secure basis for future relations between Swaziland and Britain.

The one important reason was that Swaziland still relied on Britain financial aid to balance her budget, and upon British capital to develop her resources (and prevent South African interests from dominating).

Another reason was that if carping differences arose with Britain, the way would be laid open for strong criticism of the Swazi government from within Swaziland.



Internal unrest at the time when the Swaziland government was trying on the dress of independence for the first time would naturally be unwelcome.

Hence the reason why government and the iNgwenyama had to chose strong men to represent the country's interests during these final talks leading to independence.

Hlophe is today the only surviving person who was among the delegation sent to London in 1963 and in 1968, just before independence.

Hlophe is a farmer born on January 13, 1922 at LaNcabane (now Lozitha). He was educated at the Zombodze and Matsapha National schools and at St Chad's College in Natal, South Africa.

His career with government started way back when King Sobhuza II was still paramount chief of the country under the British protectorate.

He became the Clerk to the Standing Committee of the Swazi National Council and for 10 years, was private secretary to King Sobhuza II.

AK was a Swazi National representative on the Swaziland Constitutional Committee from 1961 - 1963, a delegate to the Constitutional Conference in London in January and July 1963, and to the Independence Conference in 1968. He was also a successful candidate in the June 1964 Legislative Elections.

In a previous interview, Hlophe recalled that he sacrificed a better paying job in South Africa when he was recalled to work for the country.

Hlophe said in 1950, he was recalled from the Municipal of Johannesburg in South Africa where he was a recorder. He said his pay was around E160 per month and he came back home to earn about E120.

"I tried to resist this move but my employers felt it was an honour that the King of Swaziland was recognising me. I realised that working for my country meant more than the money. The King sent Samuel Sukati to go and negotiate with my employers and it was in that meeting that Sukati showed his shrewd-

ness," he reportedly said.

Hlophe added; "For my service, the King would now and then call me to tell me how to go about my duties in his office. I became the first person to work in the King's office. I answered telephone calls, attended to people seeking audience with the King and also typed the King's speeches," said Hlophe.

On the issue of independence, Hlophe disclosed that at no point did Swaziland beg the British government for independence.

Hlophe said there had been a deliberate misinformation of the nation that Swaziland negotiated with the British for the country's independence in 1968.

He said the truth of the matter was that the Swaziland delegation which was sent to London in 1963 made their demands known to the British that "Swazis had come of age and they were ready to rule themselves".

"I have been hearing people saying Swazis negotiated for their independence and that is not true; we do not know where they got that information. The British had no other way but to do as per the dictates of Swazis.

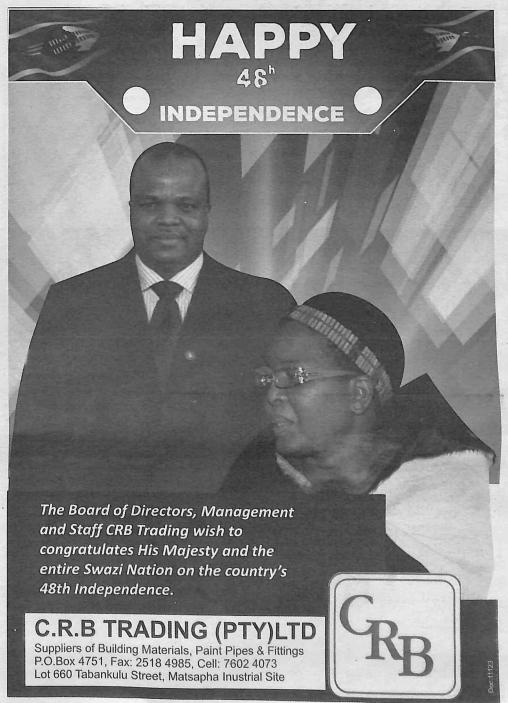
"Our discussions were brute and frank and I do not remember, even in one instance, where we begged the British to give us our independence," he said.

Working with King Sobhuza II from 1950 until 1981 saw Hlophe travelling the world as the King's right-hand man. He said London became his second

home as he would visit now and then in readiness for the country's independence.

Hlophe added that while they were in London, he made sure he kept King Sobhuza II abreast with what was happening during the talks for independence.

At independence, the King appointed him the first Minister of Agriculture, from 1968 to 1982.



# RIGHT HAND MAN

Meanwhile in 1968, the team for the final independence talks in London, which were held on February 19, 1968. consisted of the Prime Minister at the time, Prince Makhosini and other government leading Cabinet lights, it was reported.

The six-men delegation included: Prince Makhosini, Leo Levell (Minister of Finance, Commerce and Industry), Dr. Allen Nxumalo (Minister of Health), Senator Polycarp Dlamini (Minister of Works, Power and Communications), A.K. Hlophe (Minister of Agriculture), and Senator Carl Todd.

A governmental announcement stated that in addition, H.M. Reemele (Secretary to Cabinet) and W.A. Ramsdea (Attorney General), would accompany the party.

The talks were seen as the buttoning up of details concerning the hand-over of the instruments of independence on September 6, 1968.

Some government sources feared there would be a few 'thorny' issues that would prove problematic during the talks, but there was a general air of confidence that such problems would be

Among the difficulties that the team, including Hlophe, would encounter were those of land and minerals.

The newspaper reported that Parliament overruled a Cabinet proposal

in the debate on the White Paper for independence concerning the control of

It was thought that Britain would view dimly the new arrangements to place membership of the Advisory Minerals Committee more or less directly in the hands of the Swazi National Council.

A Cabinet member told the newspa-

per, "There could be deadlock with Britain over this one."

But he, too, was hopeful the talks would go smoothly.

A statement issued by the Queen's Commissioner's office stated that the British Secretary of State for Commonwealth Affairs had announced, in his invitation to the talks, that financial aid to Swaziland would not be dis-

Meanwhile, the PM said they would take a tough line with Britain over the

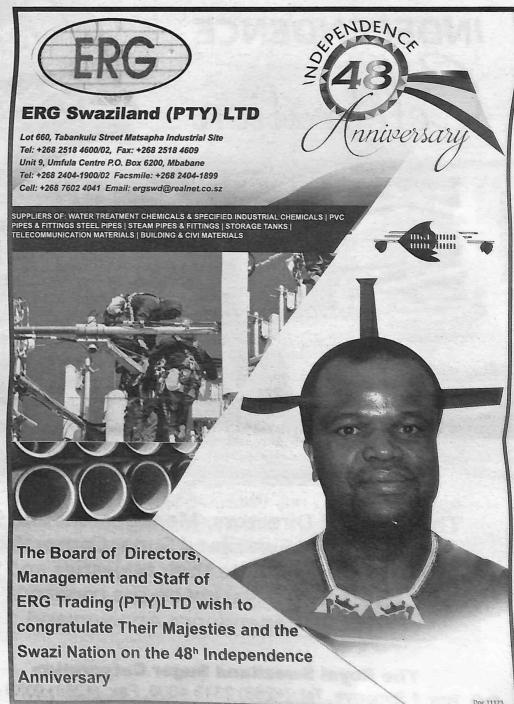
He noted that the two countries had long disputed the best method of control of mineral rights and that it was time to settle the matter once and for

The prince said he would be taking, as a basis for argument on the mineral rights control, the White Paper that was amended in recent months during a debate on the Swaziland constitutional proposals in the House of Assembly.

It was also during the final talks in London that the PM and the British Commonwealth Secretary George Thompson signed the report of the Swaziland independence conference on February 23, 1968.

This basically meant that Swaziland entered the final lap towards independence scheduled for September 6.

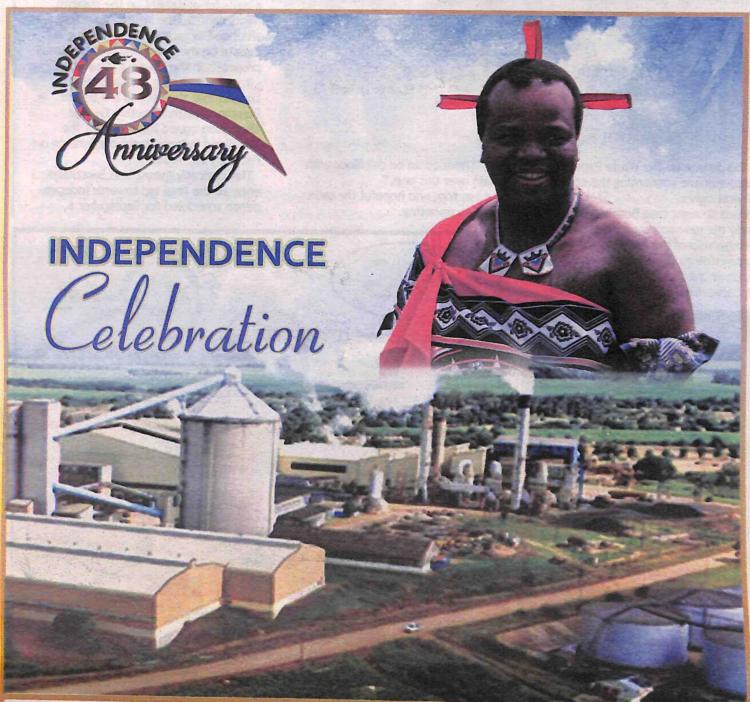




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### MANGALISO 'EFLOE' MASILELA

hen the words 'your gift will take you before great men' Elfoe knows better.

He is a product of the 'TV Star presenter competition' surprisingly he did not make it to the top three but favor located him and he stands in countless Swazi TV shows to date. He is renowned for his number one musical show called 'The Beat Down'.

What does the country's independence mean to you?

Our independence means freedom, freedom to choose how we live as a country to be able to express ourselves as a nation, especially as a culturally rich nation.

How has the music industry evolved since our independence?

I would like to believe our industry has learnt to create and perfect our own sound, Swazi music not music from Swaziland but Swazi sound.

I also believe independence may have come for the country many years ago but I believe we are only now getting our independence in the industry in that our people are appreciating our local music, we can have local artists appreciated without the presence of internationals. We are now regarded as party starters and the life of the party

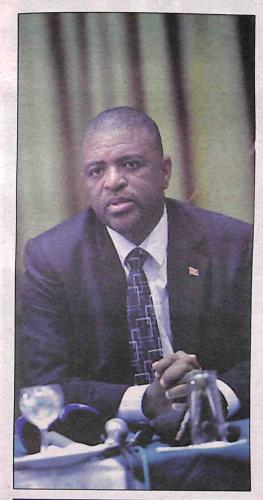
What is your outmost wish for the country as we celebrate independence?

I wish the country prosperity and drive. I would like it very much if we would all be driven and determined. 2011 is not for the government or any specific people but it is for US. It is like if a mother tells her family to get to church early this Sunday. It becomes each and every member of the family's duty to help ensure that happens. So what I am trying to say is I hope the country helps the nation succeed in any and every way possible.



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fully established and sustainable music industry using all local talent and raw material found on our youth.



#### **SWAMA PRESIDENT LUTFO DLAMINI**

eading old newspapers and getting deep with this man's history in the country as a whole is amazing. He boasts of more than a decade in the country's political view.

He is the president of the biggest arts and music association in Swaziland and his efforts have surely been seen. Just last year he and team members pulled and made the T55 SWAMA Talent search competition in which the eventual winners was a duo of dancers known as Tribal Misfits.

What does the country's independence mean to you?

It means the day as a nation we once again regained the right to do it for us by us. The day we regained our sovereignty from the colonial masters.

How has the music industry evolved since our independence?

We stopped saying Long Live the Queen but started saying; Bayethe. Simply put; at independence we had raw talent untapped with not a single recording studio. Making music was the preserve of the white boys at Gallo music SA. We only had amplifiers or record players, no plastic records, cassettes, CDs, MP3s etc. Making music was tough in the country and was not a priority. There have been giant steps taken even though time has come to turn music into a standalone industry to support the economy due to abundance of talent.

When comparing the sound before are the any changes you hear from today's music and are they for the better?

At independence we primarily had gospel, mbaganga and ngomabusuku (Mbholoho) but clearly we have more genres with plenty, plenty variety to the music consumer.

What is your outmost wish for the country as we celebrate independence?

Long live to ur King and country. Looking at fully estable hed and sustainable music industry using all local talent and raw material found on a youth. It is time we dominate YouTube with Swazi produced products.

# 8th Independance Zelebrations!



The Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) would like to congratulate His Majesty King Mswati III, Her Majesty the Queen Mother and the entire Swazi Nation on the Kingdom's **48th Independence Anniversary** 

**HALALA SWAZILAND!!** 



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# INTFWASAHLOBO

n 22 July the world celebrated the birth of a leader who inspired the continent to forge ahead. He set the ball rolling for new a kind of leadership in Africa. Albert Luthuli, Nelson Mandela, Oliva Tambo, Sam Nujoma, Jomo Kenyatta, Samora Machel, Kamuzu Banda, Kenneth Kaunda, Mobuto Sese Seko etc.

Just like John the Baptist who set the ball rolling for Jesus Christ, David for Solomon, Moses for Joshua and Elijah for Elisha, King Sobhuza II, set the ball for African leaders to understand that a true leader is born not elected. Sobhuza II, lived to see the fruits of his labour.

The birth of king Sobhuza II 22 July marked the beginning of an era, a new season in Swaziland, spring a season of hope and greatness. His birth marked the beginning of spring, a season worth noting. Intfwasahlobo is a season of hope and implementation. It's a season that serves to remind us that before dawn, there is darkness, before sunrise, there is dew and when there is dew there is hope.

Swazi tradition requires that in winter food is carefully used by people. This is because in winter food is not in abundance. Tincholobane, tingungu gradually show a decrease in their levels. Winter seems to bring dryness as the vegetation, birds and other animals seem to struggle to survive.

Some birds, because of the harshness of winter wonder off to other countries in search of warmth. The birth of king Sobhuza II, on 22 July brought in a new season.

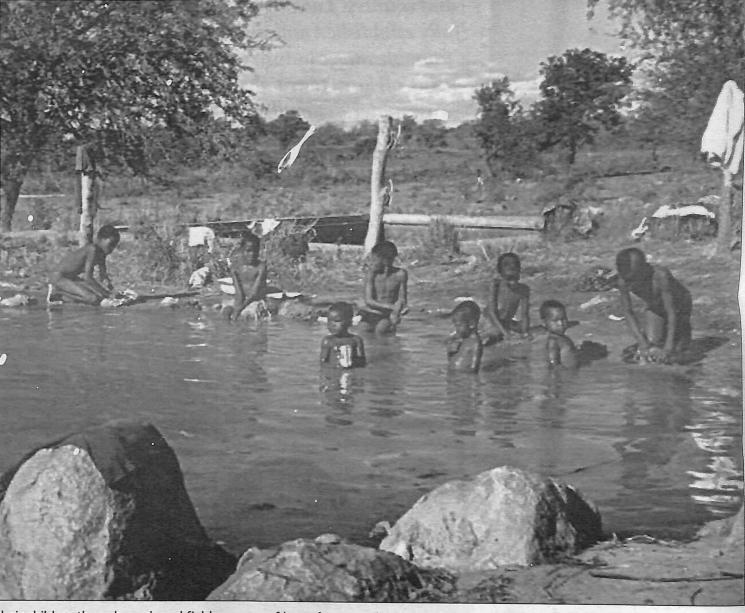
A season of hope, restoration and peace. It brought in spring and like his childhood life which started off towards the end of winter where in July 1899, the year of his birth marked the beginning of a tense war between the Boers and the British (the Anglo - Boer war) leading to the burning down of Bremesrdorp (Manzini) and the death of his father king Bhunu.

The Boers who have been in charge of the country since the time of king Mbandzeni 1875 - 1889 were at logger heads with the British.

The Swazis could not take part in the war which ended in 1902. The British won. Labotsibeni Mdluli then asked the British to protect Swaziland and from 1903 - 1967 Swaziland was under the British. There was huge hope and expectation that the British would treat Swazis like they had treated other territories who were under them.

Winter could not pass, the nation could not transit to spring and summer seemed to have drifted further away as the British decided to take full control of the country. In 1907, they divided land into three, the crown land, reserve land and concession land.

The Swazi people were only given one third. Things became worse as our grandfathers were left to struggle for survival. Extended families were a common practice in the country. Imagine a man who had to feed his children and



their children through numbered fields. Livestock had to be cut down as overgrazing and overstocking became rapid. 1922, King Sobhuza II had no choice but to go to court in an effort to rescue his people.

A case started in the high court. He lost it and hope seemed to fade away as it became clear that the British were in full control. Many Swazi males had to heed the call and go to the mines in order to find employment.

The Second World War started in 1939 and in 1941, Sobhuza II sent regiments to go and participate. 3, 836 regiments went to serve in ten companies. They were maSotsha and Sikhonyane regiments and their active participation saw the war coming to an end in 1945.

The British won and the war. In 1946, the regiments came back home and were welcomed at the cattle byre Lobamba July 1946. Sobhuza II continued to fight for the country.

The 1950 Proclamation Act and the formation of Imbokodvo National Movement on 16 April 1964 saw the beginning of closer steps towards freedom. The success of Imbokodvo National Movement in 1964 and 1967 saw the birth of a new era, spring 'intfwasahlobo'.

Winter is a season of dryness, lament and great tribulation. Trees, vegetation always show the loss of hope, life and beauty in winter. Spring ushers in a season of hope for a new beginning. Many of us do not know that seasons were created so that we humans could align ourselves with them.

We also go through seasons in life. The difference is that we have neglected the seasons and as a result we are always suffering and walking in the dark. Before there was money, our great grandparents used to plan in winter, take seedlings to the grandmother's hut for umphahlo in spring, saw them in summer and harvest in autumn.

Certain things were not done in certain seasons. Children were not allowed to play in or near the grandmother's hut in spring. This was because the grandfather was deep in meditation as he was now and again seen uttering some words near the cattle byre to the ancestors. All seedlings were in the grandmother's hut. It is for that reason that most cows give birth in spring.

The one cow that is dedicated to ancestors, becomes the centre of hope and attraction between the living and the dead. Boys were not allowed kubhamisa tinswebhu near the home, let alone play soccer or any game within the yard.

Kubetsela likhaya was done around this time as the noise of emajomane which is a sacred drum that is used during religious rituals to invoke the power of the ancestors would be heard all over.

Grandmothers would be seen busy

making umsomi, incweba, ticotfo for new borns. The grandfather and the medicine man would be busy preparing tinyamatane and pealing tikhumba tetinyoka to find a remedy to strengthen 'bafana'

Spring (intfwasahlobo) ushers in the first rain and the smell of wet soil sends waves of joy and a nice aroma to all living species. The soil seem to marvel at the big rain as it drinks like a stranded deserter who has come across a river. The country seems to wake from a deep sleep. Rivers that had dried up begin to show hope.

Frogs start their rhythm of song. They sing to usher in spring. All naked trees begin to show new signs of hope and life. Umvangati, umzilazembe, imbondvo, siganganyane, sitfwetfwe, licobhe all seem to wake up from their long sleep.

The whole country dressed up in dry blankets shed it off as greenness begins to decorate Swaziland. Imbuyabatfwa, imbuya, chuchuza, sibhadze, emayenjane and inshubaba begin to grow emataleni emiti. Peaches decorate themselves with flowers all over them around this period. Cattle, goats, sheep seem to be in competition as they give birth to young ones. Spring is a season of hope as it serves as an introduction to summer.

In conclusion, When the British took control of Swaziland in 1903, the coun-

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try seemed to be in winter as everything changed. Labotsibeni had asked for protection and they brought in domination. 1921 brought in spring as king Sobhuza II took up leadership and worked hard to restore the kingdom's pride.

Spring is a season that is not noticeable yet its influence is always felt.

He worked hard to restore culture, tradition and national identity for the Swazis. He promoted education as he once hinted to elders who wanted to know from him if he wanted to go to Lovedale.

He said looking at prince Logcogco 'I shall not forgive anyone who stands between me and education' Obtaining education to him was as important as spring. It was the ticket that he and the country needed to forge ahead.

Nobody knew that spring would come soon after winter and here we are today as a country approaching summer. As spring ushers in new hope and rain begins to fall on the dry soil, may her maidens (imbali yakhe) stand up in unity and proudly dance to welcome summer, the rainy season, for without rain there is no hope and without females there is no life.

May they spring with spring as they heed the call of a wolf (Ingci - August) which sounds to call out all birds of the country (Inyoni - September) to come back from their habit and listen to the Lion as it roars in appreciation of the great she Elephant, the mother of all

species.

The question is, now that we are almost in summer, are we using the resources that king Sobhuza worked hard to restore to us productively?

If you are 50 years, 40, 35 years, what have you done with your hands in the land that your father, grandfather left to make the life of the people you are with better? How many Swazis especially men these days have livestock?

Why do we men today believe in buying food instead of ploughing it with our hands? Now that spring has started may we see all girls who have preserved their virginity stand with others in celebration?

Can we have young girls who shall stand up in spring to celebrate with the nation as we journey with the child to September where we are to celebrate chastity?

Can we have mothers and grandmothers who shall sit down in spring and sew indlamu for the young girls in preparation for the great day Umhlanga?

Do we have grandmothers today who understand that spring is a season where trees bear flowers symbolising that in winter they fought against the dry season and they survived?

Do we understand what it means for a girl to wear indlamu during the reed dance or we are just doing it for the fun of it? How many grandmothers out there still remember the science behind the use of indlamu by young maidens?

## 'TIES THAT BIND'-SWAZILAND, TAIWAN

Prime Minister Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini views Taiwan as a great partner in development. In the 2013 publication "Ties that Bind (Swaziland and ROC -Taiwan)", he highlighted that the development left by the Taiwanese was in evidence throughout Swaziland's society and economy.

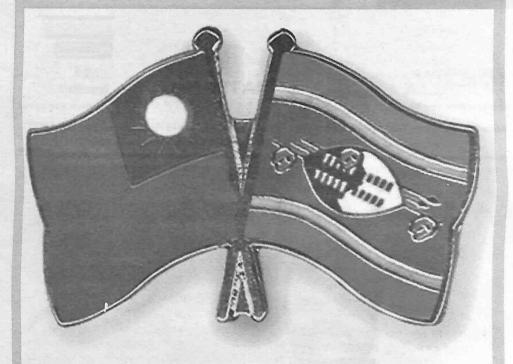
"The beneficent support has taken electricity and water to our rural areas, provided life-saving medical support to our hospitals, given assistance in two of our infrastructure projects that will have a significant impact on future development - Sikhuphe International Airport and the Royal Science and Technology Park," he said.

The PM said Taiwanese aid had helped train entrepreneurs and provided extensive technical assistance in agriculture, as well as computers to schools and government.

Minister of Economic Planning and Development Prince Hlangusemphi was also quoted cherishing the contribution of Taiwan towards Swaziland's development.

"Not only has such support been directed to the most critical and essential sectors of our economy, such as education, health, energy and agriculture but has also helped our country take meaningful steps towards transforming into a first-world status through assistance towards implementation of strategic projects such as the Sikhuphe International Airport, the Bio-Technology Park, the Rural Electrification project and ICT-related projects," he said.

Source: Swazi Observer



According to the ROC website, the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Kingdom of Swaziland, although geographically separated over 16 thousand kilometres away, and one being an island country in Asia, while the other being a land locked country in Africa, nevertheless have enjoyed a longstanding relationship.

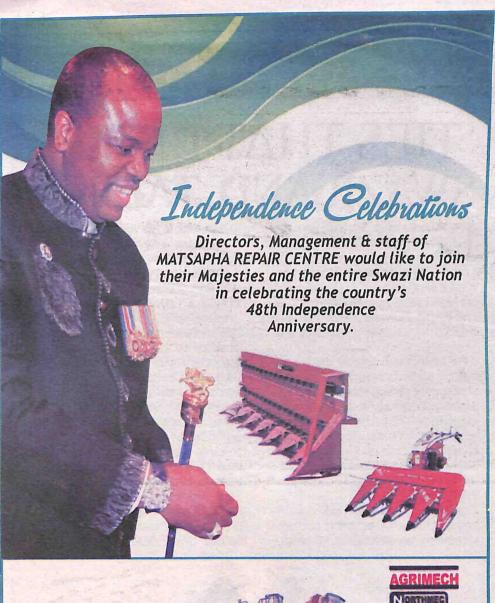
Since September 6, 1968, the same day as the Kingdom of Swaziland gained her independence from the Great Britain, the Republic of China and the Kingdom of Swaziland, under the great visionary leadership of the former President Chiang Kai-shek and the former King Sobhuza II, have enjoyed formal diplomatic relations, as this relationship will celebrate its 47th anniversary on September 6, 2015

The Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to the Kingdom of Swaziland has been established since 1968. It was first based in the "Embassy House" building in Mbabane together with all the other Embassies to Swaziland.

In early 1980's, the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) built the present Chinese architectural style Embassy on the corner of Makhosikhosi Street (previously known as Warner Street). The new Embassy building was formally opened on June 24, 1985. The green tiled roof together with the red bricks building is now a landmark in Mbabane, and has thus become a major attraction for the Taiwanese tourist groups when visiting Swaziland.

Apart from the bilateral political affairs, consular affairs, cultural, academic and sports exchanges, overseas Chinese affairs and the media liaison, the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) also has the economic attaché, the defence attaché, and the Department of Health attaché.

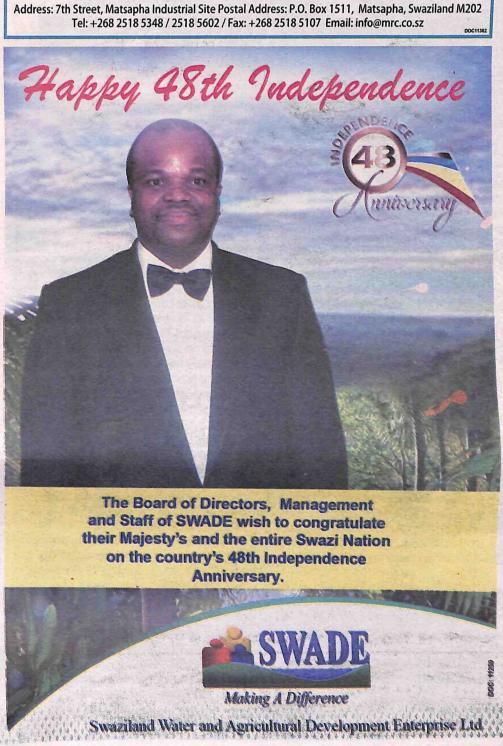
Furthermore, according to the bilateral cooperation agreements, the ICDF also set up the Taiwan Technical Mission (1969) and the Taiwan Medical Mission (2008), to provide the Swazi people with agricultural and vocational trainings, and to provide the Swazi people with health and medical services, among others.

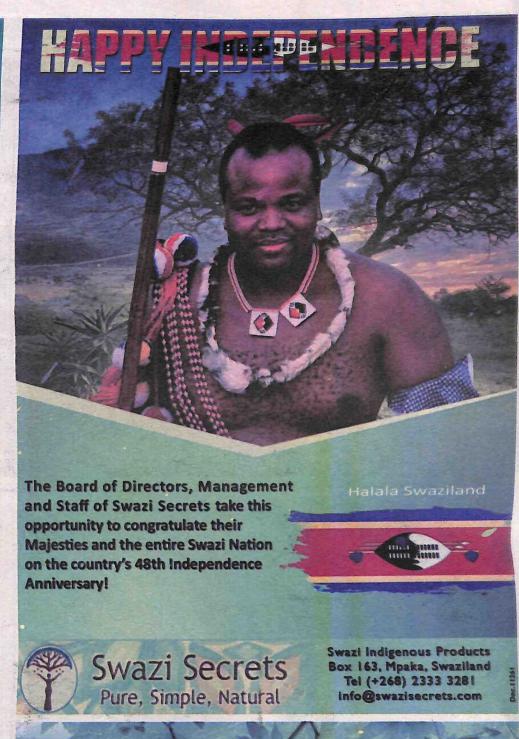


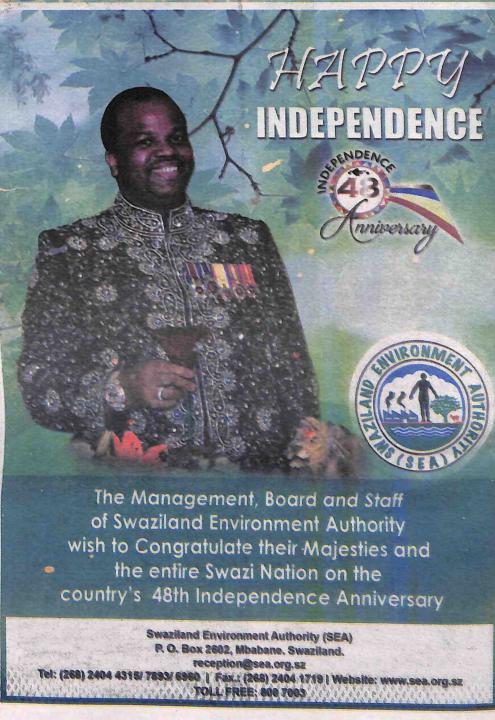
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King Goodwill Zwelithini and his sixth wife Swaziland Princess Zola Mafu during their wedding celebration in Ulundi.





# SWAZ

Swazi royalty has, since time immemorial, tried to maintain friendly relations with other tribes though the custom of marrying-in.

Somhlolo's sister, named Phosile, was married to Zwide Nxumalo a Nguni, although the details of the marriage and lilobolo are not available.

Having been impressed by Somhlolo's handsomeness, Shaka asked him for his daughter in marriage.

Somhlolo accepted the request and gave him a daughter named Mphandzese and another one named Lonkhuma.

We do not hear about the wedding or lilobolo arrangements. We do hear, however, that late Shaka caused Mpandzese to be put to death, apparently because she became pregnant a thing Shaka did not want to hear of. The Swazis were bitterly hurt by this act.

No other royal girl was to be given in marriage to a Zulu king until 1973. However, marriages did take place between Swazi royal girls and some Zulu chiefs, such as that of Masiphula Ntshangase and Mnyamane Buthelezi.

After living the main branch of the EMbo-Nguni (or Ngwane/Dlamini) between the Lubombo range and the Indian Ocean, one group settled near the source of the Buffalo River (Mzinyathi).

These people are referred to by some writers as abaMbo.

There they lived in many different clans or tribes, each with a distinctive name. Among these tribes the most notable one were the Hlubi, who occupied the upper part of the Buffalo river valley, and the emaNgwane to the north of the Hlubi (direct descendants of Dlamini 1) on the upper White Mfolozi River.

Later these tribes were scattered by the mighty impis of Shaka. Some fled to the land of the Xhosa, where they were nicknamed Amamfengu (the Fingo) by the Xhosa, while other fled to the land of the Basotho.

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The emaNgwane were led by Matiwane, who later returned with some of his followers to the land of the Zulu where he was cold-bloodedly put to death by Shaka. Matiwane's son Zikhali, with a handful of young men, fled for is life.

He crossed the Pongola River and reported to Somhlolo, who accepted him warmly and put him under the care of his son Fokotsi.

Somhlolo and Matiwane had previously met somewhere along the Vaal River the latter is said to have given the former 20 heifers as his 'food' which Somhlolo took home.

The two agreed that Somhlolo's daughter would marry Matiwane's son. One of Somhlolo's daughter's lamlalati became interested in Zikhali and invited him and his friend to intsanga (girls hut) where

she entertained him.

Because of this affair, certain people jealously concocted serious stories aimed at discrediting Zikhali. They plotted to have him killed at a hunting party in Zulu in Zulu this is known as inqinambumbulu: it is a hunting party specially organised for the purpose of killing a person or people.

Zikhali was tipped off and he, with his young men, disappeared and returned to the land of the Zulus.

Dingaan welcomed Zikhali back and allowed him to settle at a special place known to this day as the place of emaNgwane, below the Drakensburg range not far from what is today the town of Ladysmith, Natal. In this place all the emaNgwane were gathered and settled down again.

Somhlolo died and was succeeded by his son, Mswati. Mswati was planning to marry is sister, named Mswzikazana, to Zikhali. Lamlalati heard of this and boldly told Mswati that she wanted a husband and wanted to marry Zikhali and nobody else.

### **AGREED**

Mswati agreed and Lamlalati was allowed to marry Zikhali. In accordance with the Swazi royal practice the following were sent with Lamlalati: Lomandzawe (who was still alive in 1938) and Ntumbeyana; these women would eventually also marry Zikhali; three men - Hhayiyana, who was to be the advisor to Lamlalati so that she made no mistake amongst the emaNgwane, Mkhatjwa and Makhuza. The bridal party set out without Zikhali's knowledge. Before the arrival of laMlalati, Zikhali's principal wife was laLukhwazi or okaLukhwazi (daughter of Lukhwazi).

But the arrival of the Swazi royal girl took precedence as the custom has it. Lamlalati bore Zikhali two sons, Nyandza and Ncwadzi. Under their King Mpande, the Zulu's remained a threat to the Swazis.

Mswati heard of the military power of the British people and he decided to take the diplomatic step of establishing a connection between his people and the British, through Theophilus Shepstone (later Sir Theophilus) who was the British diplomatic his objective, Mswati resolved to g. his attractive sister, Tifokati, to Shepstone in marriage. Messengers were sent to Pietermaritzburg. The shortest way to Natal was through Zululand.

### **MESSENGERS**

The messengers neither reached their destination nor returned to their home country. Later on, others led by Mnkonkoni Kunene and Majuba Mndzebele, were sent via Majuba hill or what is now Newcastle.

This meant they avoided Zululand. Therese succeeded and delivered the



# MARRING-IN

message to Shepstone, who readily accepted the Swazi Princess, and sent word to King Mpande warning him to refrain from war against the Swazis who were now his "in-laws".

He also warned Mpande that the Swazi bridal party would be going to and from Swaziland through Zululand and that the Swazis should not be molested in any way. The Mnkonkoni-Majumba party returned home safely.

Tifokati was then taken to Shepstone who, because his custom prevented him from having more than one wife, gave here to his headman, named Ngoza Majozi, son of Ludaba.

All formalities with regard to the marriage were properly observed. Although no direct lilobolo was paid as such, Shepstone did send two wagon-loads of goods, such as blankets, to Swaziland to be bartered away for cattle, which were sent to Mswati.

### **CUSTOM**

The Swazi custom has it that a girl of Tifokati's status must always be accompanied by a number of girls and men. Eventually the girls also marry her husband, while the young men continue to assist her in a variety of ways. Thus the alliance between Shepstone and the Swazis was achieved.

Mswati had another sister, named Mzamose, who was born before him. Mswati married Mzamose to Langalibalele, son of Mthimkhulu, leader of the Hlubi tribe. We do not hear about the bridal party, but it is assumed that in accordance with the Swazi custom it was commensurate with Mzamoses status, and that she must have been accompanied by maids and men as was the case with her sister Lamlalati and Tifokati.

Langalibalele got himself entangled in a fight with the Natal authorities who were hostile to much of the African leadership, and he eventually died. Mzamose, called okaSobhuza among the Hlubi, outlived Langalibalele.

The Swazis sent a party to the Hlubi tribe to mourn the death of Langalibalele. This party asked the government of Natal: "We are to beg that Mzamose...daughter of our Great House, be allowed to return with us, also her children, where she will be among her people".

The Natal government might have agreed but Mzamose, while appreciative of her people's sympathy, decided to remain at the ruins of her husband's tribe. She died there in 1877, at the place called Bishopstowe not far from Pietermaritzburg.

### DEATH

The Tembe house and Dlamini house were brothers, in the Ngwane way. If a death occurred in one house, the other was immediately informed so that it could also ritually cleanse itself. But their customs did allow irregular inter-

marriage had been concluded, their brotherhood ceased and they became mere relatives, which meant that immediate reporting of death and ritual cleansing (kuluma) also stopped.

King Loziyingili of Tfongaland (also known as Msongi), a grandson of Makasane and a descendant of Maputso Tembe ( who is celebrated for living till he was over 90 years of age), sent messengers under the leadership of Nsingensinge to ask King Mswati for two Swazi Princesses for marriage.

Mswati sent two half sisters of his, namely Lomakhala (the senior sister) and Dzambile (the junior sister). Dzambile was sister of Velakubi of the Mkhondvo river area. Loziyingili paid 100 head of cattle as lilobolo. Lomakhala died early without issue.

Dzambile outlived both Lomakhala and her husband. It was Dzambile whom the whites referred to as Queen Zambili in historical documents relating to her and her kingdom. Her people became known as "emazingili" (people of Loziyingili) while those of Mswati became emaSwati".

Dzambile begat Ngwanese who begat Mdzimba who was still living in 1985.

One of Mswati's daughters, named Myingili, a sister of Nkopolo and daughter of Lozinyanga Matsebula was given in marriage to Ngungunyane, son of Mzila and leader of the Shanaan in

The way the Shaaan delivered their lilobolo of 100 herds was so spectacular and dramatic that it made an indelible impression on all who witnessed the occasion.

The lobola party arrived in groups, each party sported and so on. As each group arrived at Nkhanini royal residence, one of the drivers announced loudly: "Ngiyalobola gogo" (I lobola grandmother) and then said how many cattle were in his group and described each beast, saying whether it was male or female, heifer or bullock.

Ngungunyane was later arrested by the Portuguese, who exiled him to Lisbon. He was accompanied by his six wives, including Myingili. When Ngungunyane died, Myingili went back to Swaziland to stay among her people.

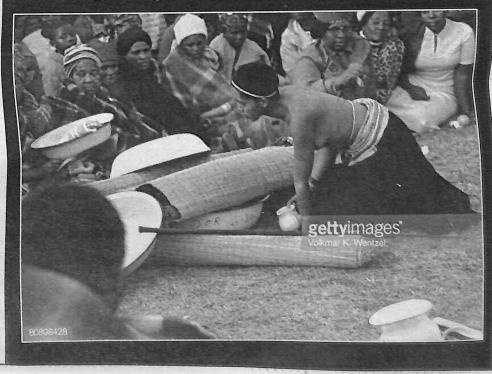
She eventually died there in 1940 and was buried below Mdzimba Mountain near Lozitha palace. She brought back with her a group of people under one Mvundla Mthimkhulu who had been allocated to look after her by late husband.

In 1973 King Zwelithini, a great-greatgreat-grandson of Mpande, Shaka's brother who had occupied the Zulu throne after Shaka and Dingaan and had fathered the Zulu lineage, arrived at Lobamba, the Swazi royal residence.

He was received by Sobhuza II, the great-great-grandson of Somhlolo. During the shot discussion Zelithini said he was grateful that he had been able to come to Swaziland. He regretted that his forebears had not deemed it wise to do so



The wedding morning of Princess Mantfombi





# 48THINDEPENDENCE SUPPLE

## OUR PRIME MINISTERS



Makhosini Dlamini 1967 - 1976



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INDEPENDENCE Celebrations

The National Commissioner of Police, His Executive Command, All Ranks and Civilian Staff of the Royal Swaziland Police Service would like to join their Majesties and the entire nation on the celebration of the country's 48th Independence Anniversary

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### SIMELANE, NTJINGILA

imelane, the son of Bhozongo Simelane was born about 1870. He succeeded his father as chief of the Simelane people, probably in the late 1880s, establishing his homestead at Gwegwe south of Hlathikhulu in Southern Swaziland.

He signed the proclamation extending the life of the Provisional Government committee which was issued at Nkhanini on August 16, 1890. In February 1901, during the second Anglo-Boer War, he received orders from the Queen-Regent, Gwamile Mdluli (Labotsibeni), through Thintitha Dlamini to clear out burghers of the Piet Retief Commando who had been driven into southern Swaziland by advancing British forces. Dlamini organised an imphi of Simelane men and on March 4, attacked the burghers on Hlathikhulu Kop in Simelane's area. They killed 13 burghers and an African who was with them.

Simelane denied complicity in the attack. Simelane was among the signatories of a petition against the native Administration Proclamation (No. 3 of 1904). He also signed the power of attorney drawn in favour of J.M. Parsonson, adviser and agent to the Swazi nation at Zombodze on September 18, 1905. By 1908, he had 730 followers and was said to be about 35 years old. **Report** 

He was described in that year in the report on land delimitation by G. Grey as an important chief. Simelane died in 1928 at Gwegwe and was buried at Godloza.

After his death, Mpezulu Simelane became the regent and immediately expelled one of

# HEROES OF



Simelane's sons, Mangaliso Simelane. He and his supporters had nowhere to go and were slow in moving; Mpunzane was Mbodula Shongwe, a messenger of Ngwenyama

Sobhuza waBhunu, and Mashampu Kuala, indvuna of Zulwini homestead, were sent to execute the regent's orders.

They were accompanied by government

police who pulled down the huts of those evicted. After long regency, Simelane was succeeded by his son Nsibande Simelane who died young.

### NDWANDWE, TSANDZILE (NOMPETHU, LAZIDZE OR LAZWIDE) 1906-1975

dwandwe was a daughter of the ruler of the Ndwandwe, Zwide kaLanga and is thus referred to as laZwide or, in SiSwati as laZidze). Her full name was Kuthandile (or Kutsandzile in SiSwati) and she was also known as Nompethu.

She was born at about 1806 in the Nongoma area in modern northern Zululand.

When still aged about six or eight, in the stage of development known as sidzandzane, Tsandzile was brought to central Swaziland and probably installed in the royal homestead of Lobamba to await her marriage to Sobhuza waNdvungunye, ruler of the Dlamini.

As tinhlanti, she brought her half-sister File and Lomawandla, Lavumisa Ndwandwe, and Veya Msibi, daughter of one of Zwide's tindvuna.

Sobhuza married Lavumisa and File before Ndwandwe. Ndwandwe had her first child, a boy called Umntfwanenkhosi Mzimnandzi who died at infancy, probably about 1821 and her second child, a girl called Umntfwanenkhosi Mzamose, at about 1823.

The heir, Umntfwanenkhosi Mswati, was born probably at about 1825. In 1826, ber full brother, Madangala Ndwandwe, sought refuge with the Dlamini and was settled at Bulandzeni

On Sobhuza's death in 1839, Ndwandwe quickly emerged as the principal regent even though she was only the putative Ndlovukazi. She established a new homestead for herself and her son, called Ludzidzini, in the shadow of the Mdzimba Range. By the time of the Rev. J. Allison's visit to Ludzidzini on June 21, 1844, she was clearly well in command of the Dlamini. She had, however, to face opposition to the accession of her son from one of her tinhlanti, Lavumisa, who had tried to have her son, Umntfwanenkhosi Malambule, declared the heir.



Malambule and his bothers Sidvubelo and Tsekwane, were ousted by forces loyal to Ndwandwe and her son in September 1846. Ndwandwe reportedly advised Mpande kaSenzangakhona, ruler of the Zulu, of Malambule's treachery and Mpande had him

Ederlastilog Pietermant burg. since there was opposition to the house - not only from within, but from the leaders of clans living in Swaziland whom the Dlamini sought to absorb.

Some (for example P. Bonner in his Kings, Commoners and Concessionaires) have seen Ndwandwe's promotion of measures to ensure Dlamini domination over the clans, such as strengthening the Incwala and crating a system of age regiments, as major causes of this discontent.

Others (such as J.S.M. Matsebula in his Izakhiwo ZamaSwazi) have credited her with introducing knowledge of the Christian religion.

This last ideology is patently incorrect and circumstantial evidence suggests that other credits are probably only half-true.

Indeed, Captain R.J. Garden who visited the country of the Swazi in 1852 notes that Ndwandwe was not always sober and that the country was not well managed during this period. From her conversation with Allison, Ndwandwe's principal ambition en to return to the south and use the missionaries to protect the Swazi against the Zulu. It is quite clear that both she and her son had powerful personalities. The separation of the homesteads of the Ngwenyama and Ndlovukazi minimised conflict, but when Mswati established a homestead at Hhohho in the late 1850s, the two homesteads had never been so far apart.

Strategic

Whilst strategic considerations played some part in the establishment of a homestead at Hhohho, conflict between Mswati and his mother was also responsible. There

is evidence that she was strongly opposed to Mswati's involvement with a Dlamini girl, Mekemeke, whom he later married and whose sibongo was changed to Magongo.

When Mswati died in 1865, Ndwandwe again took charge as the regent and she was responsible for the installation of Umntfwanenkhosi Ludvonga as the heir, thus thwarting the regal ambitions of Umntfwanenkhosi Mbilini and for directing the third session of land to the emigrant

Capable

Ndwandwe had, by this time, become a shrewd and capable administrator who was well respected by the people she ruled. She failed, however, to restrain an expedition in 1869 to support the installation of Rampur kaSekwati as ruler of the Pedi; her judgment was vindicated when the attempt failed miserably.

When Rev. J. Jackson was trying to establish relationships with influential people in Swaziland, he noted in June 1872 that,

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#### **NTSHANGASE MASIPHULA**

tshangase, the son of Mamba Ntshangase, became the senior indvuna of the Zulu ruler, Mpande kaSenzangakhona, and the head of the senior branch of the Emgazini clan in northern Zululand.

When umntfwanenkhosi Tsekwane waSobhuza fled to Zululand in September 1846, his royal status was acknowledged, but he was placed under the control of Ntshangase.

Because of the deteriorating political situation in Zululand in the 1860, as the power of Cetshwayo kaMpande burgeoned, Ntshangase started to colonise land north of the Phongolo River in what was regarded as Swazi territory, although a strip along the northern bank of the river had been ceded by Ngwenyama Mswati to the Boers in 1855.

The objective of the cession had been to provide a strip of Boer settlement as a buffer against Zulu expansion, but the Boers had failed to establish their farms there because it was had malaria.

One of the informants of the oral historian J. Staurt, Ndukwana kaMbengwana, testi-



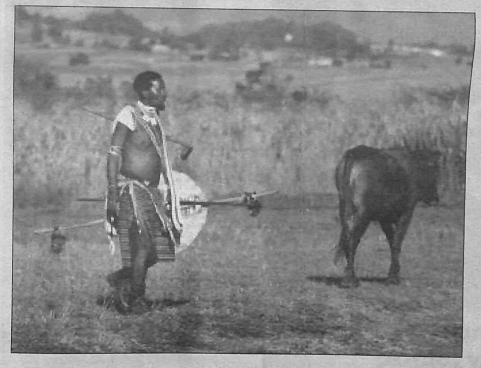
fied that Ntshangase had driven the Swazi back and planted his homestead at Mkhwakhweni.

#### Colonisation

It is more likely that he left the colonisation of the area to his sons, Mabhoko and Sithambe Ntshangase, both of whom settled in the area, which is still controlled by their descendants.

### Agent

Even so, Captain N.M. MacLeod, the British agent on the Swazi border could still refer in 1879 to 'Masipula's country' as the area north of the Phongolo River and east of the Ngogo Hills. According to the diary of David Forbes Senior, who crossed the Lubombo Range in July 1866, Ntshangase was in control, settling disputes among the people who lived south of the Lusutfu River. Ntshangase died, probably by poisoning, in



"The most difficult person I shall have to deal with in the old dowager (Ndwandwe), his (Ludvonga's) grandmother. She is most bigoted, superstitious and tenacious of old customs. Her word is law over the whole country, and even the heavens cannot give rain except at her will".

Circumstances

Bishop T.E. Wilkinson arrived at Ndlozana Mission Station on the south western border of the country on March 27, 1874, just 10 days after Ludvonga died in mysterious circumstances before he had been installed as Ngwenyama. The bishop described Ndwandwe as 'a very powerful woman' and in a letter reprinted in the Net, described how she had immediately called a meeting of the chiefs on the day of Ludvonga's death and how, by sunset, many implicated in

the affair were killed, including Umntfwanenkhosi Ndwandwa, a son by one of Ndwandwe's tinhlanti, File.

Strongly backed by her indvuna, Sandlane Zwane and the regiments, Ndwandwe immediately dispatched an imphi of 4 000 to eliminate Ndwandwa's homesteads which was accomplished with many deaths. She played a leading role in the selection of the next Ngwenyama, Umntfwanenkosi Mbandzeni and in June 1874, sent Mhlaba Motsa and Kwahlakwahla to Natal to report the deaths of Ludvonga and Ndwandwa and the nomination of Mbandzeni as Ngwenyama. Ndwandwe died in late 1874 and was buried at Zombodze. According to G. Grey in his report on land delimitation in Swaziland in 1908, however, Ndwandwe was buried on the western edge of the Mdzimba Range.

### **VON WISSEL**

on Wissell had a store east of the Lubombo Range near the confluence of the Lusutfu and Phongolo rivers at about 1900.

He was probably the same von Wissell (almost certainly L.F. von Wissell) who contracted to carry the stores of the Lichfield Evangelist Brotherhood from Delagoa Bay to their new mission station on the Lubombo Range at a cost of £1 per cwt. in May 1897.

Baggage

Von Wissell provided a boat as far as Ingwenya Drift where the baggage was loaded onto shallow draught punts since the river was low. At Mtini's Drift on the Zululand side of the river, von Wissell and his partner Finetti (almost certainly Ettore de finetti), were building a store.



### **XABA LAZARUS**

aba, the son of Solomon Xaba, was brought up at the mission station at Edendale, near Pietermaritzburg, established by the Rev. James Allison in

Since he spoke English, Dutch and Sesotho as well as siZulu, Xaba was frequently employed by Sir Theophilus Shepstone as a messenger and interpreter. He served with the Edendale Horse during the Anglo-Zulu War. Xaba travelled with the Shepstone in Natal and went to England with H.C. Shepstone and Cetshwayo kaMpande, the Zulu King, in July 1882 as an interpreter.

He was the 'Laz' who was with A.F. Henderson in Swaziland in early 1887 and who assisted Henderson in his negotiations with Ngwenyama Mbandzeni to obtain concessions. When T. (Offy)

Shepstone Junior, went to Mbekelweni to take up his appointment as resident adviser and agent in Swaziland to the Ngwenyama, Xaba was at Mbekelweni on February 18, 1887 to witness the announcement of the appointment. He witnessed the grant of two mineral corcessions (44M and 45M) to Offy Shepstone at Mbekelweni on April 4 that year.

Xaba knew Ngwenyama Bhunu as a small boy and provided information in December 1900 at Ladysmith to the oral historian J. Stuart who thought Xaba was very intelligent. At that time, he was living with his wife and family at Bester's Railway Station; he said his father was still alive, but so old as to be of no clue to Stuart for recording history. He served with the Edendale contingent; probably as a scout, during the second Anglo-Boer

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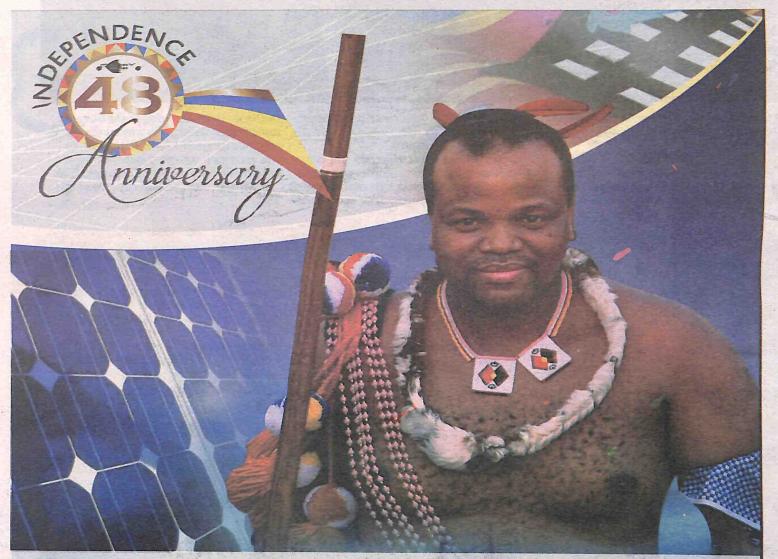
#### BY NOMFUNDO SIFUNDZA

OW I wish to have been alive when Swaziland finally obtained here independence but I am humbled to have been brought up in a 'free' country.

There are certain people in the country whose talents beam freedom.

Some of the local artist like me, were not even born when Swaziland stood on her own feet however, being the 'born frees', the ability to pursue their hearts desires has seen them tackling the crawling entertainment industry until it could possibly walk as is now. Some of the country's most talented people pour out their hearts and future agendas as the country celebrates its 48 independence.





The Board of Directors, Management and Staff of Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority (SERA) wish to Congratulate their Majesties and the entire Swazi Nation on the country's 48th Independence Anniversary!





### AKHONA 'KING TERRY' BHENGU(RAPPER)

e made his debut in the music industry when he feature in Siyanqaba's first album in a song titled 'destined to shine'. From then the larger than life rapper has not looked back, he has released a number of singles and these days he pulls together 'Royal Nights'.

Royal Nights is a concept to give more platforms to local hip hop artists as most recently KrTC headlined his own night right after Psycholution.

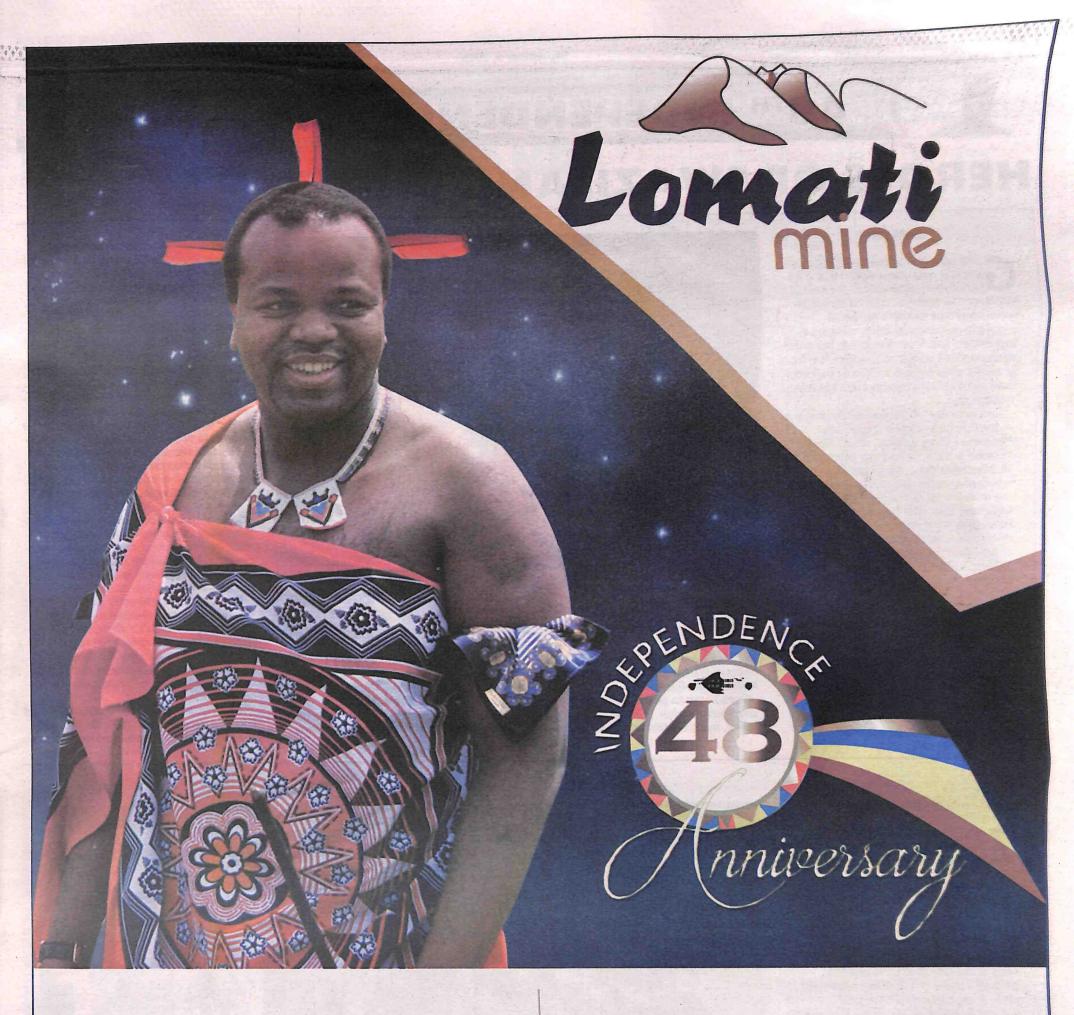
### What does the country's independence mean to you?

Our independence means we hold our own. It means we are not shaken by anything happening anywhere, it means we have excellent leadership. Thanks to His Majesty King Mswati III and the government who continue to lead our great nation forward as done by our King Sobhuza.

How has the music industry evolved since our independence?

I am an 89 so I can't really say how it evolved since 68 but I can safely say, with our current set up, we are on the right track; we are starting to tell authentic Swazi stories and find our identity musically. In business terms we have a long way to go as far as structures are concerned. We are going to be great.

What are your wishes for the country? My wish is for us to pull together and see His Majesty King Mswati III's vision for our king-



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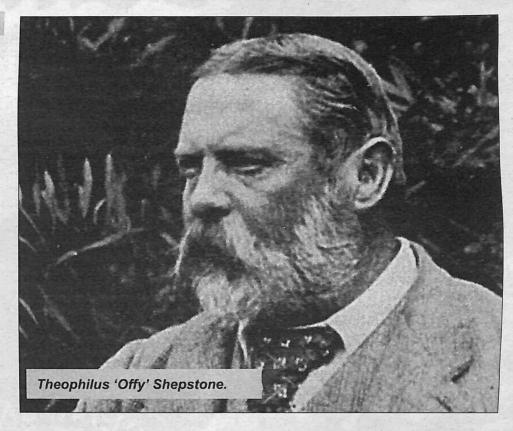
# HEROES OF SWAZILAND

#### **GAMA JOHN**

ama belonged to the uGiba Regiment and was born about 1842. He and his father were adherents of the Rev. J. Allilson at the Wesleyan mission station of Mahamba on the southern border of Swaziland and left with other refugees in September 1846 when the station had to be abandoned because it had become the focus of attack after being occupied by the rebellious forces of Umntfwanenkhosi Malambule waSobhuza.

Gama was one of the original landholders at the Edendale mission station near Pietermaritzburg in Natal, which Allison founded in 1851; he had four plots totalling 16.2 hectares (ha) - the ownership of which was confirmed in 1861 was unable to meet the rental of £6. Gama returned to Swaziland soon after Ngwenyama Mbandzeni's installation in 1874 and settled there permanently at about 1882. Educated at Edendale, he was a Christian and literate at least in siZulu. In 1880, he was one of 15 grantees of a permanent land concession (9P) which covered 4 494 ha.

From Mahamba to Makhosini; the concession was confirmed in writing on May 28, 1887. It was number 70 on the list of concessions approved by the Swazi Nation. The concession ran from the wagon road which entered Swaziland at Mahamba and did not include the land from the road westwards to the Mkhondvo River; this area formed the basis of an objection to the oral grant of land concession 38L to C.E. King in May



1885, but Ngwenyama Mbandzeni ruled in favour of the King. The grantees were all Africans from Edendale.

Gama began to play a prominent role in Swazi politics after T. (Offy) Shepstone Junior, made his first visit to Swaziland in November 1886, ostensibly trying to resolve a dispute over a concession granted to his brother, A.J. Shepstone.

Connections

Offy Shepstone had long had connections with the Edendale mission and he clearly

prompted Gama to write immediately in siZulu on December 23, to his brother H.C. Shepstone to collect his gold revenues and check the beacons and boundaries of the concessions.

Gama also wrote that the Ngwenyama wanted to keep him and one S. Mxolo (Stephen Mini, Mzolo being a variant sibongo for Mini) since 'they are one with Offy'. He became closely involved in politics, witting to H.C Shepstone again in the following month to complain of threats alleged to have been made by J.C. Krogh, landrost of Wakkerstroom district. In his rebuttal of the complaint, Krogh denied the allegations saying that Gama was formerly a sort of messenger of Bishop Colenso, by whom he was taught, 'and from information obtained by me, he is now Shepstone's factotum'.

Concessions

Gama witnessed the grant of many concessions from 1886 onwards. On February 17, 1887, he personally obtained a mineral concession (23M0 covering some 338 sq.km in the Lowveld between the Mbuluzi and Mbuluzana Rivers.

It was a lease for 10 years and provided for the free import of materials. Shortly afterwards on March 22, Gama ceded a one-third interest in the concession to K.H. Hathord, a Natal Attorney. Gama also traded a half-share in the concession to Mini in return for a half share in Mini's mineral concession (31M).

The concession was confirmed by the Chief Court on December 17, 1890. On February 19, 1897, they sold out to the Henderson

## **ZWANE, SANDLANE**

wane, was a member of the Tichele Regiment formed by Ngwenyama Sobhuza waNdvungunye at about 1826 from those born at about 1810.

This was Ngwenyama Mswati's regiment although he was much younger than other members were.

Zwane was probably a professional soldier and rose through the ranks to become indvunankhulu yemabutfo during Mswati's reign in the late 1840's. He probably became indvuna of Ludzidzini homestead when it was created for Tsandzile Ndwandwe (LaZidze) about this time and his political influence grew to the point where he was recognised as indvunankhulu yesive as well.

Zwane witnessed the second session of land to the emigrant Boers of the Ladenburg Republic on July 21, 1855 at the homestead of Shaka Maseko IN THE UPPER Nkhomati Valley, as well as the receipt for the cattle received in payment for that cession on February 5, 1860. In the long drawn out civil war which followed the death of Soshangane Ndwandwe, Mswati supported his brother in-law Mawewe Ndwandwe against Mila Ndwandwe with an imphi led by Zwane.

Although they defeated Mzila's forces at Makotene in February 1862, Mawewe was later forced to take refuge in Swaziland. During the regency which followed the death of Mswati in 1865 and the minority of Ngwenyama Ludvonga waMswati, Zwane strongly supported Tsandzile Ndwandwe who was now the Queen-Regent. When the recently appointed first bishop of Zululand, Bishop T.E. Wilkinson, and Rev. R. Roberton visited the Swazi to seek permission to establish a mission station in their country, they arrived on October 11, 1871 and had to wait until the following day



when Zwane arrived. an of bne stave

Zwane was adamant that they had no need of a missionary and were quite content to be left as they were since. Theophilus Shepstone, Senior, secretary for Native Affairs in Natal, was 'missionary enough for them'. Although he gave them tjwala to drink and presented them with a small ox to kill for food, Zwane said, in Robertson's words, 'We will refuse to allow any missionary to settle among us. Long ago Mr. Alison (sic, the Rev. J. Allison) settled among us and he only gave us trouble'.

Already described as old by Commandant W.F. Joubert in 1865, Zwane played a critical role in the appointment of Mnt. Mbandzeni waMswati as Ngwenyama 1874. He led the negotiations with G.M. Rudolph and C.J. Joubert which led to the signing of the Agreement or further understanding

Appointment

between the South African Republic and the Swazi on July 1, 1875. Zwane and Mbovane Fakudze went to Pretoria to meet Sir Theophilus Shepstone on the occasion of the Queen's Birthday in 1877.

Situation

At this time the political situation in Swaziland was tense with Mbandzeni attempting to exert his responsibilities and authority against his mother and the erstwhile regents. When Zwane returned from Pretoria he did not visit Mbandzeni for over a month, a deliberate snub which angered the Ngwenyama.

Important issues were always first discussed with Zwane before being brought to the Ngwenyama's attention. This was the procedure followed the Rev. O. Watkins in August 1881 when he went to Mbekelweni looking for the grant of a site for a Methodist mission station. Watkins

described Zwane as being about 50 years old, of medium height and with powerful shoulders; evidently he was a very strong man. Reportedly the cleverest man in the country, shrewd and cunning, Watkins thought Zwane to be 'rather good looking'. When Mr. Rutherfoord, secretary to the British agent in Pretoria, arranged to have a meeting with the Ngwenyama-in-council at 9:30am on March 6, 1884 he found that everyone had to wait for the arrival of 'Izantzlaan (Sandlane), the chief councillor' and the meeting did not start until 2pm Rutherfoord described Zwane as 'a very elderly man, of marked intelligent physiognomy; very shrewd, prompt, concise in his remarks and inquiries

Ruler

He is still practically the ruler of the country, as he was, officially, for many years as Regent, during the minority of



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Consolidated Corporation for £3 000 in cash and £12 000 in shares in the Corporation. Gama witnessed the grants of mineral concessions to A.F. Henderson and J. Forbes Senior, (25) on April 28 and to C. Du Preez (16M) on April 30, 1887, Gama was present.

He was also in attendance at the signing of many important proclamations after Mbandzeni's death in October 1889, but his actual influence on the course of events is difficult to determine.

As Gama was almost unique in being an educated Swazi, the Ngwenyama had perhaps relied on his interpretation of documents, but Gama's association with Allison's Edendale mission and his close involvement with concessions probably tempered this reliance with caution. Gama was, however, given land on the Lubomo Range at Maphungwane and his son Simon was recognized as a chief during British administration, his following was minuscule.

#### Position

Whilst Shepstone held his advisory position from 1887 to 1889 and again from 1889 to 1894, Gama was clearly working on his behalf. The British representative on the Government Committee, Colonel R.E.R. Martin specifically commended Gama for the 'loyal assistance' which Gama had given Shepstone during the morning ceremonies for the late Ngwenyama in 1890.

On August 21, 1992 G.Y. Lagden, the

acting British representative, confidentially reported to Sir Henry Loch, the High Commissioner at the Cape, that the Swazi nation knew little of the real state of affairs in the country, such information that the royal family possessed being filtered through Shepstone and Gama.

On February 24, 1896 Gama was called to Bremersdorp (Manzini) to give evidence before a commission establishment by the South Africa Republic to enquire into the financial relationships between the nation and Shepstone.

## Testimony

During his testimony, he said that he was 'formerly a member of the Swazi council'. Gama was one of J. Stuart's informants on the history and manners of the Swazi and was interviewed in 1998.

The antecedents of the Dlamini royal house as reported by A.M. Miller and T. Shepstone Junior are derived from Gama. By 1905, Gama was the owner of land concession 128L, originally obtained by Klass Snamel, and had built a house there. G. Grey excised the portion of this concession occupied by Mpundhle Maziya in his land delimitation in 1908 to form part of native Area 23.

On Gama's death in May 1905, A.M.Miller and K.H. Hathorn were the executors of his estate.

They announced that some 150 head of cattle and household effects were to be auctioned at Gama's homestead below the Lubombo.

### **DLAMINI, THINTITHA**

hintitha, the son of Mvikiviki Dlamini, was a member of the Ndhlavela Regiment and participated in the war against the Pedi in 1879.

As an indvuna, he was sent to southern Swaziland by the Queen Regent, Gwamile Mdluli (Labotsibeni) with instructions to Ntshingila Simelane and

Umntfwanenkhosi Ndabazezwe to drive out a party of stragglers from the Piet Retief Commando which had been forced into south western Swaziland after the capture of Piet Retief on February 16, 1901 by British Forces during the second Anglo-Boer War.

He exceeded his orders and assembled an imphi of 40 men from Simelane's people who visited the burghers camped on the southern slopes of Hlatikhulu Kop to the north of the village.

#### Mission

Since the Swazi claimed to have been sent on a friendly mission, the burghers welcomed them, but at a pre-arranged signal from Thintitha they were attacked and 13 burghers, and an African with them, were killed. Cattle looted from the burghers were sent back to the Queen

All but three of the bodies were later taken back to the Transvaal for burial. Both the Queen Regent and Ntshingila denied complicity and there are conflicting accounts of both the location of the attack and the numbers killed. It was said by British intelligence to have taken place on March 4, but the headstones of the communal grave at Hlathikhulu give the date as March 8, which is also the date recorded by Colonel E.H.H. Allenby in a letter to his wife. The former is, however, very probably correct since in their account of their movements at this time the 18th Hussars, operating from Zandbank near Mahamba, reported the incident in the entry for May 6. Allenby recorded that 14 burghers were killed, many wounded and all their cattle taken. Some escaped although severely wounded and many burghers surrendered to the British forces.

#### Attacked

Thintitha attacked three homesteads in May 1906 belonging to an indvuna called 'Ponguani' (possibly Phangweni Dlamini, the indvuna of Ludzidzini Royal homestead) over a dispute as to the chieftaincy and killed the inhabitants. He was surrendered by the Queen Regent to the British authorities, but was shot while trying to escape from their custody.

According to A.G. Marwick in his 'The Attitude of the Swazi towards Government and its Causes' Thintitha 'was well known afterwards as a violent, headstrong, rebellious man, and was killed resisting arrest by the police for escaping from prison'.



Umbandine (Mbandzeni)'.

'He is evidently much respected, looked up to, and relied upon by the other councilup to, and readmen'.

Warriors

In early 1885 J.F. Ingram visited Ludzidzini and Zwane came out to visit him in his tent escorted by 40 warriors. Ingram 'a light made, with a thoughtful face and a deliberate manner of speech'. Zwane's reputation gained with his growing years. In May 1887, the journalist E.P. Mathers described him as 'the most able black man in the country." No questions of state are settled until Sandlane has given his opinion respecting

He is a little shrivelled man with keen, but frank yes... 'Zwane was a 'fluent and eloquent orator, using slow deep tones and sweeping about with his hands', by carefully taking the opinions of the leading tindvuna beforehand, 'when Sandlane speaks, so

does the whole nation'. A. Davis, who obtained a concession in April 1878, was most impressed with Zwane's prodigious memory for people and details of agreement as well as his fluent oratory. And the Barberton herald noted about this time that Zwane was 'always particularly collected and calm'. Always courteous, the indvunankhulu yesive gave short shrift to those whites who attempted to cheat the Ngwenyama and the Swazi. Zwane was well respected by all who knew him, courteous, sagacious and the epitome of tact.

## Presence

Although he described him as 'an old man, grey, wrinkled, clear-eyed and with the appearance of dissipation', Dr. J.W Matthews, who met Zwane at the Incwala in January 1887, referred nevertheless to 'his commanding presence'.

Zwane played a leading role in the granting of concessions from at least 1883, although he is alleged to have opposed the

granting of the Little Free State concession to J.J. Ferreira and I. Maritz in 1877. Few concessions were obtained without his sanction. He played a full part in the appointment of T. Shepstone, Junior as the Ngwenyama's resident adviser in late 1886, the creation of the Swaziland Committee in 1887 and the grant of the 'White Charter' on 1 August 1888.

During the period when Shepstone's position as an adviser was being strongly challenged by a rival caucus of concessionaires, the executive of the Swaziland Committee went to see the Ngwenyama on April 5, 1888 and Zwane and Mgwababa spoke strongly in favour of Shepstone.

Mbandzeni's weak character undoubtedly contributed to Zwane's domination of politics in the 1870's and 1880's but he was destroyed by the internal tensions which built up towards the end of that period.

Replace

The Ngwenyama learned in November 1888 of a plot to assassinate him during the next Incwala and to replace him with his half-brother, Mnt. Nkhopolo. On Saturday night, December 8, 1888, regiments were sent out to destroy the homesteads of those implicated, but Mnt. Nkhopolo escaped from Ludzidzini homestead into the Transvaal. Since learning of the plot, Mbandzeni had feigned illness and on the following day presided over a full gathering of the principal tindvuna at Mbekelweni and the leading tangoma was sent for to indicate who was responsible for the illness. The Ngwenyama told Zwane and other tindvuna to go with the tangoma who would indicate who was not to return. About 60 yards north of Mbekelweni, Zwane said that that was far enough and directed the tangoma to indicate the culprits. Zwane was the first to be pointed out and he was immediately clubbed to death by three sections of the anaHuni lichiba of the

iNdhlavela Regiment led by Mamisa.

Among others executed at the same time were Mbulane, Zwane's aged indvuna of Ludzidzini, and Mgwababa. To what extent Zwane was really implicated in this plot is not clear, but one of his daughters was Nkhopolo's chief wife and during the previous Incwala in January 1888 Zwane had to rescue Nkhopolo form the attentions of the Indlavela Regiment after the prince had created a ruckus.

## Desperate

The executive may have been the desperate act of a frustrated ngwenyama, undoubtedly supported by Tikhuba Magongo and younger tindvuna; Magongo, then indvuna of Mbekelweni possibly succeeded Zwane as the most prominent in influence, but whether he was ever made indvunankhulu yesive is unclear. A.M. Miller suggested in the Times of Swaziland nine years later that Zwane had been executed for the treasonable offence of desecrating royal

Zwane's execution was not accompanied by the customary elimination of the accuser's homesteads. In the Mpulusi valley; Mbandzeni is said to have spared them on the grounds of Zwane's contribution to the nation but this seems to be western floss on the Ngwenyama's vacillation.

The homesteads which Zwane had controlled on the western boundary of Swaziland were, however, given to Mnt. Mancibane waNdlapu who lived in that

The Zwane's did not resume their status as chiefs until 1960. One of Zwane's sons was Ncanca who distinguished himself in the expediting against the Pedi in support of the British in 1879. Mbandzeni himself married one of Zwane's daughters, the mother of Mnt. Solomon Madevu. A border post on the western boundary of Swaziland Sandlane, is named after Zwane.



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## THE SOUND OF FREEDOM





## MANDLA MDLULI (BASS GUITARIST)

andla has made a name for himself as a bass guitarist for afro soul group Quad Element.

The groups launched their debut album early this year and have made major moves in Durban.

When comparing the sound before are there any changes you hear from today's music and are they for the bet-

Swazi music has evolved over the years since gaining independence. That is a good sign and a leap of relevance to the world sound evolution. As a country we are steadily growing and it is encouraging to note that the country has rich and vast

Back then we had a somehow similar sound played by many artists who may have been influenced by the inability to explore the world, lack of resources and other challenges including skill enhancement.

In our life today, the world is in our palm, we watch TV, we learn online and there are a number of initiatives and opportunities for artists to improve their

What would be your wishes for the country as we approach 2022?
As we propel towards 2022, my wish is

for Swaziland to consider the following:

 Avail programs and facilities that would enhance the talent the country has introduction of art centre etc.

 Treat musicians as business people, afford the right respect and pay them accordingly. It is time Swazis start believing in their own, without due support any good artist will surely not thrive.

 One sad thing that is currently happening is to be appreciated and be treated well in a foreign land and when you get back home, you do not get recognition.

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# 48THINDEPENDENCE SUPPLEM

he House of Assembly and the Senate unanimously approved this week a motion by Prince Makhosini, the Prime Minister, asking Britain to grant Swaziland independence on September 6 next year. Prince Makhosini's motion read:

"This House authorises the Government of Swaziland to request Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to introduce legislation in due course in the United Kingdom providing for the establishment of Swaziland as an independent sovereign state on September 6, 1968, and to request Her Majesty's Government to seek at the appropriate time the support of other member governments of the Commonwealth for Swaziland's desire to become a member of the Commonwealth."

Moving the motion in the House of Assembly on Tuesday, Prince Makhosini said it fell to very few men in the history of the world to move such a resolution as he had

"And such an opportunity comes once and to only one man in the history of a nation. It has been my own fortunate privilege to have the opportunity to move that motion today on behalf of the people of Swaziland. I shall always treasure the memory of this historic and honourable occasion, when I have been placed in this unique position to move a motion of freedom for Swaziland.'

The Prime Minister went on:

"I feel that our acute awareness of independence just ahead of us should now direct our thoughts to the important tasks that lie before us. It should not cause us to look backward to the past, which, I am afraid, contains some reasons for regret. That position is natural and inevitable in the life of a nation as it is in the life of any individual.

# 'PLEASE GIVE US INDEPENDENC ON SEPTEMBER 6'



Nevertheless, the history of this country has been a happy and fortunate one, both before and after it had come under the

tutelage of the British Government.

Commonwealth of Nations is based upon the "I feel that our confidence in the future of solid foundations laid by the British an independent state under the Government and the people of Swaziland

# KING SOBHUZA SPEAKS ON CONSTITUTION

#### THE STATEMENT BY **INGWENYAMA READS:**

wish to make certain observations relating to the subject of a 50-50 representation which has been a matter of great controversy and has obviously created a wrong impression in the minds of many, especially as a result of the publicity this has received in the press.

It is incorrect to say that of the Swaziland constitution, irrespective of whatever form it may follow, we stand principally for 50-50 representa-

The mandate to the delegation was to treat the whole issue on the principle or basis of a racial federal system which, by implication, amounts more or less to 50-50, or best understood to mean equality. Any other form of constitution which had never been presented to, and considered by, the Council would be outside the scope of their mandate.

In considering the form of the constitution that would be suitable for Swaziland, one was faced with two propositions:

- A racial federal system
- The complete union

Seeing that the two groups, blacks and whites, have different laws and customs, but anxious to bring the two together, one decided on a federal system under which each group would retain some measure of its identity and only come together on matters of common interest.

This was calculated to minimise the friction between the two groups,

where one group might want to dominate the other, which would surely be the case if the two groups were formed into a common union.

In this case, the welfare of the State would be at stake or in jeopardy. Under the federal system, you would find that it would be a starting point for peoples or groups more likely to lead eventually to a complete union, which might prove disastrous if it were superimposed prematurely.

This line of thought was presented to both the Swazi and the whites and they all welcomed and adopted it.

Any other form of constitution contrary to this idea meant there could be no 50-50 or equality and that would have its own consequences. Truly speaking, nobody could accept or allow any other person to have a deciding power in his own affairs, especially when one person was foreign to the institutions of the other.

Anybody, black or white, who is not contented with his own affairs and wanting to have a say in some other people's affairs would be suspected of having ulterior motives.

Let us now examine the other phase or aspect of the two propositions, "the complete union," and see what its outcome would be.

The first conflict would be on the law and custom.

The black man is communal while his white compatriot is individualistic. Is it true that the non-racial policy can be carried out effectively and safely right through and, if it is true, then there will be no reservation of any kind for certain rights, ownership of property and recognition of marriages for any group of the community, otherwise, it will be a non-racial State

This would be ridiculous.

If reservations for the welfare of the different groups are essential - in which case preservation of certain rights of groups are accorded recognition, then we have a racial federation.

Being in Africa, I suppose that in all fairness, the African law and custom would be followed where the ownership of land and minerals would all belong to the people as a whole, and not to an individual.

If this were not yielded to, it alone would be sufficient to create a great platform for political wrangling among Africans, irrespective of what the outcome would be to the State, or of what interest it would be to these vitally concerned. Franchise

If the common union is followed, would Africa accept a curtailed or qualified franchise? If not, I suppose that the European community with all their economy would, under that pressure, be accommodated in their representation under the principle of minorities.

The questions here are: Will the racial friction between the black and whites be lessened or intensified? Will the friction and wrangling among Africa party groups be lessened?

Another question is - how far true is the saying that "divided you fall, but united you stand"?

If France, with its long experience in this field, became so exposed to political strife until General De Gaulle was brought into the scene, how much more would this be for Africans who are foreign in the field?

Is it not a fact that the party that will win the majority among Africans



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should have a great sense of gratitude. "When we now ask for independence, we

are not casting a reflection on the British government's record of stewardship of our country.

"It is just natural for a dependent nation, like ourselves, to seek to leave its protector as it is natural for a grown son to seek to leave a mother and father when he goes into the world to make his own living.

"This government considers that the forthcoming 12 months are sufficient and will give them time for the preparation of independence so as to fulfil the aspirations of the Swazi people.

"In the Imbokodvo Manifesto, I pointed out that the constitution was not yet finalised and that there were quite a number of things, which were not quite acceptable, and I said the people of Swaziland wanted independence without delay.

"This is, therefore, a continuation of the freedom struggle. Our objective was not only to obtain a Protected State - with its King and a new flag. Nor was it a question of shouting slogans and expressing vote catching words. We wanted to win independence for the Swazi people. We wanted the people of Swazialnd, through their popularly elected Parliament, to be able to decide their way of life.

#### Decide

"The Swazi people must be free to decide their own policies internally and externally, and until this is done, our constitution will remain incomplete and the promises that we have made to the people will remain only a theory.

"It is our declared policy that when Swaziland becomes independent, we shall become a member of the Commonwealth of Nations and that is why we are asking the British Gveornment to seek the support of other Commonwealth states in our desire to become a member.

"The question may be asked at this stage 'Is Swaziland ready for independence?' In presenting the historic motion for Ghanaian independence it was said, 'There comes a time in the history of colonial peoples when

they must, because of their own will, throw off the hampering shackles of colonialism, and boldly assert their God-given right to be free from foreign rule. If there is to be a criterion of a people's preparedness for self-government, then, I say, it is their readiness to assume the responsibility of governing themselves. For who but the people themselves can say when they are prepared? The people of Swaziland have been waiting for independence for a long time.

"I think on this occasion, it is opportune for me to refer to the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 1514. That resolution states: "In adequacy of political, economical, social or educational preparedness should never serve as a pretext for delaying independence."

Independence

"I am not, of course, suggesting here that Swaziland is inadequately prepared for independence on any of these grounds. I have quoted this United Nations General Assembly resolution to show that the pace of political progress is, in the last analysis, a matter for the people themseves.

"Ultimately, the decision for independence derives from spiritual rather than material considerations. Those who really want independence get it, and independence on September 6, 1968, is what the people of Swaziland want.

"Allow me once more to quote another resolution of the United Nations General Assembly, adopted on November 30, 1966. That resolution, which concerns the people's right to self-determination, reads: 'Reaffirmed the right of peoples under colonial rule to exercise their right to self-determination and independence, and the

right of every nation, large or small, to choose freely and without any external interference in its political, social and economic systems.'

"That resolution is not only relevant to a motion on independence for Swaziland, but it affords me an opportuinity to clear up a misunderstanding, which has arisen as a result of a report that before Swaziland gets independence, there will be a referendum. We have received this report during a meeting, at Kinshasa, of foreign ministers. I am not sure whether this report is correct, but I want to confirm that there is no intention on the part of this Government to hold any referendum before or even after independence. I might add that there is not even an intention to hold any general election as some propagandists would like. A referendum is unnecessary

Śensible

"A sensible question which may be asked and I am asking it now: Are the people of Swaziland ready for independence? And it can be assumed that the reply would be in the affirmative, since in the general elections, the Government was elected with the knowledge that we were going to achieve independence and we were going to lead the people to independence.

"I might add that when framing the constitution, it was understood that this constitution was going to carry us to independence, except for certain provisions which dealt with reserved powers. That constitution was published for the benefit of the public, debated in the Legislative Council and unanimously passed, and it was sent to the British Government and it is the constitution

operating today."



would be the one that would move and preach for sterner measures against the whites?

#### Bribe

Will the unknown policies to African masses, more especially those that are backed by foreign money to influence, entice and bribe our people's votes for ideologies that are foreign, mystic and have no roots among us, bring about peace, good results and a healthy state of affairs?

Must we be plunged into these policies, simply because we must follow the British system?

To copy and adopt something you like and understand is healthy, progressive and more

honourable than to hold fast to something you happen to have lived by for some time; but to imitate something, especially when the majority do not know or understand it is not only foolish but disastrous.

When the majority get to like and understand the Westminster system and wish to adopt it, no one can say to them nay. So, the non-racial system, or complete integration under the Westminster pattern which is being offered, cannot be considered and regarded as a special gift which the people could not attain otherwise.

Elsewhere, I have shown that the rule of the majority - which is real democracy, is the rule of God, not something discovered by man's wisdom. Any outside interference I regard as an imminent and very serious danger which cannot be tolerated by any State.

Will the white man, now without security because of a black majority, accept a respite or pull out with his economy through fear of being swallowed up, or fear of the nationalisation of his properties?

## Economy

If this economy is withdrawn, what will be the position of the country? Is it not true that we would have to go out again to beg other brothers of the whites to bring in capital with a certain amount of inducement involved, which would cost us more, seeing that these new investors would no longer be tied down

by old investments or roots in the country? What remedy can we be assured of against these dangerous tendencies which are likely

to come about if we choose complete integration without preparation?

One can experiment with all things in life, but to experiment with the State or people without the support of the majority can only be regarded as a most dangerous game.

Critics of the racial federal policy say that racial federation means apartheid.

Unfortunately, I do not know the meaning of apartheid, and I can therefore make no comment on that.

Some people say that apartheid means superiority of the white race over the black race. If that is the case, then I would regard apartheid as self-destruction.

But the question is whether or not all people who follow the federal system practise or are pro-apartheid. I understand the federal system to mean people who come together into understanding, work together, create friendship and equality but keep their identi-

These are the considerations that prompted and led me to the selection of the racial federal system as the only way that can lead the country to a happy anchorage.

These considerations were not intended to benefit or please anybody, or any particular section or group of the people in or outside Swaziland. But they were intended for the entire welfare of the State, with its economic consideration playing the principal part because I feel that if you are economically sound and strong, you are truly independent, but if you are poor, you remain a slave to some other people who can toss you from pillar to post.

It does not follow that under federal policy we are surrendering our sovereignty to anybody.

I would welcome any other constructive, safe and better proposition from anyone on this subject.



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## THE SOUND OF FREEDOM



My wish is that the growth of art in the country keeps on improving day by day; the government must also develop a structure that will deliver programmes and policies that will encourage excellence in art, supporting our heritage.



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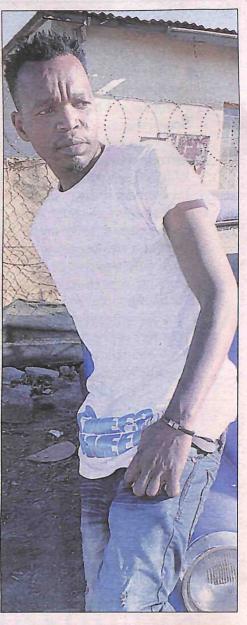
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### SIFISO ILLA PENBOY NDLANGAMANDLA (RAPPER)

Better known in the entertainment industry as 'Illa Penboy', this young man has changed the local rap music scene for the better, he has crafted the art with his lyrics and for many he has broke the internet with his songs such as 'malini fridge' and 'Exse Ntwana konakele'.

These two songs have become an anthem since being released.

Illa has been in a number of musical groups, from kwaito group known as 'Peace 2' to hip hop group known called 'The Last Page (TLP)' but memorably he has gained his popularity the most from his debut album, titled 'exse ntwana konakele'.

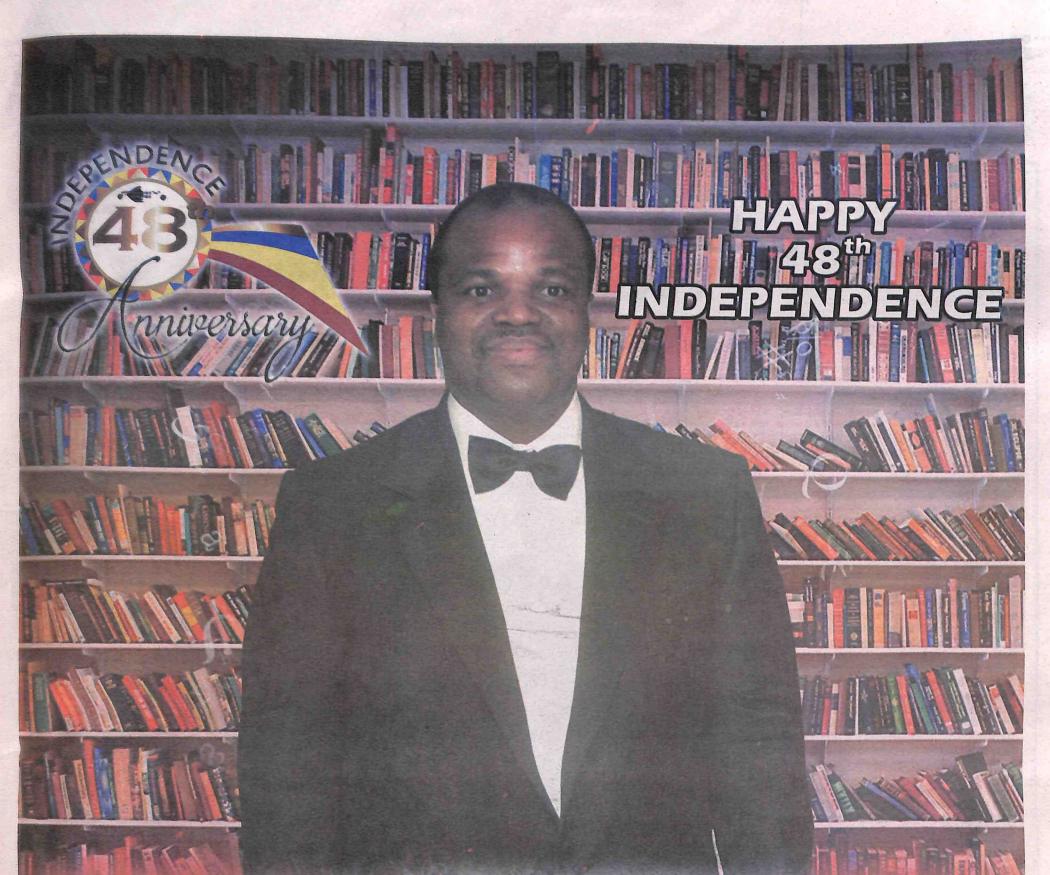
How has the freedom influenced your lyrical ability?

I compose my songs based on what I am faced with at that particular time, I don't come up with my lyrics to accommodate anyone. If you are going through some hard times and you feel, the words piercing through, then jump on the line. Obtaining our freedom has meant that I am free to write about anything I want and it has influenced me to spread what I have to say to the masses.

As we celebrate such a milestone, what are your wishes to the country?

My wish is that the growth of art in the country keeps on improving day by day; the government must also develop a structure that will deliver programmes and policies that will encourage excellence in art, supporting our heritage. As artists we would also love for the government to provide us with assistance that will position local artists and organizations in shaping our cultural landscape, increase cultural diversity and inspire, educate and entertain audiences both locally and internationally.

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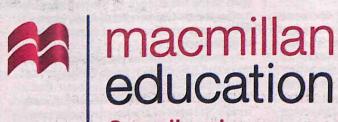
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# 48THINDEPENDENCE SUPPLEM

 President of the Senate and Honourable Senators, Mr. Speaker of the House of Assembly and Honourable Members:

Today it is my privileged duty to deliver an address to the Parliament of the Kingdom of Swaziland on an occasion reflecting the passing of the last milestone in the country's history of steady constitutional progress. The seventh day of July last year witnessed a very important historical occasion with the opening of the first session of the first Parliament of this Kingdom. But today will live as an even more important and joyful day in the memory of the nation with the opening of this second session of the Parliament of the now Independent Kingdom of Swaziland.

I am sure I speak for all the people of Swaziland when I say that our cup of joy would have been even fuller and indeed overflowing had it proved possible to highlight the opening of Parliament today in new Parliamentary buildings at Lobamba. However, that was not to be; but I and the people of Swaziland have the real pleasure in store of expecting to see a meeting of this Parliament being opened in those new Parliamentary buildings when we celebrate the anniversary of Independence in September next year. Furthermore, we earnestly pray that the first anniversary will provide a threefold occasion for national rejoicing for we sincerely hope that we will then also be able to welcome as our distinguished guests their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Kent on a State visit to Swaziland.

I now propose to relate the major policies which my government intends to pursue and the legislative measures which it proposes to present as Bills to Parliament during this forthcoming second session. In the course of the Independence celebrations Honourable Senators and Honourable Members, together with the people of Swaziland, will have heard the Prime Minister's several speeches on public affairs.

On different occasions, the Prime Minister lucidly and comprehensively explained to our distinguished visitors and to the people of Swaziland the policies my government was already following and would continue to pursue in the spheres of Commonwealth and foreign affairs; of the planning of economic and social development; and of the furtherance of the country's commercial and indus-

trial activities

In the circumstances I do not think that it is incumbent upon me to dwell upon these policies in any great detail in this address. I will therefore now only emphasise those policy issues of outstanding concern to my government, before proceeding to explain its intended legislative programme for this second session of Parliament.

Since its attainment of Independence this country has become a member of the Commonwealth of Nations, the United Nations Organisation and the Organisation of African Unity, and it will play its part to the full in the furtherance of the ideals and auses of those international organisations My government is proud of its membership of those organisations which will afford it the opportunity of developing friendly relations with many other States. The policies governing the relations of my government with other States reflect its own internal

It will not tolerate any form of discrimination, and it will conduct its affairs in a peaceful and democratic manner. My government believes that it is quite wrong for one State to interfere in the affairs of any other State except for the purpose of maintaining peace and an international understanding. My government looks forward to the continued maintenance and develop-

# HIS MAJESTY'S SPEECH FROM THE THRONE: NOVEMBER 8, 1968



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ment of relations with other friendly countries in the mutual interests of international peace and of economic prosperity.

My government has over recent months been giving the most detailed and careful consideration to the preparations of a very comprehensive Development Plan to cover the capital expenditure requirements of all ministries for promoting the welfare of the people. The Development Plan will be published in due course but in this address, I can but outline its main features. The Development Plan's primary aim is to raise the standard of living of the people. **Fulfilment** 

The fulfilment of that most desirable objective will very largely depend upon two factors. First, the strengthening of the educational and training systems at all levels in both the private and public sectors so that the talents of every citizen can be developed to the full and put to the best possible use for the mutual benefit of that citizen and our country. The second factor relates to agriculture.

My government, while recognising the very important contribution made by industry to the economy of the country, is aware that agriculture must for the foreseeable future, remain the basis of the country's economy. In order to raise the general standard of liv-

ing, it is essential to concentrate upon improving the present level of agricultural productivity. The Development Plan has been prepared for a three-year period commencing April, 1969 primarily for the purpose of my government negotiating postindependence financial aid with the British government.

Negotiations

A delegation of ministers and officials headed by the Prime Minister will be leaving for London towards the end of this month to initiate the negotiations. My government is pursuing negotiations with the British government over the persistent land question with a view to achieving a satisfactory settlement of the land question. My government is most concerned to extend advantageous trade relations with as many friendly countries as possible, and to that end, negotiations are being pursued not only with its immediate neighbours, but also with other States in Central and East Africa.

My government attaches very great importance to the development of new mines and other new industries in the country and will do everything possible to encourage and assist such development.

I now turn to my government's legislative measures which it proposes to present to Parliament during this session. The attain-

ment of independence by the Swazi nation has now exposed it to self-determination, self care and self maintenance which hitherto have been the constitutional responsibility of the British government. Now that the British people have relinquished this burden, it becomes increasingly the duty and responsibility of the Swazi government and its tax payers to carry it and provide the necessary revenue to meet our obligations if we are to develop and march forward like all nations. To this end, my government proposes, inter alia, that the flat Swazi tax and the flat poll tax to be replaced by graded tax which will take account of the tax payer's ability to contribute towards the services which he enjoys. Everybody liable to pay tax should regard payment of it as a matter of national honour and pride. I have no doubt that we will succeed in doing this.

Legislation

During this course of the year, it is proposed to introduce legislation for a revised edition of the laws of Swaziland. This work is very seriously needed as the country has passed through a number of constitutional changes recently resulting in widespread amendments to all the laws, and in addition the last revision of the laws was made some 10 years ago. The Constitution has rendered certain laws inadequate and a new law will



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# KING'S SPEECH ON THE 1st INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY: SEPT 6, 1969

Angus Ogilvy, Your Excellencies, My Lords, ladies and gentlemen.

A year ago today, the Kingdom of Swaziland became an independent sovereign state and my people and I will remember how sorry we were that Their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Kent could not join us at our Independence celebrations. Today the people of Swaziland and I have the greatest pleasure to welcome to our Kingdom Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra and her husband, the Honourable Angus Ogilvy. I am sure we will enjoy their company here.

Your Royal Highness, I am delighted that as we celebrate the first anniversary for this great milestone in our history, my country has the opportunity to play host to you and your husband, although we all regret that your visit will be such a short one. I will remember the day in 1935 when I had the honour of meeting your Royal Highness's late father, Prince George. We hope you and your husband will take home with you many happy memories of this

Having recently re-attained our Independence, our Kingdom has much to do in the field of progressive training and developing her great potential. The year



that has passed since our rebirth has been an exciting one. Our independence has been recognised by the word and we have become a member of the Commonwealth, the United Nations and the Organisation of African Unity.

Regard

We do not regard our membership of these bodies as being nominal - we are determined to play our full part in them and in so doing, contribute to world peace,

harmony, happiness and prosperity.

My government's policy is to develop and strengthen trade links with the rest of

Africa and the world overseas, while still maintaining economic links with our neighbours. In keeping with this policy, trade agreements have recently been signed with several countries in Central and East

Hard

In the past 12 months, my government has worked hard to set us on the road to economic independence. This type of independence calls for hard work and some sacrifice from each one of us, but I am sure that will not deter us, nor even hinder us from attaining our goal. Our first year of

independence has not been without its difficulties. Indeed, we have been independent only a few weeks when our farmers were affected by severe drought. Then, later in the year, the government was called upon to solve a difficult taxation problem.

But there will always be problems to solve - they are, of course, part of life - and I am sure that because of our national unity and determination, we will overcome the many obstacles that we will meet in the future.

This weekend, therefore, let us all enjoy and rest from our labours of the past year and emerge refreshed and ready to face and tackle the tasks that lie ahead with confidence.

Her Royal Highness has been good enough to give me this letter she has received from Her Majesty the Queen to hand it over to me this morning. I am going to read it so that you all can hear it.

"It is with great pleasure that I send to you my sincere congratulations and best wishes on this first anniversary of the Independence of the Kingdom of Swaziland. Would you please convey to all the people of your Kingdom my heartfelt hope for their continued peace and prosperity."

be introduced to deal with Parliamentary elections; provision will also be made for the taking of a referendum if necessary, in terms of the Constitution. The present law relating to mining is also out of step with the provisions of the Constitution and it would be desirable to have an up-to-date and more acceptable law governing this topic.

Bill

This Fugitive Offenders Act of 1881 is now antiquated, and it is out of keeping for this independent country to allow its relations with other Commonwealth countries to be regulated in regard to the return of fugitive offenders by an Act of Parliament of the United Kingdom. Therefore, a new Bill on this topic will be introduced.

The Constitution requires the salaries and allowances of certain public officers to be prescribed by Parliament and a Bill will be introduced for this purpose. Other laws will be replaced with more modern and satisfactory legislation. I refer in particular to a Companies Bill, a Criminal Procedure and Evidence Bill; a Magistrates Court Bill; a Liquor Licences Bill; a Medical, Dental and Pharmacy Bill; a Habit-Forming Drugs Bill,

which also deals with food and drugs; a Public Health Bill; a Physical Planning Bill; a Mines and Quarries Bill; and legislation to deal with Sewage and Waterworks. In particular, revision of the law relating to companies is very much needed as the present law is out of date and makes no provision for judicial management. The physical Planning Bill, will replace the control of town planning under a central authority instead of being dealt with locally by each municipality in its own fashion.

Furthermore, legislation will be presented to introduce a more satisfactory system of local government in both the larger and smaller towns of the country. It will provide for the establishment of municipalities in the larger urban centres and for the smaller towns or villages to have Town Boards with limited powers. The Bill will make it possible for a small entirely nominated Town Board to develop gradually to full municipal status, with a Town Council ultimately composed entirely of elected members.

In addition, there are gaps in the law which require to be filled by legislation which has been needed for some time. To

this end, a Hire Purchase Bill; and Apportionment of Damages Bill; a Public Services Bill and a Friendly Societies Bill will be introduced. The present Customs and Excise Proclamation is very much out of date and requires to be replaced. In every society juvenile delinquency poses a serious problem which has its roots in social evils. While the fundamental solution to that problem lies in social reforms and the improvement of amenities, the courts must nevertheless have adequate machinery to deal with the situation. My government will introduce legislation to give the courts more adequate powers to deal with this class of offender.

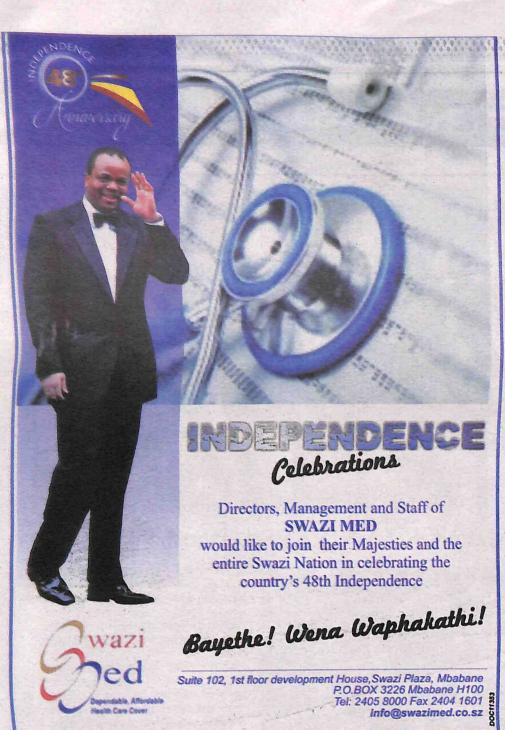
During the course of the year, a new Police Bill will be introduced which will make more satisfactory provision for the police and among other things, will provide for awards and decorations to be given to deserving members of the Swaziland Police Force in respect of their service in it.

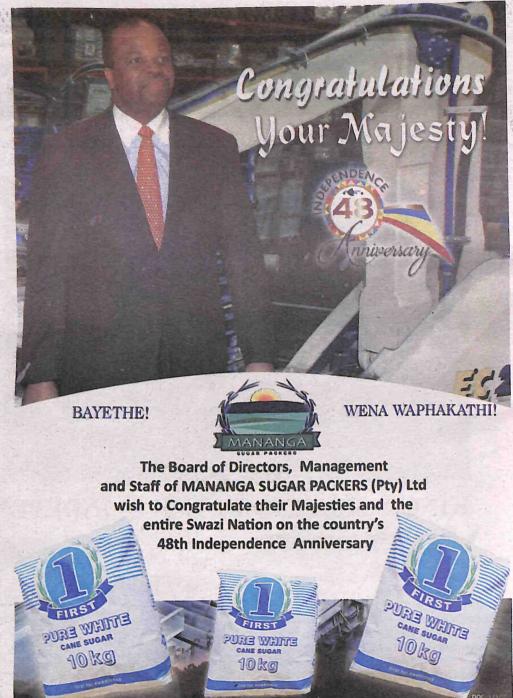
The law relating to motor vehicles and road traffic will be amended so as to permit breathalyzer tests and blood tests to be taken. It is hoped by this means to reduce the high rate of incidence of accidents on

our public roads. In addition, legislation will be introduced to amend existing laws to improve their efficiency and practicability to meet present requirements. Those laws relating to the control of arms and ammunition, shop hours, the administration of prisons, and public service pensions. Supplementary estimates of expenditure for the present financial year and estimates of revenue and expenditure for the ensuing financial year will be laid before you.

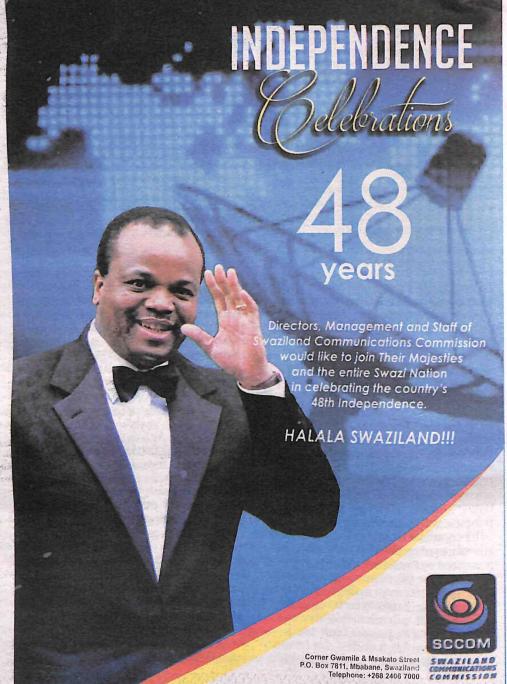
I conclude my address by congratulating Parliament on the large volume of very fruitful work accomplished by it during the last session, involving the passage of some seventy Bills. I share the confidence of my government that its performance in this forthcoming post-independence session will be equally rewarding in the interests of Swaziland. The foundations for independence were well and truly laid, but a great deal of hard work lies ahead in building upon those foundations.

Mr. President of the Senate and Honourable Senators, Mr. Speaker of the House of Assembly and Honourable Members, I now declare this Session of Parliament open.





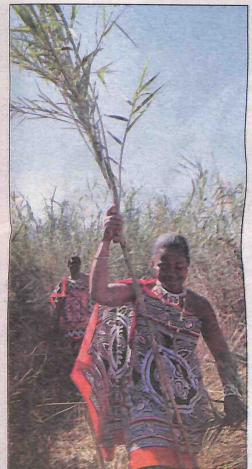




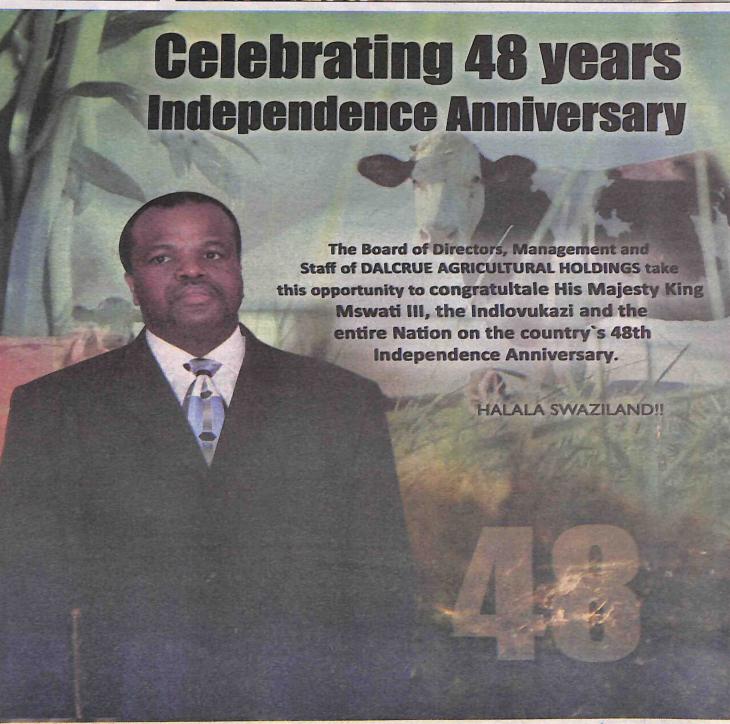














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our Excellency Her Majesty's Special Representative, Your Majesty the King of Lesotho, the Right Honourable the Secretary of State, Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Mr. Secretary of State, it behoves me to begin my speech by expressing the deep sorrow I and all the people of Swaziland have felt for the recent loss the Royal Family has suffered. We all had looked forward to rejoicing, today, with their Royal Highness. Nonetheless, all of us are relieved to hear that Their Royal Highnesses have agreed to visit us next year.

Mr. Secretary of State, you have just handed to me, on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, the Instruments of Independence.

This formal act is the climax of our celebrations and returns to the Swazi people the Sovereign Independence they enjoyed 65 years ago. The act also terminates a long and friendly association with the British people in one form, but I hope that the association will continue in another form between our peoples in the future.

Mr. Secretary of State, you have brought to us the special message of Queen Elizabeth, in which she recalls her visit to our country 20 years ago. I, too, recall with pleasure that great occasion when Her Majesty's father honoured the people of Swaziland by visiting their country. I hope that, on some future occasion Her Majesty will be able to visit us again. My people and I appreciate Her Majesty's good wishes and prayer for the future of our Kingdom.

Mr. Secretary of State, you have mentioned that the Europeans have been in this country since the last century. Many of them have made their home here, and they now have a common interest with the Swazi. This is evident in that what is the Swazi joy is their joy, and what is the Swazi grievance is also their grievance.

Furthermore, a similar good relationship has always existed between our respective countries. These sentiments can be shown in the following references which St. Leger expressed when he wrote to Major Alleyne



in 1880. I quote

"His Excellency desires me to point out to you that it is most essential for every reason that we should keep the Swazis as our firm friends.....It is still more desirable that the Swazis should look upon us as firm and honest friends incapable of spoiling them of their just possessions"

Today we can assure Her Majesty that we

shall strive to maintain with dignity and honour, our friendly ties with Great Britain. That is the reason why we have applied for membership of the British Commonwealth of Nations to which Her Majesty graciously welcomes us.

### Strive

Moreover, we shall also strive to maintain good relations with all other friendly countries, both near and far. That is why again we have applied for membership of the United Nations Organisation.

We realise that today we stand on the threshold of heavy responsibilities and that many challenges lie ahead. I am fully confident, however, that with God's guidance we shall face them resolutely and overcome them.

In conclusion, I ask you, Mr. Secretary of State, to send to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, our warmest greetings and best wishes

# SPEECH FOR HIS MAJESTY'S BROADCAST ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

am sure you will all understand that even on this historical day of national celebration, my first and bounden duty is to begin by expressing in this speech to the people of Swaziland, the deep sorrow which I, the members of my government and all the people of Swaziland, have felt for Their Royal Highnesses at their recent tragic family loss.

I am sure they would have enjoyed our welcome to Swaziland, had the circumstances permitted us the privilege of their company here at this time of national rejoicing. But I know that all of us have been greatly relieved to know that, that welcome and privilege has only been postponed until sometime next year. We will then be delighted to have them amongst us on a state visit, which we look forward to with pleasure.

This day, Swaziland again becomes an independent State whose people will now once more shape their own destiny and manage fully their own internal and external affairs. The day marks our reaching the top of a hill to which the climbing has been an arduous task.

The struggle my people and I have persevered to endure, since the turn of this century, is too well known to you. Now

that we have reached our goal are we going to sit down, fold our arms and rest? If we sat down, we might find ourselves at the bottom of the hill once more. I am certain, not one of us would wish to see our nation lose an inch of the position which we have reached. To maintain the status we have achieved, every one of us shall have to work very hard, co-operating more with our government and with one another.

Achievement

Achievement of our independence has been neither the work of a group of geniuses nor the work of a super-natural power; it has been the result of the cooperative efforts of every one of you, great and small; old and young; rich and poor

This co-operation is the pre-requisite of self-maintenance. Last Christmas I told you that 'the coming of freedom will not change Swaziland overnight'. So you will have to be prepared to persevere for sacrifices which often accompany the raising of the economy and living standard of a country.

Our country is a land of rich resources, but the human resources that reside in the hearts and minds of the people sur-

pass those found in our beloved soil. I am sure that you will, as in the past, successfully overcome the problems of developing those resources by constructive and zealous endeavours. And so I look forward to the future with the confidence that through your efforts our nation will enjoy increasingly the harvests that lie ahead.

At this moment, I must look back with gratitude to all those who have made this day a reality. It is impossible here to mention them all by name. Some of them have passed away, while others are still with us.

Departed

To those who have departed, I can say we are proud of their endeavours. To those who are still with us I say this day marks the end of a difficult era; much more toil and sweat must lie ahead. Today we remember and honour our heroes of iNdlavela and eMasotsha regiments who distinguished themselves in the service of the armies of the British Crown in 1879 and in the First and Second World wars.

In 1941, when I was sending our emabutfo up north, I told them that the help they were giving Great Britain was to remind her of her promise she had made to King Mbandzeni. The constitutional advance of this country, has had interesting landmarks unique to Swaziland. Again, I find it not possible to mention all who contributed to this aspect of our development. However, I must mention a few of the many constitutional giants.

Changes

These are King Somhlolo, King Mbandzeni, and the Queen Mother, Labotsibeni, who was Regent during the most difficult constitutional changes this country has ever experienced; and the delegations to Great Britain which were respectively led by the princes Longqanga, Malunge and Makhosini, as well as by myself.

The efforts of those men laid the foundations for this day which we shall for ever call Somhlolo Day, because it was Somhlolo who forewarned us to be patient and cautious when dealing with the affairs of this land. And I, therefore, declare that this day shall hence forth be kept as a day of celebration and remembrance.

I now command that the bonfires be lit on every beacon in the Kingdom of Swaziland to symbolise this great occasion.



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n 1921, he was installed as King and Ngwenyama of Swaziland, one of the most important events in his life, and was given the kingship name, Sobhuza II. On December 22, 1921 Labotsibeni's regency ended and she gave full authority to Sobhuza.

This was the beginning of a long reign punctuated with numerous developments. Some of these include several struggles with colonial officials over the power of traditional institutions, encouraging the process of economic growth after the Second World War, leading the nation through a constitutional battle in the early 1960s, and leading the country to independence in 1968.

Throughout this period, his relationship with colonial officials was a love-hate affair. This was partly due to the fact that he jealously guarded the interests of his nation while colonial officials wanted to enforce British supremacy. After 1968, to the time of his death in 1982, he faced the difficult task of politically solidifying his nation, and leading it to economic prosperity.

#### **PARAMOUNT CHIEF**

His Majesty King Sobhuza II was installed to the throne, as paramount chief of the Swazi (the British did not consider him a king at that time) on December 22, 1921. He immediately petitioned to have the Partitions Proclamation overturned. He travelled for this reason to London in 1922, but was unsuccessful in his attempt. It was not until the outbreak of World War II that he achieved a breakthrough — obtaining a promise that Britain would buy back the land from settlers and restore it to Swazis in exchange for Swazi support in the war.

Towards the end of the war, King Sobhuza II was declared the 'native authority' within Swaziland, giving him an unprecedented level of power in a British colony. He was still under the auspices of the British High Commissioner though.

Meanwhile at one level, King Sobhuza was part and parcel of the vast on-going architectural plan designed in the remote past - at another, he was himself the architect. Lobamba was his capital; the *sigodlo* was for his queens. The Child of the Nation was being steadily inducted into the full responsibilities of Kingship; and the great priests of the nation were summoned to Lobamba co perform additional necessary rites.

He and his mother were subjected to lustration and anointment with ancient potions, sanctifying their persons for the rest of their lives and preparing them for continuous battle against enemies, internal and external. For him, the priests used the insignia of ancient kings, simple in material, complex in symbolism and association - a throne of buffalo horn, a sceptre of magical timber, a copper bangle, an ancient adze, and clothing of lion skin, the most powerful animal, praised as 'the one that devours men'.

The coronation was a consecration, part of a traditional constitution of just rule. It gave the King the right to command obedience within the constraints of the total system. Hitherto, he could only be addressed as Nkhosi; henceforth, he was saluted as Ngwenyama (Lion). Before, his messengers summoned people to his presence with the words 'Phapha' (fly) - fly like a bird; now he commanded 'Ngemandla' - (with power).

On December 6, 1921 came the day for Sobhuza to be vested with full authority. For the first time in 21 years the Incwala, the drama of full Kingship was to be danced. Instructing the young King were the priests of the simema, headed by Vanyane, son of Nkamane of the Ndwandwe clan from the village Elwandle (at the sea), assisted by governors of all the royal villages, drawn from well-known clans (Mtsetfwa, Fakudze, Nkambule, Khumalo, Zwane, Nsibandze, Mdluli). The ritual had to be held at the correct time, and though the educated suggested this be calculated from the written calen-

# KING AND NGWENYAMA OF SWAZILAND





dar, the governors insisted that it be decided by observation of the position of the sun and the waxing and waning of the moon; nature was projected into Kingship and connected with the destiny of the King: 'The King races the sun', and 'The King is the sun', and 'The King grows with the moon'.

The King had to be made sufficiently strong to face the approaching year and withstand rivals from within as well as kings of other nations.

After the war, a decision had to be made about the three High Commission Territories in southern Africa. Since the Union of South Africa, in 1910, there had been a plan to incorporate the three regions into the Union. But the SA government had become increasingly polarised and power was held by a minority white government. When the National Party took power in 1948, campaigning on an ideology of Apartheid, the British government realised that they could not hand over the High Commission territories to South Africa.

King Sobhuza believed in peaceful discussion and was against violence. During his rule, he had to negotiate Swaziland's independence from Britain. He managed to do that without bloodshed and Swaziland became independent on September 6, 1968. The King also believed in unity. In Swaziland, he worked hard to make a non-racial society. He also preached unity among other African leaders. To encourage the spirit of unity, he made Swaziland a member of the United Nations, the non-aligned movement and the organisation of African unity. He established diplomatic missions in a number of African and Western countries. He was also a believer in education, both formal and informal.

The 1960s saw the beginnings of independence in Africa, and in Swaziland, several new associations and parties formed, eager to have their say about the nation's path to freedom from British rule.

Two commissions were held in London with representatives of the European Advisory Council (EAC), a body which represented the rights of white settlers in Swaziland to the British High Commissioner, the Swazi National Council (SNC) which advised Sobhuza II on traditional tribal matters, the Swaziland Progressive Party (SPP) which represented the educated elite who felt alienat-

ed by traditional tribal rule, and the Ngwane National Liberatory Congress (NNLC) who wanted a democracy with a constitutional monarch.

#### **CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCH**

In 1964, feeling that he, and his extended, ruling Dlamini family, were not getting enough attention (they wanted to maintain their hold over traditional government in Swaziland after independence), Sobhuza II oversaw the creation of the royalist Imbokodvo National Movement (INM).

The INM was successful in pre-independence elections, winning all 24 seats in the legislature (with the backing of the white settler United Swaziland Association).

In 1967, in the final run up to independence, Sobhuza II was recognised by the British as a constitutional monarch. When independence was finally achieved on September 6, 1968, Sobhuza II was King and Prince Makhosini was the country's first Prime Minister. The transition to independence was smooth, with Sobhuza II announcing that since they were late coming to their sovereignty, they had the opportunity to observe the problems encountered elsewhere in Africa.

From the beginning, King Sobhuza II was hands-on in the governance of the country, insisting oversight on all aspects of the legislature and judiciary. He promulgated government with a 'Swazi flavour', insisting that parliament was a consultative body of elders. It helped that his royalist party, the INM, controlled government.

### MAN OF THE PEOPLE

The Swazi people accepted Sobhuza II with great affection. He regularly appeared in traditional Swazi leopard-skin loincloth and feathers, oversaw traditional festivities and rituals, and practiced traditional medicine.

The King maintained a tight control on Swaziland politics by marrying into notable Swazi families. He was a strong proponent of polygamy.

Records are unclear, but it is believed that he took more than 70 wives and had somewhere between 67 and 210 children. (It is estimated that at his death, Sobhuza II had around 1 000 grandchildren).

Throughout his reign, he worked to reclaim lands granted to white settlers by his predecessors. This included an attempt in 1982 to claim the South African Bantustan of KaNgwane (KaNgwane was the semi-independent homeland which had been created in 1981 for the Swazi population living in South Africa).

KaNgwane would have given Swaziland its own much needed access to the sea.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Sobhuza II maintained good relations with his neighbours, especially Mozambique, through which it was able to access the sea and trade routes. But it was a careful balancing act — with Marxist Mozambique on one side and Apartheid South Africa on the other.

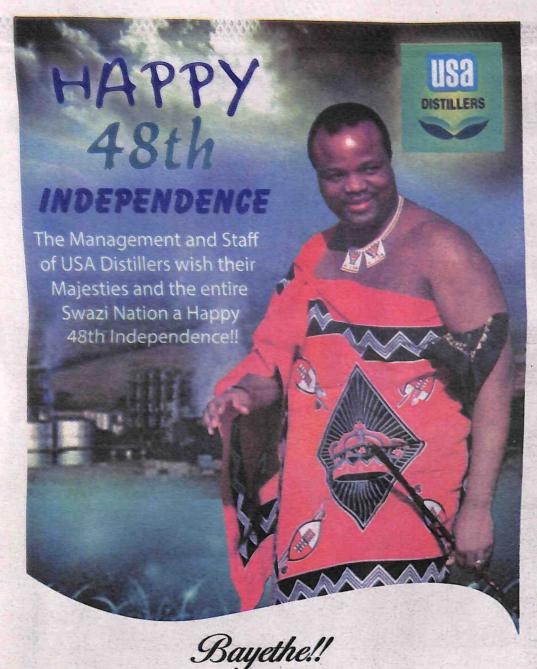
Under Sobhuza II's leadership, Swaziland developed its natural resources, creating the largest man-made commercial forest in Africa, and expanding iron and asbestos mining to become a leading exporter in the 70s.

#### **DEATH OF A KING**

In September 1981, King Sobhuza celebrated 60 years of his rule at his Diamond Jubilee. The nation was also lucky enough to celebrate his 83rd birthday in 1982. Thousands of people attended the celebration. The King gave a speech on the theme of 'Unity is Strength'. This was the last time he appeared in public. He died on August 21, 1982 at the Embo State House, at the age of 83. At the time of his death, he was the longest reigning monarch in the world.

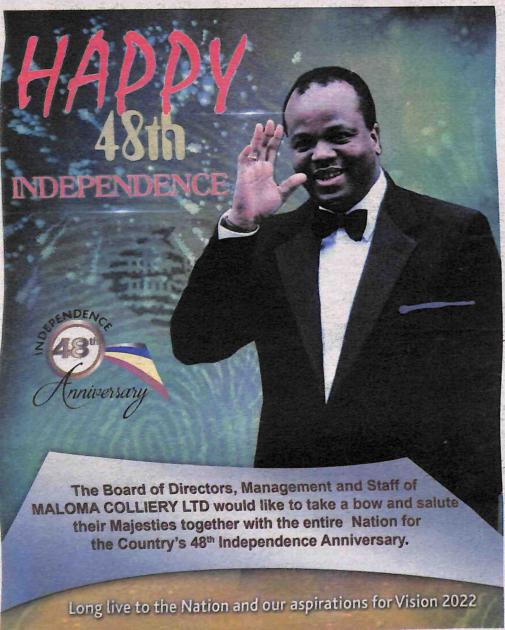
Prior to his death, King Sobhuza II appointed Prince Sozisa Dlamini to act as chief advisor to the regent, the Queen Mother Dzeliwe Shongwe. The regent was to act on behalf of the 14 year old heir, Prince Makhosetive.

After his death, a power struggle erupted between Dzeliwe Shongwe and Sozisa Dlamini. Dzeliwe was ousted from the position, and after acting as regent for a month and a half, Sozisa appointed Prince Makhosetive's mother, Queen Ntombi Thwala to be the new regent. Prince Makhosetive was crowned King, as Mswati III, on April 25, 1986



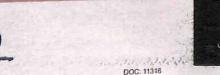
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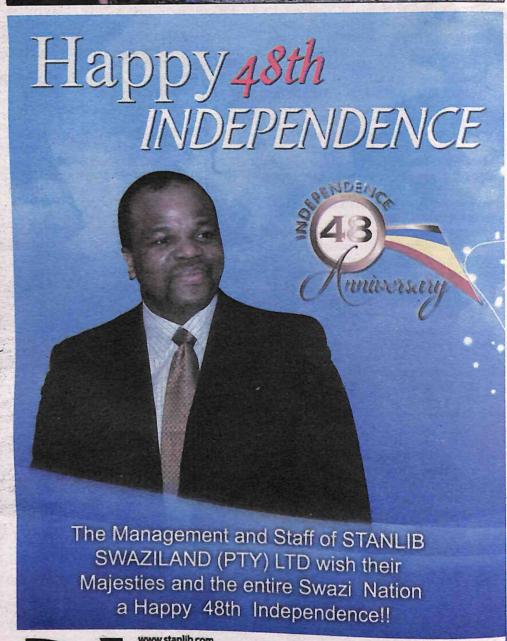














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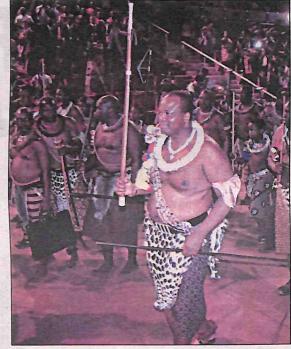
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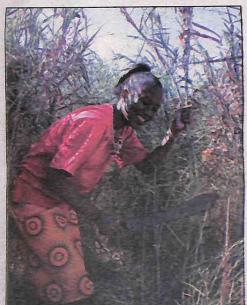
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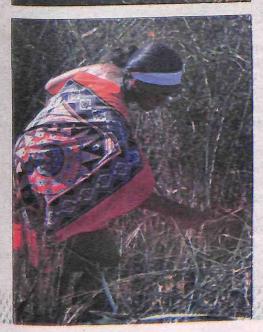
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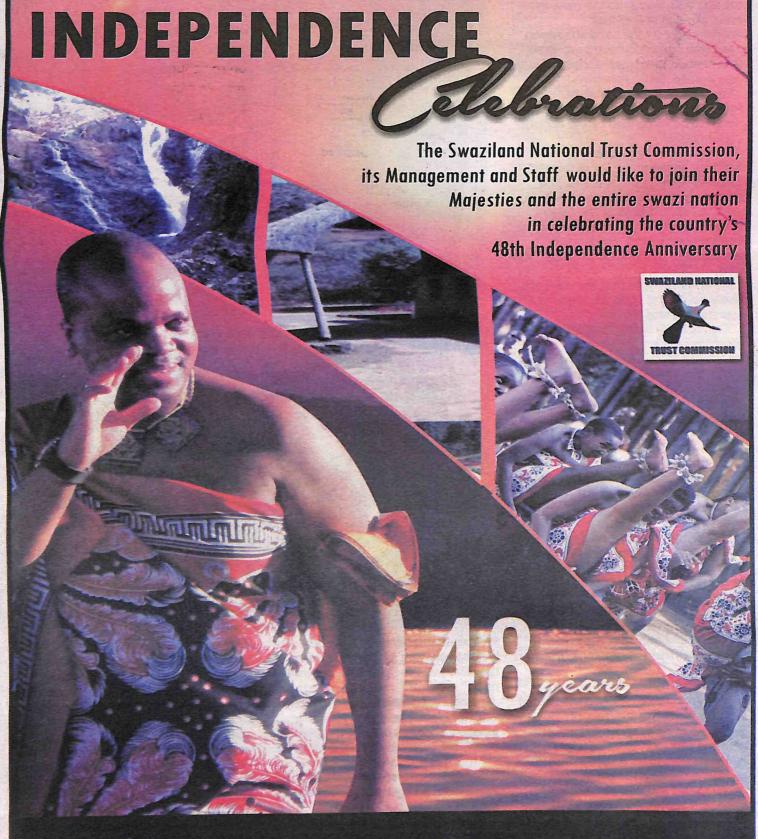
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# THE FIRST FEMALE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

BY NOMILE HLATSHWAYO

Swaziland's independence in 1968 did not only come with sovereignty for the state but opened doors to many Swazis, both men and women, to claim their rightful place in the workplace, business, as well as in politics.

Over the years, the country has been making strides in recognising women in the corporate world as well as in politics.

The year 2013 saw the appointment of the first ever woman to the most influential position of Regional

Administrator for the Lubombo region. And who else could have best fitted that position than much acclaimed business woman, Sylvia Mthethwa.

Asked about the appointment, Mthethwa said it was a humbling experience to be recognised by the appointing authority.

"It was humbling because my name has been added to the list of female pioneers in the political arena. The position is very challenging in that you are the political head of the region, responsible for issues pertaining to the central government, and directly accountable to the Head of State," she said.

She acknowledged that she was relatively new in the Lubombo region and was still learning the ropes.

"I am actively trying to understand government operations in order to effectively carry out my mandate. Within the region, I have embarked on a familiarisation tour of the businesses that are there with a view to gain the understanding of their operations and seek their support," she disclosed.

Acknowledged

Mthethwa acknowledged that the
Kingdom of Swaziland had a history of
trusting women with high political
offices.

She counted the late Queen Regent Labotsibeni, Professor Lydia Makhubu, Senator Mary Mdziniso, Futhi Kuhlase among others, as some of the women to have held high political positions in Swaziland.

"In addition to these, there are several women who have served as ministers, ambassadors, and Chief Executive Officers of reputable institutions.

"I am really humbled to have progressed from being crowned the second Business Woman of the Year of Swaziland in 2006, under the entrepreneurship category, to being appointed by His Majesty to serve as the first woman in the Royal Board of Trustees. As we speak; about 20 percent of Cabinet ministers and about 30 percent of our diplomatic Heads of Missions are female," Mthethwa noted.

In terms of what independence means to her, Mthethwa opined, "Swaziland gained her political independence in









1968. In that sphere, we have progressed very well in that the running of the affairs of the State is all done internally."

She noted, however, that the country was still lagging behind in economic independence "as most of the big companies are owned by foreigners".

"I feel this is an area in which the indigenous business people should try to improve in, and gain a foothold. Since 1968, we do not have more than five indigenous Swazis who own big businesses in the Kingdom, and that is a cause of concern. My understanding of independence is the enjoyment of political and economic

independence. Through the latter, the country would improve and reach greater heights," the RA reckoned. Advising young women, Mthethwa said education opened avenues for a person.

"In this regard, I would encourage the girl child to focus on her education, which will make her realise her dreams. It would be difficult for me to prescribe to females regarding what they need to do to qualify for influential and political posts because political positions are dependent on the appointing authority as well as the electorate," she said.

On her achievements in the business sector, Mthethwa said she was happy

that she could attribute some of her achievements to a women's organisation - the Regional Excellence and Development Initiative (REDI), which supports female entrepreneurs and brought about her successes.

She explained, "Through this organisation, successful business women have been promoted, recognised and respected. I am hopeful that with organisations such as REDI improving in their operations, more successful business women will be selected and celebrated. Through these celebrations, we will move closer to achieving His Majesty's vision of reaching First World."

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frica, the whole world and the entire citizens of this country need to stand up and salute Tsandzile dwandwe for her outstanding contribuon in the development of culture in frica and in Swaziland.

It is interesting to note that the mhlanga reed dance is foreign to us wazis. It was brought to us by Tsandzile dwandwe who came from Zululand. et us take today and look at the contriutions made by Tsandzile Ndwandwe efore we sit down and look at the scince behind Ndwandwe surname. Tsandzile Ndwandwe was a daughter of wide the son of Langa. Her other ames are Kuthandile, Nompethu Zidze Ndwandwe. This magnificent roman was born about 1806 in Nongoma rea Northern Zululand.

At the age of seven years she was rought to Swaziland to await her marage to Sobhuza I waNdvungunye. It was 1 1813 when she left with several nhlanti among them were File, her alf-sister, Lomawandla, laVumisa and eya Msibi the daughter of one of wide's tindvuna.

King Sobhuza I married la Vumisa and ile before Tsandzile. Tsandzile had rree children Mnt. Mzimnandzi who ied at infancy, Mnt. Mzamose a girl nd Mswati Vuso in 1825.

In 1826 her full brother Madangala dwandwe came to seek refuge with the lamini people and he settled at ulandzeni. Lots of Ndwandwe people nen came to Swaziland during that me. In 1836, upon Sobhuza's death sandzile quickly emerged as the princial regent even though she was only the

utative ndlovukazi.

She established a new homestead for er son at Ludzidzini near Mdzimba ange. She first had to developed rategies to deal with her own sisters ho after the death of king Somhlolo ranted their sons to be heirs. laVumisa wanted her son Malambule to e declared the heir. Malambule and his rothers Mnt. Sidvubelo and Mnt. sekwane were ousted and Malambule as eventually killed by Mpande aSenzangakhona the ruler of Zululand. She was one of the few most powerful omen that graced the African soil. oon after the death of Sobhuza I, she arted her active leadership role in the

Her son Mswati II was chosen the heir nd she automatically became the ueen mother. She is reported to be the ne who strengthened the Incwala cere-10ny by creating a system of age regiients and for introducing knowledge of ne Christian religion in the country. King Mswati II is known to have expandd the country to great heights. Truth is e could have not done that without the rowess of Tsandzile Ndwandwe. She nd her son had powerful personalities.



She was a straight talker who feared no

Tsandzile was a very strict woman who believed in nurturing a child in the correct way that will make him or her responsible adult tomorrow. It was during her reign whereby girls were sent to go and fetch there reed which was used to make enclosures (emaguma).

Only pure girls were sent to go and fetch the reed. Due to her strict approach, she is reported to have strongly opposed toMswati her son when he fell in love with a Dlamini girl Mekemeke whom he later married and whose surname was changed to

She was responsible for the installation of Ludvonga after the death of Mswati in 1868 and she worked as the Queen Regent. It is worth noting that after the death of Mswati II, there was internal dispute created by the vacancy of the late king's office.

Mbilini who headed the most feared regiments of Mswati II, inyatsi contested the throne. Mnt. Mabhedla also contested. She manages to stand firm and overcame all these obstacles.

Huw Jones noted that Rev. J. Jackson who was trying to establish relationships with influential people in Swaziland noted in 1872 that 'The most difficult person I shall have to deal with is the old Dowager (Ndwandwe), his (Ludvonga's) grandmother.

She is most bigoted, superstitious and tenacious of old customs. Her word law over the whole country, and even the heavens cannot give rain except at her will'

Tsandzile was avery powerful woman who was feared. Bishop T.E. Wilkinson who arrived at Ndlozana Mission Station South- western border of the country 27 March 1874 once attested about her that just ten days after the death of Ludvonga's mysterious death, she called a meeting for all chiefs and by sunset many implicated in the death of Ludvonga were killed including Mnt.

Ndwandwe the son of File. She sent an impi of about 4000 men to carry out the mission.

She also played a very important role in the selection of Mnt. Mdandzeni as Ngwenyama. Soon after the installation of Mbandzeni, She even sent Mhlaba Motsa and Kwahlakwahla in June 1874 to Natal to report the deaths of Ludvonga and Ndwandwe and the nomination of Mnt. Mdandzeni. Tsandzile died and was buried at Zombodze.

The leadership qualities displayed by Tsandzile Ndwandwe leave us with big questions today on our kind of leadership. This is a woman who came in the country at a very young age and she grew up knowing that she was being groomed for leadership.

This is the woman who changed the lives of Swazi's up to today. She refused to let Swazi's celebrate Incwala the way they did. EmaSwati bekagidza luselwa and she advised them to involve the king and make him take centre stage in it.

She segmented regiments to allow the king to spend more time with regiments and assign them duties that were relevant to them.

She reminded Swazi's that lusekwane is a sacred tree and must be fetched by boys. Hopefully we shall in the near future look at the science of lusekwane. This is the woman who realised that the office of a woman is much more vital than that of males.

Scientifically she called for all females in the country to raise a girl child in a manner that will in future ashore continuity. A female child that has good upbringing where role play is important grows up to be a responsible mother tomorrow.

Tsandzile made emaSwati to realise that ematinta entfombi, asho buntfombi bakhe. Lukhalo lwentfombi lusho emabheka eyise. This is the woman who combined the science between the two sacred ceremonies Umhlanga and Incwala. Both of them have a significant link Inkosatane.

The two requires serious respect and purity especially from those directly involved. It is impossible for a girl who has child to go fetch the reed during the reed dance ceremony. The science is Umhlanga, the reed has a tassel but do not bear fruits. The reed grows in wetland or near water.

It cannot grow away from water as water makes it grow. Human beings cannot function without water because even life itself revolves around it. Tsandzile made Swazi's realise that just as reed that symbolises life, humanity owes a lot to females. Without females, life cannot be.

She must have realised that Swazi's needed this science as reed is used to make emaguma, we use reed to collect the copse of a death person, reed biblically it saved the life of Moses, as he was hidden in it Exodus 2: 3. The reed is also used when kufulelwa indlu yakagogo and in some instances is used as trusted pillar kubetsela likhaya.

In conclusion, Sobhuza I did not know that by bringing Tsandzile Ndwandwe to Swaziland he was planting a seed that has borne fruits even today. She strived to contribute something that still remains with us even today.

She made young girls realise that purity is a virtue that cannot be taken from a person who is determined to keep it. It was Lazidze who made Swazis understand the significance of umhlanga in the upbringing of a Swazi girl.

Umhlanga cannot be brought to a homestead as that can cause hailstorm. Lazidze educated girl child that if pure virgins go to the river to fetch reed and come back and dance with it, they provoke mvelinchanti and ancestors to release rain.

This was rain that rained all year long until end of summer. Where did we go wrong? What happened to that rain? Are we doing enough to protect our rivers given the fact that if Lusuthu and other big rivers in Swaziland can dry up, that will mark the end of the reed in Swaziland?

Among the thongs of girls who shall participate in the reed dance this year, how many among them are prepared to emulate Tsandzile Ndwandwe and leave a lasting contribution in this chosen kingdom of Mlentengamunye?

Are girls going to the reed dance to add numbers or they are going there to celebrate their virginity? Given the firm character of Labotsibeni Mdluli and Tsandzile Ndwandwe, can we boost of same with our girls today? Nine bakaLazidze!

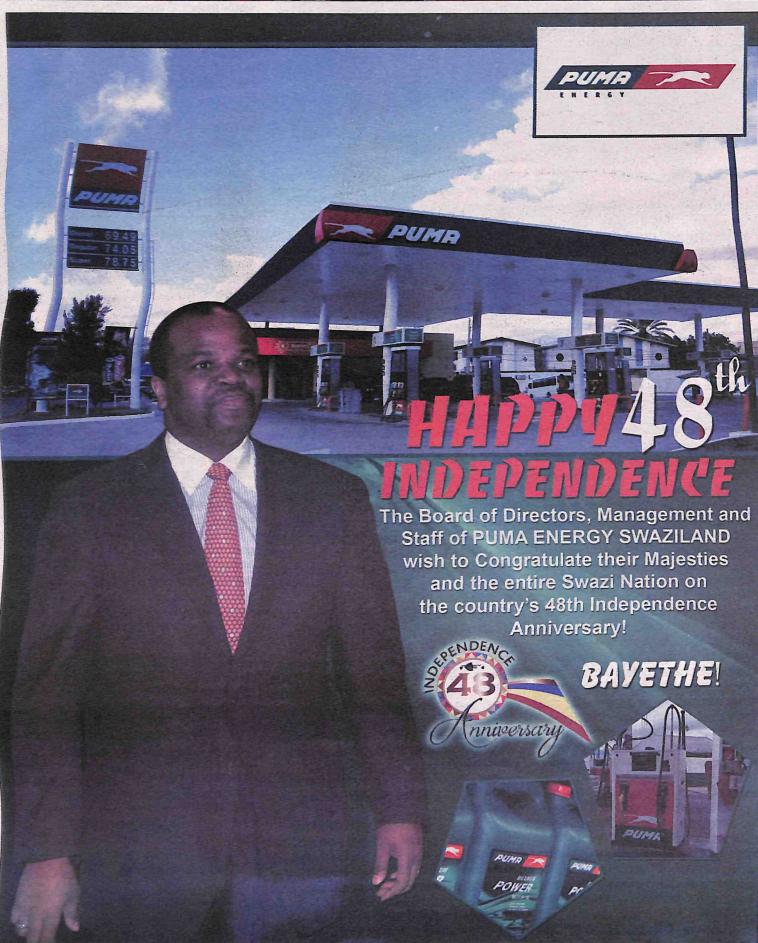
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Kutsi lihlobo lisesandleni.

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# THE NATION GETS READY FOR 2ND





#### BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

OCCER - The year 2015 saw the launch of the historical SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup, a brainchild of His Majesty King Mswati III.

The second instalment of the tournament is expected to get underway this month where the regional team will be battle for a spot in the round 16 where they will them meet the country's big guns playing in the MTN Premier League

The Ingwenyama Cup saw the blending of football and Culture, a feat that saw the country's Mecca come to a standstill during the finals of the tournament held on March 13 last year.

The Ingwenyama Cup gave the nation something to smile about as it came with a E9million sponsorship to run over a period of three years. For the first the champions of this tournament would take home overE1million first prize money.

It was in November 2015 when the King, joined by the members of the royal family, Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala, members of the Swaziland National Arts and Culture, the National Football Association of Swaziland, Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) and Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accidents Fund (SMVAF), the sponsors of this prestigious tournament.

It was a rare instance to see football and culture combined together under the King's vision 2022 of improving the country through sports and recreation, something that attracted positive attention from the outside the country's borders.

### Buzz

The Ingwenyama Cup took the nation into a buzz as it saw both the football and culture being taken to the people. Different groups competed in the 55 Tinkhundla centres competed in five disciplines namely Ingadla, Lutsango, Sibhaca, Timbongi and Lamyama. The winners in these categories at regional level got the opportunity to showcase their talent before the King during the finals.

In football, the tournament was exciting from the round of 32 where regional teams took part in the competition. There were some shockers and upsets at the so called small teams showed little respect against the so called big teams.

The Beautiful game was indeed taker to the people as the some of the games were taken outskirt venues like the Mayaluka Stadium which hosted some of the quarterfinals clashes pitting big teams like Mbabane Highlanders, Green Mamba, Mbabane Swallows and Royal Leopard.

The E1million battle was ended during the final, which pitted two powerhouses Swallows, and Royal Leopard and it was Mbabane Swallows who were crowned inaugural champions of this lucrative tournament, whose snippets made it to SuperSport.

Members of the Royal family also

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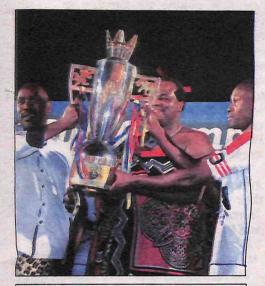
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# INSTALMENT OF INGWENYAMA CUP







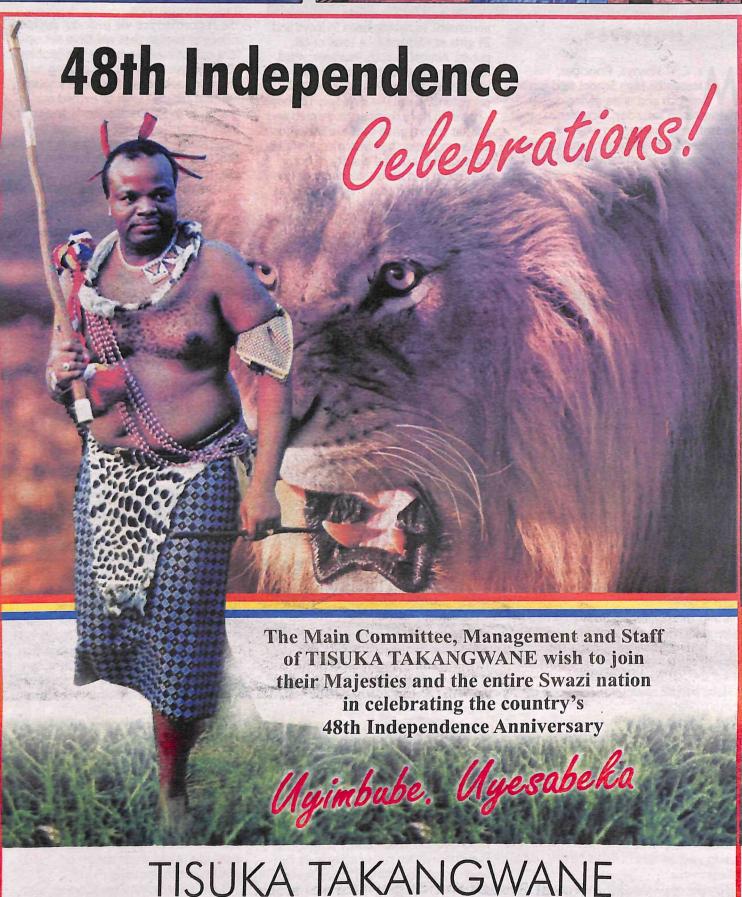


brought more flare to these games as supporters were treated to an encounter pitting Senior Princes and Emazinyane against Chiefs, a clash that brought excitement at the Stadium.

The fun did not end there as the Ingwenyama Cup also saw the inclusion of athletes. This afforded the nation a chance to see the country's top sprinters in Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa, Mlandvo Shongwe and Temalangeni Dlamini

The Nation is now looking forward to the second edition of the SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup which promises more excitement as Chairman of the Board Prince Hlangabeza stated that the next tournament will see more activi-

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## NOV 1964...

r. C.T. Khanya, Principal,
Matsapha High School said o.n a
speech and prize-giving day at
Matsapha on Saturday, October 31, that
his staff was engaged in what he
described as 'mass quality production'
to increase the number of matric passes.

Mr. Khanya, who was reviewing 1964 school activities told a gathering of approximately 300 people including Her Majesty's Commissioner, Mr. P.A. Loyd, about the changes at the school.

"You all have come at a time when the "winds of change" are blowing. So hard do they blow that the saying PESTINA LENTE is virtually out of place. So rapid are the changes that, if you still believe that you have to "hasten slowly" you run the risk of being left behind or trodden under foot.

Thus it is that a new Education Proclamation has come into force, resulting in the dissolution of what upto only last year, was known as the Governing Body for the Swazi National Schools. This year, all we can say of that Body which has lived for and served this group of schools for 37 years, is: "May It Rest In Peace."

Mathapha as a National High School, together with her sister schools Lobamba and Zombode, is deeply indebted to this Body for the pains it suffered when Zombode National School had to give birth to Mathapha National

It was this Governing Body that had to give guidance to the venture, and nurture, with unequalled success the growth of Mathapha High School to the level she has now reached.

Many people have said: Zombode gave birth to Mathapha.

Why then does Mathapha, like the daughter of a good mother, not give birth to a superior daughter? Perhaps posterity will, not answer the question, but SOLVE the problem.

Under the able guidance of what was a Governing Body for the Swazi National Schools developments of a multidimensional nature have taken place and could well be described as having been phenominal.

To take one example, an entry for October 1950 in the log book shows the

enrolment as having been 59 boys and 29 girls at liathapha - a total of 88 pupils. Almost exactly fourteen years later the enrolment has more than doubled itself, for in 1964 we have 220 pupils on the roll, 94 girls and 126 boys,

Not only have numbers increased and that at such a pace that available hostel accommodation has become painfully inadequate, but the quality of both classroom and hostel accommodation has so improved that they are now as good as any in the world.

Unfortunately, because of the scarcity of funds, our classroom equipment is still very inadequate. We need more laboratory facilities, a special Geography classroom, and even a staffroom where the faculty can do their school work without the distractions of home atmosphere.

We are now geared to London and Cambridge examinations, and these demand high standards of performance which can only be achieved if both staff and equipment are of a high standard.

Talking of examinations, in this dimension too Mathapha has shown signs of growth. At Junior Certificate level there was a when only a sprinkling of candidates barely managed to pass. But in the last five or so years not only has the number of passes increased but, while passing has been the order of the day, most of the candidates have obtained first and second class passes.

We were the first to obtain a first class first division pass in Swaziland in a J.C. examination. I am happy to report that that particular boy is presently studying medicine in Canada.

Mathapha also had the honour of producing the first Matric pass in first class. To get nearer home in time; at the end of 1963 when we presented the last batch of candidates for the J.M. Board examinations, of the eight who wrote, only one did not pass, and that because we lost track of him and he did not write the supplementary examination.

Nevertheless the rest had satisfactory passes including a good first class pass.

Concerned about small number that go through Matric, as a school we are now pursuing a policy of what might be described as 'mass quality production'. The staff, which fortunately is all resident, spare no effort in giving fextra tuition to both the weak and the bright.

# MASS QUALITY

I personally find it rewarding and a pleasure to work with so devoted a team of teachers.

 With "mass quality production" as our ideal, we have stuck our neck out and made our school a guinea pig.

Through their readiness to do a lot of extra work even during vacation, in cooperation with our Form V pupils, the staff decided to present candidates for the Ordinary Level examination six months before time this year.

Of the 18 who sat the examination only two were total failures.

These candidates are writing again in a week's time.

But, save for the two failures, they are all writing fewer subjects this time.
English has been our stumbling block in these examinations.

So concerned are we over our performance in English that we have set up a "Council of War" to tackle the problem.

Our English teachers are sparing no

effort in seeking aid from every source. In that regard I wish to extend our gratitude to St. Christopher's and to St. Mark's schools for the assistance they have kindly given us in allowing their teachers to give our fifth formers spe-

cial lectures.

In an attempt to make our pupils feel the meaningfulness of education we now work in close co-operation with various employment agencies. Our top form school leavers are made to serve periods of temporary apprenticeship according to professional areas in whi tih each school leaver is interested.

In this regard we are grateful to the Department of Agriculture, the Geological Survey Department, Usutu Pulp Factory and to Swaziland Chemists who agreed to take on our Form Vs on temporary apprenticeships."

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## MORE EDUCATED SWAZIS WANTED

mphasising the great need for more educated Swazis in the Territory' Her Majesty's Commissioner, Mr. F. A. Loyd, appealed to parents, during his address at Matsapha Swazi National School speech and prize—day, on Saturday October 31, to keep their children in school so that a higher proportion than at present can qualify for entrance to the University of Basutoland, Bechuanaland Protectorate and Swaziland, and subsequently in some cases to universities overseas.

Mr. Loyd said that Swaziland does not only need the quality but also thJ quantity of educated Swazis to run the country as Swaziland was fast moving towards independence.

He assured those present that the British Government had helped on a big scale towards more and better education, but asked them not merely to rely on the British taxpayer.

"Contribute something towards the improvement of the standard of educa-

tion. Government will help those who help themselves and not those who sit under the trees", he said.

Mr. Loyd said there was much misunderstanding in certain quarters about the recruitment of officers from overseas for work in government services. He explained that this was because there are nowhere near enough qualified and suitable Swazis. Government would be pleased to have more educated Swazis, and was trying very hard to recruit them.

Mr. Loyd who spoke after Mr. C.T. Khanya, the Principal, had reviewed the 1964 school activities, congratulated Mr. Khanya, the Staff and the Board of Governors for having maintained a high standard at the school.

Mr. A. K. Hlophe, the Member for Local Government and Social Services, represented the Ngwenyama who was unable to attend because of ill health. Mr. Hlophe thanked the principal for having made it possible for the people to get together and share views and to witness the award of prizes and certificates to some of the students. Mr. Hlophe said such functions should be encouraged at all schools in the

Territory because, he said, they inspire students to have better results in their work.

Among the people who were present was Mr. D.R. Day,

Director of Education, Mrs. F.A. Loyd, Miss H. Balm, of

Durban, Mr. and Mrs. R.K. Gaydon, Training Officer, Mrs. B.G. St. Clair-Burke, Princess Mnengwase who presented prizes and certificates, Mr and Mrs. J.B. M. Sukati, Mr. A.M. Lukhele, Mr. and Mrs. S. Lefakane, Mr. and Mrs. 4\*H.C. Edmonds.

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# PRIVATE FIRMS AID SWAZI FARMERS

B ecause of the recent severe drought, one of the worst record, most Swazi owned oxen are in very poor condition and are too weak to be used for ploughing.

There is therefore a real danger that food crops in Swazi Nation land will be planted too late, that as a result yields will be low and that the country will be faced with a food crisis in 1965.

To overcome this problem ten of the larger firms and estates in Swaziland have offered the use of their tractors for ploughing in Swazi area. Each firm has made available one tractor and driver. The Swazi Lifa Fund has contributed one tractor and the Department of Agriculture has put seven tractors into the emergency ploughing scheme.

The Extension staff of the Department of Agriculture will organise the ploughing, which will be on a uniform payment basis.

The firms who have contributed tractors are:-

Crookes Plantations

# PRODUCTION AT MATSAPHA



- Ngonini Estates
- Peak Timbers Ltd
- Swaziland Irrigation Scheme
- Tambankulu Estates
- Big Bend Ranch
- Tracar Ltd
- Ubombo Ranches Ltd
- Usutu Pulp Co. Ltd
- Swazi Lifa Fund

The Ngwenyama has expressed his appreciation of the assistance thus given to Swazi farmers and has called upon all Swazi owners of tractors to do as much ploughing for their neighbours as possible.

The Director of Agriculture appeals to other owners of tractors who could make machines available for ploughing in Swazi area to please contact him(telephone Mbabane 278).

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#### SOUTH AFRICAN JOURNALISTS VISIT THE TERRITORY

Seven journalists from South Africa who had been on a short visit to the Territory left the country on November 1. They were Mr. S. Motjuwadi, of the World, Mr. A.S. Twala and Mr. J. Blapes, of Drum Publications, Mr. A. Gwebu, Mr. J. Motsiri, Mr. A. Hlatshwayo and Mr. P. Malimba, of Bona who were accompanied by Mr. R. Braby, Public Relations Officer and Mr. E.M. Pretorius, Social Welfare Officer in Johannesburg.

"Swaziland is quite mountanous, with enough peaks to make it a tourist attraction", remarked Mr. Motsiri, the Chief Press Photographer and Dark-Room Technician. "People are so unassuming and co-operative that at times one feels quite humbled for they go out of their own way to attend to all your comforts and requests".

Mr. Motsiri was also impressed by the friendly relationship between the Africans and Europeans in the Territory.

"Another important thing", added Mr. Gwebu, "is how tradition and custom conscious the Swazis are. While they develop along Western lines, at the same time they feel they should not discard or discourage their customs which they believe are the foundations of the nation.

"With technical training under way, Swaziland will become a most progressive country with a harmonious social system. While the Swazis struggle to get used to the English language and western ways of living the whites on the other hand take special interest in knowing the Swazi language," said Mr. Gwebu.

During their stay in the country the journalists visited a number of places, had interviews with some of the senior government officials and members of the public.

They also attended a speech and prize-giving day at Matsapha Swazi National School.

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# OPENING OF THE SWAZILAND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

he Swaziland Legislative Council's second meeting of the first session will open at Mbabane on Wednesday, November 11 at 9.30 a.m.

The Council which has been in recess since September 14, will deal firstly with four Bills, The first Bill, which will be presented by the Honourable the Chief Secretary, is to determine and regulate the privileges, immunities and powers of the Legislative Council and of its Members. This will be followed by the Development Loan Bill, the principal object of which is to authorise the raising of a loan of R690 000 for industrial development in the Territory and the development of telecommunications.

The third Bill will be the Housing Loan, which is aimed at authorising the raising of a loan of R85 000 to repay part of the loan of R300,000 raised under the Housing Loan Proclamation, 1962.

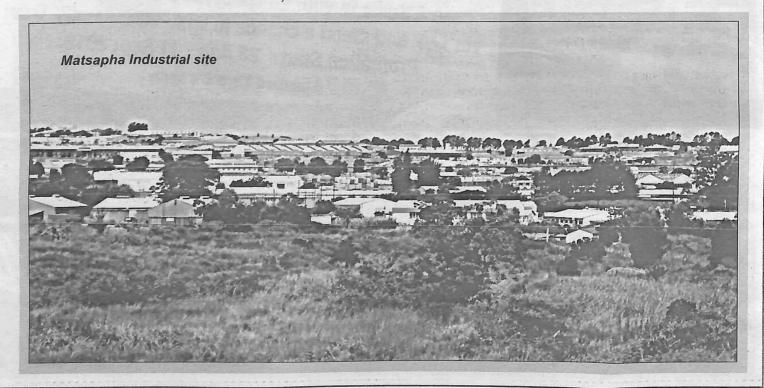
The Income Tax Bill will also be presented during this meeting. This Bill is to prescribe the rate<sup>†</sup> income tax for the year of assessment ended on June 30, 1964.

The last three Bills will be presented by the Honourable, the acting Secretary for Finance and Development.

# VISIT OF EXPERTS ON EX-SERVICE AFFAIRS

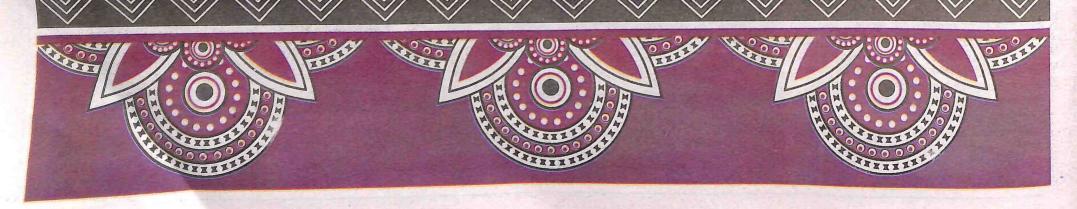
rs. R. De Bruyn and Mr. W. Delport, of the National Headquarters, British Commonwealth Empire Service League, have been on a three-day visit to the Territory recently. They are experts on ex-service affairs. During their stay in the country both Mrs. De Bruyn and Mr. Delport saw Her Majesty's Commissioner, Mr. F.A. Loyd, who expressed his deep appreciation of their efforts on behalf of the Swazi ex-servicemen, "Their ready help and advice has been and will continue to be a source of inspiration to all those engaged in ex-service affairs", said Mr. Loyd, "The Government is particularly grateful therefore to the National Secretary of the B.C.E.S.L., Johannesburg for offering to release two such valuable members of his staff".

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# 48<sup>th</sup> INDEPENDENCE SUPPLEMENT HALALA SWAZILAND KING SOBHUZA II MEMORIAL STADIUN

# KING SOBHUZA II MEMORIAL STADIUM, A NEW ERA IN LOCAL FOOTBALL

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

towards achieving the National Vision 2002.

The refurbishment of the King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium in Nhlangano will definitely see to it that the issue of infrastructure which has been a major challenge to local football is a thing of the past.

The King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium, which was officially opened by His Majesty King Mswati III, did not only host his 48th birth celebrated this year but it is destined to host both local and international games.

This in line with His Majesty's dream taking the sport to people in all the four regions in the country.

The Stadium has been fitted with an artificial turf courtesy of the FIFA Goal Projects will also see a E6million worth VIP area, a feature that will definitely not go unnoticed at the Shiselweni Region based Stadium.

The face-lifting of the Stadium, which was projected to cost E9million, has in place top class dressing rooms to be used by the teams, referees and the medical team. It is also expected to house the Shiselweni Regional Football Association (SRFA) Offices.

The Stadium will be an asset to the people of Shiselweni who have been denied the game. Some have had to travel to Manzini and Lobamba to see their teams in action.

This will now be a thing of the past as premier league games will be decentralised. Not only will they see the teams but they will get the opportunity to see the national team Sihlangu in action.

#### Refurbishment

The refurbishment of the Stadium will also see to it that teams in the Shiselweni Region host their games on home ground, which has not been the case in the past. This is said to have contributed to the teams failing to stay for long in the National First Division and Premier League.

The National Football Association had highlighted earlier on that it is looking to construct four Stadiums befitting the First World Status.

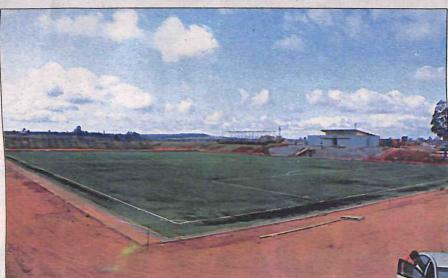
The King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium is just the beginning of good things to come where infrastructure in local football is concerned.

This will definitely go a long way in the development of the local game, which is loved by many.

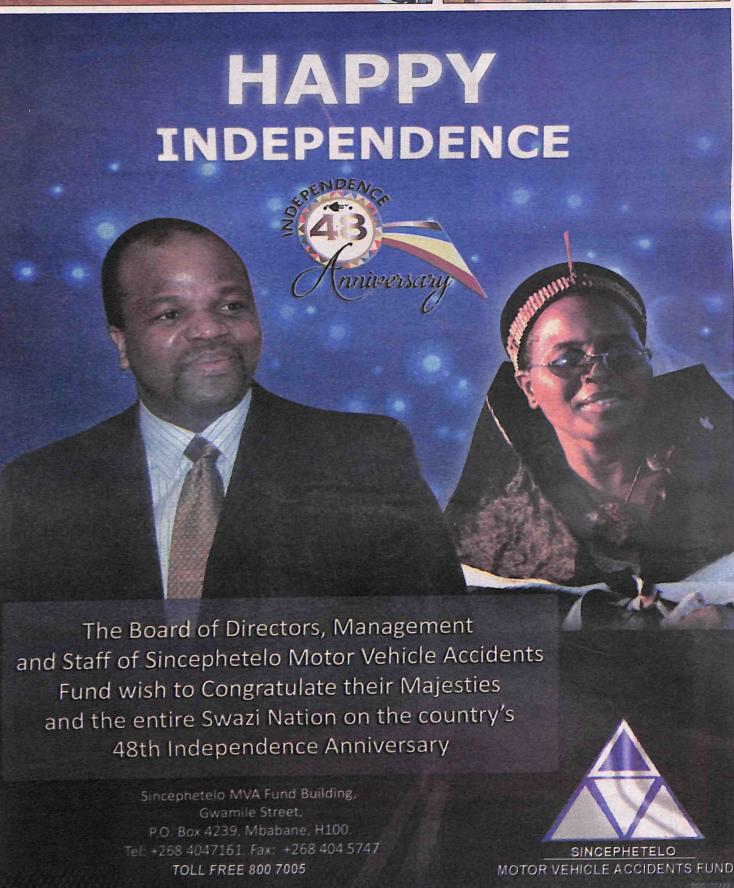
The nation can expect similar structures in the Lubombo, Northern Hhohho and Manzini Region.

Football Association CEO Frederick Mngomezulu stated last year that Lubombo will be next in this mission and that they would assess the needy part in this region, which will possibly be around Siteki or Malindza area.

He stated that they were hoping to have all four Stadia constructed by











SIHLANGU ON A gan ROLLER COASTER

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

Sihlangu has proved why the nation's pride and this was evident in their performance in the COSAFA Castle Cup, where they brought home the bronze medal.

The team went past the group stages beating Seychelles and Madagascar and drawing against Zimbabwe to finish at the top of their group.

In their first game, they played to a 2all draw against Zimbabwe in the opening match. They recorded the biggest victory, beating islanders Seychelles 4-0 and also booked their way into the quarterfinals at the expense of last year's quarter finalists Madagascar, winning 1-0.

The biggest shock of the tournament was when Sihlangu beat four-time COSAFA Castle Cup champs Zambia 4-2 in penalties.

The team went on to beat Zambia in the quarterfinals of the regional showpiece before being halted by neighbours in the Semi-finals.

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) was next in line and this was in the third place play-off where the team recorded a 1-0 victory to snatch the medal and E125 000 prize money.

Not only did they get a podium finish but the nation's pride made history as they produce the Top Goal Scorer of the tournament. Sihlangu attacker Felix Badenhorst netted a total of five goals to walk away with the prestigious E20 000 worth award.

He also walked away with two man of the match awards during the tournament alongside his teammate at Mbabane Swallows Njabulo D4D Ndlovu and Royal Leopard midfielder Mxolisi General Lukhele. Fela came back a rich man from these games as he netted E7 400 from these two awards while D4D and General walked away with E3 700 each.

In the history of the tournament,
Badenhorst is the first Swazi to be the
top goal scorer. He has broken the
record of Siza 'King Pele' Dlamini and
Mfanzile 'Fash' Dlamini, who were top
goal scorers with two goals each in this



Sihlangu against Nigeria.



Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo in action against Djibouti.



Djibouti national team.

tournament in 2002.

With his sterling performance in this tournament, Badenhorst attracted a number of teams in South Africa but was unfortunately not offered a contract.

## Contract

However, that was not the end of the road for the impressive player as he has snatched a contract with DR Congo

based side AS Vita joining former Royal Leopard star Mthunzi Xavi Mkhontfo. **Prospect** 

The Kaizer Chiefs prospect proved from the very beginning of the tournament that he meant business after netting a brace against Zimbabwe.

Back to the Harries Madze Bulunga led squad, Sihlangu has also had an impressive run in the AFCON qualifiers where they completed a double against Guinea, drew against Zambia and Malawi in the first legs with these two countries, respectively.

Sihlangu head coach Harries

The team's performance has also seen the country improve in the international FIFA rankings and is now placed in 103<sup>rd</sup> spot. This has increased the nation's hope in the team and it is fully behind it.



# 48TH INDEPENDENCE SUPPLEMENT



His Majesty King Mswati III with managing directors and company representatives who were the main sponsors of the King's Golf Cup.



His Majesty assisted by Ludwig Manyama presenting the trophy to Mark Murless (C).

# MARK MURLESS CROWNED KING'S GOLF CHAMP

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

OLF - South Africa professional golfer Mark Murless is the champion of the King's Golf Cup. The champion after this year's edition of the tournament played at the Royal Swazi Sun Golf Club at Ezulwini over the past week.

For his achievement he took home

over E55 000 first prize money in the tournament that has a E350 000 purse. The prize package shows an improvement as last year's winner of the tournament Christiaan Bezuidenhout walked away with E28 000.

Wir

Interviewed after the tournament, the 40 year old champions said he was happy to win the title, especially

because it was the first time competing in this tournament.

"It was tight competition but I tried not to do any mistakes. I had pressure from the young Pennington and was very impressed with his game. He is one of the most talented players I've ever played with and it is easy to tell that he will do very well in the future," said Murless.



# Local Golfer Jamie Pennington shines in King's Cup

OLF - This year's King Golf Cup was a memorable for the country as we saw young golfer Jamie Pennington snatching the silver medal in the tournament that has been dominated by international golfers.

The 20 year old Pennington who is one of the golfers that represented the nation in the Zone VI golf Championship hosted by Swaziland in May beat many other international golfers to the second position.

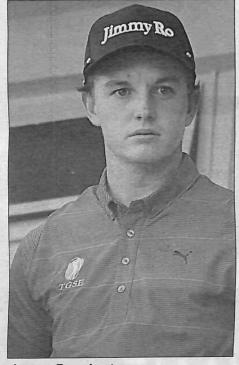
What is even more interesting about his achievement is that the young golfer is only an Amateur golfer.

Interviewed after his impressive performance during the tournament which carried a E350 000 purse, the golfer said he was happy with his achievement.

"I am happy to be the second best in such a tournament. The greens were a little bit harder but I pulled through. I had 8 birdies in my first game and an eagle. I had seven birdies in my second game and today (yesterday) I had four. I was here last year but didn't do well but I played until the last round," he

Tuming

He stated that he would be turning pro next year, which means he will be in line to make good earnings as he has proven to be a force to reckon with in



James Pennington.

the elite sport.

The players who finished in second third and fourth places respectively shared E40 250, E28 000 and E22 050 which was reserved for these positions.

A total of 120 golfers took to the greens the championship played over 54 holes.

# King wants bigger, better King's cup in future

BY SABELO MAJOLA

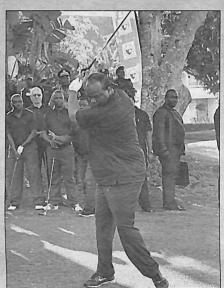
OLF - HIS Majesty King Mswati III has enthusiastically revealed that he is looking forward to see more development in the King's Golf cup in future.

In a brief interview with media houses after teeing off and completing the first hole at the Royal Swazi Golf course at Ezulwini on Friday, the King said he was happy to see that the tournament was improving every year.

He said he was hoping for bigger and better editions of the competition which attracts international golfers.

His Majesty played a total of five holes alongside the major sponsors of the annual tournament which include, amongst many others, NedBank Swaziland, Swaziland Post and Telecommunications Corporate, Royal Swazi, B3, and the Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation (SRIC) which had sponsored an unclaimed E250 000 hole in one prize.

"I'm very happy once again to see yet another successful edition of the tournament. It is our mandate to promote the sport among our people because with golf you get to exercise and it presents a platform for people to mingle and socialise, share ideas



and set benchmarks. The tournament is improving each year and it is fascinating to see that," he said. **Holes** 

The King played added one more hole from last year where he played four holes. The atmosphere changed for the better as soon the King took to the course as there was laughter and joy from all those present to witness the epic moment.

Also present to witness the King tee-off were Emazinyane, Princes Sicalo, Lindani, Bandzile, Majaha, Mcwasho, and Suku. RENDENCE OF ABO Anniversary

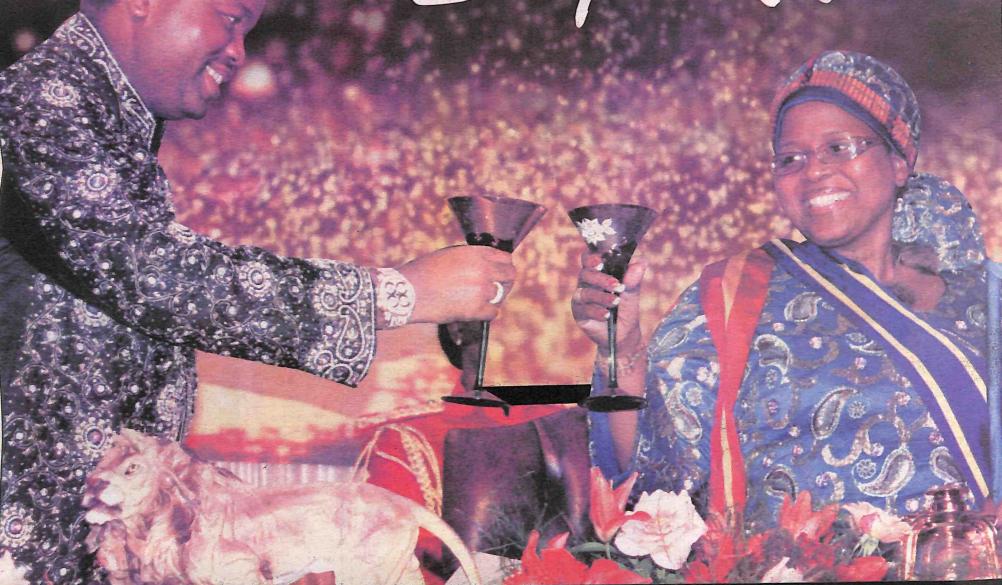
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# Celebrations

The Main Committee, Management and Staff of TIBIYO TAKANGWANE

would like to join their Majesties and the entire nation in celebrating the country's 48th Independence Anniversary

# Bayeshe!



TIBIYO TAKA NGWANE

STATION IN PROCRESS

# PUBLIC CRAMS SITF 2016 HMCS STAN

By Nozipho Sibiya Mbabane

HIS Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) exhibition stand at the Swaziland International Trade fair (SITF) 2016 was the centre of attraction.

Members of the public gathered to view different products on display at the stand

HMCS Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase, said many were attracted by different products on show-

"The products which members of the public were encouraged to buy are those made by offenders under the guidance of officers with expertise in different trades," he said.

He said this was one element which

made the department more relevant at the SITF 2016; with the theme: 'Development Unusual'.

"SITF paves the way for SADC's industrialisation and infrastructure development for regional prosperity," he said.

#### Skills

Offenders who received training on different entrepreneurship skills while serving time had increased chances of adding value to economic growth.

Ntshangase said this would be through establishing income generating projects which played a significant role in providing employment opportunities for jobless citizens.

This has a crime reduction and poverty alleviation benefit for the country and by extension, the SADC region.

"Besides ensuring offenders are

capacitated with marketable skills whilst serving time, the department plays an advocacy role in reviewing existing legislations which prove thorny in the future development of former offenders," he said.

#### Review

He cited two key legislations currently under review which included the Prison Act of 1964 and the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act of 1938, being reviewed through the Correctional Services Bill, 2016 and the Criminal Procedure and Evidence (Amendment) Bill, 2015 respectively.

'The former seeks to align all correctional services activities and programmes with the international standard of corrections while the latter seeks to regulate the access and use of previous conviction records for ex-

YOUR MAJESTY: His Majesty's Correctional Services Commissioner General Mzuthini Ntshangase welcoming the King at their stand during the Trade Fair open- . ing recently. The PRO Bongani Khumalo led the King on a tour of the stand. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

offenders," he said.

Other sections showcasing their products and programmes included the healthcare services, crop production, industries, Vulamasango School, communications, building and maintenance as well as a salon.

Ntshangase said while many were attracted by the variety of products on display, a majority of the customers showed interest on the department's video conferencing technology.

The video conferencing technology in the correctional discourse would facilitate real-time remote

engagement between inmates and court officials.

This programme would allow parties (offenders and judiciary officers) participating in a remand session but not in the same court room to engage in visual and oral communication.

"The project has so far been deployed in five facilities; these being Manzini Magistrate's Court, Manzini Remand Centre, Mawelawela Correctional Centre, Sidvwashini Correctional Centre and Mbabane Magistrate's Court," he said.

Africa's Leading Bank is looking to employ a

# Relationship



Job Purpose To grow and retain a portfolio of Commercial relationships aimed at optimising customer value to the bank. To develop strong business relationships with the commercial customers through proactive and value-adding contact. To understand the commercial customer's business, their current business needs, as well as their longterm strategy. To provide a full array of customised financial solutions tailored to meet the business's short- and long-term needs. To provide effective relationship management, and an efficient service, by being the customer's main point of contact in the bank.

## Reports To:

· Head, Commercial Market

#### Key Responsibilities

- Ensure sound relationship and portfolio management
- Customer Service quality and efficiency
- · Manage the revenue growth strategy and process
- · Manage the lending and risk management process
- Ensure legislative compliance
- · People management

## Knowledge/Technical Skills/Expertise

- Strong numerical skills and financial acumen to analyze, evaluate and identify trends in complex consolidated financial statements, balance sheets and ratios.
- A sound understanding of cash flow cycles pertaining to the industry being analyzed.
- Good knowledge of general banking practices and procedures.
- A good understanding of the principles and practices of business economics and the current business economic environment.
- A thorough knowledge of multi-level products available to business banking customers (features and benefits) and pricing structures.
- A good knowledge of financial investment options, vehicle and asset finance and electronic banking options for lead generation purposes.
- A sound knowledge and understanding of Credit principles and practices, including an understanding of credit application, securities and balance sheet requirements.
- A strong working knowledge of the terms and conditions of multiple legal entities (companies, close corporations, sole proprietorships etc.) in the commercial market and the legislative restrictions and requirements governing these from a financial services perspective.
- Sound understanding of current taxation laws.

## Preferred Qualification and Experience

- Relevant business related tertiary qualification is a pre-requisite
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- Previous portfolio relationship management experience (5-7 years in total) as a Business Manager and/or Account. This experience provides an understanding of how businesses operate, as well as understanding the business risks, industry risks and financial requirements pertaining to the commercial market.
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#### Job Purpose

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## Reports To

· Team Leader, Sales

### **Key Responsibilities**

- Identify customer needs effectively and open new accounts accordingly.
- · Ensure that customers are assisted efficiently within the time frames laid down for particular transaction types
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- Ensure that customers are fully informed of their rights and obligations to the bank in accordance with the Code of Banking Practice.
- Implement all the required steps and controls when opening accounts to minimize the risks associated with new business.
- Gather complete and accurate data for the opening of loan accounts and granting of facilities.
- Increase branch advances by responsible lending practices
- Sell the bank's products reactively and pass on sales leads to the applicable areas.
- Report statistics for reactive sales correctly and timely.
- Conduct a needs analysis to identify customer needs effectively when opening new accounts or giving product advice.
- · Complete disclosure to the customers in terms of accreditation, service fees, and commission

### Preferred Qualification and Experience

- Diploma in Business Management/Marketing /or any such related qualification
- 3 4 years exposure to customer service.
- Previous experience in Branch Banking will be added advantage

## Knowledge/Technical Sidils/Expertise

- Good knowledge of personal market products and the processes underpinning them.
- Good knowledge of product criteria and bank policy regarding appropriate pricing, charges and interest rates.
- Knowledge of the documentation related to personal market credit routine.
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# VITALS

Prime Rate 10.5%

First National Bank
Inflation Rate 7.4%

Central Statistical Office

Mortgage Rate 9.5%

Swaziland Building Society

Bank Rate 7%

Central BankPetrol (u)E11.00 per litreReplacementE11.05 per litreDieselE10.95 per litreParaffinE 7.15 per litre

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# SR HIGHEST ANNUAL TONNAGE ONLY 8M SO FAR

By Linda Dlamini

SWAZILAND Railway (SR) has encouraged more export and import businesses to use rail to transport their goods around the region.

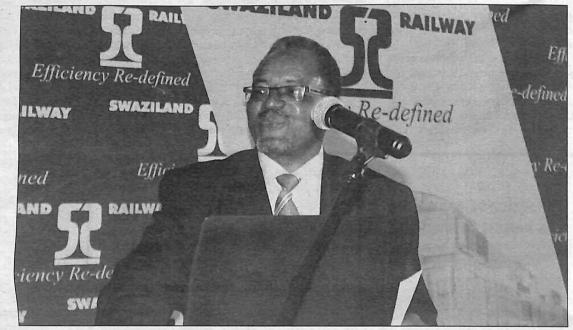
Swaziland Railway (SR) Chief Executive Officer Stephenson Ngubane, said they had plenty line capacity available for use by their customers.

He said the SR network could transport up to 12 million tonnes per annum, "the highest recorded annual tonnage was eight million in 2014," he said. Ngubane said the capacity SR had currently matched the demand for services.

Demand

"Currently, SR has four mainline locomotives and one for import and export business and this is adequate for the traffic on offer. Should the demand increase, SR will increase the rolling stock in response," he said. He said their operations runs 24 hours a day, except during maintenance and therefore goods that were placed on rail destined for Durban, for example, would arrive within 24 hours.

"Given the linkages that exist in the rail industry of the region, we can take goods to as far as Zambia and even the Democratic Republic of Congo in a short space of time. SR has the narrow gauge track like all the railways in SADC- 12 railway operators," Though it can transport up to 12 million tonnes



PLENTY CAPACITY: Swaziland Railway Chief Executive Officer Stephenson Ngubane.

he said. He assured business people that their goods would reach their destinations safely as this was a priority for the organisation.

Sequencing

"SR uses a radio based train communication system for train movement authorisation which is supported by a computer system sequencing and controlling the issuing of tokens. The driver requests the TCO for authority and the two exchange information which they record manually but also through a voice logger

for future reference to assist in tracing conversation between drivers and the TCO," he said.

Ngubane also explained the safety features of the trains they use.

Crossing

"The network is a single track and trains use crossing loops which are approximately between 25 and 35 km apart.

SR uses what is called absolute occupation of a section which means only one train in one direction (track between stations).

"A following train waits until

the one ahead has arrived at the next station and has reported complete arrival," he said.

"The train controller will then give authority to the next train to follow.

**Opposing** 

An opposing train waits for the arrival of the train already granted authority. Upon arrival, the driver will report arrival time and that his train is complete.

Only then would the TCO authorise another train to occupy the section in the opposite direction," he explained.

# Swaziland still leads SACU's inflation rate

By Manqoba Makhubu

SWAZILAND still leads in the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) inflation rate.

This is despite the recent easing of the country's inflation rate in July to 7.4 percent. However, the country, together with South Africa, recorded the second least prime lending rate.

Replaced

According to the SACU inflation report for July released last Friday, the country recorded the highest annual inflation rate, followed by Namibia which replaced Lesotho. Lesotho

moved one place down, from number two to three followed by South Africa, while Botswana continued to record the least rate.

"The highest annual inflation rate among the member states was registered in Swaziland at 7.4 percent followed by Namibia at 7.0 percent, Lesotho at 6.9 percent, and South Africa at 6.0 percent.

Low

"While, Botswana continued to record low inflation rate at 2.7 percent in July 2016," said the report.

However, all the member states recorded a single digit annual inflation rate.

By end of July 2016, monetary policy stance in member states remained generally accommodative with the reporate or bank rate ranging between 6.00 percent and 7.00 percent.

"Monetary stance was unaltered between June 2016 and July 2016 in all member states. During the month of July, the highest prime lending rate was observed in Lesotho at 11.69 percent, followed by Namibia at 10.75 percent, South Africa (10.5 percent), Swaziland (10.5 percent), and Botswana (7.5 per cent)."

The report stated that the main contributor to the increase in prices between July 2015 and

July 2016 was mainly the food and non-alcoholic beverages, 15.5 percent compared to 3.4 percent in July 2015, which accounted for 29.22 percent of the overall inflation basket.

The second main category in the basket was based on the housing and utilities category which reflected an increase of 3.7 percent in July 2016 compared to 6.0 percent in July 2015.

"The third main category, transport, increased by 8.8 percent in July 2016 compared to 0.5 percent. On average, prices increased by 0.3 percent between June 2016 and July 2016," stated the report.

# Insurance critical in mitigating cross border trade risks

By Linda Dlamini

**SWAZILAND Royal Insurance** Corporation (SRIC) General Manager Zama Ngcobo says insurance is very important in business especially when it comes to conducting cross border transactions.

He said in business there were always risks that required to be mitigated by the use of insurance products.

Ngcobo was addressing business owners during the recently held Swaziland International Trade Fair Business (SITF) seminars.

He said SRIC has a number of products that were geared towards mitigating the risks of exporters and importers. "For instance, if you are insured with us and the exporter you are sourcing from is in Botswana and does not export

to you the quality of goods you are expecting we provide cover for such an eventuality. If you did not have insurance your business could be adversely affected by such a transaction," he said.

"Insurance makes it easier for banks to finance borrowers without having to provide security for the loans due to the fact that the risk is transferred to the insurer," he said.

Adding, he said should the vehicle be involved in an accident, insurers also offered credit life policies to take care of clients who might pass on, or become disabled or retrenched before settling their debts.

According to the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) Swaziland financial inclusion country report 2014/2015, the need for insurance stems from the fact that the populace is vulnerable to economic crisis and fragile health which makes business risk management very important.

"17.2 percent of Swazi adults, which is about 100 000 people have formal insurance and a further 6.8 percent which is about 36 000 individuals at least have informal cover through burial societies and 5.1 percent of Swazi adults have both formal and informal cover, all these figures totals to 22.3 percent of adults, which is about 132 000 individuals," reads the report as part

According to the SRIC's website, there have been serious disasters in the past that could have challenged weak companies.

"The corporation met all its obligations thereby testifying to its solid backing. Ceaseless training of staff ensures skilful and knowledgeable personnel. Service deliv-



INSURANCE IMPOR-TANT: SRIC General Manager Zama Ngcobo.

ery is key to the corporation's operations," the SRIC webside

# SD REQUIRES A **ROBUST EXPORT** DIVERSIFICATION STRATEGY

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By Linda Dlamini

THERE is a need for the country to adopt a more robust export diversification strategy in order to reap the fruits of integration.

Federation of Swaziland Employers and Chamber of Commerce (FSE&CC) Trade and Business Coordinator Musa Maseko said each member state within the Southern African Development Community (SADC) needs to exploit the available diversification opportunities.

He was speaking during the recently held Swaziland International Trade Fair (SITF) business seminars.

"The current situation where most members of the region export or import much to or from South Africa only reflects limited trade linkages among other Southern African Development Community (SADC) member states," he said. He said there was a need for the redirection of foreign direct investment towards upgrading the export-oriented activities and helps diffuse skills, knowledge and technology to domestic firms.

Maseko said there is a need for the implementation of the SADC Revised Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP) in order to increase trade shares within the region. "Therefore, improvement of infrastructure is a prerequisite for successful trade integration and growth," he said.

"Specifically, the SADC member states may need to promote infant export oriented manufacturing industries not only to promote exports but also to support domestic industries. This may include identifying priority products, which a country has a comparative advantage within the SADC member states," he said. Maseko said lending institutions could wish to improve credit schemes, which would support export sector in their respective prioritised products.

"Being a member of several Regional Economic Communities, while providing individual countries with several benefits there are some drawbacks that need to be addressed at a national and regional level. Harmonising bilateral and multilateral trade agreements should be a priority for member states, as

that a number of countries within the SADC

several of them are involved in multiple trade agreements across the global economy," he said. Maseko made the observation



The Federation of Swaziland Employers & Chamber of Commerce

# FINCORP pledges continuous support to JA

By Manqoba Makhubu

**THE Swaziland Development** Finance Corporation (FIN-CORP) has pledged continuous support to Junior Achievement (JA) programmes.

Recently, the corporation pumped E60 000 as sponsorship and further attached four students under the JA's Job Shadow Programme.

The programme according to JA Marketing and Communications Coordinator Lindekile Khumalo was a work readiness initiative that prepares pupils for the corporate

**Pupils** 

Speaking during the certification of the four pupils FINCORP Managing Director Dumsani Msibi said they were still looking forward to many years of their partnership with JA.

"We value this partnership, for us it is a win-win situation because JA speaks our language. As a corporation our desire is to create a highly entrepreneurial nation and it is clear that we still have a long way to go. We normally recruit people from universities and some of them have never had the exposure to entrepreneurship, who knows



CERTIFICATES: FINCORP Management led by CEO Dumsani Msibi and JA Marketing and Communications Coordinator Lindekile Khumalo with the pupils after their certification. (Pics: Mangoba Makhubu).

maybe one of you will come back as employees of FINCORP and serve the nation," he said to the pupils.

He told the learners that the Job Shadow programme was a rare opportunity that they should gratefully grab with both hands, and maximise it, "You should take this experience along with you as you grow towards your future."

The pupils who beamed with excitement said they were very grateful to have an opportunity to be exposed in various departments of the corporation.

However, the pupils seemed to have liked the accounts department. This was testament in their brief remarks.

"It has been a lovely experience," said KaZakhali Private School's Joy Mwakio who said she wanted to become an economist.

"I really learnt a lot, especially under the finance department, it blends well with my aspirations," said Nakiwe Ngwenya from the remote located Mabhensane High School

Meanwhile, JA Marketing and Communications Coordinator

Lindekile Khumalo thanked FIN-CORP for its sustained support to

"We are happy that the pupils have been rotated in different departments as this have exposed them to many options, this will help them evaluate and understand their career options, get a feel of it, and have a taste of how it feels like to be in the field," she said.

She said FINCORP has been good ambassadors of the programme.'

'We are looking forward to a longer partnership."

# South Africa records E5.22 bn trade balance

By Manqoba Makhubu

SOUTH Africa has recorded E5. 22bn trade balance surplus

According to data released by the South African Revenue Service (SARS), these statistics included trade data with Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland (BLNS) who are all affiliate member states to the Southern African Customs Union (SACU). SARS reported that the cumulative trade balance surplus, from January 1 to July 31 of E17. 4bn was an improvement on the deficit for the comparable period in 2015 of E24. 6bn. **Exports** 

"Exports for the year-to-date grew by 10.1 percent from E592.2bn to E652bn. Imports for the year-to-date of E634. 6bn are 2.9 percent more than the imports recorded in January to July 2015 of E616. 8bn," reported SARS.

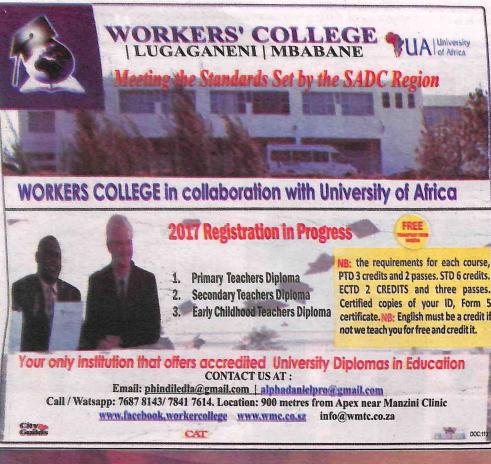
SARS reported that exports decreased from June 2016 to July 2016 by E9.4bn (9.0 percent) and imports decreased from June 2016 to July 2016 by E2.18bn (4 percent). "On a year-on-year basis, July 2016's E5.2bn trade balance surplus is an improvement from the deficit recorded in July 2015 of E1.6 billion.

Exports of E95.7 bn are 3.5 percent more than the exports recorded in July 2015 of E92.4 billion. Imports of E90.50 billion are 3.9 percent less than the imports

recorded in July 2015 of E94.1 billion." Signalling the significant trade exchange between South Africa and Swaziland, the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) recent economic development report June 2016 said about 63.5 percent of miscellaneous edibles receipts came from trade with South

"Data show that a significant share of close to 100 percent of textiles is now exported to South Africa. The South African market also benefits from wood and wood products coming from Swaziland on a large scale," said the report.

region typically produce and export similar products. This means limited space for producing complementary goods and services with the view of integrating into Global Supply Chains. "The proliferation of global supply chains has transformed the nature of cross border trade, investment and employment. Regional trade agreements have played a role in facilitating and reducing the costs of trade. However, there needs to be a harmonisation of institutional frameworks in order to create a more inclusive environment for the integration of business into the said global supply chains," he said.



# PRESIDENCY DENIES GOVT WANTS PROBE INTO BANKS

JOHANNESBURG - The presidency distanced itself from a statement made by Mineral Resources Minister Mosebenzi Zwane that Cabinet had resolved to request that a judicial inquiry be established into the banks and their actions against the Guptas, as well as to review the legislation that governs the banking system.

Zwane headed an interministerial committee established by the Cabinet after the big four banks withdrew banking services to the Gupta family. He drew up a Cabinet memo on the banks, which he said in his statement on Thursday night had been adopted by the Cabinet.

### Statement

According to the presidency, Zwane's statement was issued in his personal capacity and did not reflect the position or views of Cabinet.

"He does not speak on behalf of Cabinet and the contents of his statement do not reflect the position or views of Cabinet, the presidency or government," spokesman Bongani Ngqulunga said. "The unfortunate contents of the statement and the inconvenience and confusion caused by the issuing thereof, are deeply regretted."

He said the presidency wanted to assure the public, the banking sector as well as the domestic and international investors of the government's commitment to the letter and spirit of the country's Constitution as well as in the sound fiscal and economic fundamentals that underpin the economy.

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# ANC veteran Zola Skweyiya calls for Zuma's resignation

JOHANNESBURG – ANC veteran Zola Skweyiya has added his voice to calls for an early ANC elective conference.

In an exclusive interview with eNCA, Skweyiya says he believes ANC leaders are now out of sync with the aspirations of South Africans. The former minister of social development says he wants the mooted ANC conference to elect new leadership at national and provincial levels. The ANC lost the metropolitan municipalities of Johannesburg, Tshwane and Nelson Mandela Bay in the local government elections and Skweyiya warns that the party stands to suffer more losses in the 2019 national elections, unless drastic change takes place.

"Even these so-called leaders now, you see how they react in general to the ANC as a whole," said Skweyiya. *eNCA* 

# KZN govt to intervene if Jozini doesn't elect mayor

DURBAN – The municipal elections are long over but some municipalities have been unable to move forward.

Jozini municipality in northern KwaZulu-Natal is a hung municipality and despite several attempts to elect new leadership, the 40-seater council has failed to do so.

The dominant parties in the council are the ANC (19 seats) and the IFP (18). The EFF and DA have one seat each and an independent candidate also has one.

The IFP is in partnership with the DA and EFF while the ANC is working with the independent candidate. But if the new councillors continue to fail to elect a municipal leadership, the government will be forced to dissolve the municipality, says provincial Co-operative Governance MEC Nomusa Dube-Ncube. eNCA



TOUGH: KwaZulu-Natal Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs MEC Nomusa Dube-Ncube. (AP)

# ACDP asks how Zwane's dig at banking sector was allowed

CAPE TOWN - The ACDP on Saturday added its voice to those criticising Mineral Resources Minister Mosebenzi Zwane's statement call for a judicial commission of inquiry into the banking sector's decision to cut ties with the Gupta family's Oakbay Investments.

In a statement issued after its national federal council meeting over the weekend, the ACDP noted that the ANC was in turmoil. "It has no leadership and no direction. The statements by Minister Zwane announcing a judicial commission of inquiry into the banking licencing system was totally destructive to our economy. The fact that the presidency later corrected this statement shows the fractures in the ANC. How is it possible that a national minister can



CRITICISED: Mineral Resources Minister Mosebenzi Zwane.

make such a damaging statement?"
The ACDP has demanded that "the presidency stops its war with the Treasury" and take steps to follow the National Development Plan which was

widely accepted as a sound economic programme, the party said.

Earlier on Saturday, the DA urged President Jacob Zuma to shut down the task team looking into the termination of banking relationships with Oakbay Investments and fire Zwane.

The DA welcomed the news that Zuma had distanced himself from Zwane's statement recommending a judicial commission of inquiry into the termination of banking relationships with Oakbay, DA spokesman David Maynier said. "However, the statement does not go far enough – it leaves the political door open for some of the bizarre recommendations, supposedly made by the minister in his personal capacity, to be considered in the future," he said. *eNCA* 

# Durban welcomes brand new dry dock

DURBAN - Durban's ship repair industry is poised to benefit from a brand new dry dock.

Dormac Marine and Engineering's R300-million investment in a high-end facility is also in line with government's 'Operation Phakisa'.

The presidential initiative focuses, in part, on promoting a thriving ocean economy.

Chris Sparg, of the Dormac Marine and Engineering said; "This dock complements the main dock and we actually believe it complements even our competitor's dock because you're providing a critical mass to the market place."

The dry dock could see the company's tally rise from 26 to 45 vessels repaired per year, moreover, it's creating about 200 direct jobs.

Each year, 12 000 ships call on South Africa's ports while 30 000 sail past the coastline.

Trade and Industry Minister, Rob Davies said, "South Africa is credited with only having one percent of the world's ship repair and refurbishment."

Government reiterated its support, through tax incentives, for companies investing in the country.

eNCA

# Separate planes to China or Zuma, Pravin

JOHANNESBURG - President Jacob Zuma may have broken government directives when he flew to China this week on an Angolan private jet registered in Aruba, a Dutch island in the Caribbean Sea, and manned by a Portuguese crew.

Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan, on the other hand, flew commercially, as usual, and quietly followed his own programme.

City Press' sources in South Africa, as well as journalists in China, confirmed that Zuma and his entourage arrived in Hangzhou, the capital of China's Zhejiang province, for the G20 Summit without Gordhan.

Treasury this week did not comment on questions about the separate trips, but Rapport, City Press' sister newspaper, has reliably learnt that Gordhan preferred to fly commercially adding he *liked* to manage his own programme.

It is understood the luxurious Gulfstream-G550 that belongs to Bestfly in Angola was leased for Zuma because it can easily fly to China. Meanwhile, Zuma's own jet, *Inkwazi*, which is 100% serviceable, remains grounded at Air Force Base Waterkloof because of claims that it is "unreliable".

The Air Force has since launched an extensive investigation at 21 Squadron, which is responsible for VIP flights, to ascertain whether there is any truth to rumours that the presidential jet is being sabotaged. *City Press* 

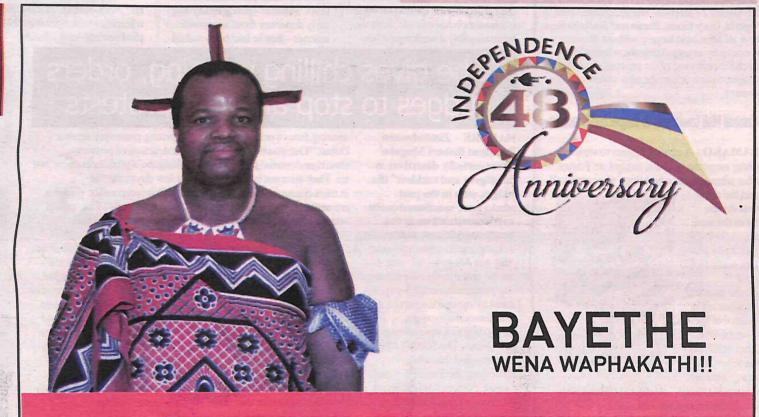
# Libode schools torched as pupils vent frustration

LIBODE - Three schools in the Libode district in the Eastern Cape were torched this week as pupils vented their frustrations over a shortage of teachers and demanded matric farewell functions.

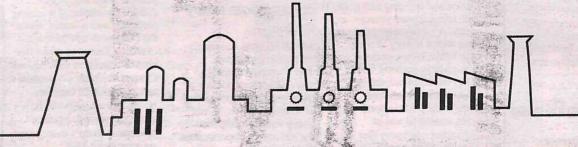
Wonga Ndzamela, leader of the SA
Democratic Teachers' Union in Libode,
blamed the provincial department of education for failing to intervene at these schools,
despite simmering tensions. "We do not condone the burning of schools, but in this case it
is a consequence of the education department's failure to act and provide leadership."
One of the schools burnt was Sandi Senior

One of the schools burnt was Sandi Senior Secondary School, located in Ntsundwana village outside Ngqeleni in the Eastern Cape.

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## Gambia anti-FGM activist to contest elections

BANJUL - A women's rights activist in the Gambia currently campaigning against female genital mutilation has said she will put herself forward as the country's first-ever female presidential candidate." It is true that I want to contest the presidency" in December's election, Isatou Touray told AFP ahead of an official announcement expected. She said she would stand as an independent candidate in the polls, expected to hand incumbent Yahya Jammeh a fifth term at the helm of the poor west African nation. AFP

## Vote-rigging in Africa getting trickier

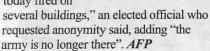
DAKAR - As Gabon is rocked by violence following the contested re-election of President Ali Bongo, experts says electoral fraud in Africa is becoming harder, thanks to civil society vigilance and the spread of mobile technology. Opposition leader Jean Ping on Friday declared himself the rightful president of Gabon and called for a recount, following Bongo's claim of victory with a razor-thin margin of just under 6 000 votes in the August 27 election. But recent elections in Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Benin and Burkina Faso have all been held largely without dispute. overseen by engaged citizens who assured careful monitoring of the process, said Math refugee camps where the new cases surfaced. Reaters

## Central Mali town falls to suspected jihadists

BAMAKO - A central Malian town was under suspected jihadist control on Friday after administrative buildings were attacked and the army

was driven from the area, an elected official and a security source told AFP."

At the moment jihadists are in control of the town of Boni. They infiltrated the town and today fired on



## Law to give communities land titles

NAIROBI - The Community Land Bill, signed into law by Kenya's President Uhuru Kenyatta on Aug. 31, lays out the steps for communities to acquire titles to their ancestral land. Around two-thirds of Kenya's land is customarily owned by communities without formal title deeds, making it easy for corrupt individuals to sell or lease the land without the communities' knowledge." This is very important," Shadrack Omondi, executive director of the Resource Conflict Institute. told the Thomson Reuters Foundation in a phone interview." Reuters

## Dozens killed after bus drives into fuel tanker

KANDAHAR - At least 35 people were killed yesterday when a passenger bus collided with a fuel tanker and burst into flames in southern Afghanistan, in the latest road accident in the war-torn country. Many of the victims, including women and children, were burned beyond recognition in the accident in Zabul province, one of the areas worst affected by the Taliban insurgency. "The passenger bus was on its way from Kandahar to Kabul when it collided with a fuel tanker in Jildak area of Zabul," provincial governor Bismillah Afghanmal told AFP."AFP



# **ALIVE MUGABE SLAMS** RUMOURS OF HIS DEAT

HARARE - Zimbabwean **President Robert Mugabe** returned home from abroad in a iovial mood on Saturday, poking fun at the latest online media speculation that he was gravely ill and had sought medical help in Dubai.

Mugabe, 92, came back to the grim reality of rising public anger over an economic meltdown widely blamed on his misrule, with violence erupting a week ago when

police fired teargas at opposition leaders and protesters.

Reports that Mugabe's health is declining have become common in recent years, but the veteran politician, in power since independence from Britain in 1980, often refers to himself as "fit as a fiddle".

On Saturday Mugabe poured scorn on rumours on some online news websites - partly fed by his early departure from a regional summit - that he had been rushed

for medical treatment in Dubai.

Mugabe told journalists at Harare international airport he had gone to Dubai on a family matter concerning one of his children.

Mugabe rejects the blame for a crisis currently manifesting itself in acute cash shortages and high unemployment, and last week warned protesters there would be no "Arab Spring" in Zimbabwe, referring to the uprisings that toppled several Arab leaders.

He routinely blames Zimbabwe's economic problems on sabotage by Western opponents of his policies, such as the seizure of white-owned commercial farms for black people.

Last week Mugabe accused Western countries, including the United States, of sponsoring recent anti-government protests. But even some of his once stalwart supporters, including Zimbabwe's war veterans who invaded white commercial farms in support of Mugabe's land seizures, have turned their backs on him, saying he has "devoured" the values of the liberation struggle. Zimbabwe, which has also been hit by drought and weak commodity prices, is struggling to pay salaries to soldiers, police and other public workers, fuelling political tensions, including within the ruling ZANU-

# ... he gives chilling warning, orders judges to stop allowing protests

HARARE - Zimbabwean **President Robert Mugabe** has reportedly described as "negligent and reckless" the judges, who in the past weeks have sanctioned political demonstrations in the southern African country.

Local media reported yesterday that Mugabe, 92, took a swipe at the judges for allowing protests against his government by opposition parties and pro-democracy groups. According to a state-owned newspaper, The Sunday Mail, Mugabe said this while addressing the Zanu-PF Youth League National Assembly at the party's headquarters in Harare on Saturday, just after

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arriving from a private visit in Dubai. "Our courts and judges should understand it even better. They dare not be negligent in their decisions as requests are made by people who would want to demonstrate.

Note

"Surely, they can take note of the fact that the mission is clear and deliberate towards causing violence. Tide of violent protests "We can't allow that to continue unimpeded. Enough is enough," Mugabe was quoted as saying by The Standard newspaper.

The nonagenarian said, Zimbabweans had a duty and obligation to ensure that there was peace in the country,

Hillary Clinton holds a clear advantage

warning protesters against destruction of property. Mugabe's utterances came just a few days after the Zimbabwean police issued a ban on protests in the capital for the next two weeks.

The notice cited a lack of manpower to prevent disorder. It said that demonstrations would only be allowed after September 16. The notice also stated that anyone taking part in protests before then, could be imprisoned for up to a year. Zimbabwe has seen a mounting tide of violent protests in the past weeks, with demonstrators calling for the resignation of the veteran leader.



VOWS: US President Barack Obama.

# Obama vows action against Turkey coup plotters

HANGZHOU - The US is committed to bringing the perpetrators of the attempted coup against Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to justice, President Barack Obama said yesterday.

Ankara accuses US-based cleric Fethullah Gulen of being behind the July uprising.

At talks with Erdogan on the sidelines of the G20 summit, Obama said: "We will make sure that those who carried out these activities are brought to justice.'

Allies

Tensions between the two Nato allies have risen sharply since the failed coup attempt against Erdogan on July 15, with Ankara launching a wide-ranging crackdown and demanding that the US extradite Gulen.

ern state of Pennsylvania, Gulen strongly throw Erdogan.

of the US in Turkey and risks undermining a deep security relationship.

US officials insist they will extradite Gulen if Turkey can present proof he was actually



CLEAR EDGE: Hillary Clinton.

and still become America's first female president. But Trump's campaign believes there are pockets of

not to back Clinton. While Trump squandered a summer's worth of opportunities to court those voters, his cam-

paign heads into the fall suddenly confident in its ability to make up lost ground. Trump aides were gleeful on Friday over the release of FBI notes regarding Clinton's controversial email practices while secretary of state. His campaign plans to come out of the Labor Day weekend wielding the report as a warning about the Democrat's judgement.

Getting Trump to make that kind of consistent case against Clinton has been a herculean task for much of the campaign. But advisers say he's more receptive to his new leadership team's more scripted approach. AFP

An exiled former imam living in the eastdenies any involvement with the bid to over-

The dispute has soured public perceptions

involved. Reuters



CLOSE TO LIMIT: EU President Donald Tusk. (AP)

# EU president says Europe can't take more migrants

HANGZHOU - Europe is "close to limits" on its ability to accept new waves of refugees, **EU President Donald Tusk said** yesterday, urging the broader international community to shoulder its share of the burden.

"The practical capability of

Europe to host new waves of refugees, not to mention irregular economic migrants, is close to limits," he told a press conference on the sidelines of the G20 summit.

Refugees

A steady stream of refugees has flowed into Europe over the last year, largely fleeing from the civil

war in Syria. The issue has become a political hot potato for leaders in the region as a series of Islamist terror attacks and rising anti-globalisation sentiment have combined to create an increasingly inhospitable environment for refugees from the brutal conflict. Reuters



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## **HIGHLIGHTS**

## **GOLDIE AND BEAR SPLITS**

Today 07:30 | Disney Junior (309)

To make breakfast and getting ready for school become more exciting, Disney Junior will be introducing morning shorts of some of your favourite shows. Now you get to meet up with more of your Disney Junior favourites before school! Featuring splits of Goldie & Bear, PJ Masks, Jake and the Never Land Pirates, Doc McStuffins and Miles from Tomorrow.



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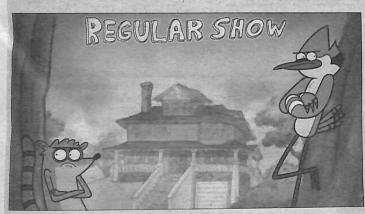
Today 07:35 | Cartoon Network (301)

Mordecai and Rigby are two best friends who take the problems and mundane tasks of their boring jobs to fantastical places.

They face new adventures when avoiding their deadly-

dull work at the park with Pops, a humanoid-looking lollipop who has spent his entire life there.

Avoiding work doesn't go over well with their boss Benson, but their efforts often result in insane escapades that delight Pops.



### **SWASHBUCKLE**

Today 15:30 | Cbeebies (306)

Set aboard a shipwrecked pirate ship called the 'Scarlet Squid', on which three naughty pirates reside. In each episode Captain Sinker and her two

hapless shipmates, Cook and Line, harbour stolen jewels, and it's up to a team of swashbucklers to take part in a series of games such as the 'Tumbly Barrel' and the 'Wacky Whirlpool' in order to find them, with the help of the ship's parrot Squawk.



# SUPERSPORT GEARS UP FOR PARALYMPICS

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 Paralympics begin in Rio de Janeiro on Wednesday

ADVERTISING guru Joey Reiman once described the Olympics as "where heroes are made, the Paralympics is where heroes come."

These heroes will soon flood our television screens when the 2016 Paralympics begin in Rio de Janeiro on Wednesday.

Channels

SuperSport will broadcast two 24-hour channels (SS13 and SS14) in High Definition for the duration of the Games with producers choosing the best of four feeds from Olympic



Broadcast Services. What isn't broadcast live will be broadcast on a delayed basis.

Both Olympic channels will be available from the DStv Compact package and upwards, and expectations are high that the Paralympics will continue a long tradition of extraordinary feats by athletes with disabilities competing across 23 sports, including, for the first time, canoeing and paratriathlon. Athletes from 18 African countries, will be among the competing nations.

The popular Blitz (200) channel will carry regular Paralympic news items, while the two TV channels will be available via streaming via on

www.supersport.com and the SuperSport and DStv Now apps, as well as social platforms and DStv Catch Up. Daily two-hour highlights packages will be scheduled on SS Select and SS9. The Paralympics run from Wednesday to September 18.



# ANNA OLSON: BAKE

Today 17:00 | Food Network (175)

Renowned pastry chef Anna Olson, uses her baking knowledge and expertise to teach others how to bake in this instructional series.

In each episode, Anna focuses on one basic ingredient or idea and utilises it in a variety of ways, from the most basic applications to creating masterlevel desserts. She combines her wit and humour with personal experience, stories and tips to create a teaching style that is all her own and shows viewers how to bake everything from simple pies and cookies to caramel apple crème brûlée and truffle centred beignets.





# TRADE FAIR'S FRIDAY G

By Nomfundo Sifundza and Lungelo Nkambule

SOUTH AFRICAN hip hop artist Emtee's manager threatened fans with taking the artist out of Mavuso Trade Centre without performing.

This was due to the programme being behind schedule.

The rapper's manager blurted out "He won't perform" after programme director Lindelwa 'Lindz' Mafa announced that Emtee would perform after Tendaness's set as per the programme.

Promoters and fans closer to the stage who heard when the manager threatened to leave gladly shouted back "hamba" suggesting that they would not mind even if the rapper would not perform.

However, some fans would hear none of it as Emtee had earlier mounted on to the stage and had his fans screaming out loud. Emtee showing face on stage and being later told to

wait for his turn which was scheduled in the programme to come up after DJ Tendaness caused the uproar and angered revellers who then decided to disrespect their very own Swazi DJ and threw bottles at him, forcing him to leave

amazing mixes. Tendaness then left the arena leaving Emtee to mount on to stage after there was a moment of nothing happening on

the stage without

dishing any of his

stage. The rapper's DJ was the first to climb on to the stage and started playing his (Emtee's)

The rapper then got on to stage dressed casually in an ADIDAS sweater and sweat pants which threw

revellers into frenzy.

Songs Emtee performed his well known songs and had it easier as revellers sang along and helped him sing the song called "Pearl Thusi".

The fans and the craft are bigger than Emtee," said Sandy, Emtee's manager after the dust had settled down at the Mavuso

> Trade Centre, during the all night gig. Sandy was

speaking after he had threatened to ake Emtee away from the venue without perform-

"We understand that the event was behind time but we were told to get Emtee ready because he was performing after Heavy K," he said. He said they were surprised when they got to the stage and they were told it was not Emtee's turn. "Look ,someone gave Emtee the mic, he was in the car and one of the organisers came to us told him to get ready because he was next," he explained.

He further explained that in the line-up that they were given before they came to Swaziland Emtee was to perform at 2 am.

"Look, we understand being behind time, we respect all organisers and especially our fans and the craft, so do you honestly think we would have come all the way here to cause mayhem?" he asked.

He said Swaziland was home away from home. "Emtee wouldn't have left without performing, I was only saying he must leave the venue and we would come back when we were meant to perform because he had been sitting in the car for two hours," he said.

He said they valued their Swazi fans and they were hoping to come back to the country. "Swaziland is beautiful and the people are warm,"

The rapper then made a brief speech appreciating his fans for supporting his music before performing his last song called 'Roll Up'.

Emtee was then followed by the humble Kwesta who was also supposed to perform at an earlier hour than he eventually did as the 'Ngud' singer performed at 4:13.

As Kwesta always does during his performances he asked his fans to tell him 'You are nothing without us' the fans did as requested.

Kwesta also made a brief speech of appreciation to his fans for the tireless support and for that he said "there is a truth I have come across in my life, I am nothing without my fans and I want you all to know that I love and respect you"

Kwesta rolled up his superb performance with his number one song 'Ngud' which caused revellers to scream even louder and sang along with their favourite rapper.

NGUD: Kwesta thrilling fans with his perfo-

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The Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority (SERA) participated in the 2016 SITF Exhibition, where we aimed at educating the stakeholders about the Authority, what we are all about (our services), as well as what we are mandated to do for the public. We also got an opportunity to educate, through demonstrations using energy consumption measuring equipment, the consumers on energy efficiency through energy saving light bulbs, something that consumers were more excited about as it was more informative and value adding. This was the third time that SERA has participated in SITF since 2014 and this experience has always been eye opening for the authority in trying to continually engage and avail itself to her

SERA, also known as "Umlawuli Wemandla Agesi", strives to make herself visible to her stakeholders, for ease of access and value add as per her mandate. Below are some of the learnings and questions from consumers who visited our stand:

#### WHAT IS SERA/ "UMLAWULI WEMANDLA AGESI"?

Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority is a category A government parastatal. under the Ministry of Natural resources and Energy, mandated to administer the Electricity Act of 2007, through exercising control of the electricity supply industry (ESI) in Swaziland and ensuring the security of supply of electricity through issuance of licenses and the regulation of electricity fariffs and quality of



## WHAT IS A REGULATORY AUTHORITY (UMLAWULI)?

Definition: A regulatory authority (also known as a regulatory body or regulator) is a public authority or government agency responsible for exercising autonomous authority over some area of human activity in a supervisory capacity. The Authority is exercising authority in the electricity supply industry in the case of Swaziland

# SO HOW DOES SERA REGULATES THE ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY IN

The broader part of SERA's mandate is ensuring security of supply in the Electricity Supply Industry, with an intention of creating stability in the industry as well as attracting foreign investors to invest in businesses in the country. For SERA to accomplish this mandate, she regulates by carrying out the following activities

- · Issue of licenses to electricity undertakings in the country,
- Regulate and approve tariffs, charges and conditions of services provided by licensed entities,
- · Set quality of supply and service standards in the electricity industry, Receive, investigate and adjudicate complaints/disputes either between
- licensees themselves or between licensees and their consumers
- · Promote consumer awareness and education in the electricity industry

### WHO ARE YOU REGULATING

SERA as an Authority, plays a regulatory role to all entities licensed under her. Such entities currently include; the Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC), the Royal Swaziland Sugar Association (RSSC), Illovo, and Wundersight Investment. These different entities each have different licenses ranging from Generation, Transmission, Distribution, Supply, as well as Import and Export. One entity may have more than one license at a time depending on their need for that particular license and the procedure for acquiring those licenses is handled and approved by the SERA.

## SO YOU ARE THE ONES THAT KEEP ON INCREASING ELECTRICITY

SERA, as part of her regulatory activities, sets and approve tariffs through following a tariff methodology which guides her actions while working towards the eventually approved tariff. SERA's role in tariff setting involves receiving a tariff review proposal from SEC, engaging stakeholders on the proposed tariff by the utility (stakeholder engagement is done mainly because SERA believes that public opinion has in influence on electricity prices, hence the public engagement on the proposal), and finally analysing feedback from the public against SEC's reasons for tariff review, approving a tariff, which has to be communicated 3months before the effective date/ the next financial year.

It should be highlighted that the electricity industry situation in Swaziland is such that, a huge amount of electricity is imported from outside the country, something which puts the country in a situation where we cannot always control the price that we buy electricity with. As such, any price movement in electricity in any country that we import electricity from will affect our tariffs.

#### SO IF I HAVE A DISAGREEMENT WITH MY SERVICE PROVIDER, CAN SERA BE OF HELP IN ANYWAY?

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# ..MCs try to restore order



HELLO: Lindz greeting revellers at the Trade Fair Friday gig where she tried by all means to see that order is maintained. (Pics: Nomfundo Sifundza)

THE Programme directors of the night Anakhonza and Lindz tried all they could to restore order on stage but other things got out of control.

First off, the orderly MCs stopped SAs Major Leauge DJs when they tried to go before Heavy K on stage as the stage manager DJ Menzi had said Heavy K had to go before the Major League twins.

### **Schedules**

Lindz stood her ground to get that in order but was disappointed when she fought for Tendaness's time slot in vain

The radio personality stated that artists should respect each other regardless of where they come from as even local artists had busy schedules just like the South Africans.

# ... Overall performances impressive

AS a radio personality who was one of the programme directors on the night usually says "we too as Swazi's have good enough music to compete with the world over" such was witnessed at the Trade Fair Friday gig as local artists did their absolute best.

Gospel hip-hop artist Switch was the first one to draw the throngs of people who were relaxing on the grandstand to get closer to the stage and started dancing along. The award winning rapper performed songs from his latest album and made sure to later on appreciate fans for supporting gospel music as he stated in some of his lyrics that he does not only sing gospel but he sings what he lives.

Another hip-hop artist who rendered a memorable top class performance was

Kangaroo as he would time and again interact physically with his fans.

The jovial fans danced and sang along Kangaroo's songs especially when he did his renowned 'Fork and Knife' song. Velemseni, Chakalaka, DJ Lolo, DJ Mbo, and DJ Master P also rendered world class performances.

\*More from the trade fair Friday gig to feature on Wednesday.



## MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORT

THE COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY TO INVESTIGATE
THE TRAIN ACCIDENT OF THE 17TH DECEMBER,
2015 AT MPAKA RAILWAY STATION

In terms of Legal Notice No. 121 of 2016, the Public is hereby notified that hearing of the Commission of Enquiry appointed by the Honourable Minister for Public Works and Transport, in terms of Section 44 of the Swaziland Railway Act 15 of 1962 will start on the 05th September, 2016 at The George Hotel in Manzini. Hearing days are Mondays and Thursdays starting at 0900hrs to 1600hrs.

Any members of the Public who are interested in making submissions are invited to attend on the specified days and times.

Members of the Public who wish to make submissions must register with the Secretary of the Commission.

Contact Number: 78016157

Email: commission.mpakarail@gmail.com

COMMISSIONER DLAMINI HLOBISILE
SECRETARY



FUN: Fans in a jovial mood as local artists thrilled.



UNCERTAIN: Emtee and his manager before threatening to leave.



OOPS:DJ Tendaness descending from the stage after revellers threw bottles at him.



#### JOB OPPORTUNITY:

#### **4CHILDREN SWAZILAND TECHNICAL ADVISOR II**

Initiated in September 2014, The Comprehensive, Coordinated Care for Children Project (4Children) is a five year USAID funded consortium led by Catholic Relief Services with partners Intra Health, Maestral, Pact, Plan and West at. 4Children is designed to improve health and well being outcomes for OVC affected by HIV and AIDS and other adversities. 4Children helps countries to identify practical and appropriate policies, programs and services that reduce the risk of HIV and maltreatment and promote child well-being. It promotes approaches that address the unique needs of each child and family, including strengthening front line social service workforce and case management systems. 4Children is implementing a USAID/ PEPFAR Project in Swaziland to strengthen case management system and child sensitive prevention and response services to violence aimed at reducing exposure and increasing response of vulnerable children to violent behaviors associated with HIV risk.

### Job Responsibilities:

The Technical Advisor II will work closely with and be based at the Department of Social Welfare to achieve the project objectives, effectively coordinate, manage and monitor and evaluate the case management systems strengthening and child sensitive prevention and response services to violence. S/he is responsible for overall technically sound and high quality program and partnerships with DSW, USG, World Education/ Bantwana and Pact/ Swaziland including ensuring all partners adhere to PEPFAR / USAID program requirements and process and results are documented in a timely manner. S/he will support ongoing coordination with World Education / Bantwana, Pact / Swaziland and DSW with regular collaboration with and support from regional and international technical experts and the 4Children HQ team. The Technical Advisor II will bring technical expertise and experience in child welfare case management system strengthening, prevention and response to violence against children and OVC Programing. The Technical Advisor II will report to the Senior Technical Advisor for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in the CRS Southern Africa Regional Office and receive technical guidance from the 4Children Capacity Building Technical Director.

## Qualifications and Skills:

- 1. Swazi national or professionals from the Southern or Eastern African regions are strongly encouraged to apply.
- Master's Degree in social work or bachelor degree with relevant experience.
- At least a minimum of 5 years in a management position with proven project management, people management and relationship building experience.
- Experience in effective case management systems strengthening and management of child sensitive prevention and response programs to violence. Understanding of HIV related outcomes.
- Proven experience coordinating with national and local social welfare authorities in developing contexts.
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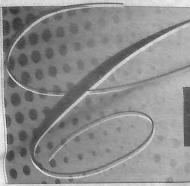




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# ROSBERG CLOSES GAP ON HAMILTON AFTER CRUISING TO VICTORY

**ROME - Lewis Hamilton's** championship lead slipped from nine points to two, after the damage was done in the first few seconds of the Italian Grand Prix.

As the lights went out, he got off the line in the first split second as well as anyone. But almost immediately he was like a man wading through treacle. The rest of the field closed on the world champion left, right and cen-

From pole position, Hamilton plunged to sixth by the first corner, and the script had been ripped apart.

Although Hamilton finished second, behind Mercedes team-mate Nico Rosberg, it was a missed opportunity on a track where the pole-sitter has converted his qualifying supremacy in to victory on all six of the most recent previous editions.

What happened to Hamilton in those fateful few seconds was unclear, though he admitted over the radio to human error. However, it is not the first time this season



CHAMP: Rosberg jumps for joy after cruising to a much-needed victory at Monza from Lewis Hamilton (left) and Sebastian Vettel.(DailyMail)

that the Brit has been slow into the first corner.

Back in the Mercedes garage, team principal Toto Wolff could be lip-read letting out a mild four-letter expletive.

Why? And how, he must have thought?

Rosberg was straight into the lead from second on the

The German comfortably opened up an impregnable lead. With 10 laps down he was 11 seconds up on

Hamilton as he finally passed the Williams of Valtteri Bottas to go fourth.

At this point the two Ferraris separated the two Mercedes.

But the home cars were planning on pitting twice as opposed to Mercedes' onestop strategy. That allowed Hamilton up to second, where he finished with Sebastian Vettel ahead of his Ferrari team-mate Kimi Raikkonen in fourth.

DailyMail



# Serena rolls into US Open last 16 with milestone win

NEW YORK - Another win, another milestone for Serena Williams who rolled into the US Open last 16 on Saturday by crushing Sweden's Johanna Larsson 6-2 6-1 to collect grand slam victory number 307 - the most by a woman in the Open era.

As in the majority of her victories at the



patched the 47th-ranked Swede in exactly one hour.

The victory moved the 34-year-old American past Martina Navratilova and level with Roger Federer for most grand slam victories by a man or woman.

Williams will go for number 308 and a step closer to what would be a record seventh US Open title when she meets Kazakhstan's Yaroslava Shvedova, a 6-2 7-5 winner over China's Zhang Shuai, in round four.

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Entails working with a team of loyal and dedicated nurses and doctors in providing comprehensive medical care to company employees, their dependents and the surrounding community. This post involves a wider scope of practice which includes performing prescribed laboratory tests in accordance with approved procedures; assisting in maintaining day to day laboratory stock levels; ensuring adequate forecasting and management of related reagents and consumables; and performing and documenting preventative maintenance of equipment.

## The Applicant

The successful candidate should meet the following minimum requirements;

- · Possess a Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology.
- · Two years' work experience in a related setting.
- Be a dedicated team player, who is able and willing to work with minimum supervision.
- Have a positive approach to work, adopt and maintain team spirit.
- Good Interpersonal skills.
- Hold a strong sense of confidentiality

## The Rewards

We offer a competitive package, commensurate with qualifications, experience and value-add.

Interested persons may send their applications, including a detailed C.V. and names of two recent referees for the attention of the Human Resources Manager at Recruitment@illovo.co.za on or before 15 September 2016.

Please note: If you don't receive any correspondence after 21 working days from the closing date consider your application to have seen unsuccessful.



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## **VACANCY: JUNIOR WAGON EXAMINER**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the above-mentioned position which reports to the Running Shed under the Operations and Marketing Department.

Jenson Button McLaren

- Level 2 City and Guilds certificate or N2 in Mechanical, Electrical or Automotive engineering
- Higher Diploma in Mechanical, Electrical or Automotive Engineering will be an added advantage

#### REQUIRED EXPERIENCE

- Minimum of 2 years relevant experience
- **Knowledge of Train Operations**

### PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES AND COMPETENCIES

- Be customer centric and serve both internal and external customers effectively
- High level of integrity
- Excellent planning and organizing skills
- Ability to live SD Rail values and demonstrate them to all other employees

## MAIN FUNCTION OF THE JOB

To assist in the examination, repairing and certification of wagons and trains

### KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- Repair and replace defective components on wagons
- Check wagon rolling parts for defects
- Go through examination process to certify wagons/trains
- Ensure that all safety regulations and SR/SARA/RSR standards are adhered to at all times

Written applications must be submitted by the 13th September 2016, together with a comprehensive Curriculum Vitae, proof of academic qualifications and relevant recent referees should be e-mailed to: recruitment@swazirail.co.sz or addressed to:

#### The Human Resources Manager

Swaziland Railway P O Box 475, Mbabane, H100

If you have not received any feedback within one month of the closing date, please consider your application



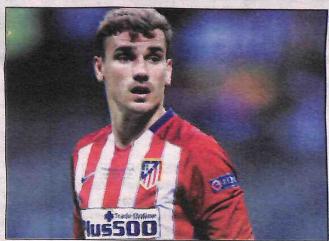
# Griezmann would exit if Simeone quit

MADRID - Antoine Griezmann says he would only consider leaving Attetico Madrid if Diego Simeone was to depart the club.

Manchester United target Griezmann has also been linked with a move to Paris Saint-Germain after starring for France at Euro 2016.

The forward signed a new deal at the Vicente Calderon earlier this summer and admits Atleti boss Simeone, who has also been linked with PSG, was a major factor in his decision to stay.

"The only doubt would be if Simeone leaves for PSG or wherever," he told Telefoot. "I called him before extend-



NOT NOW: Antoine Griezmann.

ing my contract and he confirmed to me that he was staying. I can learn a lot from him. "PSG are not my goal at the moment. I'm happy in Spain. "I'm always proud to be popular with the fans. I try to smile and do my best. If they like it, it's even better." *TEAMTALK* 

# Rooney breaks England caps record

LONDON - Wayne
Rooney became England's
most capped outfield player when he was awarded
his 116th cap by new manager Sam Allardyce in yesterday's opening 2018
World Cup qualifier away
to Slovakia.

Team captain Rooney, 30, surpasses his former England team-mate David Beckham, who was capped 115 times by his country. Goalkeeper Peter Shilton, capped 125 times, holds the overall record.

"I think it is always important and an honour to represent your country," Rooney said on the eve of the game in Trnava.

"To do it the second-most times will be great, but tomorrow (Sunday) is about the team, about getting three noints

"I'm sure one day in the future I will look back, but for now I'm looking to the game tomorrow and nothing



## RECORD BREAKER: Wayne Rooney.

else."

Mourinho's United off to flying start Rooney is also England's record goal-scorer with 53 goals, having broken Bobby Charlton's longstanding record of 49 in September 2015.

As expected, the Manchester United skipper was selected in a number 10 role behind Harry Kane as England began life under Allardyce. Allardyce took over from Roy Hodgson, who stepped down as manager following England's humiliating last 16 defeat by Iceland at Euro 2016.

TIMESLIVE

# MESUT OZIL KEEN TO MAP OUT ARSENAL FUTURE

LONDON - Mesut Ozil says he's ready to re-open discussions over a new Arsenal contract and would consider a move to Major League Soccer at the end of his career.

The 27-year-old German international, who joined the club from Real Madrid in 2013, has a contract with the Gunners until 2018.

Initial extension negotiations were put on hold as a result of Euro 2016 but, in a discussion with German publication Express, Ozil said: "I have a contract until 2018.

"We have had discussions, but they were suspended for the European Championship.

Negotiations

"I wanted to focus at this time only on the national team. Now we look to continue the negotiations."

A former Schalke and Werder Bremen player, Ozil looks set to remain at Arsenal for the foreseeable future, but hasn't ruled out a move away at some stage. He added: "In football, you can never say never.

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happen. I had a good time in
Germany. That was a lot of
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"Eventually moving to MLS could be an option. I have fun everywhere. My fans know that I like to spend my vacation in Los Angeles, because the city inspires me."

TEAMtalk



#### **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY- E-GOVERNMENT UNIT**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the appointment to the above cited post tenable in the Civil Service in the Ministry of Private and Cabinet Office.

#### QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE

- The candidate must possess a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science, Business Administration or related field;
- A Master's Degree in Public Administration, or Business Administration, or related field, or other evidence of substantial business knowledge, is desirable;
- Must have at least Five (5) years of progressive experience in managing functions and Departments;
- One (1) or more years of direct management of a major Information Technology (IT) operation is preferred.
- Experience in Information Technology planning to support strategic business goals is desirable.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES/DUTIES

- To ensure the continuous delivery and operation of core business Information, Communication and Technology functions;
- To be responsible for coordination, facilitation and consultation with all Ministry's Chief Information Officers (CIO) where appointed within the Government of Swaziland (GoS);
- To lead the information, Communication and Technology (ICT) strategic planning process of Government of Swaziland;
- To develop, coordinate guide and maintain Information, Communication and Technology strategic and operational plans
  to support the business strategy of Government of Swaziland. These plans define a vision for meeting current and future
  information and technology needs for the GoS, while ensuring alignment and integration of ICT with the overall vision,
  mission and value of GoS;
- To develop and maintain an enterprise architecture defining policies, standards and protocols for date inter-operability, communication, software, interconnection of the GoS network, etc;
- To provide advice on evaluation, selection, implementation and maintenance of corporate ICT initiatives, ensuring appropriate investment in strategic and operational systems;
- To provide responsive advice, counsel education and service to the Ministry's Government Chief information Officer (GCIO) network concerning ICT issues and trends in the ICT Industry;
- To communicate ICT plans, policies and technology trends across the GoS and the GCIO;
- To promote and oversee relationships between the GoS and external entities as appropriate;
- To steward the GoS e-Government Transformation Team;
- To approve, coordinate and control all projects related to the corporate core ICT infrastructure;
- To develop, maintain an appropriate Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) organizational structure capable of supporting the ICT GoS mandate;
- To develop, maintain and govern corporate ICT policies and standard relating to all aspects of the ICT governance framework;
- To develop and maintain an enterprise-wide meta-data model and meta-data dictionary;
- To negotiate ICT service level agreements with Agents and monitors Agent's performance to assure service levels are met;
- To research and evaluate alternatives for the enhancement or re-engagement of the ICT corporate framework;
- To develop, enforce policy and procedures to ensure the protection of enterprise ICT assets, integrity, security and privacy
  of information entrusted to or maintained by the GoS;
- To develop and maintain a business recovery plan for ICT corporate functions to ensure timely and effective restoration of ICT services in the event of a disaster;
- To act as the executive Secretary to the e-Government Steering Committee for the GoS;
- To drive continuous improvement and change within the OGCIO assigned in order to meet the objectives set;
- To benchmark ICT in accordance with strategic objectives sets for the GoS and the OGGIO, in part or in full, with international best practices and standard;
- To transform in accordance with ICT strategic objectives set implements international quality standards relevant in part or in full to the GoS and the OGCIO;
- To work with the Ministry for Public Service in order to support organisational development change management and business solutions as where appropriate;
- To seek to push to the extent possible the boundaries to establish the GoS as e-Government;
- To be responsible for recruitment, development, motivation and retention of assigned management staff conforming to budgetary objectives and personnel policies;
- To develop, implement and maintain a capacity building plan for ICT human resources across the Gos;
- To develop and maintain the annual operating capital budget ICT across the GoS and OGCIO consistent with programmatic
  plans and established financial guidelines. To be responsible for monitoring ICT activities and costs as related to the overall
  utilization of resources required to meet programmatic operations requirements
- To develop and maintain corporate policies and standard aimed at minimizing costs related to the acquisition, implementation and operation of ICT systems;
- To maintain contacts with ICT suppliers and maintain knowledge of current technology, equipment, prices and terms of agreements to minimize the investment required need to establish service levels;
- To evaluate alternatives, perform appropriate cost benefit analysis and recommend solutions that minimise costs commensurate with acceptable risks;
- To develop when possible, GoS wide purchase or lease agreements for hardware, software, maintenance licenses and telecommunications services;
- To perform any other official duties as may be assigned by the immediate supervisor and /or Head of Department

### SALARY

The salary will be on Grade E5, E464 926 rising up to E523 278 per annum

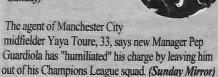
### APPLICATION FORMS

These are obtainable from the Executive Secretary, Civil Service Commission, P.O Box 158, Mbabane
Applications must be accompanied by the candidate's Curriculum Vitae and certified copies of Certificates of required qualifications. Civil Servants must have completed CSC Form C. Officers who do not possess the above qualifications should not apply as their applications will not be considered.

CLOSING DATE: 15th September, 2016



Manchester United striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic, 34, has spoken to Manager Jose Mourinho about taking his coaching badges next year. (Sun on Sunday)



Leicester City striker Jamie Vardy, 29, says it was an "easy" decision to reject an offer from Arsenal this summer, as both his "head and his heart" wanted to remain with the Premier League champions. (Guardian)

Real Madrid's players are close to mutiny with Gareth Bale over the 27-year-old Wales forward's request for an improved contract. (Sport - In Spanish)

Liverpool have made "special arrangements" for attacking midfielder Philippe Coutinho, 24, to return early from international duty with Brazil, in time for next weekend's Premier League match against Leicester.

(Liverpool Echo)



Everton's new majority shareholder Farhad Moshiri has questioned his club's failure to land major transfer targets this summer. (Sunday Mirror)

Manchester United Manager Mourinho has already made Atletico Madrid forward Antoine Griezmann, 25, his top transfer target for next summer. (Sunday Mirrar)

United midfielder Henrikh Mkhitaryan, 27, is a doubt for the Manchester derby next weekend after the Armenian FA confirmed he suffered a thigh injury which could take about 10 days to heal. (Sunday Express)

Czech Republic captain Marek Suchy says he did not deliberately injure Mkhitaryan in the challenge which sidelined him. (*Daily Express*)

Manchester City Manager Pep Guardiola's decision to allow Joe Hart to leave the club was influenced by the emergence of the club's 20-year-old keeper Angus Gunn. (Sunday Mirror)

Arsenal Manager Arsene
Wenger told midfielder
Jack Wilshere, 24, he
was playing for his
Gunners future before
his loan move to
Bournemouth. (Sun on
Sunday)



Stoke City Chairman Peter Coates is angry with penalty calls in Potters games this season, pointing to decisions during the games against Manchester City and Everton. (Stoke Sentinel)

Mario Balotelli's agent, Mino Raiola, is not happy with Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp's treatment of the 26-year-old striker, who joined Nice on deadline day. (Gazzetta dello Sport - in Italian)

## **FA STORIES**

# IT'S ALL SYSTEMS GO FOR WOMEN COACHING COURSE

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER – THE National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) phase II of the Women Coaching Course starts today.

The course, to be conducted by NFAS Technical Director Bhekisisa Mkhonta, will be held at Mphophoma Conference Centre in Malkerns until Friday.

NFAS Media Officer Muzi Radebe said the course was part of the association's efforts to develop women football. "Some of the topics to be covered include sports management, sports psychology, coaching methodology and



MENTOR: NFAS Technical Director Bhekisisa Mkhonta.

coaching practicals which are essential in the development of a competent football coach," he said.

Radebe said the target audience for this course were

coaches and teachers, who possessed the phase I coaching qualification.

"The main aim of the course is to consolidate the already established technical and tactical awareness of the coaches. This will ultimately benefit the sport as these participants are expected to implement the amassed coaching expertise to the women players in their respective schools around the country.

"The football association seeks to establish good strategies which will see the women's game maturing.

Collaborating with schools is one of the strategic realms, wherein the appropriate coaching methodologies can be imparted to benefit schools' women competitions, a situation that will ultimately produce elite players for the national team."

# U-17 squad starts Region V Games preparations

SOCCER - THE National Under-17 squad will tomorrow commence their preparations for the Region V Games to be held in December.

The training and camp starts

tomorrow and will run until Saturday. "The boys' team to represent the country during the regional development games set for Angola will go into a weeklong camp at the NFAS Technical Centre in Lobamba until Friday."

This phase of the camp will focus on local training matches while international preparatory matches will be considered for the period of October and November.

The establishment training, preparations and engagement of junior national teams is part of the long term strategic plan for the development of a competitive senior national team (Sihlangu)," said Radebe.

# American scholarship for athletics on the cards

By Sanele Jele

SPORTS - IN what will sound as good news to local athletes, the Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) is on the verge of clinching a deal with the American Embassy that will see them enrolling in one of the biggest universities in the United States of America.

This was highlighted by SNRSC Business Operations Manager Zama Tsabedze, during 'Athletes Commission Workshop' held at OlympAfrica Centre yesterday.

The workshop was facilitated by Swaziland Olympics and Commonwealth Games Association (SOCGA) CEO Muriel Hoffer with close to 50 athletes in attendance.

The athletes came from different sporting codes including boxing, handball, athletics, and taekwondo, just to mention but a few.

"This workshop is meant to enhance local talent and as SNSRC we are currently in talks with the American Embassy to secure scholarships. This will benefit our athletes as they will get a chance to study in best universities in the USA on their respective fields," said Tsabedze, much to a thunderous applause from the floor.

Meanwhile, the athletes were empowered on the importance of having a qualified coach, anti-doping, long term goals and the significance of enrolling in high performance centres. Athletes also had a chance to contribute during the question and answer session.

Bruce Gama, who doubles-up as a tennis player and coach said it was vital for SOCGA to see to it that athletes and coaches who got scholarship, come back and share their knowledge with peers.

"SOCGA should ensure that information gained from these sponsored courses is shared amongst the athletes. I also urge athletes to be open minded when it comes to learning new things because knowledge is power, especially when put into practical terms," said Gama.

# 'Swazi Bolt' shares his Olympic Games experience

By Sanele Jele

SPORTS - ATHLETES were inspired by the country's fastest man Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa when he shared his experience on the recent Olympic Games held in Brazil.

The sprinter said as an athlete one needed to be determined and always thrive to do better.

"It is so exciting when you participate in world champi-

onships like the Olympics Games; you get to learn from the best, share experiences and receive a lot of freebies, something you can't get if you are not determined enough to do great in your respective fields."

He received a E15 000 Samsung phone while in the Olympics.

"These are the fruits you get when you take your craft seriously," Matsenjwa said.

Meanwhile, Athletes Commission Vice-Chairman

William Kelly said their mandate was to ensure that athlete got to know their rights.

"We hope to host more seminars of this nature as we have seen that it is yielding the desired results. I was happy with our contribution. The main focus in today's (yesterday) workshop was to make athletes aware of the importance of having a coach, what they need to do to become the best, getting access to scholarships and all there is to know for them to



REFLECTS: Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa

perform to their best potential," said Kelly.

# Bad Boys, Madlenya settle for a dull draw

By Sabelo Majola

Bad Boys.....(1)2 Madlenya.....(0)2

SOCCER - RELEGATED
Premier League outfit Bad Boys
and Madlenya shared the spoils as
they played to a 2-2 stalemate at
Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

This was the first match of the National First Division grand opening in the triple header.

It was a beautiful display from both teams as they knocked the ball around and kept it on the ground more often. The teams were both cautious in their approach as they did not want to make mistakes.

Mphilo Ntshangase put Bad Boys ahead 20 minutes into the game when he connected a cross from the corner spot and his header beat Madlenya

goalkeeper Mphakatsi Mbhamali.

Madlenya pushed hard for an equaliser and it almost came through Bheki Shongwe, who found space in the box three minutes from the break but his shot was poorly

executed, going wide.

The match went to the breather with bad Boys leading 1-0.

The second half was almost a replica of the first stanza with the teams passing the ball around and relying on counter attacks.

Madlenya were allowed too much space in the

midfield and their transition to goal would now and again frustrate Bad Boys.

Madlenya equalised in the hour mark through Sanele Mdziniso, who scored from a bounced ball that was initially Sethu Ngcamphalala's shot. Madlenya relied more on counter attacks as Ngcamphalala went past two defenders before unleashing a shot that went past Bad Boys goalie, Samkeliso Dlamini. The teams con-

> tinued to come at each other but failed to get clear cut chances.

Bad Boys' Cedric Gulwa put his team ahead for the second time in the 78th minute in what could be termed as the best goal so far in the NFD. He let fly a stunner shortly

after crossing the centre line with the ball resting at the top corner of the net to make the score 2-1. It was Ngcamphalala though who salvaged a point for Madlenya after his header from a corner kick to complete his brace and make the final score 2-2.

# WE ARE ON THE RIGHT TRACK – 'CHAKA CHAKA'

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – AMBITIOUS Matsapha United coach Mathews 'Chaka Chaka' Mandlazi, says his team is on the right path towards success.

The Mozambican mentor said he was impressed with his players' performance during their National First Division league opener against Malanti Chiefs which ended on a goalless draw at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

"This was not a bad start for us since we have just assembled a new team and the players are still trying to understand each other. We will improve with time as we have the depth and quality in the team. We will continue working hard as we will be taking it one game at a time until the end. Credit should go to the boys for their splendid performance on the day," he said.

His Malanti Chiefs counterpart Benjamin Chilongo, commended his players as well for a great performance on the day.

He said the players showed courage and determination throughout the match.

"We played well since we have new players, who look promising and capable of achieving great things. We had a good first half but were a bit lost in the second half where we were complacent at times. We will continue working hard and prepare the upcoming matches," he said.

When asked to comment on the National First Division encounter between Malanti Chiefs and the newly-revamped Matsapha United, Under-20 coach Gcina 'Magiyane' Dlamini said the match was exciting.

"Both teams are in good shape but Malanti looked sharp going forward.

They still have that Premier League touch in their football while Matsapha United are still trying to click. Overall the game was balanced because when Matsapha are in possession they are dangerous. This shows that these two teams will be contesting for honours this season."

# King's Golf Cup unifies nations - King

Stories by Sibusiso Masilela

GOLF – HIS Majesty King Mswati III has observed that the annual King's Golf Cup tournament unified different nations of the world.

The King was speaking during the dinner of the 12th edition of the competition held at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre on Saturday night.

"We are very happy to be gathered here in the event that creates bonds and invaluable relations through sports. Such events bring together communities within the SADC region and beyond by bringing people from overseas countries that join the nation to enjoy the remarkable sport of golf," he said.

The King further said he noticed the growth of the tournament over the past 11 years since its inception.

"The tournament has grown from strength to strength which has led to the development of strong ties among the regional golfers. It is still my outmost wish to see the tournament becoming a continental tournament and further becoming a global event," the King said.

In his ending remarks, the King congratulated all the winners of the tournament and thanked the sponsors that contributed towards the success of the event.

"Congratulations are in order for the



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BAYETHE: His Majesty pictured with the winners from the different categories.



US TOO: Local golfer James Pennington who came second playing in the Amateur category receives his prize from the Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini who was joined by committee members Dan Zikalala, Minister Jabulani Mabuza and George Falkoma.

winners for displaying skills in the golf course. The golfers, who did not win should not to despair but prepare well for next year's edition. My sincere gratitude goes to the sponsors and everyone, who has made the event become a huge success which has also contributed towards the growth of tourism in the country," the King said.

The prize breakdown:
1st prize E55 475
2rd prize E40 250
3th prize E28 000
4th prize E22 050

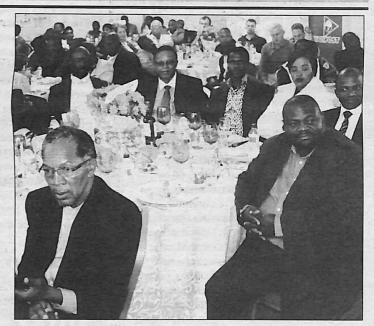
# Sponsors congratulate King on SADC Chairmanship

GOLF – KING'S Golf Cup sponsors have congratulated King Mswati III for assuming the chairmanship position in the Southern African Development Communities (SADC).

Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) Acting Managing Director Meshack Kunene, who was speaking on behalf of the sponsors, congratulated the King on his appointment.

Kunene said the King had been the pioneer of the development of sports and economy in the region over the years. "We would like to congratulate you Your Majesty for your new

position in the region and this is a result of your hard work. We further salute you for your efforts in transforming the golf tournament which has been a tremendous success over the past 11 years. We are confident it will become bigger and better in the upcoming years," he said.



ALL EARS: A section of the guests and golf union leadership following proceedings of the event.

# King gets E120 000 donation from organising committee

GOLF – THE King's Golf Cup organising committee presented His Majesty King Mswati III with a E120 000 donation which will be directed towards charity organisations.

Receiving the cheque on behalf of the head of state was the Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini, who thanked the King for his efforts towards the development of sports in the country.

"We are very much humbled and honoured by your efforts made towards improving the nation in all the sectors of the society including sports despite your responsibility in the country and the SADC region. Your commitment

towards developing both the region and the African continent has not gone unnoticed as the King's Golf Cup has become a spectacular event that has attracted local and international golfers," Dlamini said. He said golf was good for business.

"The event has promoted business links among the golfers which will go a long way towards the improvement of the tourism sector," Dlamini said.

The list of the beneficiaries:

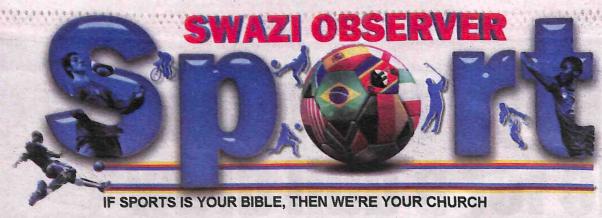
Swaziland Golf Union - E40
000

Hospice at Home - E40 000 Cheshire Homes - E40 000 (Consider Red Cross and World Vision) **AFCON 2017 QUALIFIERS** Yesterday 1-0 Swaziland Saturday Ivory Coast Sierra Leone Mozambique Senega Namibia Cape Verde Libya Tanzania Ghana Rwanda Angola Madagasc Cameroon Gambia

Ethiopia

Sudan

Friday South Africa



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net. Swaziland tried to make a

comeback in the second stanza

but the Malawian shot-stopper

by lanky attacker Felix 'Fela'

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rested midfielder Siboniso

The goalkeeper denied a header

Substitute Phiwa Dlamini, who

'Rocco' Malambe, suffered the

same fate with about five min-

utes remaining on the clock.

would have none of it.

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Monday September 5, 2016

# Malanti, Matsapha **United share spoils**

Sevchelle

Mauritania

Gabon

Mal mti Chiefs..... (0)0 Masapha United..... (0)0

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - THERE was no winner in the much anticipated MTN National First Division match between Malanti Chiefs and Matsapha United as the two teams played to a barren stalemate at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

The match, however, did live up to expectations as it attracted a sizeable crowd of 300 fans, who witnessed the gruelling encounter between these two teams that paraded star players in their respective camps.

However, referee Mandla Shongwe did not have the best day in the office after disallowing what seemed likes two genuine goals for both teams, something that raised eye brows with the spectators. The first half belonged to Malanti Chiefs, who had an upper hand over the much fancied opposition, who had hogged headlines throughout the off-season.

United coach 'Chaka Chaka' Mandlazi was forced to an early change, replacing his captain Jimmoh Moses, who limped off with a hamstring injury and was replaced by Futhie Gama.

Debutant striker Zweli Zulu first asked questions in the match in the 25th minute when his powerful shot was saved by United goalkeeper Khanyakezwe Shabalala.

'Bafana Bemboyi' dominated proceedings during this stanza as United struggled to find their rhythm. Ex-Green Mamba striker Welile Maseko thought he had made it 1-0 for Malanti Chiefs six minutes before the breather but his effort was ruled offside. The match went to the break with the teams locked at 0-0. Matsapha United came recharged in the second period as they forced the opposition goalkeeper Mpendulo Dlamini to make a number of brilliant saves, denying Msimisi Ncanywa inside the box with only nine minutes into this half. South African midfielder Vusimuzi Zungu, was unlucky not to register his name on the scorers chart just before the hour mark when his header hit the upright after founding some space inside the box. Tension continued mounting up as the two sides searched for the elusive goal but their efforts were in vain. Matsapha player Sidumo Shongwe's goal was also ruled offside by the referee in the 64th minute. Malanti Chiefs were then reduced to 10 men when defender Mpendulo 'Baiano' Kunene was sent off for indecent as the match ended in a 0-0 draw.

The teams:

Malanti - Mpendulo, Siyabonga, Sifiso Dlamini, Baiano, Djemba, Bhekisisa, Welile (Mbhedze), Lindokuhle, Gomez, Sicelo, Zweli

Matsapha - Khanyakwezwe, Sibonelo, Njabulo (Fabrice), Jimmoh (Futhie), Sifiso, Zungu, Menzi, Mthobisi, Wandile (Ayanda), Msimisi, Sidumo

as they lose 0-1 to the 'Flames' of Malawi at the Kamuzu Banda Stadium in Blantyre, Malawi yesterday.

By Qondile Ntiwane

Malawi..... (1)1 Swaziland..... (0)0

SOCCER - IT was a case of so near yet so far for the country's national team as their AFCON dream went up in smoke after losing 0-1 to the 'Flames' of Malawi yesterday.

Even though some dreams do come true, it was not the case for the nation's pride this time around as the team will not take part in the Gabon finals.

This was during the second leg of the last AFCON qualifiers clash played at the Kamuzu Stadium in Blantyre.

A win could have seen the national team finish on 11 points, a feat that could have kept their dream of their first ever qualification to the continental showpiece alive.

It was, however, not the case for the Harries 'Madze' Bulunga-led side as Malawi, who are languishing at the bottom of Group L Log, had other plans for this game.

The host team came hard on the local boys as soon as the referee blew the whistle, but it was Sihlangu that could have been first to open the score sheet just two minutes into the game. But AS Vita based star Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo, failed to make use of a golden opportunity

when he directed a face-toface shot straight to the hands of Malawi goal-

keeper GOLDEN BOY: Malawian striker Gerald-Phiri Jr scored the lone goal.

Charles Swini. Sihlangu were punished six minutes later as the 'Flames' scored what was to be their lone and winning goal of the match. This was through the troublesome Bidvest star Gerald Phiri, who fired what was said to

> be a stunner from a well taken place kick outside the box, past Sihlangu goalkeeper Nhlanhla Gwebu.

Malawi continued to be a nightmare for the nation's pride but was unfortunate as their

efforts proved futile

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Malawi - Swini, Mzava, Chagoma, Gabeya, Mlimbika, Banda, Ng'ambi, Phiri Jr, Kayira, Simkonda, Mhango

Swaziland - Gwebu, Mabila, Mkhweli, Palma, Malambe (Phiwa), Mdluli, Nhleko (Sikhali), Tsabedze, Mkhontfo (Zweli), Lukhele, Badenhorst

# We conceded too early

By Sanele Jele

SOCCER - SIHLANGU head coach Harries 'Madze' Bulunga said their major downfall was conceding an early goal.

He said the early goal saw the players panicking and in the process failed to stick to the

Bulunga was speaking shortly after Sihlangu lost 0-1 to the Flames' of Malawi at Kamuzi Stadium yesterday.

Gerald Phiri scored in the 7th minute in a match that was tightly contested.

'We conceded too early and that affected our confidence in the first half. We gained control of the match, especially in the second half, but unfortunately they defended well, and their

keeper was outstanding," said Bulunga.

The coach said he was happy with the players' fighting spirit.

"They tried to come back into the match but it was not to be as their keeper made a number of brilliant saves. It was a sad loss for the team."

National Under-20 head coach Gcina 'Magiyane'

Dlamini said despite the loss, the future was bright for the national team.

He said even though the loss was a bitter pill to swallow, the boys needed to accept the result and keep

their heads high. "We were expecting a win but this is football, it's quite tricky to predict the outcome. It is sad that we have been robbed the golden opportunity to play in the AFCON finals next year. However, we still have pride in our boys as they tried their best. We are on the right

track and just need to make some few changes here and

there." He said the squad needed to add new players so there would be continuity in the team.

"The team is playing well and in good shape but there is a need for young blood." Sihlangu suffered a huge setback as the team was on

in history. Had they won, they would have qualified as best second placed run-

**AFCON** for the first time ners-up.

TOO EARLY: Sihlangu head coach Harries 'Madze' Bulunga.

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