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## KING DANCES LITTLE INCWALA

His Majesty King Mswati III joined by Lacwebetelako as they dance to one of the Incwala songs during the ongoing Little Incwala. His Majesty danced with throngs of the regiment for the first day at Mpumalanga Royal Residence. This was day eight of the ceremony which gains momentum each day. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



## MOVIE-LIKE ORDEAL...

# MAN HIJACKS BUS, SHOOT, DEMANDS CASH, PHONES

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# LADY LAWYER DIVORCES, GETS BMW, ISUZU, FLATS

By Linda Jele  
Mbabane

**AN attorney has agreed to dissolve her marriage with a top accountant after it was agreed she will keep three properties and two motor vehicles, being properties attained during their union.**

Buhle Simelane was being divorced by her husband Musa Sabelo Mdluli for adultery.

The husband had initially wanted her to forfeit all the properties attained during their marriage entered into in 2002.

However, she had filed a counter claim

● Simelane is to keep all movables she had bought, including a couch set, E30 000 cash, two fridges and three beds that were kept at their Thembelihle house. She was given until January 31, 2017 to 'have vacated the house at Thembelihle and further sign all documentation granting ownership of the house to Mdluli

seeking an order dissolving her marriage with Mdluli because he had also committed adultery.

Simelane, however, decided not to challenge Mdluli's divorce application after they had agreed to enter into a settlement wherein they shared properties among themselves.

The matter was heard at the Mbabane Magistrate's Court where Simelane was represented by lawyer Sifiso Jele from Mabala Attorneys while lawyer Mandla Mdluli appeared on Musa's behalf.

The parties, who owned two town houses in Thembelihle and Dalriach townships and flats at Mpolonjeni,

Nkoyoyo as well as Mdzimba agreed these should be shared.

They also agreed that Simelane would keep a BMW and an Isuzu for herself while Mdluli also kept another BMW and an Isuzu motor vehicle.

## Agreed

It was agreed that Mdluli would keep the Thembelihle house and their marital home at Ngwazini, while Simelane would keep, for her own benefit, the flats at Mpolonjeni, Nkoyoyo and Mdzimba.

The house at Thembelihle, the parties agreed, would be kept for the benefit of their children and registered as a trust. Simelane would pay municipality rates while Mdluli would pay for its insurance.

The couple also agreed that Mdluli would keep all movables he had bought prior to and during the subsistence of the marriage. Meanwhile, Simelane is to also keep all mov-

ables she had bought, including a couch set, E30 000 cash, two fridges and three beds that were kept at their Thembelihle house.

She was given until January 31, 2017 to have vacated the house at Thembelihle and further sign all documentation granting ownership of the house to Mdluli.

## Custody

"It is further agreed that the defendant (Simelane) will have custody of the minor children subject to unlimited visitation rights being afforded to the plaintiff (Mdluli), in particular on weekends and during school vacations," read the agreement.

Mdluli, it was agreed, would pay E3 000 monthly for the maintenance of the children and pay school fees for them as well.

He would also contribute half for the clothing, medication and food.

## Mdladla the best, CEO tells probe team

Stories by Mbono Mdluli  
Ezulwini

**EZULWINI Town Council Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Vusumtiwendvodza Matsebula said engaging lawyer S'dumo Mdladla from SV Mdladla and Associates was good for the local authority.**

Matsebula was speaking on Monday before the Commission of Enquiry that is tasked with a job of looking into the cause of the impasse within Ezulwini Town Council.

Matsebula said Mdladla's law firm was charging them reasonable amounts of money.

He also stated that in terms of expertise, this law firm was one of those they could rely upon as and its lawyers were experienced in the legal corporate field.

Matsebula had been accused of flouting tendering procedure to engage Mdladla's law firm to continue giving legal services to the town. However, he refuted this.

He is said to have written a letter to Mdladla, with an intention to renew his contract with the Ezulwini Town Council. Mdladla's contract had expired in March this year.

Matsebula was accused of doing this without informing the Ezulwini councillors.

But the CEO disputed the allegations in front of the commission.

He said there were many law firms that had been roped in since 2009, when Mdladla was awarded a contract.

Some of the lawyers they engaged included Maduduza Zwane and Zonke Magagula. He said from 2013, they paid Mdladla a total amount of E342 642.83 in legal fees.

He also said it was not correct to say Mdladla was providing legal services to them for 15 years because as far as he knew, Mdladla was first engaged by the Council in 2009.

"The problem here is that all the legal fees were forked out by the Council were attributed



**THE BEST: Lawyer S'dumo Mdladla.**

to Mdladla yet there are many law firms that were engaged and paid.

"What is surprising is that even all the legal fees paid to all the firms we engaged do not add up to E1 million that had been alleged before this commission.

They only add up to E482 436.12," Matsebula said. The reason Matsebula decided to write to Mdladla was because the attorney was supposed to continue with the work he had started while he was still contracted to the Council.

He only wrote a letter to find out if he was still interested in finishing off the cases he had represented them in while the contract was still valid.

Matsebula said there was a time when the Council did not have a case in court during Mdladla's tenure as a legal advisor for the council.

He blamed the Council's financial committee Chairperson, Councillor Nokuthula Mthembu, for playing a role in the many cases that were pending in court.

He found it unfair to blame Mdladla for all the court cases pending against the Council because it was not him that was responsible for all these.

## ...CONFUSION OVER SENATOR'S INVOLVEMENT IN IMPASSE

**THERE is confusion over how Senator David Duma Dlamini was roped in for the conflict resolution exercise at Ezulwini Town Council.**

The ministry of housing and urban development, after realising there was a conflict in Ezulwini, had suggested that the CEO and the councillors should go for a team building exercise.

The reason for that was to ensure the CEO with his councillors worked in a peaceful and harmonious way for the development of the town. However, it was difficult to find a person that would facilitate the exercise for them.

The council Chairperson

Busi Bhembe met with Minister for Housing and Urban Development Phiyayinkhosi Mabuza to find the right person who could help them facilitate the team building exercise.

Mabuza is said to have identified Senator David Dlamini as the rightful person to facilitate such an exercise.

However, Dlamini could not facilitate the team building exercise, but allegedly offered a conflict resolution exercise. That happened around October this year, yet the suggestion came around May when the Council was having one of its statutory meetings.

When Bhembe called the

office of the CEO to inform him that Senator David Dlamini was the one to conduct the conflict resolution exercise, Matsebula rejected it.

The reason why he rejected such was that the rightful procedures had not been followed.

"The officials from the ministry of housing and urban development advised that it would be wrong to involve the minister in finding a person who would facilitate the conflict resolution exercise.

Ngambuta kutsi sewumtsetsephi lo Duma Dlamini (I asked where she got the mandate to rope in Duma Dlamini)," Matsebula said.



**MET: Ezulwini Council Chairperson Busi Bhembe, Minister of Housing, Urban Development Phiyayinkhosi Mabuza and Ezulwini Municipality CEO Vusumtiwendvodza Matsebula.**

## E150 000 Ezulwini project goes down the drain

**THE impasse at Ezulwini Town Council might be responsible for the loss of a E150 000 developmental project for Ezulwini.**

This was revealed on Monday during a hearing before a Commission of Enquiry that was tasked to look into the causes of the impasse at Ezulwini Town Council.

The commission was appointed by Minister for Housing and Urban Development Phiyayinkhosi Mabuza.

CEO Matsebula said the E150 000 would be gained once he took part in

the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) conference in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Matsebula said he was frustrated when he was supposed to go for that conference because it was taking forever for him to get approval from the Council.

## Conference

He said he was supposed to go on October 8 for the conference and Chairperson Busi Bhembe had known about this on October 2.

He said when he saw that the date

for him to go was drawing closer, he contacted American Embassy Public Affairs Manager Ruth Newman. Newman agreed to write an e-mail to Bhembe, asking her to release Matsebula for the conference.

The e-mail Newman wrote was to the effect that the conference would benefit Ezulwini. In the e-mail, Newman also said she had a feeling that the Ezulwini town would have other long term benefits.

Those benefits would outweigh the sacrifices of having the CEO leave

his work to attend the conference.

Matsebula said that e-mail was not responded to.

He then decided to contact the Principal Secretary in the Ministry, Clifford Mamba.

Mamba advised Matsebula to contact Minister Mabuza so that he could contact Mayor Busi Bhembe so that at the end, Matsebula could be released.

Matsebula called the minister and they finally agreed to let the CEO go. Matsebula said he got a call from Bhembe on the day he was supposed

to leave.

When he got the call, he was driving past Mafutseni, on his way to King Mswati III International Airport to catch a flight at 2pm.

He said he had gone to the airport with the belief that Bhembe would call her and let her go.

If he had not received the call, he would not have gone.

He then decided to abandon the E150 000 project in fear he would not get the support needed to implement the project.



## SFISO NCWANE UPDATES



## Ncwane's funeral service on Saturday

**JOHANNESBURG** - Gospel singer Sifiso Ncwane will be laid to rest in his home province, KwaZulu-Natal.

The family spokesperson, Sipho Makhabane, confirmed to TshisaLIVE that the funeral service will take place at 9am at the Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban this Saturday, December 10.

There will be two memorial services for the late gospel icon, one in Durban and one in Johannesburg.

The one in Durban will take place at the Ethekwini Community Church (ECC) on Thursday, December 8 at 11am.

The family has not yet confirmed the venue for the Johannesburg memorial service, however, it's set to be held on Friday, December 9. Ncwane died on Monday morning after being rushed to a Johannesburg hospital. Makhabane confirmed to TshisaLIVE that he had suffered from kidney failure. *SowetanLive*

## Condolences pour in for Sifiso Ncwane

## ■ SOUTH AFRICAN GOV

We send our condolences to the Ncwane family for the untimely passing on of award-winning Gospel music legend Sifiso Ncwane. #RIPsifisoNcwane. In a brief statement President Jacob Zuma said: "The passing of Mr Ncwane is a massive loss for the country. His music touched the hearts of millions of people. He was one of the best gospel artists that the country has ever produced, and he left us at such a young age. We are deeply saddened. May his soul rest in peace." The office of KwaZulu-Natal Premier Willie Mchunu also expressed condolences to Ncwane's family. "Hours after we received the news of the passing away of Ncwane, we are still in deep shock. The pain is immeasurable across the province and the country as a whole," Mchunu was quoted as saying in a statement. "Ncwane was a gifted musician who left an indelible mark in the country and represented this province with distinction both as a musician and as an ambassador for road safety campaigns. "Critically, Ncwane was a symbol of hope to many aspiring gospel singers, a genre which has grown in leaps and bounds in terms of popularity and inspiration in recent times."

## ■ BONANG B\* MATHEBA

Damn man. Life is so fragile... Rest In Peace Sifiso Ncwane. Prayers and condolences to his family and fans. Such a huge loss.

## ■ CANDICE MODISELLE @CANDIE\_EMZ

Death be not proud. Hearing about the passing of Sifiso Ncwane is truly a shock... Deepest condolences to his loved ones. #RIPsifisoNcwane

## ■ ZWAKELE MNCWANGO, THE LEADER OF THE DA

**IN KWAZULU-NATAL** - The DA wishes to convey its heartfelt condolences to the family of the award-winning gospel artist. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Ncwane family, his colleagues in the media industry and fans during this difficult time.

■ **MAPS MAPONYANE** - Difficult to believe this is true being so young, full of life and making an incredibly positive impact...

## We will always protect mommy - Sons

**JOHANNESBURG** - Sifiso Ncwane's young sons, Mawenza and Ngcweti, paid an emotional tribute to their late father in a series of Instagram posts.

Nothing could have prepared the boys and their family for the shock of their father's death on Monday. A death that shook the nation and led to a flood of tributes for the late gospel icon.

And while Sifiso's wife had been silent in the hours following his death, his sons took to social media on Monday evening and yesterday to pay heart-warming tributes to their father.

Posting a cute picture of his mother and father together, Mawenza

called his father his "hero" and promised to protect his mother.

"My hero daddy. We will always protect mommy for you," Mawenza wrote.

Ngcweti also posted a picture of his parents, alongside a touching final letter to his father.

"To my father, thank you for everything you have done for the whole family I know you didn't mean to leave us. I hope that you (rest in peace) and I promise I will follow in your footsteps. There will never be another loving father like you. Love you guys with all my life. Ngcweti." *TshisaLIVE*



**HAPPY FAMILY:** Sifiso Ncwane with his wife Ayanda and sons Mawenza and Ngcweti.

## 'The Sifiso I knew before 'Kulungile Baba'

**JOHANNESBURG** - "In 2003, I joined a band called New Edition, in Umlazi, south of Durban. By then, I had already been a piano player for a decade.

At the time, no one told me that the band had a partnership agreement with Sifiso Ncwane, who had already made hits that captured the nation, such as 'Makadunyiswe'.

After months playing with New Edition, on one Thursday, Sifiso arrived at the garage for a rehearsal.

He was a calm musician who was willing to work with anyone. I moved away from the keyboards as I wanted to learn as much from him as I could.

We sang one song he had written for the group, titled 'Lapho Kukhona Abahluphekile'. I was surprised that he could visit us in such a place. Our rehearsal venue was not your normal studio set-up. It was a garage. Our group was poor and we had not made a breakthrough in the industry. The garage had a nagging stinking smell from the five dogs that lived in it and guarded the house owner's car. That did not matter to Sifiso. He just loved the music we played together.

He was already famous by then, but that didn't mean anything to him either. When it came to music, he gave it his all, no matter who the audience was and how many people turned up.

One day, he brought us to a com-

munity hall in Adams on the South Coast. We were one of the curtain-raisers on the day. He did not have a backing vocalist, so he performed to music from a CD. And boy, did he give it his all.

Sifiso sang all his great hits to an audience that was made up of primary school kids, a few teenagers and grannies.

He jumped from the stage onto the floor and began dancing with the children — a moment they cherished. Most of the cellphones those days did not take pictures. So, for the children it was about touching and dancing with him, a gospel star they normally see on TV."

Ntombifuthi Mntambo, one of the lead vocalists in New Edition, knew him well.

"Our drummer in New Edition, Skhumbuzo Gumede, was his homeboy from Mthwalume. They met in town and Ncwane immediately told him he would come and see us. He came to our rehearsals and later we signed a deal for him to take us to Joburg to record an album. At the studio, he wrote us a great song titled 'Lapho Kukhona Abahluphekile', 'Thumela uMoya Wakho'," Mntambo explained.

She added that the group and Sifiso had their share of problems, something normal in the music industry, but the New Edition members remember him most for his passion for music. *TMG Digital*

## MAN (23) HIJACKS BUS

■ He shoots, demands cash, phones  
■ Most of us lied down while others screamed in shock. The driver stopped the bus and he with the bus conductor fought with the armed robber. The other two men the suspect boarded the bus with bolted out of the bus. Some of the passengers joined in the fight after seeing that the driver and conductor were winning the battle

## COVER STORY

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza  
Mbabane

**THERE** was a two-folded drama when a 23-year old man attempted to stage an armed robbery right inside a moving bus where he shot once to the roof of the public vehicle to scare his prey.

That's the first drama.

The second one played itself out when the bus driver and his conductor pulled over the bus and went for the armed young man who clearly was terrified at that moment.

They wrestled with the young man and disarmed him before tying him up and drove with him and the passengers to the bus rank. At the bus rank, *bafana bemdlazi* as conductors are known were set on the young robber. He was beaten to a pulp. According to traumatised eye witnesses, the man whose name is known to the publication but cannot be revealed before he appears before court, got into the bus like a normal passenger in the company of two other men.

They suspected nothing, really.

The bus was from Gundwini headed for Manzini.

As the bus approached Ngwane Park, the suspect pulled out a gun from a bag he was carrying, shot once to the roof of the bus and demanded that the passengers give



**CONFIRMED:** Chief PICO Khulani Mamba.

him money and surrender their cell phones.

"Most of us lied down while others screamed in shock. The driver stopped the bus and he with the bus conductor fought with the armed robber.

"The other two men the suspect boarded the bus with bolted out of the bus. Some of the passengers joined in the fight after seeing that the driver and conductor were winning the battle," said one passenger. The overpowered suspect was pressed to the ground while others used belts to tie him up.

"One of the conductors notified his friends at the bus rank that there is a loser 'litaki' they should help sort out," added the passengers.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Khulani Mamba confirmed the matter.

He said a charge of possessing a firearm was laid against the suspect. He further confirmed that when police arrived they found the suspect bleeding profusely.

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# LITTLE INCWALA DAY EIGHT



**BAYETHE:** His Majesty King Mswati III dancing with the regiment at Mpumalanga Royal Residence where he was dancing for the first time after moving from Ngabezweni Royal Residence. Her Majesty continues to dance at Ludzidzini Royal Residence. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



**SWAZI PRIDE:** Members of the Royal family joined by chiefs from the region among the many present on the day.



**LIBUTFO:** Lacwebetelako came in their numbers to dance with the King.



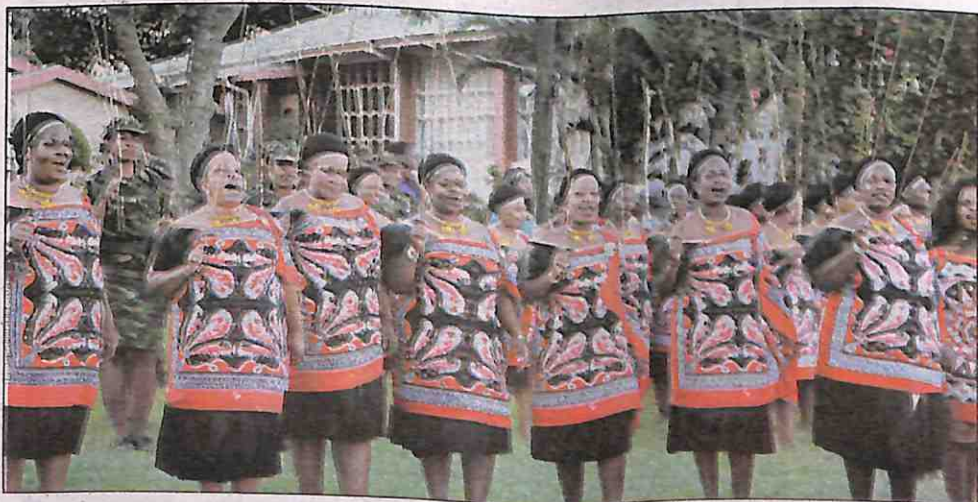
**CABINET:** Minister Princess Tsandzile and Princess Lindiwe also joined Lutsango.



**POSE:** Mondli Nxumalo, Polycarp Dlamini, Nhlanhla Dlamini, Sandile Nxumalo and Mandla Dlamini could not miss out.



**GETTING READY:** Ticelele and Bhubokazi getting ready for the day.



**UMBUTFO:** Lutsango from the Umbutfo Defence Force also came through to dance with the King.



**IN NUMBERS:** A section of the many who came through to be with the King.



# LITTLE INCWALA DAY EIGHT



**IN SONG:** Emakhosikati LaMbikiza, LaMagongo and LaMahlangu joined by one of the Royal family members in song and dance.



**SUPPORT:** Inkhosatana Sikhanyiso joined by Imbali from the Royal family.



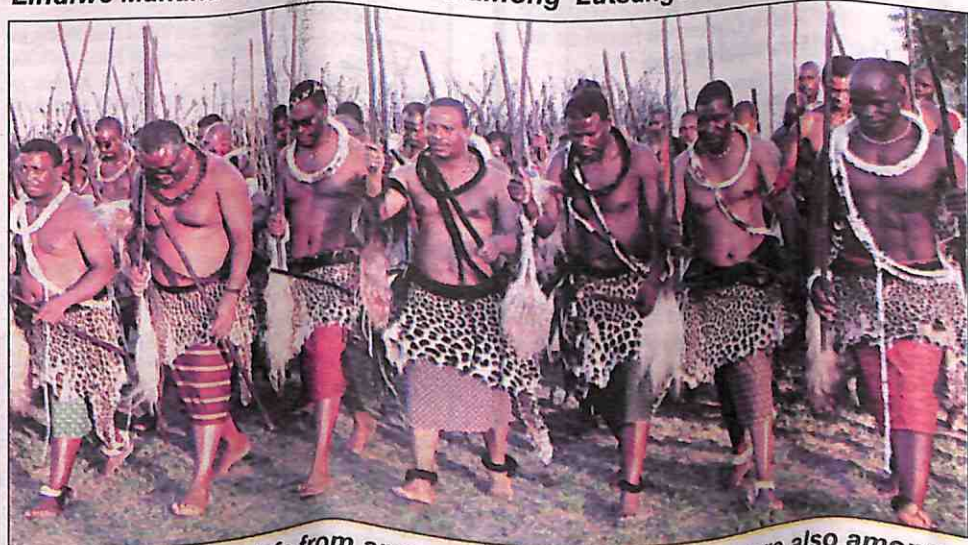
**ROYALTY:** Prince Majaha could not miss out as he was captured among members of the Inyatsi regiment.



**PRESENT:** Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini also joined the throngs who danced with the King on the day.



**DANCE:** Lubombo RA Sylvia Mthethwa, Minister Jabulile Mashwama and Lindiwe Manana were also pictured among Lutsango.



**ON THE MOVE:** Chiefs from around the Lubombo region were also among the many who came through to dance with the King.



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# Brothers assault, parade their own mother naked

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

IN one of the worst harassment cases against parents, two brothers have been hauled before court and accused of parading their biological mother stark naked after accusing her of unbecoming behaviour.

The brothers; Mbongeni Muntu Makhanya (28), who is a member of the Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF), and Ayanda (24) are said to have shamelessly assaulted

their mother, Lomcwasho Makhanya, while forcing her to confess having conducted herself in an inappropriate manner.

The allegations made by the two brothers cannot be repeated here due to their serious nature.

The harassment against the elderly woman is alleged to have torn the entire family apart, resulting to the abused woman and her husband seeking the court's intervention.

In a sworn statement, the parents of the two young men narrated that their lives were now in danger due to threats made by the respondents

(the two brothers).

A peace-binding application was yesterday presented before Principal Magistrate Dumsani Magagula, where Lomcwasho and her husband (Dumsani) were seeking a court order barring their sons from ever coming anywhere near their parental homestead again.

Details of the matter included that the elder son has been harassing his mother constantly, demanding she pays back an undisclosed amount of money which he had borrowed her some time ago.

Mbongeni is alleged to have at an

instance impounded a motor vehicle belonging to his parents and took it to his work place as a way of forcing his mother to pay back the money. He is also said to have further taken away keys and a blue book belonging to another motor vehicle as a way to make sure that his mother remained grounded.

## Assault

All this was done while their father was away at his work place. The assault and naked parade of their mother is reported to have also been undertaken while her husband was away. The woman and her husband therefore asked the court to prevent the two brothers from attaching any property or having any kind of communication with them hereafter.

Meanwhile, Mbongeni acknowledged before the court that he was actually 'reprimanding' his mother

from her unbecoming behaviour which was putting the image of the family in disrepute. He further acknowledged demanding a pay-back of his money from his mother.

Upon considering the merits of the matter, the principal magistrate first expressed his shock on the behaviour of the two brothers, saying it was unheard of.

Magagula stated that such behaviour was neither Swazi nor civil. He then issued five restricting orders against the two brothers. This included that Mbongeni must surrender back the motor vehicle which he took from his parents.

He is further barred from communicating with both his mother and father either in person or through a telephone call. Both respondents were further barred from going to their parental home with immediate effect.

## Tragedy as girl (5) downs at pre-school

Stories by Nozipho Sibiba  
Mbabane

A Larn Pre-School graduation ceremony turned sour after a little girl drowned during the proceedings of the event yesterday.

The incident happened around 1:30pm at the pre-school situated at Thembelihle in Mbabane. The five-year-old was found

unconscious in the school swimming pool while parents were busy with the proceedings of the school graduation.

Witnesses at the scene weren't sure how long she had been underwater but they suspected she stayed for long as paramedics and doctors, who were present, performed first aid on her for nearly 15 minutes. "However, the first aid did not help as she was too weak and

died on the spot," said a source.

She was transported to Mbabane Government Hospital, where she was certified dead.

## Search

It is alleged the little girl went swimming alone in the pool and the school authorities noted late that she was missing. "A search party began. After nearly a 15 minutes' search, it was discovered she was trapped by the pool side."

The witness said some of the parents attending the graduation were doctors and tried all they could to rescue the situation, but it was late.

## Contain

She said everything had to stop and owner of the pre-school, who is described as of Asian origin, couldn't contain herself as she broke down in front of the other children and parents.

"In this situation no one is to

be blamed since the teachers maybe were a bit lax as they believed their parents were around."

## Certified

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the matter yesterday. The child was certified dead upon arrival at hospital.



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## Grandmom told sad news over phone

THE guardian of the deceased little girl was informed of the sad news over the phone as she was absent during the graduation.

The grandmother of the minor was telephoned by the school authorities and was further asked to rush to the hospital as an accident had occurred and the minor was rushed there.

It is alleged there was no parent or guardian representing the minor during the gradua-

tion ceremony.

According to a source, when notified about the matter, the grandmother of the child thought it was a minor incident her daughter was involved in.

## Scene

"However, when she called the taxi-man who collects the girl on a daily basis, she learnt that the taxi-man was also at the scene. The voice of the taxi-man told everything as he was stammering while answer-

ing the phone."

He then rushed to pick the old woman to take her to hospital, and was shocked to learn that her granddaughter had already been certified dead. "The sickly woman also broke down in disbelief," said the source.

Information gathered by this publication is that the minor lived with her grandmother who works around the capital city.



## MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MANZINI

### BUDGET FINANCIAL ESTIMATES FOR 2017/2018

Notice is hereby given that the Council has passed the Budget or Financial Estimates for 2017/2018 Financial Year as stipulated in Section 91 (2) of the Urban Government Act. No. 8 of 1969.

The estimates are now open for inspection by the public free of charge, between 8: 00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. at the Municipal Council of Manzini.

LUNGILE P. DLAMINI  
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## LIQUOR NOTICE

It is hereby notified for general information that the Liquor Licensing Board will hold its sitting to hear the following applications at the Ministry of Justice Conference Room on the 27/12/2015 starting at 09.00am.

Region Manzini  
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situated at Mbandzeni street, Farm 1286  
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# MANZINI NEWS

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## FESTIVE CRAZE SO NEAR:

# HOW CLEAN ARE MANZINI PUBLIC TOILETS?

**CUSTOMARY**, the festive is a season of the year during which the kingdom's vibrant Hub gets an influx of visitors - be it for shopping, business or leisure.

Well, it goes without saying that during this time of the year, even facilities of public convenience such as the municipal public toilets usually become a hive of activity.

Question is; how clean and user-friendly are the Manzini municipal public toilets? Are they ready to absorb the thousands of visitors that Council expects this festive? Well, 12 per cent of the 52 000 people who were covered during the Municipal Council of Manzini-commissioned customer satisfaction survey, which was carried out late last year, were not so happy about the condition of these facilities. They felt that Council needed to pull-up her socks regarding the overall management and cleanliness of these precious facilities.

Just in case you are unaware dear reader, Council is responsible for two public toilets within the Manzini Main Bus Rank (one located near the buses loading/offloading zone and another within the bus rank shopping complex), one behind the President Centre shopping complex, another within the King Somhlolo Park (former Jubilee Park), another at the Manzini Market and another within the Satellite Bus Rank. The ones within the Manzini Market were actually fingered to be the most attention-requiring.

Manzini News took time to engage the Municipal Council regarding this issue and it was acknowledged that indeed the high user volumes made it uneasy to keep the toilets in a good state of cleanliness. However, Council was doing the best it could under the circumstances.

It was also gathered that Council had developed a comprehensive cleaning plan and specific officers were tasked with ensuring it was followed. As to whether or not this intervention is yielding the desired results, you, dear reader, can be the judge. Drop us an email on [pro@mzcitycouncil.sz](mailto:pro@mzcitycouncil.sz) or an SMS or WhatsApp on 7611 4191 and tell us whether or not the situation has improved following this intervention. It must be mentioned, however, that Council has also noted a number of unbecoming behaviour amongst users of these facilities; which make things



**MANZINI PUBLIC TOILETS:** The Municipal Council of Manzini will do its best to ensure clean public toilets.

even worse. These range from failure to close taps after usage of the sinks, resulting in an overflow of water, theft of mirrors, door locks, water pipes, taps, failure to use the flushing system after use of the toilet and - incredible as it may be - theft of even the entire cistern. This indecent behaviour is dragging Manzini miles away from vision 2022 and has to stop immediately. If you happen to spot such behaviour, please immediately alert the toilet attendant or the police. *Nawe uliphoyisa*. We all have a role to play towards ending this barbarous behaviour.

### STAKEHOLDERS SEE IMPROVEMENT IN PROCESSING OF HEALTH CERTIFICATES

The city-wide customer satisfaction survey, which was commissioned by the Municipal Council of Manzini late last year, has revealed a sense of satisfaction with regard the turnaround times in the processing of health certificates. A total of 21 per cent of the 52 000 people that were covered by the survey gave this service offering a thumbs up. Others noted, even though there was a certain level of improvement, Council needs to beef up its health inspection team in order to perfect the turnaround time. You will recall, dear reader, that one of the requirements for a trading licence is that the businessperson must acquire a health certificate from the Municipal Council of Manzini.

The certificate is confirmation that Council has inspected the premises in which the business is to be operated and is satisfied about its state of hygiene. Without this certification, it becomes impossible to have the trading licence granted by the min-

istry of commerce, industry and trade. In the past, the business sector had complained it was taking rather too long to get this certificate. Fortunately, Council has confirmed the reduction in the turnaround time. She told Manzini News that she had set a three-day turnaround time for processing of health certificate applications. Apparently, an efficient tool for tracking and expediting applications has been developed. Council is trying by all means to perfect this new system through addressing of all glitches. A marked improvement was also noted in routine inspection of food establishments. A total of 27 per cent survey respondents were of the view that the food grading programme that had recently been introduced in the municipality was yielding the desired magic.

However, some grey areas were noted in respect of shops operated by businesspeople of Asian origin; in particular the fact that some were used for dual purposes - business and residential. On enquiry, Manzini News was told that Council had indeed noted that some business establishments were used for residential and business purposes and stern action was taken against offenders.

### MAJORITY HAPPY WITH WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

A majority of respondents in a customer satisfaction survey commissioned by the Municipal Council of Manzini late last year have revealed they are smitten about the quality of service in relation to waste collection in the city. They apparently like the fact that even when refuse trucks are down, Council makes it a point that the refuse collection team works till late in the evening to ensure all waste is eventually collected. They,



however, urged Council to communicate in time whenever the trucks were down so they do not have to take the garbage out for collection as it ends up being messed up by stray dogs. Manzini News spoke to Council about this and was told the local government had adopted an SMS notification system as one of the means of communication with stakeholders. Residents, both property owners and tenants, who do not receive these notifications, were advised to furnish Council with their cellphone numbers so they can be included in the database.

### OTHER THORNY ISSUES: NOISY BARS, STRAY ANIMALS, BUSHY VACANT PLOTS

If results of the customer satisfaction survey are anything to go by; noisy beer halls, stray animals and overgrown vacant plots continue to be thorny issues within Manzini municipality. A total of 23 per cent respondents decried noise pollution that is caused by out-of-control beer halls, quad bikes and loud music from vehicles. At least 16 per cent lamented lack of effective measures to deal with stray cattle and dogs; citing Ngwane Park, Zakhele, Fairview, Extension 7 and Madonsa as the most troubled townships. They also lamented the presence of mentally challenged persons in the city. Ten percent lamented overgrown undeveloped plots as causing discomfort to neighbouring properties. Manzini News gathered that Council is working on an effective strategy of dealing with noise pollution in general, she has begun putting down stray dogs in partnership with the Royal Swaziland Police, a private security company has been engaged for removal of stray cattle and the

... Customer satisfaction survey reveals members of the public are not so happy

**KADOBHA PHANSI:** Due to the great interest in the Manzini flea market this festive, it will not be held on Louw Street this Saturday but at the Bend and Pick site in Manzini just below the Main Bus Rank.

### GREAT APPETITE FOR DECEMBER FLEA MARKET!

Hardly two days having opened registration for the December flea market, at least 130 interested traders have registered with the Municipal Council of Manzini. This marks an increase of 45 traders from what is usually witnessed at Louw Street, which is gradually assuming the name 'flea market street'. Noteworthy is that Louw Street, located between Nandos Bhunu Mall and SwaziBank wherein the Manzini flea market is usually held, can accommodate no more than 85 traders. As a result, Council has taken a decision to move the December flea market to a much bigger site just below the Main Bus Rank which is popularly known as *kadobha phansi*. The good thing about the *dobha phansi* site is that it can accommodate up to 400 traders; which means more people who are interested in selling during the flea market are still welcome to register. The registration fee is E50 for individual traders, E300 for small and medium enterprises and E500 for companies/corporates. Registration opened on Monday and closes this Friday. The flea market will be held this coming Saturday, beginning at 9am and runs until 5pm. If you are in the mood for shopping a wide range of reasonably priced items this festive, be advised to make the *dobha phansi* site one of your stops this Saturday.

You surely shall not regret the decision. See you there!..

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# NEPHEW KILLER CHALLENGES COURT'S 15-YEAR SENTENCE

Stories by Linda Jele  
Supreme Court

**HARDLY** a week after he was sentenced to 15 years for killing his nephew, a man has challenged High Court Judge Mzwandile Fakudze's judgment.

Elliot Mamba had been sentenced by the judge on November 28, 2016 for having killed Sidwell Methula on January 8, 2009. Mamba is not pleased with the judgment on conviction and the sentencing and has submitted 14 things he believes were committed irregularly by the trial judge.

The judge had convicted him to murder but found that there were factors that reduced Mamba's moral blameworthiness. This, the judge said, was because Mamba had been provoked and attacked by Methula first before he drew a Rambo knife and stabbed him.

Mamba is represented by Sifiso Jele from Mabila Attorneys. He said the High Court committed an error in law and in fact when it convicted him for murder when there was evidence to prove provocation and that he had been acting in self defence.

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**CHALLENGED:** High Court Judge Mzwandile Fakudze.

He has also submitted that the trial court misdirected itself by finding that there had been proof beyond reasonable doubt that the charge was murder yet the crown's evidence was contradictory. He submitted that the court itself, had acknowledged the contradictions of the crown's evidence in its judgment.

"The court a quo misdirected itself

in law in accepting the evidence of the third witness without having exercised due caution. She, being a minor at the time and whose presence at the scene was disputed by the crown's own evidence and whose evidence was not corroborated," Mamba said in his judgment.

He also argued that the young witness had stated that she was with Methula and a third person, but the

said third person was never called to lead evidence before court.

He further argued that it was an error of law for the High Court to find that he ought to have reasonably foreseen that his acts could lead to Methula's death yet the evidence did not align with such finding.

Mamba also said the High Court misdirected itself when handing down the sentence because it failed to take into account that he stabbed him in self defence after Methula had hurled insults at him and attacked him with a knobkerrie. He also said the High Court did not consider that he first fought with Methula and the latter had struck first. He said the court ought to have considered that had Methula not attacked him, he would not have stabbed him.

"The court a quo ought to have taken into consideration that the deceased himself was carrying a knobkerrie, which knobkerrie he was using during the fight. He said the court imposed a lengthy sentence yet it had found that there were no aggravating factors. He said, the least he should have been convicted for, was culpable homicide.

## Ngwenya Town Board sues Peterstow E76 000

**NGWENYA** Town Board is suing the liquidated Peterstow Aquapower for over E76 000 in respect of outstanding rates.

Peterstow Aquapower was liquidated about two years ago after failing to meet its financial obligations.

It operated at Ngwenya and manufactured industrial machinery for export.

The Ngwenya Town Board has instituted legal proceedings against the company seeking an order for payment of outstanding rates.

The company, has however, opposed the application.

It is yet to file papers detailing reasons for the opposition.

The town board has instructed Howe, Masuku, Nsibande Attorneys in the matter.

Petros Nxumalo, the town board's Treasurer, in an affidavit, has claimed that the company owed E76 916.42 in respect of rates, and interest accrued over a period of time in respect of remainder of portion 6 of farm 1209 at Ngwenya.

He claimed that the town board had complied with Section 32 (2) of the Rating Act in that it filed an application directing the company to pay outstanding rates.

He claimed the court judgment was issued in favour of the board.

However, he said the judgment was entered by a clerk of court. He applied that the company be ordered to pay the owed amount and by that order the town board would be able to execute it.

The matter had been filed as an urgent application, but after Peterstow Aquapower had filed a notice of intention to oppose, it was enrolled to take the normal court process.

The matter is pending before court.



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**TARGETED:** The Buy Cash Hardware store in Pigg's Peak that thugs broke into early yesterday morning and stole over E100 000 in cash and other items.

# THUGS BREAK INTO BUY CASH HARDWARE, STEAL E100 000

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**THUGS broke into Buy Cash Hardware store in Pigg's Peak and stole over E100 000 in cash and**

**other items in the early hours of yesterday morning.**

The store is situated directly opposite the Pigg's Peak Police Station and workers were seen camped outside the shop as police conducted their

work of investigating.

According to sources close to the matter, the break-in happened in the morning hours, right under the Pigg's Peak police noses.

A source who works at Buy Cash

said it remained a mystery how the thugs could break into the shop which is a stone's throw from the Pigg's Peak Police Station.

"I am totally baffled how the thugs could break into a shop just opposite

the police station. The details of the robbery are also inconclusive but we are yet to get the report because we just found the police inside the shop this morning," he said.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the break-in, saying the details of the robbery were still sketchy as they were investigating.

"Unfortunately, details of the robbery cannot be forwarded at the moment because investigations are still ongoing. All I can say is that the robbery did take place and over E100 000 in cash was stolen as well some other items," he said.

Manager of Buy Cash Hardware store in Pigg's Peak Ackel Lukhele confirmed the break-in, saying the police were still working on the case. "I will not give out any details of the break-in just yet as I was told by the Pigg's Peak police not to disturb their investigations, we just want everything to return to normal for now," he said.

Lukhele later stated that any details would be forwarded to the media once the company saw it fit to do so.

## Big Men Security suspends 5 guards

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**ABOUT five of 13 Pigg's Peak Big Men Security guards have been suspended and are currently awaiting their disciplinary hearings for allegedly reporting their grievances to the media.**

The security guards in question were tasked with securing the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital and complained, along with others that their employer, Big Men Security, had failed to pay the balance of their October wages and had not yet organised their November pay.

According to the security guards, who approached the Pigg's Peak Swazi Observer offices yesterday morning, after the article in which they aired their grievances, their administration called them all to the company's head offices in Mbabane to address them.

"After the article was published, our employer informed all 13 of us to go to our head offices in Mbabane, where we were paid our full November and October wages but were also handed suspension letters," said one of them.

The guards stated that the suspension letters were just nit-picking at minor issues; with the main reason being that the security personnel had reported their grievances to the media as seen in a photograph of the letter sent to the Swazi Observer Pigg's Peak office.

"The company is exacting vengeance on us for reporting our grievances to the newspaper. They are saying by doing so, we

**...for leaking information to the media**

brought the company's name into disrepute. We were surprised by this because all we said in that article was nothing but the truth. We had gone for almost two months without receiving any pay."

Managing Director (MD) of Big Men Security Sicelo Magagula did not answer his cellphone when the Swazi Observer Pigg's Peak office tried to reach him for a comment yesterday.

His secretary at the company's main office in Mbabane stated that Magagula was busy and all the other officers were out checking sites and had left their cellphones in the office.

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**Big Men Security guard uniforms at the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital.**

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**An extract of a suspension letter handed to five of the 13 Big Men Security guards who reported they had not received two months wages. The guards alleged that the real reason for the suspension was because they approached the media with their grievances.**



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# 'DVULADVULA' HIKES GOVT WAGE BILL BY E345 MILLION

Stories by Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**GOVERNMENT had to fork out an extra E345 986 576 to finance the civil servant salary review, which was effected on July 1.**

This has been revealed by the ministry of public service performance report for the second quarter 2016/2017.

The report states that in July, the ministry of public service wage bill escalated to E771 011 915 from E452 573 847 in June 2016, depicting an additional actual amount of a real E318 438 068 attributable to the implementation of the salary review.

The wage bill escalated by 24.1%.

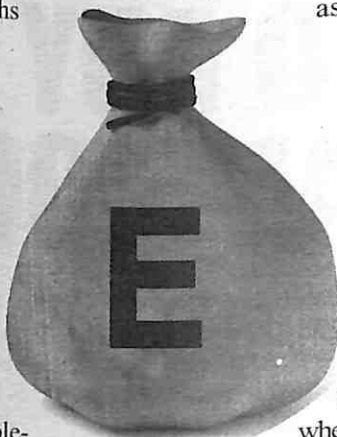
The net effect of the salary review between the financial year 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 and within the six months in scrutiny shows an amount of E550 757 579, resulting in a difference of over E1.1 billion if one could project the impact of the salary review on an annual basis.

The report further states that in August the wage bill declined by 16.3% to E522 644 973 while in September it had a slight increase of 16.7% to E534 383 757. A trend of just above 14% for the three months before the implementation of the salary review is noticeable. The report further states that the total allowances for the year from April to June 2016 is between E48 million and E70 million and glaringly shot up to E291 083 014 during the month of July 2016. "This is attributed to the salary review implementation as well as arrears on some of the allowances, which were paid during the same month. An amount of E243 046 725 shown on the variances table depicts how much the allowances increased in July 2016 when compared with the previous month. A drastical

decrease of about E224 014 658 on allowances during the month of August alludes to the fact that most of the allowances paid in the month of July were only arrears and not associated with the salary review implementation.

On the other hand, allowances that will increase with the adjusted salaries were manifest during the month of August and September 2016 whereby the table shows E67 068 356 and E53 955 329 respectively.

There are several allowances that are paid during the month of July 2016 and to name but a few are those of the ministry of health 10% stand-by allowances," states the report.



## Stand-by allowances hike wage bill

THE ministry of public service performance report for the second quarter 2016/2017 further states that several allowances which were paid in July hiked the wage bill.

It states that the ministry of health's 10% stand-by allowances are one of the factors that contributed to the hike in total allowances during the month of July 2016.

"During the financial year 2016/2017 the table shows zero 10% standby allowances paid during the month of April to June 2016 and an amount of E1 289 169 paid during the month of July 2016 and just E265 310 on August 2016. There is a sterling figure of about E37 million paid as 10% standby allowance during the financial year 2015/2016 and that a figure is as a result of doctors on-call allowances there," states the report.

The report also states that housing allowances were also one factor that contributed to the hiking of the allowances budget during the month of July to a certain extent.

"One should recall that the salary

review saw some positions assuming new higher grades altogether and those new grades attracted higher housing allowances as well. The housing allowance is stable at an average of E8 575 767 during the April, May and June but rose to E9 321 343 in July. This shows an increase of about E1.1 million in allowance which further aggravated to an increase of about E3.1 million during the month of August 2016," states the report.

### Allowance

The glaring increase in housing allowance in August is attributed to housing allowance arrears of E2 434 942 33 paid by the ministry of health to some of its officers during the same month of August 2016.

The police allowance also contributed to the July 2016 increase of a total allowances as it pumped in an increase in an amount of around E1.1 million when compared to all the months before the salary review implementation. "The amount escalated from E6 300 000 between April and June 2016 to E7 300 000 after the implementation of the salary review in

## KM III TRAVELLERS HIKE BY 3 000 IN 3 MONTHS

Stories by Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**KING Mswati III International Airport recorded a hike of 3 000 cross-border travellers in a space of three months.**

This is contained in the ministry of home affairs second quarter performance report for 2016/2017.

The ministry's first quarter performance report for 2016/2017 revealed that between April and June, there was a total of 13 855 cross border travellers at KM III, while in the second quarter 16 799 were recorded for the month of July to September, 2016.

In the second quarter, KM III recorded a total number of 8 310 arrivals between the month of July and September and a total number of 8 489 of departures. While on the first quarter, KM III had 6 717 arrivals between the month of April and June and recorded 7 138 of departures.

Meanwhile, during the same period, Matsapha Airport recorded 389 arrivals and 403 departures, which also indi-



**AIR TRANSPORTATION: King Mswati III International Airport.**

cated a hike of 393 when compared to the first quarter.

On the other hand, the country had 1.6 million cross-border travellers between July and September 2016 on land border posts.

South Africa had the highest number of cross border travellers, standing at 1 436 370 while Mozambique had 168

059.

The report revealed that most travellers travelled through the Ngwenya/Oshoek border, followed by Lavumisa. In the three months, Ngwenya recorded 285 768 arrivals, while Lavumisa had 96 149. The border post with the least visitors was Lundzi, which recorded 2 149.

## 94 DIVORCES REGISTERED

**A total of 94 divorces were registered between the month of July and September.**

All the divorces were registered at the Mbabane headquarters. In July 24, divorces were registered, 26 in August and 44 in September. Meanwhile, between July and September there were 1 261 marriages in all the country's regions. Of the total, 601 were civil marriages while 661 were Swazi Law and Custom marriages. "The marriage registrations are current, late certificate and certified copies," states the report.

## 15 500 TRAVEL DOCUMENTS ISSUED

**THE second quarter also saw 15 527 travel documents issued between the months of July and September.**

Of these figures, 41.8% of the travel documents were issued in Mbabane and 20.6% in Manzini. In the month of July, Mbabane issued 2 252 travel documents, in August 2 737 while in September the ministry issued 2 130 travel documents.

In Manzini, the month of July saw 1 119 travel documents issued, 1 470 in August and 933 in September.

The least issued travel documents were issued at Luvu and Lomahasha. In the three months, 46 travel documents were issued at Luvu while Lomahasha had 136.

The report further reveals that these numbers cover only issued travel documents not those printed.

"There are a lot of printed travel documents awaiting collection by applicants, and or bearers from the various service centres strategically located around the country," it states.

## Defence PS in bilateral talks with Moza

By Sabatha Dlamini  
Mbabane

**DESPITE limited financial resources at his disposal, veteran Principal Secretary Andreas Mathabela, continues to effectively execute the mandate of his office at the ministry of national defence and security.**

Mathabela, one of the most senior principal secretaries in the country, is reportedly providing much-needed executive directorship and common services to the Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF) with limited financial resources.

In the face of common threats to Swazi nationals and their Mozambican counterparts, Mathabela reportedly headed a security delegation for the inaugural session of the Mozambique-Swaziland Joint Permanent Commission on Defence and Security.

"The session provided both parties with an opportunity to enhance our bilateral cooperation and harmonise a mechanism for defence

and security sector interaction in the face of common threats to our nations and people," stated the ministry in its second quarter performance report.

Mathabela, himself a former security officer having served as King Sobhuza II's bodyguard, also attended the 18th meeting of the ministerial committee of the organ on politics, defence and security cooperation.

The main objective of this meeting was to review, amongst others, the new strategic indicative plan for the organ.

The plan was reportedly discussed as well as status of ratification and or accession to the protocols related to the organ on politics, defence and security cooperation, report on the implementation of summit decisions; reports on the political and security situation in the region, debate on matters relating to the consolidation of democracy in the region and issues pertaining to the development of SADC's capacity for mediation, conflict and prevention of diplomacy.



**SECURITY MATTERS: Defence Principal Secretary Andreas Mathabela.**





**LOUD AND CLEAR:** The marchers as they head to Mater Dolorosa High hall from Masakhane in Msunduzi before the brief prayer held at the school. (Courtesy pics)

# Drink-driving should be a criminal offence - MVA

By Mlondi Mpanza  
Mbabane

**THE** Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVA) Fund has called for a law that will see certain traffic offences being moved to the category of criminal offences amongst which is drinking and driving.

MVA Chief Executive Officer Helmon Vilakati said the structuring of a law that clarifies such as a criminal offence would help create a sense of responsibility on fun lovers to make informed decisions before getting behind the wheel when intoxicated.

At the present moment, driving under the influence of alcohol is categorised as a traffic offence and comes with less harsh sentences while criminal offences are a bit harsher.

The CEO was represented by MVA's Dumisa Dlamini on Saturday during a prayer hosted by the Hhohho Christian Police Association.

It was held at the Mater Dolorosa High School hall soon after a march from Masakhane.

"MVA wishes that lawmakers would come up with a law that would see drinking amongst other traffic offences being categorised under criminal



**MARCHING TIME:** Senior officials from the Royal Swaziland Police and Motor Vehicle Accidents Fund also joined in the march together with Mbabane East Member of Parliament, Esther Dlamini.

offences. We feel this would help lower the number of cases that are recorded because of irresponsible decisions by drivers," he said, before adding that such cases crippled the country's economy.

## Crime prevention

On the other hand, Senior Superintendent, Simon Mamba, who spoke on behalf of the National Commissioner Isaac Magagula, said in their crime prevention plan for this year's festive season, they had out-

lined two focal areas they would give their time to.

One of them was the deployment of large numbers of officers around the country to prevent any possible misdemeanours, whilst the other is having numerous routine roadblocks throughout the season.

Mamba said the reason Magagula had decided there should be more police deployed was because this played a major role in crime prevention in the sense that the mere

visibility prevented any would be wrongdoers from continuing with committing the crime in fear of being apprehended.

"This can be best derived from one officer's experiences when he had gone to England where he said police were everywhere and those who loitered around the streets without clear intentions were questioned on such to create a safe environment for the people," he said.

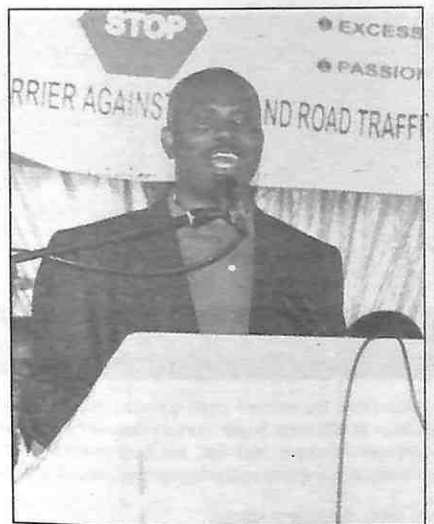
He said this was in no way means of infringing on the public's rights but it was efforts to create a safe environment for all during this busy period.

On the other hand, the representative of the commissioner said the reason it had been decided that there should be more road inspections was to ensure there was nothing illegal being transported by vehicles that could be used to rob the public since history had revealed such actions were rife around this time.

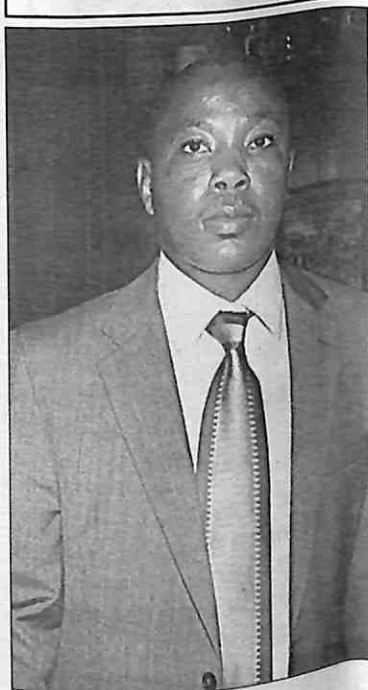
Mamba said by such they managed to prevent any crime once again as he emphasised that people should also stop drinking and driving because it puts the lives of innocent people at risk of being hit by the car, amongst the worst the could happen.



**AMEN:** Pastor Shodi Msibi sharing the Word of God.



**REP:** The national commissioner's representative, Senior Superintendent Simon Mamba, addressing the gathering.



By Sabatha Dlamini  
Mbabane

**THE** Teaching Service Commission (TSC) is all out to get rid of all criminal elements within the once noble profession.

In a drive to restore the image of the profession and improve productivity, the TSC is cracking the whip on wayward teachers, especially school principals. This year alone, 13 teachers

**ZERO TOLERANCE:** TSC Chairman Simanga Mamba.

were lined up to appear before the Simanga Mamba-led commission for various cases of misconduct.

A fully packed schedule of the TSC reflects it was business unusual for the commission, dismissing some teachers who were found to have committed serious offences while others were subjected to lengthy suspension periods without pay.

## Bite

Most of the wayward teachers who have already been made to bite the dust by the no-nonsense commission, are school principals who were found guilty of mismanagement of school funds.

The principals make the long list of the ill-disciplined teachers who appeared before the commission from as early as February this year.

## Forced

That forced the TSC for the better part of the first and second quarter of the government financial year, to be hard at work attending to disciplinary hearings involving the wayward teachers ranging from mismanagement of funds, absenteeism and inefficiency, violence at work and insubordination. Some of the cases are still pending while others have been decided upon by the commission. The offenders received varying penal-

ties depending on the severity of their cases. Some teachers got suspended for three months and after serving their suspensions, they were reinstated.

The most severe suspension meted against an offender has been a dismissal followed by an 18 month suspension period without pay.

The Education Act of 1982 as amended, Section 18 (1) states that if a teacher is charged with a criminal offence, a manager shall suspend such teacher from duty and shall refer the matter to the commission for its consideration. Most of these teachers are reportedly facing charges under the Education Act.

# TSC's zero tolerance on criminal activities in teaching



## COCA COLA TROLLEY DASH @ PIGGS PEAK



**AFTER SHOPPING:** Coca Cola trolley dasher Thokozani Dlamini of Ludzeludze with Swaziland Beverages, Boxer Supermarket employees, Donatus Zwane from SBIS and Thamsanqa 'KrTC' Sibandze. This was during the ongoing Coca Cola Summer Promotion at Boxer Supermarket in Peak's Peak on Saturday. Dlamini managed to pick items worth E4 390. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



**PUSH:** Trolley dasher Thokozani Dlamini of Ludzeludze frantically pushing his trolley as the time ticked by.

**SAY SOMETHING:** Zinhle Shabangu (c) with Swaziland Beverages' Yvonne Nyahoza, Mcolisi Dlamini and SBIS's Donatus 'Nkonotja' Zwane.



**CROWD:** Boxer Supermarket customers and staff cheering Dlamini.



**IT'S YOURS:** Lungelo Ndwandwe being presented with Coca Cola branded bag and other merchandise.



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## KWALUSENI



**YOUR NAME:** Donatus Zwane and Yvonne Nyahoza presenting a cap to Lindelwa during the Coca Cola Summer Promotion at Kwaluseni Supermarket on Friday.



**LOADED:** Sihle Dlamini of Mafutseni surrounded by the Coca Cola promoters after participating in the 60 seconds trolley dash. Dlamini took home groceries worth E4 160.



**RUN:** Dlamini in full sprint as he loaded his trolley in the one minute at Kwaluseni Supermarket.



# PATRON STABBED AT MSHAYAZAFE BAR IN CRITICAL CONDITION

By Observer Reporter  
Mbabane

A patron is fighting for his life at the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial (RFM) Hospital after he was stabbed with a 'Rambo' knife at Mshayazafe Bar last Saturday night.

It was a case of a drinking spree turning nasty.

Mshayazafe Bar is one of the popular drinking spots in Matsapha.

It is said two people were stabbed during a brawl between two groups who were enjoying their alcoholic beverages on the night.

Information gathered is that the fight ensued when one patron who was drinking with friends tried to mug another patron who happens to be a kombi driver. It is claimed the kombi driver fought back and the fight was joined by others and soon the place turned into a free for all as beer bottles were used and knives were drawn by the fighting patrons. It is alleged that Sibonelo Zwane who was trying to pickpocket the kombi driver drew a 'Rambo' knife and stabbed the victim all over the body and in the head.

However, during the skirmish the driver was able to overpower the would-be robber and stabbed him using his own knife.

According to witnesses, police and an

ambulance were called as some of the fighting parties lay on the ground powerless and bleeding.

It is said some of the wounded were taken to hospital where they were treated. One person Mbuso Nkambule who is a kombi driver has been arrested in connection with the incident.

Nkambule made his first court appearance on Monday before Manzini Senior Magistrate Sindisile Zwane.

## Assault

Nkambule who had stab wounds all over the body and face was accused of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

His bail was opposed as the complainant was in a critical condition in hospital. Nkambule tried to negotiate for bail stating that he committed the offence in self defence. The accused told the magistrate that he was being robbed by the complainant who took out a knife and stabbed him all over the body.

"Bekangibamba inkunzi ngatsatsa lomukhwa wakhe," narrated the accused

in vernacular.

Nkambule told the court that he fought back and stabbed the victim with his own knife. He added that he believed he should be admitted to bail since he has to get treatment for his wounds which are all over the body. The magistrate warned the accused that the law does not allow him to be admitted to bail because the complainant was in a critical condition in hospital.

## Victim

Magistrate Zwane told the accused that should it happen that the victim does not make it in hospital the accused would face a charge of murder which is why it should be ascertained first whether the complainant is recovering or not.

The accused was remanded back into police custody and told to appear at the Matsapha Circuit court on December 13.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Khulani Mamba confirmed that such a matter was reported and the accused has already made his court appearance. When probed about the condition of the stabbed victim Chief PICO stated that he was still in a critical condition in hospital.

...some of the wounded were taken to hospital where they were treated. One person Mbuso Nkambule who is a kombi driver has been arrested in connection with the incident.

## Man kidnapped, robbed at knife point in Quantum

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

FOUR people have been arrested for kidnapping a man by bungling him into a Toyota Quantum and driving off with him while threatening to stab him with a knife if he does not cooperate.

The incident is said to have happened at Ntontozi at Etinyangeni area last Saturday.

Information gathered is that the four, Majaha Shabangu (30) of Ludzeludze, Phiwokwakhe Simelane (24) of Mhlaleni, Samkeliso Mndzebele (28) of KaBhuda and Ncamiso Dlamini (30) of Mhlaleni were travelling in a Toyota Quantum registered NSD 442 BH when they kidnapped the victim Celumusa Mkhonta and drove around with him demanding money.

## Offences

The accused made their first court appearance before Manzini Senior Magistrate Sindisile Zwane and were accused of two counts of criminal offences.

In the first count they were accused of kidnapping in that they all acted jointly and with a common purpose took and car-

ried away Celumusa Mkhonta with a Toyota Quantum with the intention of depriving him his liberty while at Ntontozi area.

## Stole

On the second count, the accused were charged with robbery in that they threatened Mkhonta with a knife and stole from him money amounting to E138.

During their court appearance the accused told the magistrate that they will conduct their own defence. They were remanded back into police custody and told to appear before court on December 14, the prosecutor handling the case told the accused that bail is opposed.



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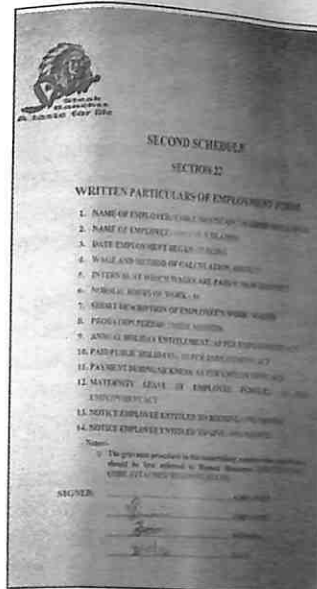


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## NORTHERN HHOHHO NEWS

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**Sizwe Dlamini**

**IN BLACK AND WHITE:**  
Xolani Dlamini's contract  
which stated he will be paid  
E700 salary.

# SPUR TRAINEE FIRED AFTER E368 SALARY

A 24-year-old Spur trainee claims to have been fired for enquiring about his E368 salary which was not what he was promised when engaged by the eatery.

The trainee, Xolani Dlamini from Sicunusa, said Spur Manager Musa Manana fired him after working for only a month and four days as a chipper. Dlamini further claimed he has still not received his salary after his dismissal, which occurred on November 27. According to the trainee's contract of employment form that was made available to this newspaper, Xolani N Dlamini was hired by Table Mountain T/A Sibebe Rock Spur in October 27, as a waiter. He had to go through three months of training and was to receive a monthly income of E700 as per the signed contractual agreement for trainee. Dlamini said when he arrived to his place of employment being Sibebe Rock Spur at Mbabane Plaza, he was informed by Manager Musa Manana that he would work as a chipper instead of a waiter. "I was informed I will not be a waiter, instead I will be frying chips and onion rings and that was the first breach of contract as I was hired as a



**CONTRADICTION STATEMENTS:** Both contract and payslip have contradicting information. Payslip refers to trainee as chipper whereas contract refers to him as waiter.

waiter according to my contract," he said. Dlamini said he did what he was told and worked as a chipper from his date of employment until November 27, when he received his payslip informing him he would be paid E401 for the

whole month and a further E32 would be deducted from his salary, leaving him only with E368 for the whole month of working as a chipper.

"I was shocked when I received my payslip that indicated deductions of

E12 for my graded tax and E20.65 as contribution at the Swazi National Provident Fund (SNPF). That left me with a net salary of only E368 after I had worked continuously for a whole month." Dlamini said he enquired from Manana as to why his salary had been cut and he responded that the company saw it fit to pay him that much. "I then stated that my contract stipulated I should be paid E700 as a trainee as I was hired as a waiter and had worked continuously for a whole month with my salary calculated hourly."

Dlamini said after reminding his manager about the contract, he was told to vacate the Spur premises and never come back as his services were no longer needed.

Meanwhile, Sibebe Rock Spur Human Resource Manager Anita Belcher said they had 300 employees under their administration and had no idea about the case involving Dlamini. "We have no idea about Dlamini's case as we have 300 employees under our administration and if he alleges he was dismissed, we as a company follow procedure that is stipulated within the Employment Act. We do not just dismiss people without following the correct procedure," the HR said.

Belcher said for further queries on what happened, the manager that allegedly dismissed Dlamini, Manana, should be contacted.

Manana when contacted stated he did not dismiss Dlamini as he had no legal reason to do so, but there was a breakdown in communication.

"Dlamini came to me to inquire about his payslip then I tried to explain the deductions to him and the fact that we as a company have a cut off date. I told him he will receive his full trainee salary at the end of December instead of November," Manana said. He stated that Dlamini did not understand the reasoning behind the deductions and was then instructed to go to the Spur main office to process his enquiry.

"I referred Dlamini to our head office located before Queensgate where I thought he would receive assistance. Unfortunately Dlamini has not returned to work and we are still waiting for him as we are currently short staffed."

## PPK Town Council introduces jumble sales

AS the festive draws nearer, the Pigg's Peak Town Council will stage jumble sales for the festive season, much to the elation of residents and hawkers of northern Hhohho.

Pigg's Peak Town Council CEO Mzwandile Ndzinisa said the decision to host the plethora of Jumble sales was undertaken after vigorous discussions with vendors who saw the festive season as a peak and opportune time to engage in the sales.

Ndzinisa said the initiative was part of the Pigg's Peak Town Council proposed economic development programmes and the festive season was chosen by representatives of the vendors. "We had a discussion with the representatives of the vendors who stated that the festive season will be an opportune time to host the jumble sales as a lot of people readily spend at such a time. This initiative will allow the vendors the opportunity to make much needed extra money for the holidays," he said. Ndzinisa said the sales would take place every weekend throughout the festive season in the most common of places such as the car park outside Dunns, opposite



**BARGAINS:** Images of last week's jumble sale outside the Dunn's car park in Pigg's Peak town centre. The festive season will see these sales happening every weekend. (Pics: Sizwe Dlamini)

Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC).

"The Council decided to use the car park because it is almost at the centre of the town, thus hawkers will be able to interact better with the buying public," the CEO added.

Ndzinisa said the jumble sales had been slated for December 9 to 10 and 16 to 17.

After that, it would be on December 22 to 24, and then 29 to 31. One representative of the vendors, Tholakele Masina, said they were elated by the

Council's jumble sales initiative for the festive month.

"We are very happy to have been allowed by the Pigg's Peak Town Council to host our jumble sales throughout the month of December. We hope customers will use us as this is our way of putting something on the table for our families. We further thank the Council for allowing us to have these jumble sales every month end. No doubt this has been a very productive year for us as vendors."

## CITIZENS BENEFIT AS RSP ENHANCES VISIBILITY

THE Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) Services has strengthened its visibility in Pigg's Peak in readiness for the festive season.

Deputy Police Information Communications Officer Phindile Vilakati said they had embarked on a public initiative of making themselves visible to act as a deterrent to potential criminal behaviour. "We want to protect the people always as they go about their holiday routines," she said. Vilakati said the exact num-

ber of police officer's brought in during this operation was classified for security reasons, but this year sees the highest number of police personnel deployed for the festive season. "This year we are lucky to have a very large number of graduates and new recruits joining our ranks. This year will be our largest festive season deployment in history and such should inspire confidence in the general public as we have a set number of police officers to patrol a designated area."



**SECURITY MATTERS:** This picture shows police officers on duty.



# GOVT EXPENDITURE STILL WORRIES TUCOSWA

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlango

**THE Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) is worried about government's expenditure pattern.**

TUCOSWA Secretary General Vincent Ncongwane said there were crucial matters that need to be put on the table for discussions by government, but they were not given a priority. He said instead taxpayers had been milked by useless committees some established through legal notices by the government.

The secretary general was addressing members of the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT), Nhlango branch during its annual day held at the Shiselweni Regional Education Offices (REO) conference hall.

During this event, the branch also recognised some of the teachers who had retired. This year's theme was: "Building a social conscience for our role as a teacher union."

Ncongwane was the guest speaker. He punched holes in the manner the country was governed and the poor management of the taxpayer's purse which is funding even expenditures that were benefiting no one other than the chosen few.

He came hard on the extravagant spending including the logic in the allocation of huge budget to the army as it was an entity that had nothing much to do other than only deployed to assist police.

However, when considering how it was catered for from the taxpayer's

purse, one would think the army was assisting some of the war torn states such as the DRC or South Sudan. He said delaying to put in place a task team to tackle the issue of tertiary education's scholarship might result to chaos by tertiary students just like it happened in South Africa. Ncongwane said there was need to interrogate the issues of funding certain entities like the army instead of considering students for their tertiary education. He said funding of entities such as the army with huge amounts was confusing.

"It's roughly E30 000 per year for the enrolment of each tertiary student and for 10 students it amounts to E300 000. There is need to look if there is logic in allocation for the astronomical amounts allocated to the army and to establish what exactly it is used for. We cannot be funding at such a huge cost an entity that fights no wars. They are not in the DRC, not in South Sudan nor are they in Aleppo which are known to be war torn countries," he said.

Ncongwane said there

were known programmes that government should fund instead of wasting money which was also not sufficient for the country.

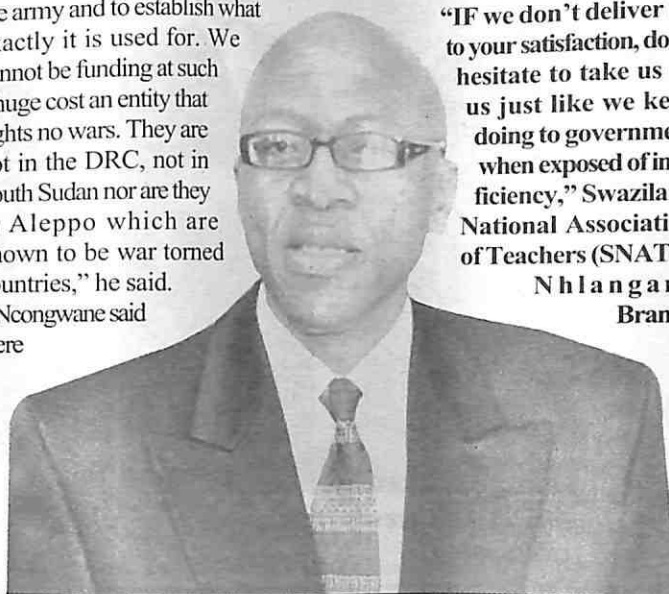
He said the elderly social grants could be improved if government was considerate and cut on the other costs which were unnecessary.

"We can no longer afford to hide our heads in the sand and hope that the concerns about affordability of tertiary education will fall away," said Ncongwane.

Ncongwane further raised concerns about the continued huge delegations that accompany the country's authorities.

## SNAT MUST BE ACCOUNTABLE

**"If we don't deliver up to your satisfaction, don't hesitate to take us on us just like we keep doing to government when exposed of inefficiency," Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT)'s Nhlango Branch**



**STRESSES A POINT: TUCOSWA Secretary General Vincent Ncongwane.**

## Branch recognises retirees

**RETIRED teachers who are members of the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT), Nhlango branch have been recognised and commended for their loyalty.**

This was during the branch's annual day held at the Regional Education Offices conference hall. About 15 retired teachers attended the event and each was presented with a blanket. Lucky Malaza, the branch's chairperson said as an executive, they found it proper to at least show appreciation for the contribution the retired teachers made to the organisation. He said the branch was short of better words to thank all of the retired teachers for their good work and also for retiring while still energetic. "We normally don't meet in this fashion where we bid our members farewell in a special way. Others get recognised by their respective schools and we have decided to show how much we value our retired members by inviting them to be part of this important day in the branch's calendar. These are men and women who all have made their mark in the profession. These are stalwarts who have tirelessly contributed to what this branch is today and also SNAT in general," said Malaza. On behalf of the retirees, Nomcebo Nkonyane thanked the branch for honouring them in such a special way. She said to them, what the branch did was similar to that of rewarding them for a job well done. "Sifola umchele wetu. Siyihambile lendlela sindzawonye kodwa nyalo sesiyishayile intsambo," said Nkonyane. Nkonyane said having served for years in the profession, some of them did not have a chance of being recognised even by the employer. "It is only SNAT that has found it proper to honour us. How grateful we are that we get such recognition. I retired almost three years ago and today I feel honoured by what the branch has done for me and my colleagues," said Nkonyane.

## TRANSPORTER FINED E2 000 FOR

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**A man who transports children attending preschool at Phophonyane has been fined E2 000 for driving whilst under the influence of alcohol.**

The Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court heard how 25-year-old Vusi Lambela from Phophonyane was arrested after he was found to be driving under the influence of alcohol.

The arrest happened in the early hours

of Sunday. Lambela told the court that he only drank two glasses of fruit punch while at a friend's home around Rocklands area before he was arrested by Pigg's Peak police who had set up a road block.

"I was driving in confidence knowing that I had only taken two glasses of a fruit punch the previous night," he said. Lambela said he was then shocked when the police informed him that he was being arrested after he failed the breathalyzer test.

"I was shocked when I was arrested because I only had two glasses of fruit

punch, I did not know that my blood alcohol level was at 1.39ml." Senior Pigg's Peak Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini said the reason fruit punch was so potent was because it was a mix of rums, spirits brandies and whiskies therefore the two glasses had a high alcohol content.

"Punches are very dangerous as they contain a mixture of different alcoholic drinks and potencies rendering them more potent than most beverages," Dlamini sentenced Lambela to 10 months in a correctional facility if he failed to pay the E2 000 fine.

**CONSERVE NATURE:**  
Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs  
**Christopher Gamedze (Pic Sifiso Nhlabatsi)**



## Hhukwini Constituency's 1 000 trees

By Sabatha Dlamini  
Mbabane

**IN a massive drive to change the country's landscape, Tourism Minister Christopher Gamedze would today plant 1 000 trees at Hhukwini Constituency.**

The constituency's member of parliament Saladin Magagula yesterday reported that the initiative by the tourism ministry would greatly transform the constituency environmentally. Major beneficiaries, Magagula said, would be two high schools and six primary schools under the constituency.

Magagula said they shall be hosting the minister during the national tree planting day and that he would be their guest speaker during an occasion they shall have after

planting the trees, most of which he said would be indigenous plants to help prevent soil erosion and also serve as windbreakers.

Magagula said the benefits to the community that would be brought about by the tree planting exercise were enormous. Magagula said where there were trees, national and family buildings were less likely to be affected by storms. On top of that, he said trees helped improve the ozone layer, which also came with various scientific benefits to humanity. The community members and at least 10 pupils from each school would be responsible for the planting of the trees, according to the legislator. Magagula said the trees would be provided to the community by the tourism ministry, under the leadership of the elected member of parliament from Mafutseni.

**THINK**  
**Don't Drink and Drive**



# 12 GRADUATE AT FAITH BIBLE INSTITUTE

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza  
Mbabane

FAITH Bible Institute saw 12 students graduate on Sunday at the Victory Celebration Embassy Church.

The church is under the leadership of Pastor Geoffrey Kyalo, who is also a founder and president of the institute. He named the graduates the class of power encounter.

"The class graduating today has successfully completed the first level, which is the

basic certificate stage," he said. The 12 graduates had to undergo five weeks of training and were also charged to utilise the knowledge of God's word acquired during the training.

"You have been empowered to be an answer to this generation as the world is waiting for their manifestation," he said.

The graduates received the words of wisdom from God's servant to conquer the world.

He further encouraged everyone who wishes to grow spiritually to register for the next class of 2017.



**WE MADE IT:** The leaders of the church Pastor Geoffrey and Jackie Kyalo posing with the graduates.



**CONGRATS:** The Faith Bible School graduates gesture as they take the oath before Pastor Geoffrey Kyalo of Victory Celebration Embassy church in Mbabane on Sunday. (Pics: Samukelisiwe Ginindza)



**ME TOO:** Dumsile Thwala also graduated.



**BEST OF THEM ALL:** Two of the three best performing students Irene and Khayaletu Simelane.



**FRIENDS:** The graduates Irene and Zweleka being congratulated by their friends Ntombi and Siphindile Dlamini.



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## MTN WOW RELOADED BUNDLES NOW LIVE

The much publicized MTN Wow Reloaded campaign is now live. Over the last 6 weeks the company has used all available channels to inform customers about the new packages and the additional volume of up to 40% on data.

As we enjoy more value for less on these new bundles, MTN would like to use this period to educate customers on how internet speeds affect cost, Mobile Apps and their and how they impacts on our data consumption among others. More importantly we have provided tips on how customers can save on their data usage as well as control their data spend.



As we went live from Thursday December 1, MTN would like to reiterate a few points;

- The current Wow Bundles will be replaced with the new Wow Reloaded Bundles.
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- There are four packages that have daily validity. All daily bundles will expire at mid-night the following day.
- Customers are not able to extend the validity of any package by purchasing a smaller bundle. This service will be stopped.
- Data Share is only available on the Standard bundles and not on the Wow reloaded bundles.
- A customer can continue to buy for someone". This is a feature/option on the \*686# menu.

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For example; if you received data share from a bundle that is valid till 21st of December, you shared data will also be valid until that date.

Data share on Standard will be per the purchased validity even from the 1st of December 2016.

What happens to my Post-paid account?

All Post-paid data bundles have been changed with much more volume. This has been changed on the current billing cycle from the 26th December 2016.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

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## ON THIS DAY

...DECEMBER 7

1993 - Six people were killed and 17 were injured when a gunman opened fire on a Long Island Rail Road commuter train.

1993 - Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary revealed that the US government had conducted more than 200 nuclear weapons tests in secret at its Nevada test site.

1993 - Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders suggested that the US government study the impact of drug legalisation.

1995 - A probe sent from the Galileo spacecraft entered into Jupiter's atmosphere. The probe sent back data to the mothership before it was presumably destroyed.

1996 - The space shuttle Columbia returned from the longest-ever shuttle flight of 17 days, 15 hours and 54 minutes.

1998 - The UN evacuated 14 peacekeepers that were trapped by fighting between army and rebel forces in central Angola.

1998 - US Attorney General Janet Reno declined to seek an independent counsel investigation of President Clinton over 1996 campaign financing.

1999 - A US federal grand jury indicted a former convict in the 1995 disappearance of atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair.

2002 - In Amsterdam, Netherlands, two Van Gogh paintings were stolen from the Van Gogh Museum. The two works were "View of the Sea at Scheveningen" and "Congregation Leaving the Reformed Church in Nuenen." On July 26, 2004, two men were convicted for the crime and were sentenced to at least four years in prison each.

2002 - In Mymensingh, Bangladesh, four movies theaters were bombed within 30 minutes of each other. At least 15 people were killed and over 200 were injured.

2003 - A 12-inch by 26-inch painting of a river landscape and sailing vessel by Martin Johnson Heade was sold at auction for \$1 million. The painting was found in the attic of a suburban Boston home where it had been stored for more than 60 years.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



John Terry (Soccer player) - December 7, 1980 (36 years old)



Shiri Appleby (TV actress) - December 7, 1978 (38 years old)



# CASTRO'S DEATH REVEALS OUR DIVIDED WORLD VIEWS

**JOHANNESBURG** - How South Africans reacted to the death of Cuban leader Fidel Castro can tell us a lot about each other's socialisation, world views and understanding of history and so help us understand each other's political instincts better.

The message is we are far apart, and that the divide runs largely along racial lines.

Most black politicians and commentators praised Castro the last week as one of the world's greatest modern leaders, almost on a par with Nelson Mandela.

Most white politicians and commentators focused on Castro the dictator, the bully communist that had impoverished his country through old-style socialism, an international adventurer who played liberator to other nations while oppressing his own people.

Please note: I'm saying "most," not "all".

What does this tell us about us as a people?

My first observation is that those who want to glorify Castro are prepared to ignore his dictatorial behaviour in Cuba itself because for more than four decades he had showed a fat middle finger to America and the West - and he was prepared to pay the price, or rather, he was prepared that his country pay the price for that defiance.

Castro is, in my view, correctly credited with helping force the South African apartheid regime's forces from Angola and speeding up the independence process in Namibia.

## Fighter

The Cuban forces' confrontation with the old SADF at Cuito Caunavale in 1987/1988 also undoubtedly contributed to a change in Pretoria's strategies and helped to force the regime to the negotiating table with the ANC.

That, and his solidarity with South American states in conflict with the US, established Castro's reputation as an unparalleled freedom fighter and champion of developing countries and the oppressed everywhere.

His fans paint him as a heroic David confronting an evil Goliath.

The mighty US tried its best, through a devastating blockade, countless assassination attempts and many dirty tricks, to force Cuba to toe the line, but Castro stood tall and defied them until the end.

What the Castro fan club doesn't want to talk about, is that he had banned opposition parties, didn't allow a free media or free speech and jailed many of his political opponents without trial and even had some of them killed.

In the eyes of his supporters, the fact that Cuba had the highest literacy rate in the world under Castro and free and quality health care for all counted a lot more than his serious human rights violations over a long period of time.

I made a television documentary on Cuba while Castro was still president. We tested these claims and found them to be correct.

We also found that most Cubans outside the small political elite were desperately poor.

The Castro government blamed this on the American blockade rather than the orthodox socialist policies.

What this tells me about South Africans who hero-worship Castro is that their anti-Western instincts are stronger than their pro-democratic instincts.

## Economy

This has long been true of the ANC - an anti-West, pro-East bias has been part of the ANC's DNA since the 1960s. This phenomenon also explains the ANC's sympathies with brutal dictators like Robert Mugabe and Muammar Ghaddafi. Both became famous for cocking a public snook at Washington and Europe.

This primordial distrust of the West probably has its roots in the history of slavery and colonialism, especially the European colonial conquest of Africa.

The Cold War years when the Soviet Bloc supported the independence struggles in Africa, including that of the ANC, while the West molly-coddled the apartheid regime must also be a contributing factor.

It is clear that most white South Africans (most, not all) see the US and the West as the gold standard for democracy and freedom and leaders like Castro as little more than brutal dictators. Most Western nations are predominantly white.

## Pride

Could this possibly be a factor? But there could be something else at play; something that struck me when I was working in Cuba: pride?

The people of Cuba - from the middle classes down to the poorest peasant - including even those very critical of Castro, were the proudest people I have ever come across.

Proud that the island nation never buckled under the pressure of the biggest superpower right across the sea from them; proud that it went its own way regardless of international isolation and economic ruin.

And that was mainly due to Fidel Castro.

Perhaps that is something black South Africans find very attractive. I certainly do.

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# SA'S LAND REFORM EFFORTS LACK FOCUS

**MZINGAYE Brilliant Xaba, Rhodes University and Monty J. Roodt, Rhodes University**  
South Africa's land reform programme, has suffered many failures and its beneficiaries have in many cases seen little or no improvements to their livelihoods.

Land reform remains a contested terrain or what land rights specialist Ruth Hall calls an "unresolved historical grievance". South Africa has a history of colonisation, racial domination and racially based land dispossession. Black people were forced off the land they owned and depended on for their livelihoods through numerous legislative policies and other coercive measures.

In 1994, South Africa's democratic government implemented land reform to rectify these past racial injustices, to correct skewed land ownership patterns and alleviate poverty.

## LEADERSHIP

The land restitution process is part of the broader land reform programme which includes redistribution and tenure reform.

There is a general agreement that land reform has been a failure and needs to be sped up. Research shows that between 70 to 90 per cent of the projects (including land restitution projects) have failed.

Unfortunately, the public, academics, politicians and other stakeholders have largely focused on the land acquisition or restitution phases of the process, to the exclusion of land reform implementation and what happens afterwards.

The chorus for land acquisition has drowned out the plea by land beneficiaries for state support.

We studied the issue by focusing on a land restitution project in Macleantown, a village near East London in the Eastern Cape. Our qualitative research found that people living in the village had not ben-

efited tangibly from having land returned to them as part of the restitution process.

## WHAT'S GONE WRONG

Some research has been done on the impact of land reform. Most researchers have concluded that it has contributed little to helping beneficiaries earn a livelihood from the land.

## REASONS

The reasons for this include inadequate post-settlement support, lack of skills, poor planning and infighting within communities.

Another contributing factor has been that post-restitution projects are designed in a way that favours capital intensive commercial farming unsuitable to the beneficiaries' circumstances. The Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies notes that: South African land reform beneficiaries have been victims of unworkable project designs, largely irrelevant to their livelihood possibilities, aspirations and abilities.

But the most common cause of failure is a lack of support for farmers once they become landowners. There are many examples of thriving agricultural entities becoming ghost farms after land reform. In some cases, farm infrastructure has been stolen and production has halted.

An important component of land reform is for the beneficiaries to become self-sufficient. It is thus necessary to understand what mechanisms need to be put in place to ensure that beneficiaries can generate adequate livelihoods after they've been given land by the government.

## THE MACLEANTOWN CASE STUDY

The benefits of land restitution appear to be more symbolic than material.

Our study showed that beneficiaries remain poor 17 years after being given their land back. Most are unable to generate a livelihood from agriculture and depend on state social grants for survival. Beneficiaries were able to rejoice at having their land back, but they have been unable to escape poverty.

This is particularly worrying since one of the main motives for pursuing land reform was to create self-sufficient farmers able to generate

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a decent livelihood from their land.

Our findings show that land beneficiaries have been virtually neglected by the government. They have a strong desire to

grow crops but lack the support needed to start ploughing.

One respondent said she could not farm because she did not have money to fence her yard or keep livestock. Farming would therefore be a waste of time as cattle would walk onto her land and eat her crops.

One emotional resident said: "We don't get the necessary support from the government man! We don't get it, at all, they are not interested in coming to support us and help to give us something... They should come here and make a workshop and call us together, those who are interested in farming and stuff like that, there would be a lot of people because I am not the only

one... They don't support us! They do give the land, and what's the reason of giving people land and then not helping them? Because we need a tractor, we need this and that, we need seeds."

Apart from an absence of support, resettled people face other problems.

Water taps can run dry for days. The absence of a health clinic means they have to use the little money they have to get services from elsewhere. The mobile clinic only comes twice a month.

The local school is too small to cater for all the pupils, forcing some to travel vast distances at huge cost. And then there are the land invaders, leading to fierce competition for grazing land.

## LOOKING AHEAD

The plight of the people of Macleantown highlights the need to revive the country's many failed land reform projects through post-settlement support strategies.

Giving people land and then depriving them of appropriate support to earn a living from the land is regressive. As much as land reform is justified, it is self-defeating for the government to dump people on land without sufficient or relevant support. The government needs to relook its policy of simply acquiring land for redistribution. It needs to take measures to make sure that redistributed land is used productively. If land reform is to continue in its current fashion, its prospects are doomed. It is the government's duty to see to it that they create self-sufficient farmers through the provision of post-settlement support.

**Mzingaye Brilliant Xaba, PhD candidate in Sociology, Rhodes University and Monty J. Roodt, Professor of Sociology specialising in development, Rhodes University.**

*The Conversation*

## Wit and Wisdom

● "You will have relatively less problems to solve, if you don't confuse problems with inconveniences."  
— Amit Kalantri

● "Not obedience or feelings or respect, there is only one thing which people take seriously at all time and its 'money'.  
— Amit Kalantri

● "If you have money but not love you will somehow manage, but if you don't have both then you are in serious trouble."  
— Amit Kalantri

● "Erudition is the crude residue of wilted harvests; wit: the maddlesome weed that wilts them."  
— Ashim Shanker

● "Money, Gun and Lie can solve almost all the problems."  
— Amit Kalantri

● "When someone gives you advice, just ask them to give it in writing and they will either keep mum or will run from there."  
— Amit Kalantri

● "If you've brains it's better than beauty - brains last, beauty doesn't."  
— L.M. Montgomery, *Emily of New Moon*

● "you ask too many questions," snapped Cletus. I kept my gaze on Roman. "that's because I get too few answers."  
— David Baldacci, *The Finisher*

● "The two keys to success as a sportswriter are: 1) A blind willingness to believe anything you're told by the coaches, flacks, hustlers and other 'official spokesmen' for the team-owners who provide the free booze ... and: 2) A Roget's Thesaurus, in order to avoid using the same verbs and adjectives twice in the same paragraph. Even a sports editor, for instance, might notice something wrong with a lead that said: 'The precision-jack-hammer attack of the Miami Dolphins stomped the balls off the Washington Redskins today by stomping and hammering with one precise jack-thrust after another up the middle, mixed with pinpoint-precision passes into the flat and numerous hammer-jack stomps around both ends....'  
— Hunter S. Thompson, *Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail '72*

● "Lingerer, my brain is on fire with impatience; and you tarry so long!"  
— Charlotte Brontë, *Jane Eyre*

● "Both were military. That was clear. Reacher could tell by their haircuts. No civilian barber would be as pragmatic or as brutal."  
— Lee Child, *Never Go Back*

● "A true leader leads for the sake of love and his knowledge of the path, a bad leader redirects his followers to the path of destruction."  
— Michael Bassey Johnson

● "I wouldn't be caught dead sacrificing myself for this country."  
— Sol Luckman, *Beginner's Luke*

● "Some things are so silly they have a certain brilliance to them. Other things, set as standards for brilliance and therefore exalted by many who don't know why, become tarnished because of it."  
— Criss Jami, *Killosophy*



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## VITALS

Prime Rate	10.5%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	8.2%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.5%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.00 per litre
Replacement	E11.05 per litre
Diesel	E10.95 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES



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CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	13.6363	13.6863
British Pound/SZL	17.4012	17.4650
Japanese Yen/SZL	8.3251	8.3542
Swiss France/SZL	13.5093	13.5534
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.2859	1.2934
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.1604	10.2031
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.2567	10.2912
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Moving Forward

# GOVERNMENT CONSUMES E500m FROM RESERVES

By Manqoba Makhubu

GOVERNMENT has utilised about E500 million from the country's gross official reserves to finance budgetary obligations during the preceding month.

According to the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) monthly statistical release, gross official reserves amounted to E7.7 billion at the end of November 2016, lower than the E8.2 billion recorded at the end of October 2016.

"Gross official reserves fell by 5.4 per cent in November 2016 having grown by 12.8 per cent in October 2016," CBS reported.

"The drawdown in reserves was on account of the payment of government's budgetary obligations over the month ended November 2016," the CBS further stated.

The higher reserve position recorded in October was attributed to the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) receipts inflows at the beginning of the month.

In terms of import cover, the CBS said the reserves amounted to 3.7 months of goods and services at the end of November 2016, lower than the cover of 3.9 months recorded at the end of October 2016.

This is measured against the internationally acceptable level of three months.

"When compared with November 2015, gross official reserves were 14.1 per cent lower," said the report.

### Statement

During his annual monetary policy statement address 2016 in June, Governor Majozi Sithole said there was an urgent need for the country to broaden its revenue base to avoid a reoccurrence of the 2010/11 financial crisis where the country drew down its reserves to ameliorate the crisis to levels just above two months of import cover.

He said as a result the bank had to assure markets and the business community that the peg was safe; hence government has indicated that during the 2016/17, the priority would be to maintain the reserve position

above the recommended three months of imports, "to shore up business and consumer confidence in the currency."

So far the country's reserves are still within the three months import cover.

But, the short to medium term prospects for the country's reserves remains challenging as the SACU revenue has been anticipated to fall substantially in the coming years. However, government spending has been increasing.

### Review

During his recent mid-year budget review statement for 2016/2017, Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini revised the budget deficit upwards from E6.5 to E7.7 billion, mounting pressure on government to raise more money to finance its swelling expenditure.

In the meantime, total revenue collected amounted to approximately E7.2 billion as of end of September 2016, which was 54 per cent of the annual target of E13.4 billion.

The minister said it was imperative

for government to consider cutting down expenditure to remain within the available resource envelope. He said this would avoid increasing the country's debt portfolio and also prevent accumulation of more commitments which might not be settled in the current fiscal year and would then have to be carried over into the coming fiscal year.

Meanwhile, the CBS reported that net government balances grew to E1.6 billion in October 2016, from E453.8 million in September 2016.

"The improvement in net government balances was reflected in a month-on-month growth in government's deposits held at the Central Bank which were boosted by the inflow of SACU receipts.

"The banking sector's claims on government fell by 2.3 per cent to close at E3.3 billion at the end of October 2016. When compared on an annual basis, net government balances with the banking sector contracted by 59.3 per cent," reads the report in part.



# HASSLE FOR AIRLINES: ONLY 2% SWAZIS USE COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS

By Linda Dlamini

WITH less than two per cent of the Swazi population using commercial flights for travel, the Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority (SWACAA) has a challenge in attracting consumers to embrace this mode of travel.

Director General Solomon Dube, speaking at the authority's supervisory development programme in aviation graduation ceremony held at the University of Swaziland (UNISWA) last week, said they were busy looking at ways to

promote air travel in the country.

"One initiative the authority is exploring is the possibility of providing air travel for local tourism travel," he said.

Dube said the initiative would give Swazis a chance to travel around the country in one day.

### Eye view

"The added benefit would see the country from a bird's eye view. Few Swazis have had that chance and the authority is at an advanced stage in being able to offer this regularly to Swazis," he said.

Previously, during the Swaziland international

Trade Fair (SITF) 2016 business seminars, SWACAA Director Air Transport Sifiso Mlisi said the local circumventing flight could also be offered to school children as an annual trip.

"We have often seen pupils undertaking school trips to places like Durban, Maputo and the like. This will help them to see the country from a totally different perspective, from above," he said.

Dube said it was important to introduce aviation to young children as it was this generation that could be groomed to embrace air travel as a mode of travel.

"What Swazis do not see is that aviation is a mode of travel just like taking a bus, taxi or private car. However, aviation is faster, which results in people getting to where they want quickly thus saving them time and money," he said.

### Globally

He said globally, air travel was the preferred mode of travel. Therefore, it would be advantageous for the country to take the same path and make air travel a priority.

Previously, Dube said the reason why the industry was not so busy was the fact that Swazis do not take air travel as affordable.

"If there were many Swazis who would use air transport to fill airplanes, you would find the costs of travelling would be cheaper," he said.

Dube said people wanted many aircrafts to fly to and from Swaziland yet a very small number of the population used them to travel.

"The problem is we do not look at the root cause of why there are few airplanes flying in and out of Swaziland. If we were to take flying as part of our culture, the problem will soon be gone," he said.

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# SD needs to create at least 250 000 jobs - World Bank

By Linda Dlamini

**THE country has a massive task to create at least 250 000 jobs in the long run, just to ensure the current employment rate remains the same.**

A study conducted by the World Bank said the country currently suffers from a double digit unemployment rate and government therefore, needs to put in place policies that would create employment, especially for the youth.

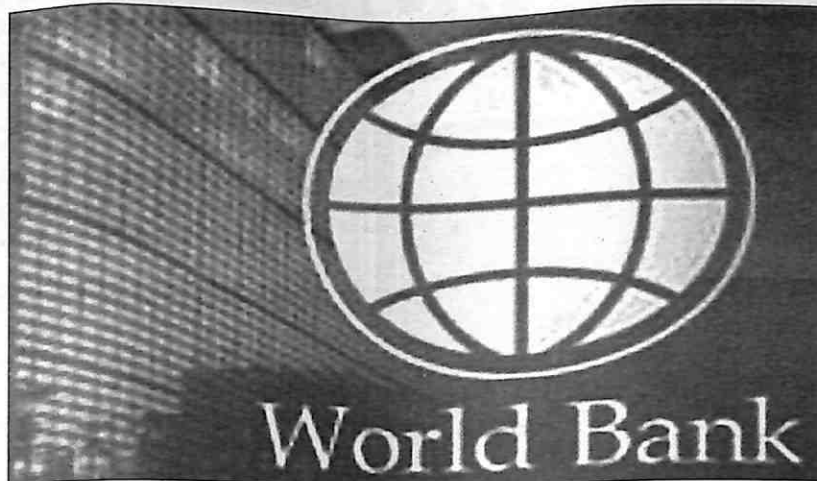
"Half of the youth in Swaziland looking for employment cannot find jobs," stated the World Bank report.

The World Bank in the report, released this month said between now and 2050, Swaziland will experience a 43 per cent rise in the absolute size of the working age population.

"Creating jobs for all these new entrants will require strong policy efforts and large investments," the bank reported.

Adding, the bank said the worse challenge would be the creation of good jobs, which would give the next generation productive, fairly paid working lives that would allow them to save and invest, and bring on the benefits of both the demographic dividend.

"Swaziland's GDP per capita would almost triple if all policies went into



effect at once that would encourage job creation," the bank said.

The report titled, 'Forever Young, Social Policies for a Changing Population in Southern Africa,' illustrates how today's social and economic policies could be shaped to reap benefits presented by the region's changing population leading to wealthier and more productive future generations, fostering economic growth and equity.

World Bank Group Country Director for Southern Africa Guangzhe Chen said "Southern Africa has a chance to break intergenerational poverty by promoting social services that invest in the potential of its people from a very young

age and by putting its highest number of people to work through harnessing its most valuable resource, having an increasing number of youth present in the next three decades."

"Our research shows that a growing, well-educated labour force that is supported by efficient services during all stages in life can set countries on an inclusive and sustained growth path during this window of demographic opportunity. But if policies fail to change, a poorly skilled and unemployed workforce will likely be left to perpetuate the vicious cycle of poverty and inequality," stated World Bank's Lucilla Bruni in the report.

## BUILDINGS WORTH OVER E91.1M APPROVED AT EZULWINI

By Manqoba Makhubu

**EZULWINI Town Board has approved building plans worth over E91.1 million between April and November 2016.**

According to the town board, it has approved over 30 building plans which included residential, industrial and commercial buildings.

"Although the municipality does not prescribe commencement dates for construction, all construction of approved buildings is expected to commence within 12 months from date of issue," said the town board.

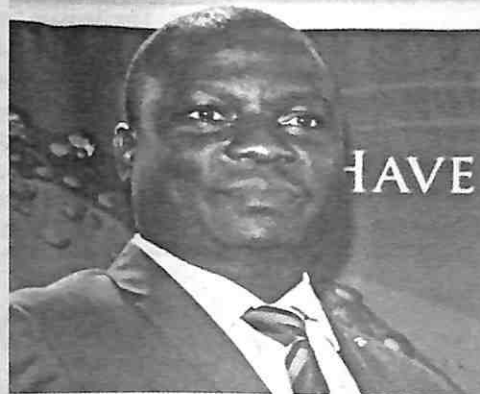
The peak financial value of approved buildings was recorded in October, where projects worth over E58.7 million were approved by the town board. The second highest approvals were recorded in August with seven residential and one commercial

building worth over E16.2 million. No buildings were approved in April and July.

The rest of the approvals were two residential buildings worth E1.3 million in May, nine residential properties worth E3.9 million in June and three residential buildings worth E6.3 million in September.

The town has invested in road infrastructure development to improve its ability to attract new investments while improving its asset value at the same time.

Recently, the Mbabane Municipal Council reported to have approved about 90 building plans worth over E144.3 million for the period between April 1 and September 30. Between April 1 and June 30, 95 building plans worth over E62.3 million were approved while the same number of building plans, but worth over E82 million were approved between July 1 and September 30.



**SYSTEM UP AND RUNNING:** Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade Acting Principal Secretary Albert Chibi.

## SRA TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE TARIFF QUOTA SYSTEM

By Manqoba Makhubu

**THE Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) has been tasked to ensure that the tariff quota system is effective under the Southern African Development Community (SADC) European Union (EU) Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA).**

The authority will further ensure that the country is ready to compile annual reports under the trade agreement.

Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade Acting Principal Secretary Albert Chibi, whose substantial position is director of the Investor Roadmap Unit (IRU) said these were part of the prerequisites to ensure maximum benefits from the EPA.

Chibi said government together with the SRA has already undertaken a number of stakeholder sensitisation workshops including government economists and the ministry of agriculture through assistance from the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO).

"The EU has been very instrumental in assisting government with capacity building through regional development and international funds.

"The Swazi economy is what it is today due to support from development partners like the EU. We hope the support that we have been getting all along will continue," he said.

He congratulated the SRA for working hard to improve the country's rankings in trading across borders.

"The country has continued to shine in 2016. It was ranked 30 out of 89 countries in the world. We are number one in Africa even in the latest rankings of the 2017 ease of doing business."

Chibi said in reaching the conclusion the World Bank looked at issues including complexity of compliance documents, clearance time and costs.

"The regional average cost in dollars is US\$950 and we are currently sitting at US\$135. Our maximum clearance time at the border is three hours against a regional average of about half a day or more," he said.

Chibi said although there were teething problems at first with the ASYCUDA system, it was now up and running.

The system was sponsored by EU, the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) Fund.



## MTN tops private sector in Top Brands survey

By Linda Dlamini

**MTN Swaziland has topped private sector firms in the inaugural Top Brands Swaziland 2016 Survey.**

Yati Marketing Principal Consultant Mfundu Mavimbela said the Top Brands Swaziland syndicated report was based on a survey of more than 1 000 individuals across the country and it provides credible insight that every marketing and business professional must have to supercharge their brands.

MTN Swaziland came in first in the general top of mind awareness category with 18.4 per cent, it was followed by the Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation (RSSC) with 8.3 per cent, and coming third was Coca Cola Swaziland with 6.6 per cent.

The top five was completed by Ubombo Sugar and the Swaziland Electricity Company with 4.3 per cent and 4.2 per

cent respectively.

Mavimbela said the report was the culmination of months behind the scenes preparation where the company set out to collect, analyse and interpret data from people within the four regions of the country.

"The data collected was focused primarily on those brands that are currently on top of the mind for most consumers," he said. The report has a number of categories which focus on different industries within the economy.

The report stated that with regards to banking, 29 per cent of consumers identify First National Bank as the leading brand followed by Standard Bank, SwaziBank, Nedbank and Swaziland Building Society.

"30 per cent of consumers identify Toyota as the leading car brand in the country. This is followed by BMW, Mercedes and VW," reads the report in part.

Given the intense heat these days the survey said Coca Cola is the leading beverage brand that consumers identify with.

"Other beverages mentioned in the study that consumers identify with are Fanta Orange, Sprite, Sibebe and Liqui Fruit," the survey said.

Mavimbela said Yati Marketing is due to release yet another product into the market called the Swaziland Media Audience Measurement Survey (SwaziMAMS).

"This particular product is a report that will assist companies and marketers ascertain what media channels are more appropriate for their audience or targeted market," he said.

Mavimbela said the Top Brands Swaziland 2016 survey report is available at the Yati Marketing offices in Mbabane to aid marketing individuals better understanding of consumer trends and preferences.



# SA TO IMPORT GM MAIZE FOR FIRST TIME FROM US

**JOHANNESBURG** - The government has approved imports of genetically modified maize from the US for the first time as the country seeks to bring in the grain after its worst drought since records began 104 years ago.

The country will allow the import of both white and yellow GM maize from the US, said Dirk Kok, a spokesperson for the secretariat of the Pretoria-based South African Cereals and Oilseeds and Trade Association, in an interview on Monday.

A call to the government's Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries outside of normal office hours was not answered. "The door is open to imports from the US" said Kok, whose organisation represents grain and oil seed traders.

South Africa has become a net importer of maize for the first time since 2008 after the drought slashed this year's harvest by about a quarter to 7.97 million tonnes, the smallest crop since 2006. That's pushed up prices on Johannesburg's South African Futures Exchange with white maize, used in South Africa to make the country's sta-



ple food of maize meal, surging 80% since the end of 2014 to R3 855 a metric tonnes.

Yellow maize, used for animal feed, has jumped 45% in the same period to R3 147 a ton. The decision "is critical," Wandile Sihlobo, the Head of Economic and Agribusiness intelligence at the Agricultural Business Chamber, said by phone from Pretoria. "We are going to see a more strong correlation between the yellow maize price and the US price. The reaction

of the South African farmers is going to be interesting."

By the end of April, South Africa may import 300 000 tonnes of GM white maize from the US and 500 000 tonnes of yellow maize, he said.

South Africa imported 555 241 tonnes of white maize between May 1 and November 25, or 65% of the imports forecast for the season ending April 30, according to the Agricultural Business Chamber. Almost all of that came from Mexico. *Fin24*

## FURTHER DROP IN GDP GROWTH

**CAPE TOWN** - South Africa's gross domestic product grew at a meagre 0.2% in the third quarter of 2016, Statistics South Africa announced yesterday.

The growth recorded was significantly lower than the previous quarter's 3.3% and 0.1 percentage point lower than the 0.3% recorded in the third quarter of 2015.

"The main contributors to growth were the mining and quarrying sector, finance, real estate and business services and general government services," Statistics SA Deputy Director General Joe de Beer said at a media briefing in Parliament.

The growth in the mining and quarrying sector, which expanded by 5.1%, was attributed to higher production in the mining of particularly iron ore.

Four industries - agriculture, forestry and fishing; manufacturing; electricity, gas and water; and trade, catering and accommodation - contracted. The agricultural, forestry and fisheries sector has been in decline for seven consecutive quarters.

"The contraction in the agricultural sector specifically could be attributed to the drought," De Beer said, "but indications are that the drought experienced in 2016 is less severe than in 2015." Expenditure on GDP grew by 0.5%. The increase was by and large as a result of expenditure in health services, which increased by 10%.

Government final consumption expenditure increased by 2.1%, with household consumption expanding by 2.6%.

Net exports in the third quarter contributed negatively to total expenditure on GDP, falling by 26.4%, mainly because of lower exports of precious metals and transport equipment.

Imports also decreased by 4.9%, mainly because of subdued imports of machinery and electrical equipment. *Fin24*

## M-Net: 30 years of entertaining SA

**JOHANNESBURG** - When asked how M-Net has remained so resilient over the past 30 years, CEO Yolisa Phahle explains one thing that M-Net has done very well is position itself as a channel of "firsts".

When M-Net launched in 1986, it was only the second pay-TV channel in the world at the time. Over the past 30 years, it brought South Africa its first soap opera, *Egoli*, launched the very successful Afrikaans channel *kykNET*, and Mzansi Bioskop is the first 100% local movie channel.

"This is a company of innovation and a company of firsts. For us it's really always about looking around both locally and globally to see what we can bring that will surprise and delight audiences."

The art of storytelling, which Phahle thinks is key to M-Net's success, is something she is passionate about and familiar with, having started her career as a musician.

"I loved music and realised quite early on in my life that music is a hugely powerful communication tool and the greatest songwriters of our time, whether it's Bob Dylan or John Lennon, have in many ways had a more impactful influence on the zeitgeist than politicians, teachers or parents. I was intrigued with how popular culture reflects the zeitgeist, and

secondarily how it can actually mobilise people in incredible ways."

This realisation led to her following her passion and becoming all consumed with how a story can be told through music. And this is perhaps one of the reasons she is the perfect fit for furthering M-Net's vision of bringing stories to South African audiences. So how did she go from being on stage to running the show?

"As a musician I was quite lucky



because I played for some very successful bands. We spent a lot of time at radio stations and in television stu-

dios getting interviewed. Then I became even more infatuated with the media and realised that media has a huge role to play. Back then (it's all changed now, of course), they really were the primary curators of what people could see and hear about."

Phahle has been with M-Net since 2005 and became CEO in 2015.

The million-dollar question is how companies like MultiChoice, and a channel like M-Net, are adapting to the changing media landscape.

"Today, everything has changed. When I was a child and you wanted to watch the news you had to do so on a television, and that was it. Today you can read or watch the news on your phone, tablet, or create news yourself." *Fin24*

## Rand stronger but rating agencies sound warnings in their reviews

**JOHANNESBURG** - The rand remained slightly stronger against the dollar, albeit off its best level, on Monday afternoon but was weaker against the pound and the euro, having earlier rallied on news that the three major rating agencies had resisted reducing the country's foreign ratings to subinvestment (junk) status.

At 3.29pm, the rand was at R13.8252 to the dollar from Friday's R13.8844. It was at R14.7899 to the euro from R14.7065 and R17.5885 to the pound from R17.5367.

The euro was at \$1.0698 from \$1.0631.

Rand Merchant Bank's John

Cairns said it seemed SA had been given some time to get its house in order. "To avoid an even more chaotic house, given that these results should see Minister Gordon retain his position, even if the rumoured cabinet reshuffle does occur."

### Focus

Europe would remain the global focus this week following the fallout from the failed Italian referendum, according to Cairns.

"Consensus expectations are for the European Central Bank to announce an extension of its quantitative easing money-printing/bond-buying programme for six months beyond the March end-date," he said. *iNet Bridge*

## OUTA wants 'rushed, defective' energy plan trashed

**CAPE TOWN** - Civil rights group OUTA has written to Energy Minister Tina Joemat-Pettersson requesting her to withdraw the draft Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), it announced yesterday.

The civil body fears that, after six years of no energy plan update, the upcoming nuclear new build procurement programme is linked to the rushed approach.

"While the Department of Energy (DoE) have given notice of the presentations to the public at various locations throughout the country on their web site, starting on 7th December 2016, they have not advertised these sessions widely enough and as such, we do not believe this consultative and public engagement process is being conducted meaningfully," OUTA said in a statement.

"The IRP is some six years late and now government appears to be rushing this process through without providing the public and civil society organisations with sufficient time to participate."

"OUTA believes the draft IRP has been reverse engineered to force nuclear into the energy mix and this in itself raises numerous questions about why the DoE is rushing this process."

OUTA's energy team, headed by energy expert Ted Blom, identified several flaws in the IRP documents and methodology, it said.

OUTA believes if the IRP is signed off, a "process to hastily introduce nuclear energy generation as promoted by Eskom and the beneficiaries of state capture will certainly follow". *Fin24*

## BERKSHIRE TO GET R400BN BOOST FROM TRUMP TAX PLAN

**NEW YORK** - Hillary Clinton supporter Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway could get a \$29bn (R399.32bn) boost to its book value under tax-rate cuts advocated by President-elect Donald Trump, according to Barclays.

"We would view this magnitude of increase as favourable for Berkshire shares since it is generally valued on price to book value," Barclays analysts led by Jay Gelb said in a note to investors on Monday.

Berkshire has jumped about eight per cent in New York trading since Trump won the November 8 election, helped by the increasing value of Buffett's holdings in bank stocks as interest rates climbed.

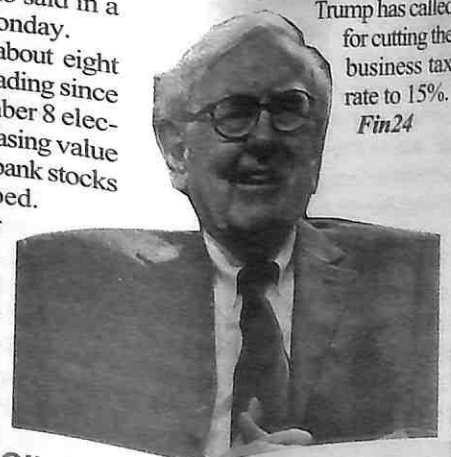
The prospect of lower taxes is also helping. Gelb's analysis covered a net deferred tax liability of about \$50.4 billion at the end of 2015, a figure that includes

potential costs if Buffett sells investments that gained in value.

The review doesn't take into account the DTLs at some energy operations, where benefits would be enjoyed by utility customers and not Berkshire shareholders.

The value of the liability is based on the current 35% tax rate and would fall by about \$22bn at a 20% corporate tax rate and drop by \$29bn at 15%, Gelb wrote.

Trump has called for cutting the business tax rate to 15%. *Fin24*



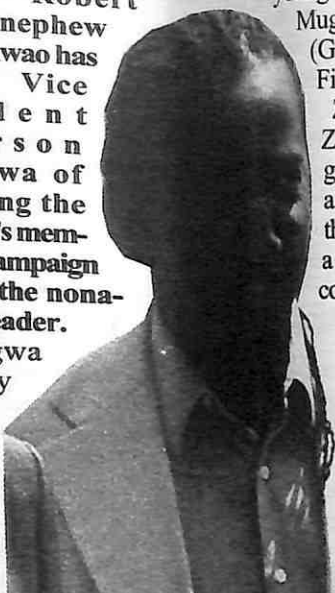
**BOOST:** Hillary Clinton supporter Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway could get a \$29bn (R399.32bn) boost to its book value under tax-rate cuts.



# Africa News

## 'MOST PEOPLE WILL BE 'WIPE OUT' IF VP MNANGAGWA BECOMES PRESIDENT'

**HARARE** - Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe's nephew Patrick Zhuwao has accused Vice President Emmerson Mnangagwa of intimidating the ruling party's members in his campaign to succeed the nonagenarian leader. Mnangagwa reportedly leads a faction within Zanu-PF called Team Lacoste



**WORRIED:** Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe's nephew Patrick Zhuwao.

while another camp made up of young Turks angling to succeed Mugabe called Generation 40 (G40) is reportedly led by First Lady Grace Mugabe. Zhuwao, who is Zimbabwe's youth and indigenisation minister and aligned to G40, claimed that Mnangagwa was using a group of veterans of the country's liberation war disgruntled with Mugabe's leadership style and long rule to

force party members to support his presidential bid.

A group of former freedom fighters led by former war veterans minister Christopher Mutsaers were recently arraigned before a Harare magistrate after they released a damning communique in which they declared that they would not campaign for Mugabe in the 2018 presidential elections.

### Ruled

They argued that the candidature of the Zimbabwean strongman - who has ruled Zimbabwe since independence from Britain in 1980 - was a hard-sale to the country's electorate that is facing grinding poverty.

"They (war veterans) said that he (Mnangagwa) must succeed the president and if he does not, there will be blood on the floor," Zhuwao told the local weekly Standard

newspaper. "That alone is a blow to the vice president and as a Zanu PF member, I must not be intimidated to support the VP, but must be allowed to do it freely."

### Worried

Zhuwao said he was worried that the lives of Zimbabweans would be at risk if Mnangagwa was to become president of the southern African country. With a leader such as Mnangagwa, Zhuwao said he feared that most people in the country would be "wiped out".

"So when you threaten me, I will definitely look at at his (Mnangagwa's) envisaged government that if people oppose him he would kill them, and that to me is damaging.

People must be allowed to make choices without being intimidated with death or war, like what the so-called supporters of VP Mnangagwa are doing," AFP

## Nigeria's Soyinka hits back at 'imbeciles' in green card row

**LAGOS** - Nobel prize-winning author Wole Soyinka hit back on Monday at critics from his native Nigeria, denouncing the "slugs, barbarians and imbeciles" who derided him for tearing up his US residency card after Donald Trump's election win.

"I don't want people we fought for to have the freedom of expression to use it for stupid comments", Woyinka told journalists in Lagos.

Soyinka, who regularly teaches at top US universities, made good on a pledge to bin his green card in the event of a Trump victory, in protest at the Republican's anti-immigration stance.

### Reported

But after the news was reported last Friday, Nigerians fired up their Twitter feeds, simultaneously blaming the playwright and poet for his distance from his fellow countrymen, and demanding proof that he actually went through with it.

"I beg did you see him throw it away?" asked one Twitter writer, while another claimed: "(I won't believe it) 'til no video and no photo..."

"Why didn't he give it to me!" said yet another. Many commentators accused Soyinka of being disconnected from the plight of Nigeria's 180 million citizens, many of whom dream of the comforts of US life with its educational and economic opportunities, reliable electricity and freedoms.

Soyinka, one of Africa's most famous writers and rights activists, was jailed in 1967 for 22 months during Nigeria's civil war, or Biafra war. He won the Nobel prize in 1986. AFP

## UN mission in the DRC braces for clashes

**NEW YORK** - The United Nations mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo is bracing for violence ahead of the official end of President Joseph Kabila's term on December 20, amid moves to extend the leader's mandate.

In an address to the Security Council, which was holding talks on the country after at least 31 people died in weekend clashes, UN Special Representative to DR Congo Maman Sambo Sidikou spoke of a "sense of apprehension".

"Drawing lessons from the violent events of the 19th and 20th of September 2016, Monusco has further updated its contingency plans and is further adjusting its posture and deployment

to mitigate politically driven violence and to protect civilians," he said, referring to the UN mission.

In Kinshasa, Goma and Lubumbashi, Monusco (UN Organisation Stabilisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo) has deployed teams to track "human rights violations and restrictions of political space", the envoy said.

"These teams are designed to deploy into areas without a permanent Monusco presence but which are deemed at high risk of politically driven violence."

The question of Kabila's succession has triggered a renewed political crisis in the DRC, a vast resource-rich nation riven for decades by rival power struggles.

The Security Council was due to adopt a unanimous declaration initiated by France demanding that the country's political actors reach a "broad consensus towards free, fair, credible, inclusive, transparent, peaceful and timely presidential and legislative elections leading to a peaceful transfer of power".

Kabila, who has been elected to two presidential terms, is barred from serving again but has never said he plans to step aside. Last month, he cut a power-sharing deal, appointing fringe opposition politician Samy Badibanga as prime minister in a move that effectively extends his term to at least late next year. News24

## No visas from fake embassy used to enter US

**ACCRA** - The US State Department has reportedly said that no one entered the United States on visas issued by a fake US embassy that operated for a decade in Accra, Ghana.

According to Voice of America, the state department said that those who paid thousands of dollars for the documents were "conned" "They were duped, they were conned," the State Department's deputy spokesperson, Mark Toner was quoted as saying. Reports said that authorities in the western African country had busted a fake US consulate in Accra. The fake embassy was run by a criminal network that for a decade issued illegal-

ly obtained authentic visas.

The ring issued fraudulently obtained but legitimate US visas and false identification documents, including birth certificates at a cost of \$6 000 each.

The building from which the ring operated, flew the American flag and inside hung a photo of President Barack Obama.

"It was not operated by the United States government, but by figures from both Ghanaian and Turkish organised crime rings and a Ghanaian attorney practicing immigration law, the state department said in a statement.

At least three people had since been arrested in connection with the crime, ABC report said. News24



**NO FAKE VISAS:** Ghana President John Dramani Mahama.

## BRIEFS

### Opposition leaders freed on bail

**BANJUL** - Gambian opposition leader Ousainou Darboe, who had been jailed for taking part in a protest, was freed on bail with 18 others on Monday, days after a shock opposition election win. The head of his defence team said the group's bail was a sign of The Gambia's new democratic maturity following its first transfer of power by the ballot box last week. Judges handed down the much-awaited ruling three days after an opposition coalition took a surprise victory in a presidential election that will see businessman Adama Barrow take over from President Yahya Jammeh after 22 years in office. AFP

### Forces say killed three in attack

**BOSASSO** - Soldiers allied to the Western-backed Somali government killed three fighters loyal to the Islamic State in northern Somalia on Monday as they pressed ahead toward the insurgents' main stronghold, officials said. The troops, alongside militia fighters, launched an offensive last week to wrest back control of the port town of Qandala in the semi-autonomous region of Puntland. The insurgents launched counterattacks away from their stronghold, in areas along the route to Qandala, and that led to the fighting on Monday in an area west of the port. "Our forces attacked IS fighters in Oboloh valley today, killing three of their fighters and injuring two others," Mohamed Saaid, a Puntland military official involved in the operation, told Reuters. Reuters

### Sudan court frees 26 fuel protesters

**KHARTOUM** - A Sudanese court has released 26 people who faced trial for allegedly protesting against a government decision to raise fuel prices last month, their lawyers said. The group, including 12 women, were detained after riot policemen swiftly dispersed small rallies that were held against fuel subsidy cuts. All 26 had been charged with disturbing the peace. "The court did not find any evidence against the 26 demonstrators," lawyer Manal Khojli who defended some of the detainees told AFP. "The demonstrators had protested peacefully. They did not disturb the peace and so the court released them." Another defence lawyer, Enaam Atiej, confirmed the ruling. AFP



### Military chief-of-staff visits amid building

**BEIJING** - A senior Chinese officer has met Djibouti's military chief-of-staff in Beijing and thanked him for supporting China's construction of a military base in the Horn of Africa country, the second such high-level meeting in a month. Djibouti's position on the northwestern edge of the Indian Ocean has fuelled worries in India that it would become another of China's "string of pearls" of military alliances and assets ringing India, including Bangladesh, Myanmar and Sri Lanka. In February, China began construction of a logistics base in strategically located Djibouti that will resupply naval vessels taking part in peacekeeping and humanitarian missions off the coasts of Yemen and Somalia in particular. Reuters

### 'Aid agencies overstating hunger'

**ABUJA** - Nigeria said on Monday aid agencies, including the United Nations, were exaggerating the levels of hunger in the strife-torn northeast to get more funding from international donors. In the last few months, Boko Haram insurgents, who have killed 15 000 people and displaced two million since 2009, have been driven back from an area the size of Belgium, revealing thousands of people that aid agencies say are near starvation. President Muhammadu Buhari's spokesman said "The 'hunger claims' were being made by, among others, U.N. agencies about the region, where the United Nations says some 75 000 children are at risk of starving to death. AFP



# Focus on SA scene

## 'FIRSTRAND CLOSED GUPTA ACCOUNTS ON MONEY-LAUNDERING FEARS'

**JOHANNESBURG** – South African lender FirstRand said on Monday suspicions of money-laundering lay behind its decision to cut ties with a business family linked to allegations of influence-peddling in President Jacob Zuma's government.

FirstRand, South Africa's biggest bank by market value, is the first lender to publicly disclose reasons for severing links earlier this year with Oakbay Investments, a company controlled by the Gupta brothers. The Gupta family, whose businesses range from media to mining, and Zuma have repeatedly denied wrongdoing. The Guptas' lawyer said on Monday suspicions of money-laundering were groundless.

### Closed

In an affidavit seen by Reuters, dated November 29, FirstRand Chief Executive Johan Burger said his company had closed Oakbay bank accounts to comply with international regulations.

"These practices and standards require us to take steps to prevent FirstRand being used for money-laundering and other unlawful activities," Burger says in the court papers.

The Gupta family lawyer, Gert van der Merwe, told Reuters it took the accusations of money-laundering seriously and it would deal with them in its own court application, to be filed by the end of the year. "We want the real reasons for closing the accounts, not sweeping statements," Van der Merwe said.

"They've not disclosed any real reasons to show my clients are politically

## THE INVESTMENT CASE



exposed people."

Between December 2015 and April this year, all four major banks, also including Standard Bank, Nedbank and Barclays Africa, terminated the accounts of companies controlled by the Gupta family without making their reasons public.

### Support

FirstRand's court filing is in support of October's application by Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan asking a court to declare he could not interfere with the decisions by the banks. Barclays and Nedbank said they would file legal applications similar to FirstRand's some time this week.

Last week Zuma sent back to parliament an Anti-Money-Laundering Bill that would have increased scrutiny of the bank accounts of "prominent individuals," including himself. He declined

to sign it into law, saying it might not be constitutional.

A report by the Public Protector, released on November 2, focused on allegations that businessmen Ajay, Atul and Rajesh Gupta had tried to influence the appointment of ministers. Zuma and the Gupta brothers have denied all the accusations.

The report called for a judicial inquiry to be set up by the president and for a judge to be appointed by the chief justice within 30 days of its release.

Zuma has described it as "unfair" and last week launched a court bid to have it set aside. On Monday the opposition Democratic Alliance asked the Constitutional Court to compel the leader to appoint a judicial inquiry as recommended by former Public Protector Thuli Madonsela.

Reuters

## Ramaphosa urges leaders to listen

**JOHANNESBURG** – Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa says South Africa is in need of leadership and economic renewal after more than two decades of democracy.

He was addressing an event to commemorate the third anniversary of Nelson Mandela's death.

Ramaphosa called on leaders to listen to the people and not display arrogance. "It is through united action that we will be able to counter corruption, and deal with the sense of entitlement," he said.

"It is only through unity that we can defeat the virus of consumerism, individualism and blatant greed."

Perhaps reflecting on how difficult NEC meetings have become, Ramaphosa borrows from Mandela on ways to deal with those who disagreed with him.

"The more he disagreed with someone, the more intently he listened to them. If anyone in a meeting would have a contrary view, he would seek them out," said Ramaphosa.

"Not so much as to discipline them... to cajole them in his direction, but it was much more to say.. Madiba

saying I want to learn from your wisdom. I want to hear your views, I want you to enrich my views through your points of difference with me. And that was Madiba's true brand."

Ramaphosa says a lot has been done to improve the quality of life, but economic challenges remain.

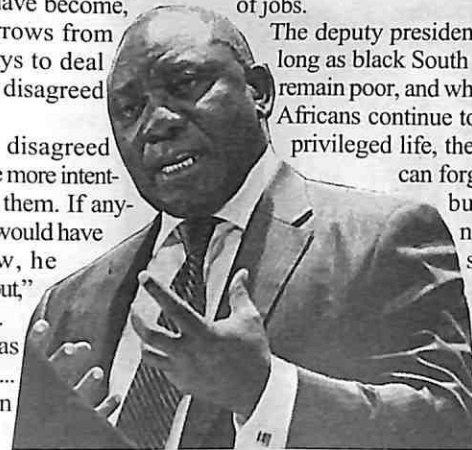
"When we announced the national minimum wage, someone said we would like to see whether Cyril Ramaphosa can live on R3 500."

"And they are right, I cannot say, because what the panel came up with is not a living wage. We are still far from a living wage."

He cautions however that we need to be mindful of setting a higher minimum wage as it may wipe out a lot of jobs.

The deputy president says as long as black South Africans remain poor, and white South Africans continue to enjoy a privileged life, the country can forget about building a non-racial society.

eNCA



LISTEN: Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa.

## Zuma's office denies he's holding back Phiyega inquiry report

**JOHANNESBURG** – President Jacob Zuma's office has vehemently denied holding back the release of the report into suspended National Police Commissioner Riah Phiyega's fitness to hold office, pointing fingers at the board of inquiry for the delay.

His office said Advocate Liza Tsatsi of the secretariat of the Claassen Board of Inquiry had indicated to the presidency on Sunday that the report was not ready as there were matters that needed to be finalised.

Zuma's spokesperson, Bongani Ngqulunga, when called to inquire about the progress of the report, said Tsatsi had stated "they still need to finalise it...She mentioned that one of the commissioners was also away and had not signed off the report, which must be signed by all commissioners. So, the delay is not on our side. We are ready."

This despite the board issuing a media statement, signed by Judge Neels Claassen, dated November 16, saying the report had been completed and that the "the said report will be handed over to (Zuma) on a date determined by (Zuma)".

But Ngqulunga on Monday said they were waiting for the board to indicate when they were ready so that Zuma could give them a date to submit the report. Claassen is assisted by Advocates Bernard Khuzwayo and Anusha Rawjee. The board was supposed to hand over the report to



NOT FIT?: Suspended National Police Commissioner Riah Phiyega.

Zuma in August.

This comes amid weekend reports suggesting that the report found that Phiyega was unfit to hold office and should be sacked as the country's top police officer. The commission was instituted by Zuma as recommended by the Marikana Commission, which probed the mowing down of 34 miners who were on strike for better wages at the Lonmin platinum mine in Marikana in August 2012. Marikana Commission Chairperson Judge Ian Farlam recommended that an inquiry probe whether Phiyega misled the Marikana Commission by concealing a decision to implement the "tactical option" taken at a meeting of police top brass was held before the massacre. TMG Digital/The Times

## SARS busts four drug mules with R6.8m drugs at OR Tambo

**JOHANNESBURG** – SARS Customs officials and detector dogs intercepted four drug mules trying to smuggle cocaine estimated at more than R4.2-million in four separate incidents at OR Tambo International Airport over the weekend.

They also intercepted a box from India that contained 6.2kg of ephedrine worth R1.8-m during a random check at a mail distribution outlet – raising the total of the drug busts to over R6.8-million.

"In yesterday's incident, a Bolivian female passenger in transit to Maputo was found with a bag that a detector dog reacted positively to after X-ray scanners revealed four blocks of white powdery substance. These were confirmed to be cocaine weighing 9kg estimated at R2 589 000," SARS said on Monday.

It added that in an earlier incident on Friday, a South African airline female crew member was subjected to a physical search that revealed a body wrap underneath her uniform with cocaine weighing 6.585kg estimated at R1 894 504. "The third incident was, again, with a suspicious looking South African female who admitted to having narcotics estimated at R575 400.

## MK VETERANS SPEAK OUT AGAINST ANC LEADERSHIP

**JOHANNESBURG** – Members and commanders of the ANC's erstwhile armed wing, uMkhonto we Sizwe, are the latest to speak out against the party's current state of leadership.

They have joined other stalwarts in decrying the loss of the party's moral high ground and leadership voice in society. The group includes former SANDF chiefs Sipiwe Nyanda and Nhlanhla Ngwenya. Among them are current deputy ministers Thabang Makwetla and Bheki Cele, as well as ANC NEC members Tony Yengeni and Thenjiwe Mtintso.

They have called for an assembly of former MK members to be held



FED UP: Former SANDF chief, Sipiwe Nyanda.

on December 17, with the aim of consolidating the position of former combatants on the party's challenges ahead of its consultative and policy conference next year. eNCA

## Six hurt after explosion in Cape Town

**CAPE TOWN** – Six people were injured in an explosion possibly caused by a military weapon.

Police are investigating the blast at a house in Vanguard Estate.

The injured are all believed to be between the ages of 15 and 20.

Reports from the scene suggest a

hand grenade was detonated.

"Two teenage boys were critically injured, and three others were rushed to several nearby medical facilities with serious injuries," said Robert Daniels of the Emergency Medical and Forensic Pathology Services.

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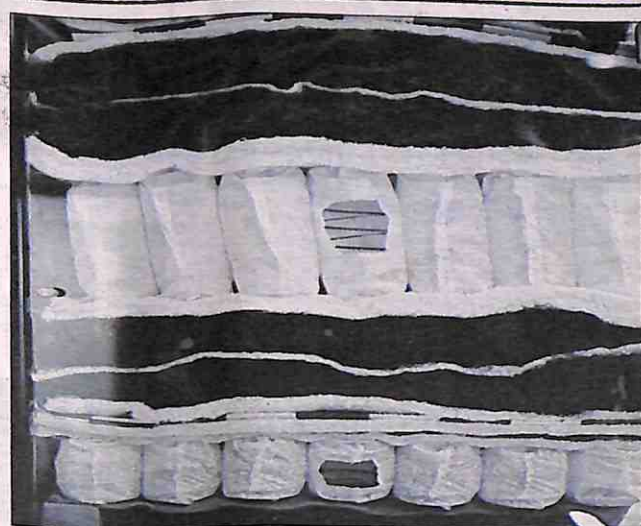




**PEACEFUL SLEEP:** What appears to be a normal mattress is actually worth £120 000 - and promises the perfect night of sleep. (Daily Mail)



**GUARANTEE FOR YEARS:** If one purchases the mattress and keeps it for 25 years, sleeping an average of eight hours a night, it equates to about £2 per hour of 'perfect sleep.'



**JUST IMAGINE:** The mattress itself is made of alternating layers of steel springs, soundproof flax, cotton, wool, and horsehair.

# THE MATTRESS MOST OF US CAN ONLY DREAM OF

**SWEDEN -** For many, a perfect night of sleep would be a dream come true. That's exactly what Swedish mattress-makers at Hästens hope to make a reality.

They've spent the last 10 years perfecting every detail of their Hästens Vividus mattress - which costs an astonishing £120 000 - but they promise is worth every penny.

Though the mattress appears to be just like any other, it is made from extraordinary materials over a 10-week period, totaling 320 hours of work, according to Bloomberg.

Each bed is made by one of four craftsmen at their workshop in Köping, Sweden. The company utilises only the finest materials, including Swedish pine for the frame, soundproof flax, cotton, wool, and horsehair. The horsehair is treated with special care, and is braided then unbraided to create a signature bounce in the mattress.

The process involves quite a bit of science. Hästens spent years studying body heat to inform their ability to make mat-

*...Bespoke mattress costs £120,000 but promises to give you the perfect night's sleep for 25 years*

- The Hästens Vividus mattress costs as much as a luxury car
- It is made from carefully braided and unbraided horsetail hair
- The company promises what they call the 'perfect night's sleep'
- It takes 320 hours to make the bed at the workshop in Köping.

tresses that aid in sleep without using plastic or rubber materials that other companies do, which trap heat.

The multiple layers in the mattress create a lifting effect for your legs, which improves circulation and heart health

## BENEFITS OF HEALTHY SLEEP According to Health.com:

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- Increased school performance
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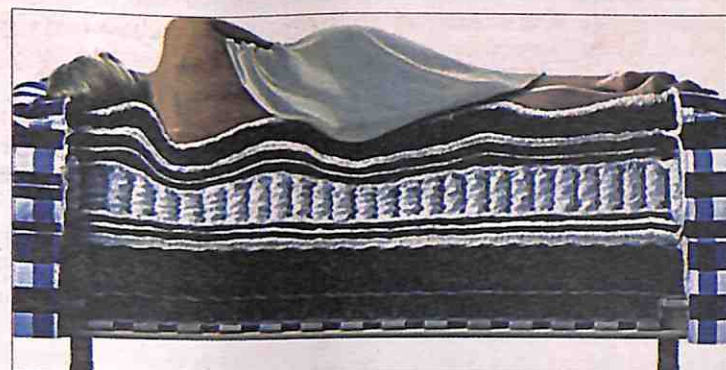
The horsehair allows a wicking process because it is hollow - so there isn't a buildup of sweat in the mattress.

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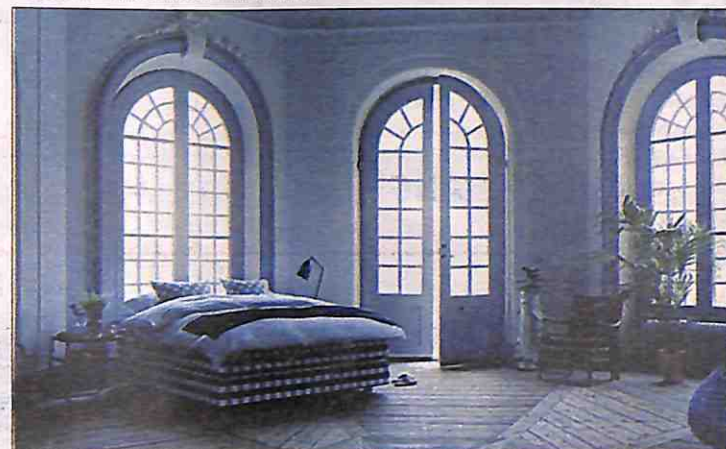
What's more, is that the wool is naturally flame retardant and allergen free.

The company defends their hefty price tag by creating a big-picture equation.

If one purchases the mattress and keeps it for 25 years, sleeping an average of eight hours a night, it equates to about £2 per hour of 'perfect sleep'. *Daily Mail*



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## BRIEFS

## Mayor seeks \$35m for Trump-related security costs

**NEW YORK** — New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio says he's asking the federal government for \$35m cover costs related to security for President-elect Donald Trump. De Blasio said on Monday that the request was made in a letter to President Barack Obama. The security includes a New York Police Department detail at the president-elect's home on Fifth Avenue, Trump Tower. WABC says the amount sought by New York City covers security costs between November 8 and January 20. The mayor also says he has called Treasury Secretary nominee Steven Mnuchin.

AP

## Deadlocked jury leads to mistrial in black man's shooting

**CHARLESTON** — A South Carolina judge declared a mistrial on Monday after a jury deadlocked in the murder trial of a white former police officer charged in the shooting death of an unarmed black motorist. A panel of one black and 11 white jurors — who had seemed close to a verdict to convict last Friday, with apparently only one holdout — said on Monday they were unable to reach a unanimous decision after deliberating more than 22 hours over four days. "We as a jury regret to inform the court that despite the best efforts of all parties we are unable to come to a unanimous decision," said Circuit Judge Clifton Newman, reading a note from the jury before declaring a mistrial.

AP

## Families of MH370 victims offer reward

**ANTANANARIVO** — Anyone who finds a piece of debris from a Malaysia Airlines plane that is believed to have crashed in the southern Indian Ocean in 2014 could receive a financial reward, relatives of those who were on the plane said on Monday in Madagascar.



A group of relatives who travelled to the island nation off the southeast coast of Africa made the offer in hopes that residents will scour some coastal areas of Madagascar, where possible parts of Flight MH370 washed ashore. AP

## Owner no longer wants to sell club

**ORLANDO** — The owner of the Florida nightclub where the worst mass shooting in modern US history took place says she's no longer interested in selling the property to the city of Orlando. Pulse nightclub owner Barbara Poma said in a statement on Monday that she can't walk away from the property. Last month, the city of Orlando announced plans to purchase Pulse and eventually convert it into a memorial. The city had planned to pay \$2.25m for the gay nightclub property. AP

## Victims' beat paedophile to death

**BUENOS AIRES** — A trumpeter has died after being badly beaten during a concert he was giving in a cathedral near Buenos Aires, attacked by parents from a preschool where he had allegedly molested children, a priest said. Marcelo Fabian Pecollo, a music teacher and trumpeter with the Moron city orchestra, was sentenced in 2010 to 30 years in prison for molesting five preschool children. He was freed in 2014 after a sentence reduction. The attack took place on October 30 at the cathedral in Moron, a Buenos Aires suburb. The group of parents barged into the cathedral yelling "There is a paedophile and a rapist in the church" and he is playing in this orchestra.

AFP



# FRENCH PM VALLS TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT

**PARIS** — French Prime Minister Manuel Valls will announce next Monday he is running to become the Socialist presidential candidate in elections next year, sources close to him told AFP.

The prime minister's office announced only that he would make a statement at 6:30 pm (1730 GMT) from his political base in Evry, south of Paris.

But his entourage confirmed the 54-year-old Spanish-born premier would end the speculation over whether he would run — seen as highly likely following President Francois Hollande's announcement last week that he will not be a can-

didate. Valls was to have lunch with Hollande on Monday, as usual, ahead of his speech.

The French left, in search of a new leader after Hollande's exit, will hold a two-round primary in January to choose a presidential candidate.

The first round of the presidential election in France is due to be held on April 23 with a run-off on May 7. Polls show the far-right Marine Le Pen could triumph in the first round, but would likely lose to the rightwing candidate Francois Fillon in the run-off.

But with Sunday's Italian referendum defeat for Prime Minister Matteo Renzi just the latest rout of



**CANDIDATE:** French Prime Minister Manuel Valls.

mainstream political figures at the ballot box, no-one is ruling out a Le Pen victory. The divided French

left currently appears ill-equipped for such a fight. Polls currently show Valls would win the leftwing primary but would trail behind Le Pen and Fillon in the first round of the presidential election.

Valls would face a fight for votes with two independent candidates who are not standing in the primary — business-friendly former economy minister Emmanuel Macron and the fiery hard-left Jean-Luc Melenchon.

If Valls does announce a run for the presidential office, he would have to resign as prime minister, sparking a government reshuffle.

AFP

## NORTH DAKOTA PIPELINE FATE MAY REST ON TRUMP

**CANNON BALL** — Native Americans and their supporters expressed cautious optimism on Monday after the US Army nixed plans for a controversial oil pipeline crossing in North Dakota, with many fearing their victory could be short lived.

While the decision marks a win for the months-long protest movement that stood its ground even as the freezing winter set in, it could be undone when Donald Trump moves into the White House in January if his administration chooses to grant the pipeline the final permit it needs.

"There are still some remaining questions," said Dallas Goldtooth, one of the leaders of the protest camp in the North Dakota plains, where thousands have camped to block the planned route of the Dakota Access Pipeline.

"The biggest one of all is to see what a Trump administration will do," Goldtooth told AFP, calling the mood among Native Americans and the environmentalists backing their campaign "very, very cautious."

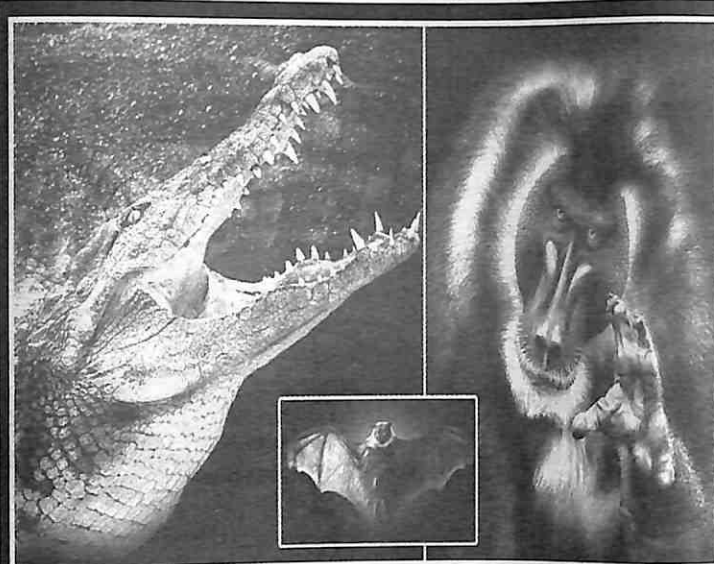
## Concerned

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe is concerned about potential water pollution and says the pipeline's route endangers areas with sacred historic artefacts.

But President-elect Trump's transition spokesman said the incoming administration was supportive of the 1 172-mile (1 886-kilometre) oil pipeline, which would snake through four US states.

"That's something we support construction of," communications director Jason Miller told reporters on Monday.

AFP



**HUNGRY:** This remarkable series of photographs shows wild animals pulling some fierce poses worthy of any supermodel. All of the images were taken in the wild by Spanish photographer Pedro Jarque Krebs. He spent hours on end photographing animals in nature reserves until they pulled the perfect face.

## Mass grief as India political star Jayalalithaa dies

**CHENNAI** — Grief-stricken fans yesterday mourned the death of one of India's most popular politicians, Jayalalithaa Jayaram, as fears of unrest loomed in her state where she enjoyed almost god-like status.

The 68-year-old former film star was known simply as Amma, or mother, in her native Tamil Nadu where she remained wildly popular despite allegations of corruption, which saw her briefly jailed twice.

Famed for a vast sari collection that won her comparisons with Imelda Marcos, Jayalalithaa was also one of India's most polarising politicians, seen by some as an autocratic and secretive leader. But nothing could

dent her popularity in Tamil Nadu, where she served three terms as chief minister during which it became one of India's most prosperous states.

"Our beloved leader, the Iron lady of India... Amma, is no more," her political party, AIADMK, said on Twitter.

Her body was put on display at a public hall in an open casket, wrapped in an India flag, as thousands of followers began to file past to pay their final respects from early morning.

Several of the mourners could be seen breaking down in tears as they filed past the coffin in the state capital Chennai, according to television images.

AFP

## US dad gets life in prison for leaving son to die in hot car

**MIAMI** — A man from the southern US state of Georgia got life in prison without possibility of parole on Monday for leaving his toddler son to die in a hot car while he sent sexually explicit messages from his office.

Justin Ross Harris, 36, was given the maximum sentence after lead prosecutor Chuck Boring said 22-month-old Cooper Harris perished in "the most torturous, horrific, unimaginable way possible".

Harris has said that he forgot to drop his son off at daycare on June 18, 2014 and didn't realise he had left the boy strapped into his car seat until after he had driven for a few minutes after leaving work.

Prosecutors had argued that Harris wanted to be free of family responsibilities. An investigation revealed that Harris had made internet searches about life without children and how to survive prison, and watched videos of animals dying in cars in the sun.

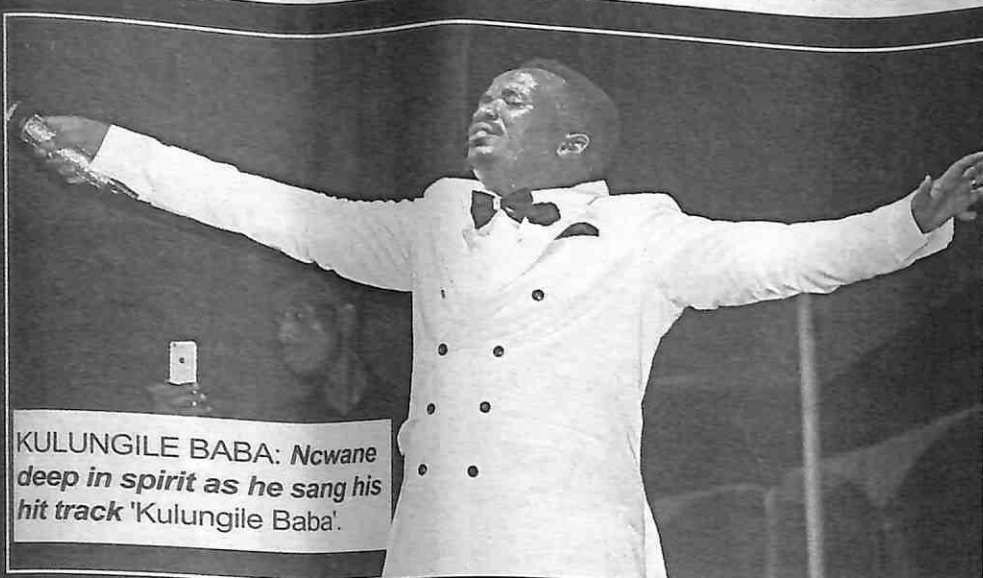
In an unexpected twist to the case, a police detective said Harris had texted sexually explicit messages to six women, one of them as young as 17, while his son was baking to his death. A jury three weeks ago found him guilty of charges including malice murder, cruelty to children and sexual exploitation of children — in reference to the teenage woman he texted. AFP





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**KULUNGILE BABA:** Ncwane deep in spirit as he sang his hit track 'Kulungile Baba'.



**YOUR TURN:** Reverend Elias Shongwe handing over the mic to Sfiso Ncwane at the SITF. The singer confessed to admiring the reverend more than any other artist in Swaziland.

## SFISO'S DEATH HALTS LOCALS' DURBAN CROSSOVER HOPES

By Nomfundo Sifundza

... as he was to host Shongwe and Mathuba for Durban crossover show

THE local gospel music fraternity has been overwhelmed with shock by the news of the passing on of Sfiso Ncwane as he had arranged to host Shongwe NeKhuphuka and Mathuba Gumede in Durban on December 31.

The South African gospel sensation of 'Kulungile Baba' fame took his last breath on Monday morning after being hospitalised on Sunday evening.

The singer is said to have been taking antibiotics to stabilise his kidney failure ailment.

Reverend Elias Shongwe of Shongwe

NeKhuphuka who had been in talks with Sfiso just last week expressed great shock and disbelief of the sad news.

"We were planning on meeting again to finalise details of the crossover show scheduled for Moses Mabhida stadium, but now death has dealt us a terrible blow and I am at a loss of words", he said.

Shongwe continued to pass his condolences to the artists' fans and said it was all in God's plan.

Another artist who could not control his emotions was Mathuba

Gumede, who is the last artist Sfiso had collaborated with in song.

The two met during the Swaziland International Trade Fair 2016 and recorded a song composed by Sfiso with the title 'Hamba Nathi'.

The duo performed the song at the SITF for the first time and Gumede has said he will continue performing the song in honour of his great friend.

Gumede said it is as though Sfiso knew what God had in store for him hence the deep lyrics in the song.

"I think God had spoken to him

pass such messages in song, it is all in God's hands, he knew even before Sfiso was born when he would call him," lamented Gumede.

The Association of Christian Artists in Swaziland (ACASWA) also expressed great shock.

Speaking on behalf of the association, Ronnie Dlamini who serves as the associations Public Relations Officer said "we are still in shock and would love to pass our sincere condolences to his fans, friends and family".

"The gospel music industry has lost quite a hero and so we all mourn the death of the star", Dlamini con-

cluded.

Joyous Celebration Swaziland's Spokesperson Pamela Zwane who said they had a brother-sister relationship with the artist was hysterical in a telephonic interview with this newspaper.

She said they had been communicating just on Saturday evening on Whatsapp "and now he is gone, it is so unbelievable and it hurts so badly".

Zwane further revealed that Sfiso was supposed to be in the country to finalise talks of the crossover show featuring Mathuba Gumede and Reverend Elias Shongwe.



**HAMBA NATHI:** Sfiso Ncwane and Mathuba Gumede captured at the Swaziland International Trade Fair performing their song 'Hamba Nathi'.

## Zamo Dlamini leads song in Joyous 21

By Majaha Nkonyane

SWAZI Joyous Celebration member and vocalist Nomzamo Dlamini now known as 'Zamo' is leading a song in the new Joyous 21 album called 'Heal our Land'.

The singer recorded with the choir in Texas this past weekend at Bishop T.D. Jakes' Church, Potters House.

The joyous celebration ensemble is on their 'heal our land East Coast' tour where they are hosted by Bishop T.D. Jakes and have

recorded with Potters House Church choir.

Zamo was hailed with praises as soon as the 'My Joyous Celebration' page posted a picture of her behind a microphone doing one of the songs.

She was clad in a body hugging dress that had the Swazi flag with a shoulder strap that had red feathers.

A number of Swazi fans made mention of how much they are looking forward to seeing the video, whilst others expressed their excitement, some of the Facebook comments from the My Joyous Celebration page included:

**Sikhulile Fakudze:** "Nomzamo Dlamini, finally, Swaziland Joyous Lovers can't wait to see this Yasssss".

**Linda Gininda:** "I've waited for her for a very long time; finally it's going to be lit".

**Atsinemalangen Dlamini:** "Our very own Zaza Swaziland is proud mbimbaba mjekaa".

**Baphetsile Phetsile Hlophe:** "We are proud of u Zaza".

**Walter Dlamini:** "Can't wait to hear that voice".

**Sthy Dlela:** "Oooh Beautiful Zaza".

**Abelito Mapunda:** "The beautiful Zaza."

**Vuyo Masanabo:** "It was beautiful".

**Mahlobane Masilela:** "Thanx Zaza umuhle".

**DGreat Brightwell:** "Gwalagwala, Proud".

**Faya Mfayos:** "Yooo beautiful".

When reached for comment, Zamo was not available as her mobile number went straight to voicemail. She joined the Joyous Celebration ensemble in 2014 where she did her debut performance in Carnival city in their One Purpose Easter recording.

She has grown with the ensemble and continued to raise the Swazi flag high in South Africa, touring the country and eventually the USA.



**LEADING:** Joyous Celebration's Nomzamo 'Zamo' Dlamini.



**\*3 DAYS LEFT\***

# PM TO GRACE GOSPEL AWARDS

By Nomfundo Sifundza

**THERE** are only three days left until the second Gospel Awards take place in an auspicious ceremony that will be graced by the Premier, Dr Sibusiso Dlamini.

This was confirmed by the Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture (SNCAC) Chief Executive Officer Stanley Dlamini.

Dlamini said the Association of Christian Artists in Swaziland (ACASWA) would have the honour of having the prime minister present the ultimate prize to the overall winner.

The ultimate prize on the night, which was won by Mayibongwe Mthimkhulu last year who drove off in a BMW, is a seven seater Toyota Vox vehicle this time round.

The awards will take place at the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre and the programme will be directed by TV man Sandile Makhanya and former Miss Swaziland Nozipho Shabangu.

On the other hand, sponsors have been pouring in for the Gospel Awards as most recently Dem Dem Studios offered their premises for rehearsals to all performing artists on the night.

Dem Dem Studios is situated in Matsapha, Smitco Building and is under the directorship of Muzi Masina.

The association's Public Relations Officer, Ronnie Dlamini, said they appreciated if big companies like Dem Dem Studios come on board in the upcoming national event.

"It is quite certain that we are nothing without the support of local stakeholders and gospel music lovers," he added.

Dlamini further urged gospel music lovers to rush to the nearest Ocean Basket outlets to purchase tickets as there were only a few left.

## FASHION CONSCIOUS BIRCHCOOPER GRADUATES



**TAKE A POSE:** Graduates Nozipho Khumalo, Buyisile Nhleko and Ziningi Mansoor pose after the Birchcooper graduation held at Esibayeni Lodge on Saturday. **CENTRE - BEAUTIFUL:** Dumsile Dlamini posing outside the venue next to the beautiful artwork. **RIGHT - HANDSOME:** Banele Vilakati also chose to pose by the beautiful art creations of the place. (Courtesy pics)



1. **GUY IN YELLOW:** Mduduzi Mpanza opted for yellow pants, matching with his college belt. 2. **GORGEOUS:** Nozipho Mabuza showing off the backside of her dress. 3. **CREAMY:** Amanda Dlamini chose a straight cut cream dress with like stilettos. 4. **BOOTYLICIOUS:** Nontobeko Dlamini showing off her assets.

## WIN A TICKET TO: Swaziland Gospel Music Awards

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**EYES CLOSED:** Lungile Simelane captured blinking as she was posing for the lenses.



**PURPLE:** This purple and gold combination was just too beautiful. Sebenele Nkambule got many compliments especially for her beautiful body structure. **RIGHT - MR MAN:** Bongani Dlamini opted for a black, navy shirt and red bow tie combination.



**ROYAL BLUE FLAUNT:** Samkelisiwe flaunting her blue dress.




**ABOVE - PRESENT:** The graduates looked dapper in their outfits.

**NICE PURPLUM:** This green number turned heads as soon as Thobile Dlamini took off her gown.



**STYLE:** Some of the students who came dressed for the occasion.



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## NEWS

## HIGHLIGHTS

## Simply Nigella: Christmas Special

**Tonight 20:02 | BBC Lifestyle (174)**

In this hour-long special, Nigella shares her foolproof guide to stress-free festive cooking and easy entertaining - with a line-up of celebratory dishes which are both indulgent and practical. Inspired by the sparkling Christmas lights in Kansas City, U.S.A., Nigella



shows us how to have our most relaxed, spectacular Christmas yet. She introduces the local, home-spun food that has inspired some of this year's favourite festive recipes, adding a British twist back in her

kitchen. Her black treacle ham replaces the traditional turkey as the party centrepiece, paired with a refreshingly bright medley of sweet and sour vegetable slaw. Nigella also treats her guests to

three sumptuous cakes to tuck into. Her trio of Bundt cakes begins with a delicately flavoured cider and five-spice sponge,

topped with an indulgent salted caramel sauce, followed by a delicious lemon and thyme version and ending with a pumpkin bundt adorned with an aromatic orange icing.

## Surrounded by daughters

**Tonight 20:00 | TLC** giving birth to the first set of all-girl quintuplets.

"S1/E1 - Make Room For Quints". Adam and Danielle defy all odds by



After four months in the intensive care unit, the sisters come home.

Jessie

**Thursday 08:15 | Disney Channel (303)** gets a job in New York working for famous movie director Morgan

"S1/E1 - New York, New Nanny". Texan girl Jessie



and his glamorous ex-super-model wife Christina, now a successful entrepreneur.



## WATCH MARIAH'S WORLD



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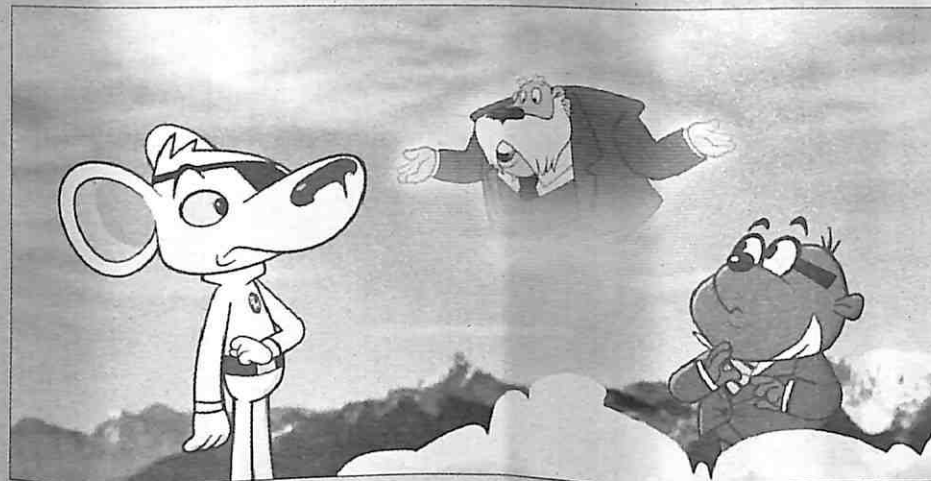
## Mariah's World

Songbird Mariah Carey is inviting the cameras into her life for an eight-part event. Filmed before her very public break up from billionaire James Packer, not only do we get to see her twins, Monroe and Moroccan, and her preparation for her world tour, but there's also a view into how she prepared for her then-upcoming wedding. Tune in on Sundays from December 11, at 20:00 on E! for a fabulous time with Mimi.

## DANGER MOUSE

**Thursday 18:25 | Disney XD (304)**

"S1/E14 - 1/14". Catch the adventures of Danger Mouse and Penfold as they have to save the world from all sorts of threats including their nemesis Baron von Greenback.



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## Lady Gaga visits shelter

**HOLLYWOOD** - Lady Gaga is paying it forward.

When the 'Million Reasons' singer recently visited the Ali Fomey Center, a shelter for homeless LGBT youth located in Harlem, she did so on behalf of the #ShareKindness campaign. Today and NBCUniversal's celebration of kind acts both big and small. "Kindness, to me, is an action of love or a showing of love to someone else," the pop singer said. "I also believe that kindness is the cure to violence and hatred around the world. I like to share kindness in a lot of different ways."

"I love to give things to people

that have nothing or less than me. These children are not just homeless or in need. Many of them are trauma survivors; they've been rejected in some kind of way," she said. *Eonline*



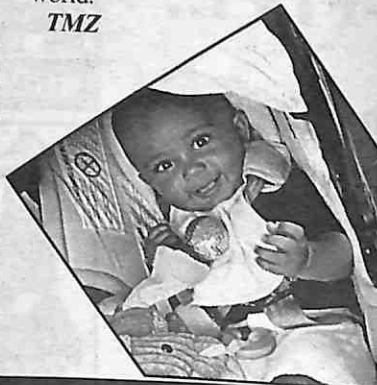
## Kardashians celebrate Saint West's 1st birthday

**LOS ANGELES** - Kim Kardashian and Kanye West's son turned one yesterday, and the Kardashians and their friends celebrated with adorable, never-before-seen photos of the tiny tot.

Khloe Kardashian, Kendall Jenner and Jonathan Cheban all wished the little guy a happy birthday on their apps (Cheban is taking over Kim's app).

The photo Cheban shared on Kim's app shows a heartwarming moment between Kim and her baby boy. Kim and Saint are snuggled in bed, and while the mom of two tries to give her son

kisses, he puts his small hands on her face. Wearing a white onesie, Saint looks like the happiest baby in the world. *TMZ*



## Gigi's sister makes runway debut

**PARIS** - Bella Hadid made a stunning debut at the Victoria's Secret Fashion Show.

The 20-year-old strutted down the storied catwalk at Paris' Grand Palais for the annual event, which was broadcast on Monday night.

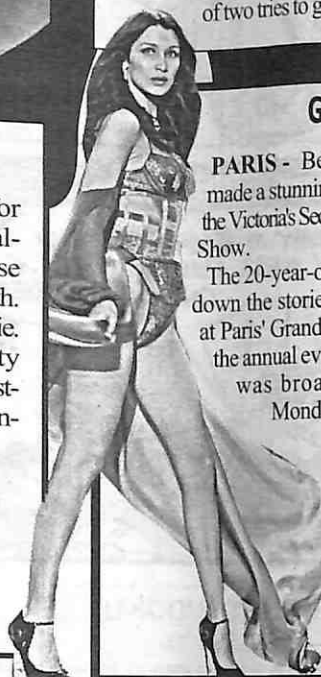
Older sister Gigi Hadid got emotional during a pre-show clip, call-

ing Bella her best friend and tearfully telling her 'I'm so proud.'

Before she hit the glittering runway, Gigi spoke about how amazing it was to be back for a second year in a row - and to share the experience with Bella.

She said: "I have watched the show every single year as a kid, so last year was so special to be able to do it. This year, joining me is my little sister!"

The 21-year-old got tearful as she began talking about her younger sibling and how hard Bella worked to earn a spot in this year's Victoria's Secret Fashion Show. *Dailymail*



## Pratt seduced young Julius Cowdre

**HOLLYWOOD** - The sight of Stephanie Pratt force-feeding Julius Cowdre oysters and then

devouring the

poor lamb at the dinner table for example was sickening - literally sick-inducing, and not because of having that taste in your mouth. (Of the oysters that is, not Stephanie. Although...) When the Reality TV veteran compounded her twisted seduction technique by brazenly denying that she had been 'cougaring', the sight of Stephanie Pratt acting the innocent and reacting with moral outrage (or at least trying to) was even harder to stomach. *MTO*



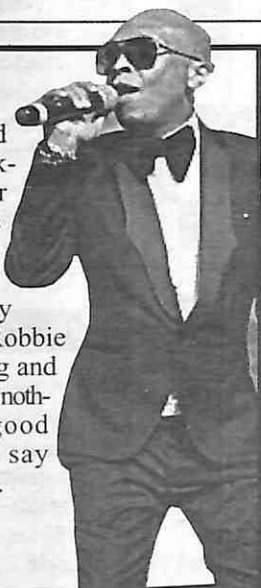
## SA Celebrity News

## Robbie honoured in style

**JOHANNESBURG** - The legendary Robbie Malinga pulled off an outstanding show on Friday, joined on stage by current and former artists he had worked with in the past.

Each artist had to say a word or two about Robbie based on their experience with him and they all said the same thing - it is easy to work with him as he is generally a calm person. The crowd listened to music from the 90s and were entertained by stories about how the artists met Robbie and how

he helped them kick-start their music careers. The artists' loyalty towards Robbie is amazing and they all had nothing but good things to say about him. *Drum*



## Sfiso Ncwane died in his wife's arms - family

**JOHANNESBURG** - As the nation grapples to come to terms with the death of

gospel star Sfiso Ncwane, it has emerged that his wife, Ayanda was by his side until the end.

Sfiso died on Monday morning after being rushed to hospital on Sunday night, where he was treated for kidney problems. The gospel star was admitted to Fourways Life hospital where he was diagnosed with kidney failure, and was later moved to ICU. He unfortunately took his last breath at 9.30 am on Monday morning in the presence and arms of his loving wife Ayanda Ncwane," read part of the statement. *Sowetan*



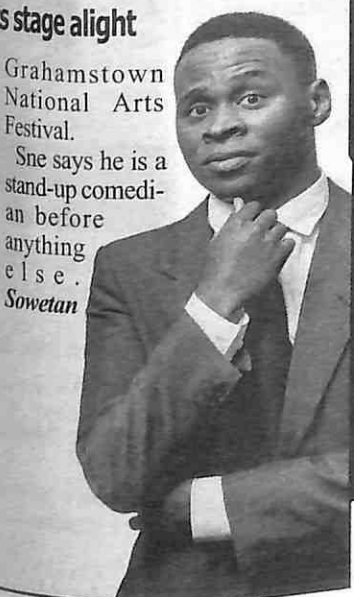
## Young comic Sne Dladla sets stage alight

**JOHANNESBURG** - We may have lost Trevor Noah to America's Daily Show, but we've gained a gem in Sne Dladla, the host of Comedy Central's first local satirical show, Comedy Central News.

The 30-minute weekly Monday 9pm show gives viewers the low down of what did not happen but should have in local and international sports, entertainment and political news. At just 26-years-old, the stand-up comedian, actor and musician is a breath of fresh air. During his arts and drama studies at Rhodes University, friends convinced him to do improvised comedy sketches at the

Grahamstown National Arts Festival.

Sne says he is a stand-up comedian before anything else. *Sowetan*



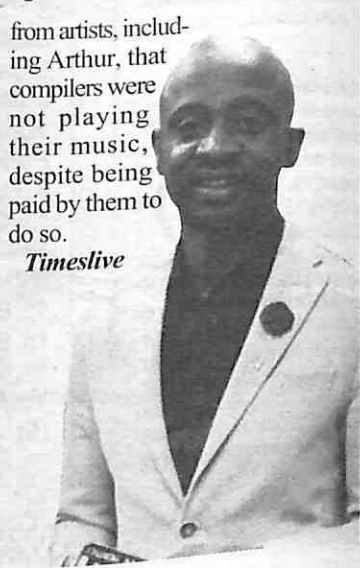
## Arthur Mafokate 'seeking legal counsel' over SABC

**JOHANNESBURG** - Music veteran Arthur Mafokate has told TshisaLIVE that he is not aware of being implicated in a SABC internal forensic report on bribery at the broadcaster.

A report by Sunday World claimed that SABC group executive Hlaudi Motsoeneng had commissioned an investigation while still COO of the broadcaster. The report was to investigate claims that some of the broadcaster's music compilers had been paid to play certain music - a practice commonly known as payola.

The paper claimed that Hlaudi had apparently received complaint

from artists, including Arthur, that compilers were not playing their music, despite being paid by them to do so. *Timeslive*



## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

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TODAY



**CUNNING: Samson.**

Judas and Samson reveal the true nature of their deadly plans. Mandla strikes a mutually beneficial deal with Ngwebedla. Fezile devises a plan to help Kaone get over her recent ordeal.

ISIDINGO

TODAY



**CLASH: Sechaba.**

Lincoln is put under more pressure by Eddie and his board. Calvin struggles to deal with the loss of Katlego. Sechaba and Lerato clash over his charitable ways.

Muvhango

TODAY



**LIMITS: Azwindini.**

Mulondo pushes Azwindini to his limits. Onika reveals her secret to Ndalamo. Nonny gives Pule a tough ultimatum.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY



**NO APPEAL: David Genaro.**

Bongi doesn't pitch for work. Dumisani buys everyone gifts and food. An angry mother makes an accusation against Dumisani. Niki tries to present herself as a shoulder for Suffocate to cry on. David realises he's lost his sex appeal.





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## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

## Capricorn

December 22 - January 19

You may find yourself working extremely hard to examine and work through some strong interior changes. You may enjoy a good movie, a video or book or just feel like hiding out from your day-to-day realities for a while. You can admire an imaginative approach and may find worth in cooperative or unconventional ideas. Unclouded decisions that affect those around you could be made at this time.



good energies. As if this is not enough of a busy day.

## Cancer

June 22 - July 22

Your ability to communicate with others should be excellent—you should find those around you wanting to hear what you have to say. Things are perfect for your kind of self-expression and should work very well with your particular ideas. There is a good chance of a rather special conversation later today with someone you love.



## Aquarius

January 20 - February 18

A career goal is close to being realised. Remain on your current path to get to the success you have been so longing to reach. Allow your creative and intuitive nature to surface. Your path of personal improvement becomes more intense. Thinking over your own affairs and patterns of activity each day may be a worthwhile project.



## Leo

July 23 - August 22

Others may see a more dynamic and outgoing quality to your life style now. Beating others out in the heat of competition and taking on a position of authority are important to you. If possible, refer and delegate jobs with which you would rather not be involved—remain focused.



## Virgo

August 23 - September 22

Your independence is showing—you could find yourself going against tradition—careful. Wanting and needing to be respected is an emotionally charged issue in your life at this time. You construct a plan for getting things and people organised, as a sense of ambition and orderliness takes hold. Your vocation, achievement and ambition are all the things that mean a lot to you now.



## Libra

September 23 - October 23

It is a good probability that you will be the one taking the initiative today. Circumstances may demand that you take action, or you may just automatically feel added support from those around you. You feel hearty and unconstrained. Expect a feeling of goodwill from those around you.



## Taurus

April 20 - May 20

Your attention to matters concerning work goals is beneficial. Intellectual transactions may depend on your persuasive ways. Your instinctive direction at this time is to complete the tasks that are before you. Ideas are clear—you are talkative and quick-witted and convincing with your ideas. An authority figure may help to guide you even though this person may seem critical.



## Gemini

May 21 - June 21

This morning begins with positive career developments. This is a great day for promoting yourself and your ideas. Emphasize your words. Get your brain to working by taking part in some stimulating conversation. Your hand and eye coordination, as well as a concentrated effort, should be helpful in your getting things completed. You will be working with lots of people and this in itself is energising for you. You will be working around intelligent people and you will soak in their



## Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21

Useful information comes your way. This can tie directly into your professional life, enabling you to move up the corporate ladder. You have support from others in whatever you want to achieve. Work gets more exciting as new technologies and breakthroughs are available. Your attitude is to move forward and learn. Be wise and pace your activities so that you will not be bothered with any health problems. Get a checkup if you need it; wear comfortable shoes; tend to your automobile; dress for the weather; get plenty of exercise; begin a vitamin regimen and do not take chances with your health care.



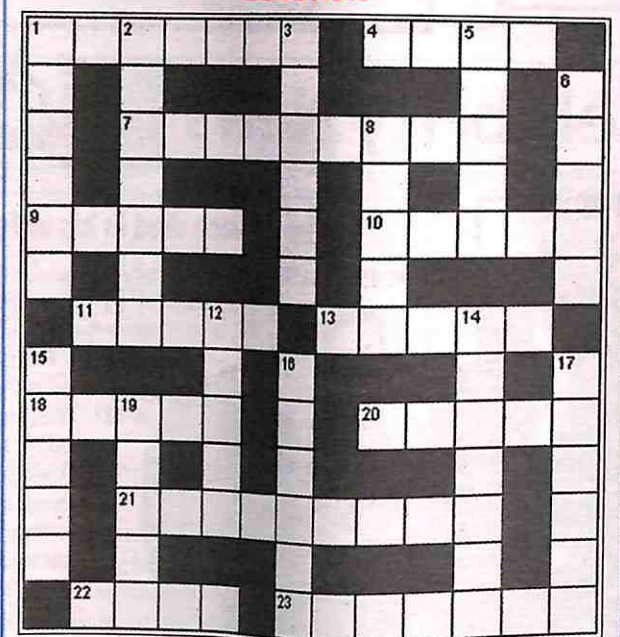
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## DOWN

- Capital of the Bahamas (6)
- Reykjavik is the capital (7)
- Country on the Mediterranean (6)
- Japanese cuisine (5)
- Mountain range running along the Pacific coast (5)
- Florida resort city (5)
- Capital of Vietnam (5)
- Largest city of Tennessee (7)
- East African country (5)
- Banjul is the capital (6)
- Capital of Turkey (6)
- Ancient city in Tuscany (5)

## ACROSS

- Capital of 15 Down (7)
- Famous Italian Leaning Tower (4)
- River in southwestern Asia (9)
- Famous San Antonio mission (5)
- State in New England (5)
- A state in the Rocky Mountains (5)
- Italian city, famous for its ham (5)
- German city (5)
- Capital of Jordan (5)
- Capital of Scotland (9)
- Honolulu is on this island (4)
- State capital of 10 Across (7)

THREE MEN,  
THREE WISHES

Three men were trekking through the desert and came across a magician. The magician was standing at the top of a slide. The magician then said, "You may each go down the slide, asking for a drink. When you reach the bottom of the slide you shall land a huge glass of that drink. The first man went



down yelling, "Beerrrr!!!" Plop! He landed in a glass of beer. The second guy went down the slide yelling, "lemonadeeee!!!" Plop! He landed in a glass of lemonade. The third guy went down the slide terrified and yelling "weeeeeeeeeee, weeeeeeeee!!!"

## USELESS FACTS

- Bowerbirds of Australia and New Guinea decorate their courting grounds with everything from beetle wings to car keys. Since 1600, 109 species and subspecies of birds have become extinct.
- The letter J does not appear anywhere on the periodic table of the elements.
- The cells which make up the antlers of a moose are the fastest growing animal cells in nature.
- Hydrangeas produce pink and white flowers in alkaline soil and blue ones in acidic soil.
- Jackals have one more pair of chromosomes than dogs or wolves.

BRAINTEASERS  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERSYESTERDAY'S  
BRAINTEASERS

- Which table does not have legs?

Answer: Vegetable

- What's never used until it is broken?

ANSWER: An egg

## Today's brainteasers

- What is the smallest room in the world?
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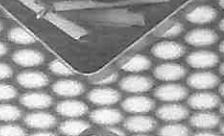
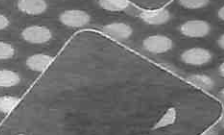
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# ANTI-ARSENAL CLAUSE IN FIRMINO CONTRACT

**LONDON** - The contract of Liverpool forward Roberto Firmino carried a buyout clause of £82m that can be triggered by any club except Arsenal.

In the latest batch of information released by Football Leaks, the details of Firmino's switch from TSG Hoffenheim in 2015 have been laid bare.

And according to a report published by Belgian publication Le Soir, the Merseyside outfit have taken measures to avoid a repeat of the situation that saw Arsenal make a bid of £40m £1 for Luis Suarez in 2013.

As such, "Arsenal can not buy him for (£83 million). Nor for any higher amount, moreover."



The Brazil international has made 13 appearances in the Premier League this season, contributing five goals and three assists.

Tottenham chairman Daniel Levy was also left scrambling to tie down defender, Toby Alderweireld to a new contract after the site revealed

that the player had a buy-out clause of only £25m in his contract.

This led Spurs to releasing a statement strongly denying the claims while adding that no member of their squad has an active release clause as part of their contract.

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## Banyana trio named in AWCON team

**Cape Town** - Three Banyana Banyana players have been named in the Africa Women's Cup of Nations (AWCON) team of the tournament.

Janine Van Wyk, Jermaine Seoposenwe and Nothando Vilakazi are the three South Africans selected in the tournament's best XI - despite losing to eventual AWCON winners Nigeria in the semi-final.

Coach Desiree Ellis' charges then went onto lose the third place playoff 1-0 to Ghana at the Ahmadou Ahidjo Stadium in Yaounde. Despite their loss in the bronze playoff, Banyana jumped up four places in the FIFA world rankings and are currently sitting in 48th position.

### AWCON'S BEST XI:

**Goalkeeper:** Annette Ngo Ndom (Cameroon)

**Defenders:** Meffoumetou Tcheno Falone (Cameroon), Osinachi Ohale (Nigeria), Janine Van Wyk (South Africa), Linda Eshun (Ghana)

**Midfielders:** Jermaine Seoposenwe (South Africa), Raisa Feudjio Tchuanyo (Cameroon), Elizabeth Addo (Ghana), Gabrielle Aboudi Onguene (Cameroon)



**IN: Banyana's Midfielder Jermaine Seoposenwe.**

**Forwards:** Ugochi Desire Oparanozie (Nigeria), Asisat Lamina Oshola (Nigeria)

**Substitutes:** Alaba Jonathan (Nigeria), Marie Awona (Cameroon), Janet Egyir (Ghana), Francisca Ordega (Nigeria), Portia Boakye (Ghana), Nothando Vilakazi (South Africa)

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## LEBRON JAMES STEERS CLEAR OF TRUMP HOTEL

**LOS ANGELES** - LeBron James is among a group of Cleveland Cavaliers players who have refused to stay in a hotel affiliated with President-elect Donald Trump when the NBA champions visit New York later this week, it was reported on Monday.

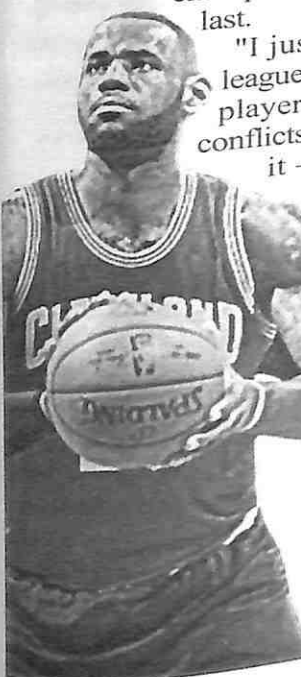
ESPN cited multiple team sources as saying that James, who endorsed Trump's rival Hillary Clinton during last month's election, would not stay with other team members at the Trump SoHo hotel in Manhattan for this week's game against the Knicks. The 46-storey luxury building, which opened in 2010, is branded with Trump's name through a licensing agreement. The Cavaliers have a contract to reside at the hotel when in New York. Last month, reports said three other NBA teams had opted to steer clear of Trump-branded hotels.

The Milwaukee Bucks, Memphis Grizzlies and Dallas Mavericks have all indicated they would stay elsewhere when travelling to New York to play the Knicks and Nets and Chicago to play the Bulls. Several NBA players and coaches have voiced dismay at Trump's election victory. Last month, Cavs reserve forward Richard Jefferson suggested that the team's trip to the White House to celebrate their NBA championship might be their last.

"I just look across this league. There's been other players with 'scheduling conflicts' as they like to call it - not necessarily a political stance," Jefferson said later.

"But I could see other scheduling conflicts coming up," AFP

**REFUSED:** LeBron James steers clear of Trump hotel. (AP)



## CHAPECOENSE AWARDED COPA SUDAMERICANA TITLE

**BRAZIL** - The Brazilian club Chapecoense have been awarded the Copa Sudamericana title after the tragic air crash on November 28 took the lives of 19 players.

The South American Football Confederation took the decision to posthumously hand the award to the team who were due to face Atletico Nacional in the final.

Given that Capecoense now hold the title, the team will automatically qualify for next season's Copa Libertadores, the continent's top tournament.

This also means that Chapecoense will face Atletico Nacional - the defending Copa Libertadores champions - in an emotion-charged two-game series next year between the continent's two club champions.

Given that the majority of the Brazilian club's players lost their lives in the air disaster, the team are likely to field a team of borrowed players from other clubs.

Atletico Nacional wrote to the South American Football Confederation with their intention that the title be



### COPA SUDAMERICANA 2016

**AWARDED:** Chapecoense awarded Copa Sudamericana title. (Daily Mail)

handed to their opponents.

As a result, Atletico have been awarded the CONMEBOL award recognising an extraordinary contribution to fair play.

A statement from the confederation read: "For CONMEBOL, there is no greater example of the spirit of peace, understanding and fair play

set forth as an objective of our Institution than the solidarity, consideration and respect exhibited by the National Athletic Club of Colombia."

The city of Chapeco is in mourning after the charter flight operated by LaMia was supposed to land in Medellin but crashed in Colombia shortly after 10pm local time, killing

71 of the 77 people on board.

Roughly 100 000 people gathered in the streets and Chapecoense's ground when the coffins of the players were carried into the stadium.

The small Brazilian city paid homage to their lost heroes in scenes of high emotion as fans chanted and sung during tributes. *Daily Mail*

## Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang not sure about Borussia return



**DROPPED:** Boks biggest losers in November rankings. (AP)

**CAPE TOWN** - The Springboks are on a downward spiral in the top 10 of World Rugby's official rankings during November.

The draw for the 2019 Rugby World Cup will be made next May and as things currently stand, New Zealand (No 1), England (No 2), Australia (No 3) and Ireland (No 4) will be kept apart as they are ranked as the top four seeds among the 12 direct qualifiers from the previous World Cup.

With four pools of five teams, each top seed is drawn with a side ranked

fifth to eighth and then one from ninth to 12th, while the remaining eight teams are drawn from two further bands.

### Celebrated

It is therefore possible that that the All Blacks, who celebrated their seven-year anniversary as the world's top ranked team during November, could be drawn alongside two of last year's Rugby World Cup semi-finalists, South Africa and Argentina, in a pool every bit as tough as the one that confronted England when paired with Australia, Wales, Fiji and Uruguay in Pool

A at the 2015 World Cup.

World Rugby has taken a look at how the teams shaped up over the November window from a rankings perspective (Pre-November rankings in brackets):

1. New Zealand (1) - down 1.79 points
2. England (2) - up 0.97 points
3. Australia (3) - up 1.02 points
4. Ireland (6) - up 2.95 points
5. Wales (5) - up 0.06 points
6. South Africa (4) - down 3.06 points
7. Scotland (8) - up 0.23 points
8. France (7) - down 0.62 points
9. Argentina (9) - down 0.40 points
10. Fiji (10th) - up 1.03 points

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# UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

## DORTMUND'S HOT SHOTS EYE GOAL RECORD

**BERLIN** - Borussia Dortmund can set a new Champions League goal record at Real Madrid today if the likes of Marco Reus, Ousmane Dembele or Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang score at the Bernabeu.

Dortmund arrive in Madrid just one shy of the 20-goal record three teams - Manchester United, Real Madrid and Barcelona - have previously tallied in the Champions League group stages.

Two of those, United, in 1998/99, and Real, who achieved 'La Decima' - a tenth European crown - in 2013/14, went on to win that season's European title.

Thomas Tuchel's leaders Dortmund hold a two-point advantage over Real in Group F and the winner of tonight's clash in Madrid will qualify top of the table.

Star-studded Real, spearheaded by Cristiano Ronaldo, present a formidable challenge at home, but Dortmund are in buoyant mood.

It finished 2-2 when the teams met in Dortmund

last September as Andre Schuerrle's late goal rescued the hosts after Ronaldo and Raphael Varane scored for Real and Aubameyang had netted for Borussia. But Dortmund were boosted a fortnight ago by the return of Germany winger Marco Reus after six months out with the adductor injury that saw him miss Euro 2016.

The 27-year-old grabbed two goals, with a third later credited as an own goal, and set up two more when Dortmund trounced Legia Warsaw 8-4 at home a fortnight ago in a record score for a Champions League match.

Reus also weighed in with three assists, and had a goal disallowed, in Dortmund's 4-1 thrashing of Borussia Moenchengladbach on Saturday.

"The injury, which meant a six-month break, has made him more mature," said Dortmund coach Thomas Tuchel.

"Now Marco is back and it's fantastic the way he has returned." Against Gladbach, Aubameyang

also netted twice - to make him the Bundesliga's top scorer with 15 goals - and Dembele also got on the scoresheet in what Tuchel described as "a complete performance from us".

"In my opinion Ousmane Dembele had one of his best matches in a Dortmund shirt," added Tuchel. Reus is currently a joy to watch, from the way he casually robbed Gladbach defender Nico Elvedi of possession to his audacious backheel which set up Aubameyang for his second goal as Dortmund warmed up for Madrid.

"The pass was crazy, but that's just Marco Reus. You know what he's like," said

Aubameyang. "I am very happy that he is back. He is one of the best players we

have." Dortmund's current

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**READY FOR REAL:**  
Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang and Marco Reus.

results against Legia. They romped to a 6-0 away win in Warsaw when six different players scored before the record 8-4 win at home.

Dembele has been a revelation in his first season with Dortmund since joining from French side Rennes.

The precociously talented winger announced his arrival with a superb goal in Dortmund's 4-1 drubbing of Manchester United on a pre-season tour of China and has produced ten assists and four goals in all competitions.

AFP

### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES - FIRMS SELECTION)

THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND  
SWAZILAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECT  
Loan No./Credit No./Grant No.: IRBD 80030 SZ  
Construction Supervision Of Ncoboza Road Phase I  
Reference No. MBABANE/SLGP/CONS/001/2016)

The Government of The Kingdom of Swaziland has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Swaziland Local Government Project (SLGP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include provision of assist to the Council in pre-contract services and to supervise the Rehabilitation Ncoboza Road Phase I

The works involve: pavement layers and surfacing, provision of sidewalks, street lighting, repairs and maintenance of existing drainage structures and appurtenant works such as road signs, road markings etc.

The contract, therefore, calls for the provision of engineering services needed to ensure that the work is carried out with quality and cost effectiveness in accordance with the conditions, drawings and specifications, and within the programme and budget for the construction contract.

The Municipal Council of Mbabane now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services for the construction supervision of the above proposed works.

Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

1. Successful execution of at least three projects of similar nature in the last three years,
2. A minimum of 10 years experience in the supervision of civil works with specific experience on the rehabilitation of urban roads,
3. Project experience in Southern African Region of similar nature and complexity.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers (the Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers, dated May 2004, revised October 2006 and May 2010, (Consulting Guidelines) setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment: "Guidelines on preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD and IDA and Grants" dated October 15, 2006 (the Anti-Corruption Guidelines)

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a subconsultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultants' Qualifications Selection (CQS) Method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below Municipal Council of Mbabane, on Mahlokohla Street, from 08:00 hours to 16:30 hours, Monday to Friday.

Expressions of interest (hard copies) must be delivered to the address below by Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 09:00hrs (CAT).

Municipal Council of Mbabane  
The Chief Executive Officer  
P.O. Box 1 Mbabane Swaziland, Mahlokohla Street Mbabane, Swaziland  
Tel: +268 2409 7000  
Fax: +268 2404 2611  
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- Negotiate fruit prices and ensure that they are competitive
- Draft and manage fruit procurement contracts entered into with growers for each season
- Develop and maintain a positive work relationship with growers and agricultural regulatory institutions (Citrus Board and Ministry of Agriculture)
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- Manage all current pineapple land leases and further facilitate renewals
- Establish and develop capacity for a pineapple growing scheme in order to explore pineapple growing opportunities by small and large scale farmers.
- Coordinate relevant pineapple growing workshops for small and large scale pineapple growers
- Develop and maintain agricultural products growing strategies in line with the group's strategies.

#### Minimum qualifications and competencies

- Degree in Agriculture or equivalent
- At least 10 years' experience in a similar role
- A post graduate qualification will be an added advantage
- Excellent negotiation, analytical, interpersonal and communication skills

Interested candidates should forward applications with complete up to date curriculum vitae plus certified copies of their academic qualifications to: Human Resources Manager P.O. Box 77 Malkerns or email ([Senzeni.Kunene@rhodesfoodgroup.com](mailto:Senzeni.Kunene@rhodesfoodgroup.com)) not later than the 23rd December 2016.

**NB: ONLY SHORT LISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTACTED**



# Lyon take on Sevilla in Group H finale

PARIS - Olympique Lyonnais need to shake off the psychological shock of the firecracker attack on their goalkeeper Anthony Lopes when they take on Sevilla in a must-win Champions League Group H finale.

Lyon, whose Ligue 1 game at Metz had to be abandoned in the first half after the hurled missiles deafened Lopes, were shaken by the incident which left him in hospital.

They are third in their group on seven points, three behind second-placed Sevilla and, after a 1-0 loss in the first leg, a win by a two-goal

margin would take Lyon past Spain's Europa League champions and into the last 16.

They cannot be leapfrogged by bottom side Dinamo Zagreb, who travel to already-qualified Juventus. Lyon, however, seemed badly affected by Lopes having to be

sent to a hospital last Saturday night after a couple of the firecrackers exploded near him. "The eardrums were not damaged but he is suffering from traumatic deafness," Lyon said in a statement on Sunday while Lopes added on Instagram that he would need two

weeks of treatment. It was not clear, however, whether Lopes would be fit for Wednesday's clash. "Lyon underline the fact that the whole squad... have been seriously shaken emotionally by this aggression," the club statement added. Lyon, who, played the Champions League semifinals in 2010, will be relying on the in-form Mathieu Valbuena to take them into the last 16 for the first time in three years.

After a timid start to the season, the France international has been in good form lately, scoring two goals in his last two appearances.

AFP



## Champions League tribute to Brazil plane-crash players

NYON - A minute's silence for the Chapecoense football players killed in a plane disaster in Colombia will be held before every Champions League and Europa League game next week, UEFA said last Thursday.

"This tragedy has shaken the world of football and we would like to send our support to all of those affected by it," said UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin in announcing the gesture.

Most of the Brazilian club's players and coaching staff were among 71 people killed when a plane carrying them to the Copa Sudamericana final against Atletico Nacional crashed near Medellin in Colombia earlier this week.

Reports have indicated the plane ran out of fuel.

AFP



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Interested persons should submit their applications and CV's before the close of business on the 12 December 2016 by email: [Human.Resources@sz.sabmiller.com](mailto:Human.Resources@sz.sabmiller.com) or deliver to the HR Office. Please note that only shortlisted Candidates will be contacted

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### DISSOLUTION OF BAPHALALI SWAZILAND RED CROSS SOCIETY PENSION FUND

Notice is hereby given in terms on Section 40(9) of the Retirement Funds Act, 2005 that the BAPHALALI SWAZILAND RED CROSS SOCIETY PENSION FUND is being liquidated and dissolved effective from **31 December 2013**. The liquidator's report shall be open for inspection by any interested person for 30 days from **12 December 2016 to 11 January 2017** at the following locations:

1. Baphalali Swaziland Red Cross Society's Head Office at 104 Dzeliwe Street, Red Cross Building, Mbabane;
2. The office of the Registrar of Insurance and Retirement Funds at the 5th Floor, Ingcamu Building, Mhlambanyatsi Road, Mbabane.

Any interested persons who have objections to the aforesaid accounts and report may lodge such objections with the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA), no later than Wednesday, 11 January 2017.

For more information, please contact any of the following:

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21:45	REAL MADRID V BORUSSIA DORTMUND
21:45	PORTO V LEICESTER CITY



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# PREMIER LEAGUE CLUBS SET FOR TRANSFER BATTLE FOR RUDIGER

**LONDON** - Roma are ready to listen to offers for Antonio Rudiger next month which could spark a four-way Premier League battle for his services.

The versatile defender is widely recognised as one of the continent's best young players.

Indeed, Rudiger is attracting interest from England's elite, Manchester City, Manchester United, Liverpool and Chelsea are keeping tabs on his future as they look to bolster their defensive ranks. And the clubs will be encouraged by the news that Roma will consider selling the 23-year-old in January. Roma were hit by UEFA sanctions last year for failing to comply with Financial Fair Play regulations and want to ensure they don't suffer the same fate. Manager Luciano Spalletti doesn't want to lose his key defender, but knows his hands could be tied if the club receive an offer they deem too good to turn down. Rudiger's future will become much clearer in



ON DEMAND: Antonio Rudiger.

the coming days as Roma brace themselves for offers for the defender, who can play at centre-half or right-back. The Germany international hit the headlines earlier this week after he was racially abused in Italy.

Lazio left-back Senad Lulic sparked outrage in Italy with remarks about Rudiger following last Sunday's derby clash, that Roma won 2-0.

"Rudiger was provoking us even before the game. Two years ago, he was selling socks and belts in Stuttgart. Now he acts like he's some phenomenon," said Lulic. "It's not his fault, really, but the fault of those who are around him. They haven't taught him good manners." Lazio have since apologised for Lulic's comments.

*Daily Mail*

## Song in hospital recovering after life-threatening coma

**Paris** - Former Liverpool star Rigobert Song has been pictured for the first time since suffering a stroke nine weeks ago.

The Cameroon legend, wearing a Southport under-21 shirt, can be seen looking frail but smiling as he sits alongside a friend on a hospital bed.

The 40-year-old fell into a coma for two days back in October after having a cerebral aneurysm at his home in the Odza neighbourhood in Yaounde, Cameroon. Song was flown to France for further treatment after waking and is said to be 'recovering steadily.'

Cameroon's government spared no expense in making sure the ex-defender, father of former Arsenal midfielder Alex, received the finest treatment available, reportedly spending £78 000 on his treatment. Song recently



RECOVERING: Rigobert Song (L) was pictured sitting alongside a friend on his hospital bed yesterday.

came out to thank them and the fans for their support during the traumatic ordeal. "I feel good right now," he said. "I was aware of a lot of things, thanks to the support that our government gave me in this matter."

"I have to thank them; Cameroon President Paul Biya and his wife first lady Chantal Biya. "I also felt the support of the people of Cameroon, which gave me positive energy and gave me courage to get better." *Daily Mail*

## TINKLER CREDITS HARD WORK FOR MANYAMA FORM

**CAPE TOWN** - Cape Town City coach Eric Tinkler admits concerns about pushing Lebogang Manyama too hard, but says that at the same time the hard work is paying dividends.

Manyama netted a brace in a 3-2 win at Wits last Friday, a result which leaves his side three points clear at the top of the league table.

The two goals took the City captain's tally to seven in 12 league games, a once injury-prone player enjoying arguably the best-ever spell in his career. Speaking about the impact made by Manyama and fellow attacking midfielder Aubrey Ngoma, Tinkler says he believes that hard work and conditioning have paid off, despite having a concern over the possibility of fatigue. "Very happy, the work rate from both of them has been phenomenal. There's always been that fear that I have been pushing them too hard," he said. "But I think that in the positive, that pushing them. It has really made them to be in good condition."

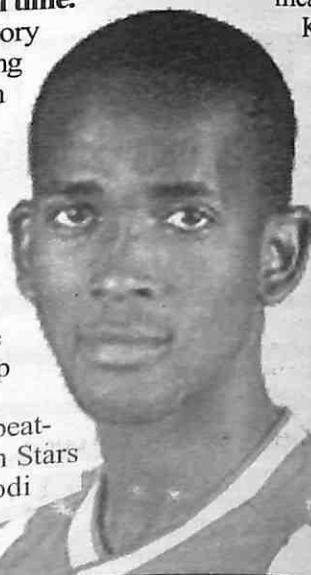
*Sport24*

## LEBUSA LAVISHES PRAISE ON MENZO

**CAPE TOWN** - Mosa Lebusa says new Ajax Cape Town coach Stanley Menzo deserves credit for the way he has turned around the club's fortunes in such a short space of time.

The 1-0 victory over high-flying Golden Arrows saw the Urban Warriors secure their third consecutive win to move up to 11th in the Premiership standings.

After also beating Platinum Stars and Mamelodi Sundowns, the South Africa interna-



APPRECIATES: Mosa Lebusa

tional feels the change of results boils down to the team spirit instilled by Menzo.

"I feel great. I know it's only been three wins so far, but they mean a lot to us," Lebusa told KickOff. "However, we are not going to get carried away by those three wins. There's still a long way to go. Indeed there is unity in the team. I think the coach deserves a massive applause for uniting the team."

The first thing he did when he took over was making us understand each other on and off the field and that really helped us."

*Sport24*

## CR7 AWARE OF BALLON D'OR WIN

**MADRID** - Cristiano Ronaldo has been informed that he will win the Ballon d'Or award for 2016, according to reports in Spain.

Spanish newspaper Mundo Deportivo reported that Ronaldo and the Spanish giants have already been informed that voting for the award suggested the 31-year old will pip his Barcelona rival Lionel Messi to be crowned the world's best player.

The award for last place on the podium though will be a tightly contested affair between Barca team-mates Luis Suarez, Neymar and Atletico Madrid's Antoine Griezmann. If reports are true, January 9 will mark the fourth time Ronaldo lifts the award, closing the gap to long-time rival, Messi - who has scooped the award for a record five times.

The Portuguese had a stel-

lar 2016, winning the Champions League with Madrid as well as playing a prominent role in Portugal winning the European Championship.

It was the first time in Portugal's history that it lifted the trophy after beating hosts France in the final. The Ballon d'Or ceremony takes place on Monday, January 9. *Sport24*



I AM AWARE: Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo.

## Bilic won't be sacked - Sullivan

**London** - West Ham manager Slaven Bilic has been given a vote of confidence by co-owner David Sullivan following speculation he was set for the sack.

Reports on Monday suggested Bilic was set for crisis talks with Sullivan and fellow owner David Gold following Saturday's humiliating 5-1 home defeat against London rivals Arsenal.

The loss left West Ham, who have won just three league matches this season, languishing only one point above the relegation zone.

Bilic's post-match verdict on his players was damning as the Croatian accused some of them of lacking dedication in training. But Sullivan made it clear the former West Ham defender will be given time to improve the situation. "I saw Slaven's comments after the game and as always he was completely

honest with his assessment," Sullivan told West Ham's website. "Slaven cares passionately about the football club and this defeat will be hurting him as much as anyone."

"I have no doubt that he is doing everything he can to address the situation and everyone is working together to ensure we turn our season around."

"We cannot forget the amazing job that Slaven did in his first season at the club. With a bit more luck he could have taken us into the top four."

"His passion, commitment and outstanding track record at the highest level were among the many reasons we appointed Slaven in the summer of 2015. "Despite what some people have said, there is still a great spirit among the players and everyone is working towards the same objective."

*AFP*



VOTE OF CONFIDENCE: West Ham Manager Slaven Bilic.



# NATIONAL LOG

## STANDINGS

## MTN Premier League

Position	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Mbabane Swallows	14	13	0	0	39	6	33	42
Young Buffaloes	14	6	6	2	16	9	7	24
Moneni Pirates	14	6	4	4	21	20	1	22
Manzini Wanderers	14	5	6	3	21	14	7	21
Royal Leopard	14	6	3	5	17	15	2	21
Manzini Sundowns	14	5	6	3	16	18	-2	20
Green Mamba	14	5	3	6	15	10	5	18
Midas City	14	4	6	4	18	19	-1	18
Mbabane Highlanders	14	3	4	7	18	24	-6	13
Tambuti	14	4	1	9	12	25	-13	13
Red Lions	14	3	3	8	14	31	-17	12
Sea Birds	14	1	3	10	11	27	-16	6

## National First Division :

Position	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Matsapha United	13	10	1	2	31	8	23	32
Vovovo	13	8	3	2	25	15	10	26
Malanti Chiefs	12	7	1	4	28	9	19	25
Madlenya	12	6	4	2	16	13	3	20
Amalanda	13	6	6	1	17	17	0	19
Mbabane Citizen	13	6	7	0	18	18	0	18
Bad Boys	13	4	3	6	14	21	-7	17
Hlabikulu Tycoons	13	4	7	2	14	29	-15	14
Hub Sundowns	13	3	6	4	12	14	-2	13
Sikhalo	13	4	8	1	9	15	-6	13
City Warriors	13	3	7	3	12	21	-9	12
Ludzeludze Brothers	13	2	9	2	11	30	-19	8

## FA Rainbow Stationery Manzini Super League

Position	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Sisonkhe	12	7	5	0	16	5	11	26
2 Milling Hotspurs	11	5	5	1	18	9	9	20
3 Young Warriors	11	5	3	3	19	11	8	18
4 Ludzeludze Killers	11	4	5	2	15	10	5	17
5 Seven Dreams	10	4	5	1	11	6	5	17
6 Luve Cosmos	11	4	4	3	17	11	6	16
7 Stumbo's XI	9	4	4	1	9	7	2	16
8 Boyane Young Aces	11	4	3	4	13	14	-1	15
9 Fairview Cosmos	10	3	4	3	10	7	3	13
10 Malkerns	11	3	4	4	11	12	-1	13
11 CNB Rovers	11	3	4	4	10	14	-4	13
12 Nyakeni Heroes	9	3	3	3	8	11	-3	12
13 Dwaleni Star Point	12	3	3	6	15	21	-6	12
14 Luyengo Foxes	10	2	3	5	9	13	-4	9
15 Gocweni Trompies	11	1	2	8	9	27	-18	5
16 Sacramento	10	1	1	8	9	21	-12	4

## Riverview Filling Station Manzini Promotion

Position	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Villa Stars	9	7	2	0	18	7	11	23
2 Siboniso Se Lwandle	10	7	0	3	17	10	7	21
3 Mhlaleni United	9	5	3	1	21	9	12	18
4 Superstars	9	6	0	3	13	9	4	18
5 Kholwane Flying Birds	10	5	2	3	22	20	2	17
6 FC North	9	5	2	2	12	10	2	17
7 Home Sparrows	9	4	1	4	11	11	0	13
8 Fairview Chiefs	9	3	3	3	13	7	6	12
9 Two Sticks Comrades	9	4	0	5	9	11	-2	12
10 Combine Stars	9	2	5	2	11	12	-1	11
11 Young Tigers	10	2	3	5	13	16	-3	9
12 African Chiefs	10	2	3	5	7	14	-7	9
13 Nkonkwe Callies	9	1	4	4	7	11	-4	7
14 New Generations	9	1	3	5	8	16	-8	6
15 Lwandle Classic	9	0	3	6	8	16	-8	3
16 Wise Kids	3	0	0	3	1	12	0	0

## Riverview Manzini First Division

Position	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 The Bones	8	7	0	1	19	7	12	21
2 Green Way	8	6	1	1	28	8	20	19
3 Wonderful Touch	6	6	0	0	19	2	17	18
4 Chaos LTD	8	5	3	0	19	7	12	18
5 Lwandle Young Tigers	8	5	2	1	15	9	6	17
6 Manzini Bullets	6	4	1	1	12	3	9	13
7 Villa Sport	7	4	0	3	16	10	6	12
8 Bremer United	8	3	3	2	15	17	-2	12
9 Manzini United	8	3	1	4	17	17	0	10
10 Ngwane Park	7	3	0	4	17	17	0	10
11 Skom Boys	7	1	3	3	5	9	-4	6
12 Old Zakhele	7	2	0	5	6	18	-12	6
13 Ngculwini All Stars	7	1	2	4	8	13	-5	5
14 Parachute	6	1	0	5	10	16	-6	3
15 Nhlambeni United	7	0	1	6	2	12	-10	1
16 God's Property	6	0	1	5	3	33	-30	1
17 Hot Beans	6	0	0	6	4	17	-13	0

## Save Mor Kwaluseni Promotion

Position	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 FC Matsapha	10	7	3	0	30	5	25	24
2 Matsapha Auto Zone	11	8	0	3	29	9	20	24
3 Zama United	11	6	4	1	17	7	10	22
4 Kwaluseni Rebels	10	4	4	2	9	10	-1	16
5 Mhlane United	10	5	0	5	17	14	3	15
6 Ntunja Arsenal	9	5	0	4	9	8	1	15
7 Amajita	8	4	2	2	16	12	4	14
8 Real Professionals	10	4	2	4	19	19	0	14
9 Zombodze United	10	4	1	5	17	21	-4	13
10 Nhlambeni Real Heroes	10	3	3	4	11	14	-3	12
11 Dark City	9	3	2	4	8	11	-3	11
12 Swazi Wire	11	2	3	6	9	17	-8	9
13 Loxitha Spurs	11	2	3	6	11	38	-27	9
14 Kudzeni United	11	2	2	5	9	10	-1	8
15 Naenga Comrades	9	2	4	5	11	18	-7	7
16 Royal Swallows	10	1	4	5	11	18	-7	7

## Save Mor Kwaluseni First Division

Position	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Kwaluseni United	9	6	2	1	18	11	7	20
2 BafanaBafana	9	5	2	2	22	10	12	17
3 Fashion International	9	5	2	2	26	17	9	17
4 Ludzeludze Celtics	9	5	2	2	16	13	3	17
5 Umtfuti	8	4	3	1	13	12	1	15
6 Shali United	9	3	5	1	16	10	6	14
7 Ludzeludze Kicks	8	3	4	1	13	12	1	13
8 Fletcher United	8	3	3	2	18	14	4	12
9 Sihohhweni	8	3	2	3	12	15	-3	11
10 Ludzidi	7	2	3	2	10	11	-1	9
11 Supersport	8	2	2	4	16	18	-2	8
12 Sigombeni Juventus	7	2	2	3	7	10	-3	8
13 NsengaShagari XI	9	1	4	4	11	17	-6	7
14 Mahashulane	9	1	2	6	15	27	-12	5
15 Nkamazi AK47	7	1	1	5	12	18	-6	4
16 Gum Valley	8	0	1	7	10	20	-10	1

## S &amp; S Malkerns Promotion

Position	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Ngodini	10	6	2	1	17	8	9	21
2 Cutter Cosmos	9	5	4	0	15	6	9	19
3 Vickery Nomads	10	5	3	2	14	8	6	18
4 NdindaVolcanoe	10	5	3	2	9	5	4	18
5 Swazi Can United	10	5	3	2	13	10	3	18
6 Izinyokanyoka	9	4	4	1	13	8	5	16
7 Current Toasters	10	5	1	4	10	9	1	16
8 1992 Home Talent	9	4	2	3	5	6	-1	14
9 Phondo	10	3	3	4	11	12	-1	12
10 Power Sparks	10	3	2	5	8	13	-5	11
11 Iyashisa Bhe	10	2	3	5	5	7	-2	9
12 Don Don	7	2	2	3	8	7	1	8
13 Gebeni	10	0	7	3	5	11	-6	7
14 Makhungutsha	10	2	1	7	6	14	-8	7
15 Troublemakers	10	1	4	5	4	14	-10	7
16 Mahlanya United	10	1	3	6	7	12	-5	6

## Malkerns First Division

Position	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Mdonjane Arsenal	6	3	3	0	14	5	9	18
2 Dynamite Hotspurs	8	4	3	1	16	8	8	15
3 Vuka Aces	8	3	5	0	10	7	3	14
4 Home Boys	8	4	1	3	15	13	2	13
5 Usuthu Rangers	7	4	1	2	10	9	1	13
6 Skom Boys	7	3	1	3	7	15	-8	10
7 Ntandozi	8	3	0	5	14	8	6	9
8 Thunder Bolt	8	2	3	3	8	8	0	9
9 Golden Arrows	7	2	2	3	8	10	-2	8
10 Happy Masters	8	2	2	4	8	10	-2	8
11 Red Swallows	8	1	3	4	3	9	-6	6
12 FC Navara	8	0	3	5	5	16	-11	3

## Mkhiweni Promotion

Position	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Step Ahead	11	6	2	3	20	17	3	20
2 Thuluzobona	11	5	4	2	14	9	5	19
3 Luve Stars	11	5	3	3	15	11	4	18
4 Sangotfo	11	5	3	3	10	8	2	18
5 Mbasheni Brothers	10	5	2	3	18	13	5	17
6 Manchester United	10	5	2	3	12	8	4	17
7 Colani United	10	4	4	2	16	8	8	16
8 Toronto	9	5	1	3	12	10	2	16
9 Zama United	10	4	3	3	18	15	3	15
10 LuveSuncity	10	4	2	4	14	18	-4	14
11 White Killers	11	3	4	4	12	14	-2	13
12 Bantu City	9	3	3	3	10	9	1	12
13 Mantshonga	10	2	4	4	13	13	0	10
14 Liverpool	9	2	4	3	7	7	0	10
15 Luve Classic	10	2	3	5	8	12	-4	9
16 Ngonini Young Aces	10	1	5	4	11	15	-4	8
17 All Stars	11	1	4	6	8	23	-15	7
18 All Nations	9	1	3	5	12	20	-8	6

## MP Mankayane Promotion

Position	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Junior Bucs	5	3	1	1	10	4	6	10
2 Vultures	5	3	1	1	8	4	4	10
3 Super Eagles	4	2	2	0	11	7	4	8
4 Boca Juniors	5	2	1	2	13	15	-2	7
5 Nkhangala Express	6	1	3	2	13	15	-2	6
6 MhlathaneYoungstars	6	2	0	4	11	16	-5	6
7 Total	4	1	2	1	8	8	0	5
8 Brazilians	5	0	2	3	9	14	-5	2

## CORBAN Mafutseni Promotion

Position	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Bhudla Celtics	9	6	1	2	24	14	10	19
2 Young Carnivals	9	5	2	2	17	12	5	17
3 Moyeni United	9	5	2	2	11	6	5	17
4 Emataliyane	8	3	4	1	16	8	8	13
5 Nkonga Pirates	7	4	1	2	13	8	5	13
6 Ma-G-Man	7	3	3	1	12	5	7	12
7 Vulamehlo Classic	8	3	3	2	6	6	0	12
8 Timbutini	9	2	5	2	11	11	0	11
9 Dynamos	7	3	1	3	13	14	-1	10
10 Mkhuzweni United	8	2	4	2	12	14	-2	10
11 Young Killers	5	2	2	1	16	10	6	8
12 Vuthamas	4	2	2	0	7	5	2	8
13 Khumalo	9	2	2	5	13	16	-3	8
13 Khumalo	7	1	4	2	7	8	-1	7
14 Ntabamhloshana	7	2	0	5	8	21	-13	6
15 Supersport	8	1	1	6	9	21	-12	4
16 Macabula Rovers	8	1	1	6	9	21	-12	4
17 Sadubulelo Sa-Chief	9	0	1	8	6	22	-16	1



A close-up photograph of a man with a mustache, wearing a red strapless top and a colorful beaded necklace, speaking into a microphone. The background is blurred, showing other people in a social setting.

NGVIENTHAMA CUP DRAW - LAST 32 (2016/2017)		
NUB SUNSHINES FC	VS	NUBANE SWALLOW FC
SUNSHINE FC	VS	MANZO WANDERS FC
MANCHESTER UNITED FC	VS	ROYAL LEOPARDS FC
USUMBO FLYERS FC	VS	YOUNG BULALALA FC
BAG BOYS FC	VS	WANDU SUNSHINES FC
BLACK ACES FC	VS	GREEN MAMBA FC
AMALANGA FC	VS	TAMBUJI FC
MILLING MOTSPURS FC	VS	WOMANI PIRATES FC
NUBANE CITIZENS FC	VS	RED LIONS FC
RANGERS FC	VS	NUBANE CITY FC
LUGELAGHE BROWNS FC	VS	NUBANE HIGHLANDERS FC
SORWALO DEAFAMA FC	VS	MANZO SEA BIRDS FC
LUTENDO FISHES FC	VS	KATAPAMPA UNITED FC
HEATHS/NUB FISHES FC	VS	ISALANTI CHIEFS FC
CPL FC	VS	YOUNG FC
CITY WARRIORS FC	VS	NUBANE FC

A photograph showing three men seated at a table. The man on the left is wearing a light blue button-down shirt and has a grey beard. The man in the center is wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie, and is looking down at a black folder or bag on the table. The man on the right is wearing a white short-sleeved polo shirt with a logo on the left chest and is looking towards the camera. A clear plastic water bottle is on the table in front of him. The background is dark and out of focus, showing some chairs and a table.

**I THANK YOU: Royal Leopard PRO**  
**Frank Hurube reacts after being**  
**drawn against Manchester United**  
**by Miss Cultural Sindiswa Dlamini.**



# SMVAF INGWENYAMA CUP 2016



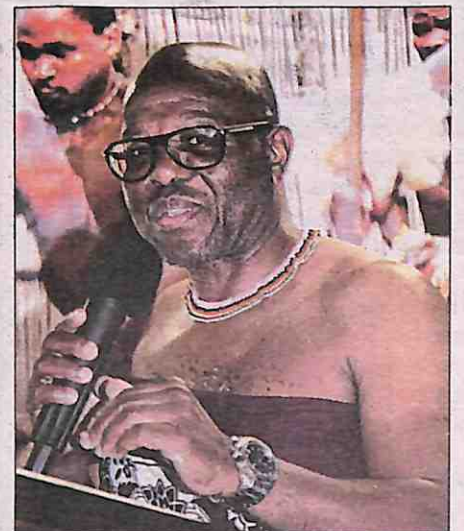
## THE DRAW



**YOU SEE:** Miss Cultural Sindiswa Dlamini displaying Hub Sundowns name drawn by Manana.



**BASOPI:** Manzini Sundowns PRO Muzi Matsenjwa picking their opponent.



**LET THE GAMES BEGIN:** FA President Senator Adam Bomber Mtsetfwa making his remarks.



**NO PEEKING:** Mbabane Highlanders Manager Sihle Dlamini being helped by Masuku during the draw where he picked Ludzeludze Brothers.



**LOOK:** PLS Chairman Victor Gamedze, MVA Chief Executive Officer Helmon Vilakati and Mbongeni Simelane representing the tournament's Chairman Prince Hlagabeza sharing a light moment.



**THERE IT IS:** Tambuti F.C PRO Nathi Dlamini with Miss Cultural Sindiswa Dlamini after picking Amalanda F.C.



**ALSO THERE:** FA vice president Nichodimus Mashwama, Manzini Wanderers General Manager Patrick Gamedze, Mbabane Citizen boss Jordy Ferreira and PLS executive member Peter Magagula at the event.

## FESTIVE SPECIALS

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 225/70 R17, 205/80 R17, 225/80 R17,5  
 215/70 R17,5  
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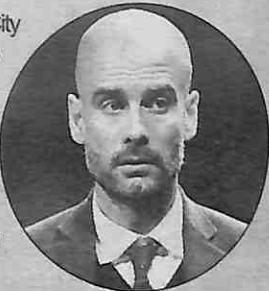


## football talk

all your latest world football news

● Arsenal's Chile forward Alexis Sanchez, 27, and Germany midfielder Mesut Ozil, 28, want new contracts that match 23-year-old Manchester United and France midfielder Paul Pogba's £290 000-a-week salary, but the Gunners will not break the £200 000 mark. (*Evening Standard*)

● Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola has spoken to Sanchez about a move to Etihad Stadium. (*El Mercurio, via Metro*)



● Juventus are set to beat Arsenal and Chelsea to the signing of Lyon's 22-year-old France Under-21 midfielder Corentin Tolisso, who the French club value at £35m. (*Talksport*)

● Liverpool are favourites to sign 23-year-old Inter Milan midfielder Geoffrey Kondogbia on loan in the January transfer window, with an option to buy the France international for £18.5m. (*Gazzetta dello Sport, via Metro*)

● Southampton face a battle to keep Manchester United and Everton target Jose Fonte after contract talks broke down with the 32-year-old Portugal defender. (*Daily Mirror*)

● Chelsea are likely to be punished with a record fine after being charged with failing to control their players in the melee at the end of their 3-1 victory at Manchester City on Saturday. (*Times - subscription required*)



● Manchester City target Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, 27, says he could leave Borussia Dortmund in the summer. The Gabon striker is also wanted by Real Madrid. (*Manchester Evening News*)

● Germany defender Mats Hummels, 27, says he was 'very close' to joining Manchester United from Borussia Dortmund before eventually signing for Bayern Munich in the summer. (*Daily Mail*)

● Midfielder Kevin Strootman is set to sign a new contract with Roma, bringing to an end Everton's interest in the 26-year-old Netherlands international. (*Calciomercato*)



● Tottenham's Belgium defender Toby Alderweireld, 27, has a £25m release clause in his contract. (*Le Soir, via Hertfordshire Mercury*)



**YOUNG STARS:** Part of the elected young stars in a group photo (right) young stars showing their talents.

## National Youth Championships a huge success

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCER - THE** National Youth Championships held at the King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium in Nhlangano were a huge success.

National Football Association of Swaziland Marketing and Communication Officer Muzi Radebe said they were happy with the way the championships turned out.

"This is one of the tortuous ways in which the FA is developing football in the country. These National Youth Championships were held for the first time and they will be a yearly event."

They feature regional pick teams in the U13s, U15s and U17s age categories.

"This implies that there were four pick teams participating. These games were played in a point system, which was mainly done to advance the course of football development such that all teams had to play more than one match," he said.

There were different winners in all the categories.

The FA thanked the regional associations, coaches, clubs, parents



**INSPIRATION:** Sibusiso 'Spoko' Dlamini (r).

and fans for the support towards the success implementation of these Youth National Championships.

"What was even more inspirational and hugely motivational to the lads was the presence of former Sihlangu SeMnikati and Kaizer Chiefs top striker, Sibusiso 'Spoko' Dlamini, who was coaching the Hhohho U17 Pick Team."

'Spoko' is now a qualified football coach.

"The involvement of former players more especially in coaching enhances football development in the country as these ex-players get the platform to share their expertise and experiences to the future



player of the series was Nsika Dlamini (All from the Hhohho pick team).

### U15s

The Lubombo pick team were the eventual winners in this category. They also received gold medals and a floating trophy. The runners-up were the Hhohho pick team (silver medals) and the third position was occupied by Shiselweni pick team (bronze medals). The Manzini pick team occupied the fourth position.

The best goal keeper was Phiwayinkhosi Masuku (Shiselweni Pick Team), top goal scorer award went to Sekwenele Dlamini from the Hhohho pick team and the player of the series was Mbongiseni Shabangu from the Lubombo pick team.

### U17s

This category was once again won by the Lubombo pick team as they received gold medals plus a floating trophy. The runners-up were the Shiselweni pick team, receiving silver medals while Hhohho pick team got bronze medals after coming third. The Manzini pick team occupied the fourth position.

## NO LIMITS BASKETBALL CAMP NEXT WEEK

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**BASKETBALL - NO Limits** basketball academy under the leadership of the youthful and highly successful coach Andile Thwala will once again host their annual 'No Limits basketball camp' next week.

This will be the fourth edition of the camp whereby youngsters are taught more than just basketball but life skills as well. The tournament has had many successes as currently there are four players in the Elite Man's league. Last year, four of the children, who were involved in the camp, made the top 20 in the external examinations. No Limits basketball academy camp coach Andile Thwala revealed how proud he was of the camp's achievements. He said they were hoping to see more kids joining. "I am very happy of the successes we have seen so far



**POSE:** No Limits basketball team posing for a group photo.

from this camp. The turn up increases every time and we are so honoured. Seriously, in the first edition we had 25 kids and in the last year's

edition, we had 80. That is very humbling." The academy invites people, who are involved in basketball, who have done well for

themselves, and those who subscribe to the academy's message - 'balance sport and academics'. "Last year, Judge Sifiso Sibandze was the guest speaker, and he is someone, who has been involved in the sport whilst also doing very well in academics too," said Thwala, who has done great things for the sport as Enjabulweni won 80% of all tournaments played this season.

Bahair also won a tournament after he got involved with them - which is something they haven't achieved since the departure of Linda Shiba.

Superladies are already the women's league champions after edging their arch-rivals Jazz ladies two weeks ago. Steels will also be looking to defend their title in the play-offs. The camp starts next Monday (December 12-14) and is open for all children from 6 to 18 years. Registration is E200 which includes food and transport for those who stay around the Mbabane and Manzini corridor.

Interested parents can contact the organising team at 7617 9956/7672 3587



# BRACE YOURSELVES FOR UPSETS, SAYS GAMEDZE

Stories y Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER – PREMIER** League of Swaziland Chairman Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze has warned elite teams to think of likely upsets from the eight regional teams during the main tournament of the 2016/17 SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup to kick-off on Friday.

Addressing the gathering during the draw held yesterday, Gamedze advised the top teams to brace themselves for a war against the eight regional teams that displayed great football during the recently ended regional competition.

"I am very happy the tournament is

back again and we are anticipating good football and high level of competitiveness following the good and entertaining football witnessed during the regional finals three weeks ago."

## Fighting

He said it was now to the premier league teams to prove their superiority over the hard fighting regional teams. "We are looking forward to more heroics from the small teams during the main tournament."

Gamedze also warned premier league administrators to demonstrate integrity in order to ensure the sport was run professionally.

"It is very disappointing to hear some teams complaining about playing too

many games within a short space of time in the league as if this was the first. He said what happened this season was exactly the same as the previous campaign.

## Integrity

"We are not doing anyone favours in the league. We always work with honesty and integrity as the executive for the betterment of the sport and we all need to work towards the same direction."

The Chairman said the finals were likely to be played between February and March next year.

"We are still to consult with the authorities of the tournament concerning the exact date of the finals," he said.

## Leaders should stand ground, 'Bomber' urges

**SOCCER - NATIONAL** Football Association of Swaziland President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa has called upon local football leaders to stand their ground

when taking decisions.

Mthethwa said leaders usually become unpopular whenever things did not go well in football but they needed to stand their ground and not bend.

## Experience

"It is very important for leaders to stick to their decisions. I know leaders always experience challenges especially when things don't go well as they end up losing friends. A leader needs to stand strong regardless of the situation encountered," he said.

The president then thanked the sponsor (SMVAF) for their commitment towards the development of local football. "We are very grateful for this sponsorship which has brought a huge improvement to the sport and we further commend the good behaviour from the fans. We are looking forward to yet another great tournament."

**BRACE YOURSELVES:** PLS Chairman Victor Gamedze addressing the teams.

## CUP COULD BECOME NATIONAL SPORTS DAY

**SOCCER – AS** the country migrates towards the King's vision 2022, the SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup is also striving towards being a national sports day.

This was revealed by the tournament's Chairman Prince Hlangabeza through his representative Mbongeni Simelane during the draw conducted yesterday.

"We are very much grateful with the commitment shown by the stakeholders since the first edition of the tournament

where we saw football, athletics and culture taking place. This is a great initiative and we should all embrace it."

Simelane said the first edition was indeed a huge success as the spirit of fair play and togetherness prevailed throughout the tournament.

"We are also anticipating another great tournament this time around in both culture and football. The King is very much grateful with the support showed by the tournament's stakeholders," he said.

## WE ARE ON THE RIGHT TRACK – SMVAF CEO

**SOCCER - SINCENCEPHETELO** Motor Vehicle Accident Fund Chief Executive Officer Helmon Vilakati believes they are on the right track in as far as the Ingwenyama Cup progress is concerned.

The CEO said the tournament had continued to grow since it was launched last season. He said they were pleased with

the impact in both football and culture. "We are very happy with the progress of the competition which continues to keep alive the King's dream of blending football with culture."

Vilakati said as sponsors they hoped this year's edition would be bigger and better. He said they would use the experience from the previous edition to

improve and make this one a memorable tournament.

"We are positive the competition will continue to lead the way among other tournaments since our mission is to become leaders in everything we do. Everything is now in place and we are looking forward to another great and exciting tournament," he said.

## FLYERS CLAIM TOP SPOT AS CALLIES SUCCUMB IN SWAZI TRAC LEAGUE

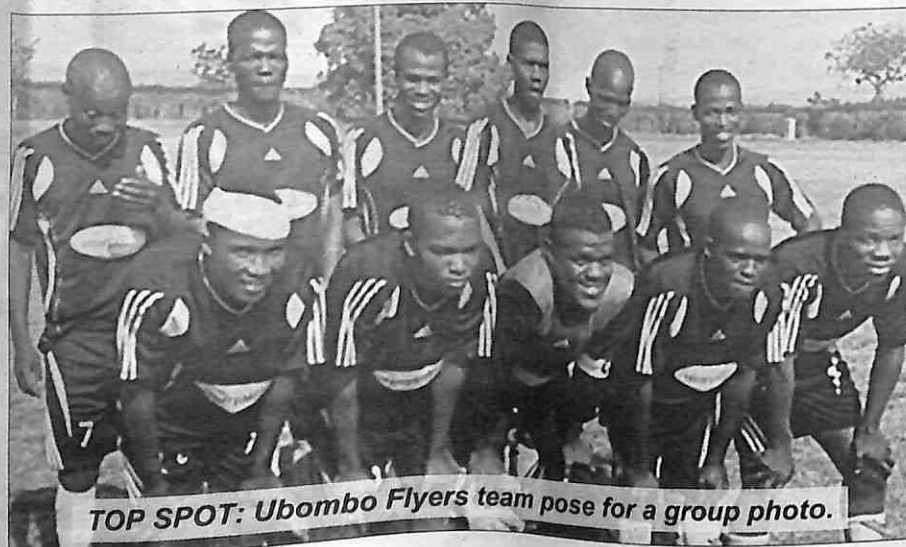
Stories by Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCER - UBOMBO** Flyers climbed to the summit of the Swazi Trac Lubombo Super League log table.

This was after playing a goal-less draw against fellow neighbours, Illovo F.C while long time table toppers, Tabankulu Callies succumbed to a 1-0 defeat in the hands of CPL in an interesting grand opening double header played at Mayaluka Stadium.

As the title race heats up, Callies suffered their second consecutive defeat to surrender the top spot to the 2016 Ingwenyama Cup participants, who now have 26 points in 11 games compared to Callies' 25 points. The games which attracted hordes of football followers saw Callies taking on CPL in the first match, and indeed, the spectators were kept at the edge of their seats as both sides showed great determination.

CPL's lone strike proved to be the only goal of the game and it surely gave them the valuable maximum points while Callies' title



TOP SPOT: Ubombo Flyers team pose for a group photo.

aspirations were dented.

Scenes of jubilation were the order of the night among CPL supporters, who rallied behind the team. With Callies' defeat, both the Flyers and Illovo had a chance to claim the top spot, should either of the sides collect maximum points but the draw favoured Flyers

as compared to Illovo, who had 24 points.

Both sides had a fair share of missed scoring chances but Illovo showed much more determination towards the end of the match, as they mounted the pressure on their opponents. Even though the match failed to live up to expectations when taking into account

## Supporters bring vibe at Mayaluka

**SOCCER - THE** Mayaluka Stadium in Big Bend was a hive of activity last Friday night as throngs of football lovers cascaded the stadium to be part of the Swazi Trac Lubombo Super League grand opening games.

The double header saw CPL and Callies playing each other in the first match before another interesting encounter pitting rivals, Flyers and Illovo.

Football supporters, who rallied behind their teams,

were the centre of attraction as they danced and sang throughout the duration of the games.

CPL supporters buoyed by their team's 1-0 victory over Callies, proved to be more boisterous and indeed the stadium was brought to life much to the excitement of the sponsors and football authorities present on the night. People from all different walks of life braved the night just to be part of the event.

the rivalry and form of the two sides, the league title race is gaining momentum with each passing game.

In the end football was the winner as there were no scenes of unsporting behaviour.

The games were watched by Swazi Trac representative, Philip 'Big Daddy' Dlamini,

Lubombo Regional Football Association (LRFA) Chairman Mangaliso Langwenya together with his executive committee members, Lucky Dlamini, Sicelo Nene, Richard Shongwe and Mduduzi Vilakati. The stadium was branded with the sponsors, Swazi Trac banners.



TONIGHT

ABSA PREMIERSHIP

19:30 Highlands Park v Bloemfontein Celtic

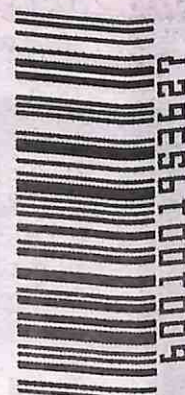
UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

21:45 Legia Warszawa v Sporting CP  
21:45 Juventus v Dinamo Zagreb  
21:45 Olympique Lyonnais v Sevilla  
21:45 Bayer Leverkusen v Monaco  
21:45 Club Brugge v København  
21:45 Tottenham Hotspur v CSKA Moskva  
21:45 Real Madrid v Borussia Dortmund  
21:45 Porto v Leicester City

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## LET THE GAMES BEGIN:



**WHO WILL LIFT THIS CUP?:** FA President Adam Bomber Mtsetfwa, Ingwenyama Cup Chairman's representative Mbongeni Simelane, MVA Chief Executive Officer Helmon Vilakati and PLS Chairman Victor Gamedze displaying the trophy during the SMVA Ingwenyama Cup 2016/17 draw at Sibane Hotel yesterday. The tournament begins on Friday. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

### THE FULL FIXTURE:

Friday at Mayaluka Stadium			
CPL	vs	Vovovo	6:30pm
Flyers	vs	Young Buffaloes	8:30pm
Friday at Somhlolo National Stadium			
L. Foxes	vs	Matsapha United	6:30pm
Bad Boys	vs	Manzini Sundowns	8:30pm
Saturday at Killarney Sports Ground			
Manchester United	vs	Royal Leopard	3pm
Saturday at Somhlolo National Stadium			
Amalanda	vs	Tambuti	1:30pm
Citizens	vs	Red Lions	3:30pm
Saturday at Mavuso Sports Centre			
H. Tycoons	vs	Malanti Chiefs	1:30pm
M. Hotspurs	vs	Moneni Pirates	3:30pm
Saturday at Mayaluka Stadium			
City Warriors	vs	Madlenya	2pm
Sikhalo	vs	Sea Birds	4pm
Saturday at King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium			
Black Aces	vs	Green Mamba	2pm
Rangers	vs	Midas City	4pm
Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium			
Sibovini	vs	Manzini Wanderers	12noon
L. Brothers	vs	Mb. Highlanders	2pm
Hub Sundowns	vs	Mbabane Swallows	4pm

## SMVAF INGWENYAMA CUP 2016

# E1.2 MILLION FOR INGWENYAMA CUP CHAMPS

- Games will start on Friday
- Defending champs 'Birds' face Hub Sundowns
- Two hub derbies in round of 32

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER – BUCKLE it up, it's game on. The exciting SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup main tournament is back with a bang and has once again continued to set the pace among other local knock-out competitions.**

The first prize money for the 2016/17 edition is E1.2 million for the champions.

The good news was announced by the Premier League of Swaziland Chairman Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze during the draw held at Sibane Hotel yesterday morning. Last year's E1.1 million first prize money has been increased by E100 000 and the tournament was won

by capital city giants Mbabane Swallows. Even though the full prize breakdown is yet to be announced by the management committee, the chairman said he was confident the competition would be much bigger and better compared to what it was last season during the inaugural edition.

### Grateful

"We are very much grateful to the King for coming up with such a great competition and the sponsor for its continued support. We are looking forward to a more exciting and fulfilling tournament this year following a good start during the regional tournament where we witnessed entertaining football," Gamedze said.

The draw saw defending cham-

pions Mbabane Swallows being pitted against First Division side Hub Sundowns while Royal Leopard will have an acid test as they will have a date with regional champions Manchester United.

Crowd pullers Mbabane Highlanders and Manzini Wanderers were drawn against Ludzeldzwe Brothers and Hhohho Super League outfit side Sibovini FC, respectively. Hub derbies will take place between Manzini Sundowns and Bad Boys whilst Moneni Pirates will take on Milling Hotspurs.



## 'BIG THREE' IN INGWENYAMA CUP GRAND OPENER

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER – THE country's big three teams in Mbabane Swallows, Manzini Wanderers and Mbabane Highlanders will once again feature in the grand opening of the SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup to be played at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.**

This is according to a fixture released by the Premier League of Swaziland yesterday. The Somhlolo triple header will kick-off with a clash between Sibovini FC against Manzini Wanderers to be followed by another exciting encounter between Ludzeldzwe Brothers and Mbabane Highlanders. The day will be wrapped up by a clash between defending champions Mbabane Swallows, who will be up against Hub Sundowns.

The games will start on Friday where CPL will clash with Vovovo while Flyers will take on Young Buffaloes. Somhlolo will also host a double header on Friday with Luyengo Foxes battling with Matsapha United while Bad Boys have a date with Manzini Sundowns.

On Saturday, regional champions Manchester United will be looking to cause an upset when they take on Royal Leopard at the newly refurbished Killarney Stadium in Piggs Peak. Other interesting encounters will see Hlatikhulu Tycoons clash with Malanti Chiefs while Hotspurs have a date with Moneni Pirates.

There will also be two double clashes at the Mayaluka Stadium and the King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium. Soccer fans will part with E10 to watch a single header while it would cost E20 for a double header. The much anticipated Sunday's triple header will cost E30.