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AS UNIONS SIGN FOR BUMPER PAY IT TURNS OUT...

IT'S 38% FOR LOWLY PAID CIVIL SERVANTS

...the percentage increase is staggered according to entry notches

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2 NATIONAL NEWS

THERE IS NEPOTISM IN POLICE FORCE, COP TELLS PM'S PORTFOLIO

By Sabatha Dlamini
Mbabane

A police officer, Thandukwazi Zwane, has pointed out that there is a lot of nepotism in the police service during recruitment.

Zwane made these allegations to the prime minister's portfolio committee where he was making his submissions on the Police Bill. The portfolio committee set out to take public views as regards the proposed Police Bill.

The police officer is of the view that the police service must adopt a policy that a constable must be promoted to a sergeant after 10 years and further be promoted to be an inspector after 15-20 years.

There have been concerns that nepotism and favouritism played a big role in the hiring and subsequent promotion of officers within the security officers.

Such a revelation is likely to shake the police force and by extension the

● The police officer suggested to the MPs that the police service must adopt a policy that a constable must be promoted to be a sergeant after 10 years and further be promoted to be an inspector after 15-20 years



HEAD: Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini.

other security forces. MPs are likely to take this matter up when the Bill gets underway for debate.

Authorities have always refuted

such allegations. The submission by the police officer will no doubt resuscitated the debate around this subject. Another submission by Sipho Gumede was that the main concern with the Bill relates to the powers of the police to search without a warrant.

He said Section 13 (4) of the Bill needed to be amended to revoke the police right to search without a warrant.

The Woman and Law also got an opportunity to make submissions. The organisation said Clause 18 provided for the establishment of Correctional Services Commission.

They said the Commission was unnecessary as the current Civil Service Commission (CSC) had the necessary competence and resources to carry-out the functions and duties

thereof. They advanced an argument that such a decision would increase the government wage bill, which is not sustainable on the current economic state of the country and would therefore place a heavy burden on the taxpayer.

The organisation also submitted that there should be only one option of punishment for dishonest or false statement; either a fine or imprisonment, and never both as provided for in clause 40 (1), clause 41 (3) and clause 69 of the Bill.

Where a person is to be dismissed for making a dishonest or false statement in terms of clause 41 (4), the organisation noted that the said dismissal should follow a disciplinary enquiry.

They also submitted on other clauses which sought to give disciplinary boards the same powers as that of magistrate's courts with regard to disobedience to summons and making of false statements, in that persons may be charged with criminal offences as a result of these respectively.

In any normal employer and

employee relationship, they said a person was not compelled to obey summonses to disciplinary hearings, nor were they charged with perjury for any false utterances.

Reasons advanced were that disciplinary boards or tribunals were not judicial in nature. The organisation then made four recommendations.

First, the provisions in contravention of the national, regional, continental and international should be amended and aligned to comply therewith.

Secondly, they call for the removal of those provisions that provided for terms and conditions of employment and make them subject to regulations pertaining to all public service officers.

Thirdly, they call for the removal of the provisions in relation to the setting up of a Royal Swaziland Police Service Commission to discharge those functions and duties.

And lastly, the Police Service Bill should surely focus on the effective management of the police service, its regulation and service provision to the public.

Cops injured, killed on duty to be covered - PM

THE intended Police Act has a provision for compensation for police officers who would get injured or killed in the line of duty.

Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini, in his capacity as minister of police, said the compensation would be provided through a separate insurance cover facility.

He made this in his preamble for the Police Bill, 2014 which was tabled in the House of Assembly on Monday by a member of the prime minister's portfolio committee.

"Support of this nature is long overdue given the inherent risk in police work," said the PM.

The Bill, if eventually enacted into law, would give legal effect to the Police Staff Association, an internal structure responsible for channelling to the office of the National commissioner and onwards to the relevant govern-

ment structures, grievances and other issues affecting the welfare of police officers.

The prime minister said this provision was essential as police officers, as well as other public service employees, had issues that impact on their welfare and operations.

Negotiation

He further said in establishing the police staff association, the Bill served to facilitate the important right of negotiation regarding terms and conditions of service for police officers.

"The effectiveness of the police service is therefore not diffused by allowing it to be politicised or drawn into trade union activity, creating the risk of potential industrial action putting at risk the continuous protection of the general public. This enables our police service to stay faithful to the motto of 'Silihawu LeMhube ne Sive'.

DPM given 7 days to distribute food to the 55 constituencies

DEPUTY Prime Minister Paul Dlamini was yesterday forced to distribute food to all the country's 55 constituencies within the next seven days.

In a motion moved by Nkwene MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini, the DPM was forced to report back to parliament within 14 days on how the food distribution would have been made.

The DPM was warned to ensure the distribution covered the whole country nationally, not just a few constituencies. MP Dlamini was supported by Shiselweni 11 MP Mthokozisi Kunene.

The DPM was in agreement and said today he would bring a list of the constituencies where he would be distributing the food. He made it clear though that his already prepared list did not cover all the country's constituencies.

MP Kunene said the prime minister declared the hunger and drought situation a national disaster. He said government had, however, failed to demonstrate that they were aware of the dire need for food in



ULTIMATUM: DPM Paul Dlamini.

the communities.

MP Kunene said when the PM signed the legal document declaring the situation a national disaster they hoped that other budgetary items would be suspended to give priority to the hunger crisis. Kunene said it was very unfortunate that government failed to fulfil that promise.

Meanwhile, Mtfongwaneni MP Mjuluko Dlamini moved a motion calling upon the House to elect a five-member committee to investigate why the money allocated for disaster mitigation was not released

on time.

MP Dlamini said parliament appropriated E305 million to the DPM's office for national disaster mitigation but that money never reached its destination.

Dlamini said the money was put under Head 60 instead of being transferred to the national disaster management agency to meet the needs of the affected citizens.

Mahlangatsha MP Bongani Hlophe supported the motion. Before it could be concluded, however, the House had to adjourn until today because members were no longer forming a quorum.

The DPM had already told the MPs he can't stop the MPs from proceeding with the setting-up of the committee but his investigations indicated that cabinet released the money. Lobamba MP Michael Masilela wanted the DPM to explain if the money had been released in full.

He said he must also explain who was preventing the timely release of the money. The matter was not concluded.

Baby mamas left stranded, babies crying after told there is no money

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

WOMEN who are getting paid maintenance money through the social welfare were raging mad yesterday as they were turned back and told there is no money for their young ones.

Some of the women who came from as far as Siteki were left stranded as they had hoped that they will get their cheques on the same day as usual. However, the women

were left dumbfounded when they were told that the social welfare in Manzini had not received any cheques from Mbabane as there was a technical problem with their machines.

What angered the women the most according to Ncamsile Zwane* (not her real name) was that the money is taken from their baby daddies' days before month end.

Zwane stated that the father of her child is a police officer and he usually gets paid on the 20th of every month, she said since he got a gar-

nishee order the money is deducted from his account.

Zwane who was in the company of another woman who was also in the same predicament stated that they are not happy with the way they are treated by the social welfare department.

Vehicle

She said sometimes when they come to collect their cheques, they are told that there is no vehicle which could have transported them from Mbabane to Manzini.

The angry woman stated that as a

result sometimes they have to fork out money from their own pockets and let someone take public transport to fetch the cheques.

Problem

Zwane stated that her child has missed school as a result of the 'technical' problem which saw cheques not being released in time. "Kuhlupheka kuyevana vele nalomntfwana nje nyalo akayi naseskolweni uyagula akanakudla" Zwane stated in vernacular.

The two women stated that they were told to go for themselves to

Mbabane and hear what the Deputy Prime Minister's office will say. When the DPM's office was called yesterday Principal Secretary Khangeziwe Mabuza stated that they haven't received any cheques and no one has been paid their maintenance money.

She said even those waiting to receive their Umsizi allowances hadn't been paid not only in Manzini but all over the country. She stated that the treasurer is the one who can answer as to what is the hold up.

LOWEST PAID CIVIL SERVANTS TO GET UP TO 38% SALARY INCREASE

COVER STORY

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

AS the Public Sector Unions finally reached a consensus with the Government Negotiation Team (GNT) regarding the much awaited salary review, the lowest paid civil servants will now be walking home with up to 38 % salary increase.

Yesterday, the public sector unions finally gained victory after months of back and forth negotiations with GNT, scoring a salary review for their union members that ranges from 17 percent staggering up to a 38 percent salary increase. The public sector unions include the Swaziland National Association of Government Accounts Personnel (SNAGAP), Swaziland Democratic Nurses Union (SWADNU), Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) and National Public Service and Allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU).

Some members who were present at the Joint Negotiation Forum (JNF) said the 10-hour negotiation meeting was worth it as they came out victorious. A source close to the matter revealed that under NAPSAWU the percentages vary from each pay scale notch.

"For NAPSAWU the entry level pay scale notch is A1, these will get a 38 % salary increase and notch B, C, E will get the 17% salary increase, with other notches varying in-between," he said.

He further revealed that during the signing of the agreement for the salary review, government said civil servants will get a bumper pay this month, July end.

"The GNT said the salary review will be back dated to April 2016," he said.

The source however revealed that though the adjustment of the pay structure may have been favourable,

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TEAM LEADER: Principal Secretary Evert Madlopha.

they are bitter that the allowances were not adjusted at all.

"As for the allowances government flatly rejected it, stating that it does not have enough money to also implement the allowances adjustment."

"Overall we are happy with what we have walked away with from the long negotiations that we have had with government. I am sure the union members will also appreciate what we brought from government," he said.

Happy

Another source from SNAT said they were also happy with the percentage that they came out with.

"Actually we got a more improved offer from what we were expecting from government, it is more lucrative than what we had in mind. The 17 % is not across the board, some teachers will get more than the 17 % and we are very pleased about that," he said.

Asked why the negotiation meeting took so long, the source said "It was not that we were in disagreement with the GNT but we wanted to get more clarity on what government was bringing to the table. We wanted to be able to correctly relate to our members the nitty-gritties of the

salary review. Waiting was worth it as we got more clarity".

It is worth noting that civil servants have not had a salary review for the past 12 years. The public sector unions started the process of negotiating a salary review in 2013, where government contracted a private consultancy company, LCC Capital to come up with the suitable pay structures that would be effected for the civil servants.

In September 2015, LCC Capital submitted the report but it took the ministry of public service over four months to finally release the salary review report to the unions.

The Principal Secretary to the ministry, Evert Madlopha, came out to tell the public sector unions, the unions will not get their hands on the report as it was confidential and belonged to government, which caused uproar amongst the unions.

After endless attempts from the public sector unions to have government release the report, to no avail, the unions finally decided to march to the ministry of public service for the release of the salary review report.

After countless protest marches to the ministry which occurred every Wednesday until the ministry released the report, government finally succumbed to the unions requests and released the report.

After the release of the LCC Capital salary review report there was another outcry from the unions, who claimed that the salary report was 'doctored', looking at the time government held onto the report without releasing it to the unions.

Eventually salary negotiations kicked off and the media was requested to appreciate the sensitivity of the matter and accord parties the liberty to negotiate without interference.

Speaker swallows pride, apologises to MPs

Stories by Sabatha
Dlamini
Lobamba

SPEAKER Themba Msibi was yesterday forced to apologise for his alleged wayward behaviour to address parliamentary issues through the media.

Nkwene MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini raised the concern on a point of privilege and complained bitterly that Msibi rubbished the parliamentary caucus that was held recently, arguing that it was illegal.

MP Dlamini warned Msibi not to abuse the privilege he had that gave him unhindered access to the king. Msibi apol-

ogised for his actions and requested the MPs to accept his apology, promising to submit himself to their counsel.

The Nkwene legislator told the House of Assembly they were fresh from being commanded by His Majesty King Mswati III that they should concern themselves with parliamentary business.

MP Dlamini said out of respect for His Majesty, they heeded the royal command and warned Msibi not to provoke them in the newspapers as if the royal command did not concern him. He argued that His Majesty did not command only the MPs but all of them including the speaker.



I'M SORRY: Speaker Themba Msibi and Nkwene MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini.



Prince Magudvulela not spared

APPOINTED MP Prince Magudvulela was also not spared for having used the media as a vehicle to vent his anger and frustrations over matters of parliament.

The Nkwene legislator said they had respect for the prince due to his position as leader of a community in the Hhohho region where he is chief and also an appointed MP.

He said they looked to him for guidance but his behaviour seemingly was way out of order.

Somntongo MP Sandile Nxumalo questioned if it was in order that the conduct of

Chief Magudvulela would be discussed in his absence.

Before he could swallow his words, however, the prince was entering the chamber and the Nkwene MP raised his concern again for the benefit of the prince.

The chief of KaNdwandwa in Ntfontjeni was accused of having labelled members of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Swaziland Branch executive as fraud suspects. He was referring to the recently elected members from the House of Assembly, which the Nkwene legislator is also part of.

Zion pastor found with dagga at border, arrested

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlango

IT came as a shock to church members when they learned about the arrest of their pastor after trying to smuggle dagga as he was crossing at a border gate on his way to South Africa.

It is said Pastor Mfanukhona Nkosi, aged 38 of Mcengeni area in the Hhohho region, was last week Monday arrested as he was preparing to cross at the Nsalitje Border Gate. It is unclear as to which part of South Africa Pastor Nkosi was visiting when police from the Swazi side cut short his trip.

Nkosi, it was established, leads one of the Zionist churches and news of his arrest only started spreading to some of the branches when some church members wanted to know his whereabouts and it later transpired

that he got arrested as he was crossing to SA. It is said some of the church members were keen to know what exactly he had done that led to him arrested.

They (members) were baffled when told that he was found in possession of dagga.

His arrest occurred on Monday, when on the previous day, which was a Sunday he had been with his church preaching.

He was with a female passenger when he was arrested and claims are that he had told the police that they were heading to Durban.

It is believed that the pastor frequented the border gate and at times using others to probably confuse those he thought were being suspicious each time he crossed to SA. Word is that just when the pastor thought all was well and their passports were stamped, there arrived police officers and they requested that

they be allowed them to search the vehicle, a bakkie and he seemed to have no problem with that as he knew that it was part of the police officers work.

They found the dagga, weighing over 3kg well wrapped and hidden below the base of the bakkie, there was some welding work that was done.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed that a certain pastor was last week arrested.

"What we have been told is that he has already appeared in court," said Supt Mamba.

Meanwhile, it was established that the court found Pastor Nkosi guilty and he was sentenced to pay a fine of E2 000 or be sent to jail for two years.

He managed to pay the fine to gain his freedom.



REMINDER NOTICE

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RE: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- Members of the Law Society are reminded that the Annual General Meeting will convene on **Saturday the 9th July 2016 at 10:00am** at the **Mbabane Club**.
- The items on the agenda remain the same.

SECRETARY

4 NATIONAL NEWS

Two homesteads set on fire, bombed at night in Moneni

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

VIOLENCE erupted in Moneni as more houses are set on fire by unknown people.

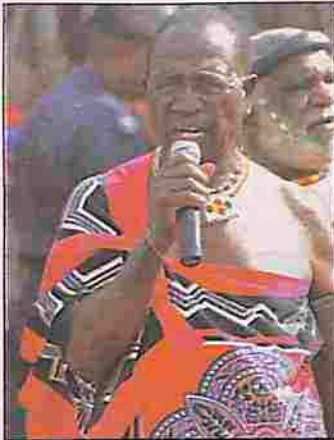
Yesterday, another homestead was torched in the middle of the night while another house was reported to have been petrol bombed in broad daylight on Monday.

The raging war between the two factions, Lwandle and Moneni, seems to be far from over.

Sources

According to sources close to the matter, people who were allocated land by Lwandle Chief in the area, which the Moneni faction believe is theirs, are now living in fear as their homesteads are under attack. "We are now living in fear. They burnt Mndzebele's rondavel using tyres," the source disclosed.

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MUST COME BACK:
Ludzidzini Indvuna
Timothy Mtetwa.

Information gathered is that the tyres were smeared with oil and left to burn, it is said a

young boy found people talking while he was on his way to the shop that a shack had been burnt in one of the homesteads.

What is puzzling the aggrieved parties though is that the tyres which were used to burn the shack at Mndzebele's place belonged to one of his neighbours.

Some of the people who are being questioned about the land they have built their houses on stated that they are having sleepless nights as people run around the yards at night stealing their stuff and burning their houses.

Mndzebele whose place was torched has since reported the matter to the police. This incident comes after Mndzebele

and another resident identified as Tjapile were served with summons and told to appear before Ndabazabantu (national court) on Monday, it is said while they were on their way home they were told that a house belonging to one of them had been set on fire.

Summoned

Those who were summoned said Ndabazabantu distanced itself from the matter saying it is a matter that is supposed to be discussed by the relevant authorities at the Umphakatsi level.

It is also said that the Swazi National Court (Ndabazabantu) made it clear that Ludzidzini Indvuna Timothy Mtetwa must come back and address the issue again. Chief Police Information and Communication Officer Khulani Mamba confirmed that a case was opened at the Manzini police station and the police are investigating it.



IN LAND DISPUTE: Former Minister of Justice Reverend David Matse.

Ex-Minister's land dispute case drags

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

THERE was drama at the Magistrate's Court as former Minister of Justice Reverend David Matse was involved in a heated argument with accused Nhlankhla Macingwane.

The two are currently embroiled in a fierce land dispute which saw Matse taking the businessman to court for malicious injury to property, which was at Matse's church.

The former minister of justice who owns a church in Matsapha is accused by Macingwane of obtaining land which he used for constructing his church using dubious means.

In turn, Macingwane went berserk and destroyed property at the site. He is facing a charge of malicious damage to property that belongs to Matse.

The matter took a dramatic turn yesterday in court after it was discovered that Mbikwakhe Indvuna Yenkhundla Musa Dlamini, who is at the centre of the land dispute, has since passed away. Both parties were unaware of the matter until they read about it in yesterday's Swazi Observer.

Upon being informed about the matter, Principal Magistrate Joe Gumede who was presiding over the matter said that the presumption would be that the matter will take a new turn as statements have to be changed because the late Musa will not be called to court as a witness.

However, the argument was 'what should be done' then because the Indvuna was at the centre of the dispute because both parties were alleging that the Indvuna did 'this and that' and said a lot of things.

It was revealed that the Indvuna was going to be cross examined but it was unfortunate that he has since passed away. The magistrate raised his concern and said that a statement was recorded at the police station and all witnesses were referring to the late Musa which meant that all that was being said now were allegations that he would not answer to.

Controversial Prophet Bernard Afresa Taylor in the country

By Observer Reporter

THE allegedly controversial prophet Bernard Taylor from Ghana is in the country for a conference in Manzini.

It is not clear when he arrived in the country but the three days conference started Tuesday and is scheduled to end today.

The founder of the Destiny Empowerment Chapel International has been accused of engaging in sexual activities with female members of his church.

Following intense investigations, it came to light that the prophet is in the country for a conference held at The George Hotel in Manzini, which is said to be open for all and has attracted a number of females, who are

said to be looking for spiritual upliftment.

When one of the contacts was contacted, the lady on the other end of the line first seemed hesitant about answering as she kept questioning, where and how her cell number was obtained. She finally resorted to dropping the call, then later switched her phone off.

A number of men of God in the country are said to be aware about the prophet's visit to the rather quiet and peaceful country and are concerned about the word of God, which is said to be taken to the gutters by this alleged bogus pastor. "We are concerned about why he is in the country as he has been reported to be bad news, especially to the gospel, without being judgmental, we are just concerned about

the gospel we are trying to minister being dragged through the mud by the supposed man of God like this," he said.

He added that Christianity is suffering currently because of prophets like Bernard Taylor, as they use supernatural power to attract crowds while they are bad people inside.

It has been previously reported in Ghana, that Taylor and other pastor friends of his are into taking advantage of women who fall for their Christian postures. When the conference was visited yesterday, the alleged 'ladies man' who is the president of Bernard Taylor World Outreach and founder of Destiny Empowerment Chapel International was present, standing before the people who attended.



HERE: Prophet Bernard Taylor.

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MKHULU (80) GETS 11 YEARS IN JAIL FOR RAPING FIVE-YEAR-OLD

By Linda Jele
High Court

"In recent times rapists know no bounds as toddlers and the elderly are equal candidates to the most dehumanising act of rape."

These were the words of High Court Judge Titus Mlangeni when handing down a judgment of an elderly man estimated to be aged 80 years who raped a five-year old girl. The man was convicted of rape and was sentenced to 11 years imprisonment without the option of paying a fine. The old man committed the offence on December 11, 2015 in the Manzini region.

He was a known person within the minor's family and on the day in question, he followed her with other young children to the veld to pick wild berries. He then lured the young girl into seclusion, lay her down and had sexual intercourse with her.

However, he was caught red handed by a nine-year old girl who went out to search for the toddler after her disappearance from the rest of them.

The old man tried to bribe the survivor of abuse with a E1 coin. He further asked the children never to report what he was seen doing on the minor. According to law, a child aged five-years is incapable of consenting to sexual intercourse.

The old man had pleaded not guilty to the offence, but the crown led evidence of four witnesses, the child and a nine-year old who witnessed the incident.

A community police woman was also called to testify as well as the investigating officer.

His attorney had argued that an old man of his age was incapable of committing such an offence.

He further argued that the old man was in fact not at the scene as described by the two children, but was at his sister's place. However, the court said he saw no reason why the children could tell lies.

"This evidence is overwhelming. It leaves no doubt as to the identity of the accused and what he did. There is no reason why these young children would create such a story against the accused. I am mindful of the caution to treat the evidence of young children with care, on the basis that they are highly imaginative and prone to suggestions by others," Judge Mlangeni said.

He noted that even though the evidence of the minors had some inconsistencies, especially as to what he

was wearing on the day, but he said the disparity was not so serious that the evidence's probable value could be undermined. "I, therefore, conclude that the accused did violate the body of the complainant on or about December 11, 2015," Mlangeni said.

He did not consider the old man's submission that he should not be sent to a long prison term because he might die there. The judge said the seriousness of the offence and the aggravating factor of the child's age far outweighed it.

He said even though it was disclosed that there was no penetration, but minor abrasions, taking that in his favour might encourage would-be-offenders. Principal Crown Counsel Lomvula Hlophe represented the crown in the matter. The sentence was backdated to December 18, 2015 when the arrest was made.



DONATION: From right PMCI Director Daniel Kim, President of the Association of people with albinism Philemon Gama and Gon Jeong-bae showing some of the donated items at the Deputy Prime Minister's office yesterday. (Pic: Nozipho Sibiya)

People with albinism get E40 000 material

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

PEOPLE for Medical Cooperation International (PMCI) Swaziland donated sunglasses and caps worth E40 000 to people with albinism in the country.

The donation was handed to the Association of People with Albinism

at the Deputy Prime Minister's office yesterday.

Director of PMCI Daniel Kim said they are still in negotiations with the DPM's office to provide sanitary pads and skin creams in the near future.

Donated

"Last year we donated to the association food such as beans, rice, sugar and tinned fish in areas around Luve and Mpaka," he said.

President of the association Philemon Gama thanked PMCI for looking after people with Albinism in the country.

He said the sunglasses and caps will be helpful to them since direct sunshine could damage their eyes.

"We appeal to other sponsors to donate to us the prescribed creams."

He said PMCI is among the companies that have been helpful to them for years.

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OSCAR PISTORIOUS GOES BACK TO JAIL AGAIN

PISTORIUS GETS JUST 6YRS FOR MURDERING REEVA

...is likely to be a free man in only three



BACK TO JAIL: Oscar Pistorius leaves the High Court in Pretoria after being sentenced to six years in jail for murdering his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp three years ago. (AFP)



BYE MY SISTER: Oscar Pistorius embraces his sister Aimee Pistorius as he leaves the High Court.



WORD OF COMFORT: Pistorius holds a relative as he leaves the High Court in Pretoria after being sentenced to six years in jail for murdering his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp three years ago.



IT'S DONE: Journalists crowd around a van believed to be carrying Olympic and Paralympic track star Oscar Pistorius after his sentencing at the North Gauteng High Court

FALLEN superstar Oscar Pistorius could be free in 2019 after a judge sentenced him for six years for the murder of his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp.

The one-time Olympic icon clutched at his family, savouring his last physical contact with them, as he was led down to the cells to await his return to prison.

Under the sentencing guidelines used by Judge Thokozile Masipa, the 29-year-old killer will be eligible to be considered for parole after serving half of the sentence.

Although the state was given the opportunity to announce an appeal against the decision, they declined to do so.

The runner's sister Aimee, wept loudly - her hands clasped to her face - as she watched her older brother descend into the bowels of Pretoria's High Court - where the latest chapter of Pistorius' extraordinary life has played out for the last two years.

Jenna Edkins, the double amputee's former girlfriend, who has reportedly moved back in with him to provide comfort during his last few weeks of freedom, whispered to him and held his sleeve as he passed slowly.

Parents

The grief-stricken parents of 29-year-old Reeva maintained a dignified silence as Judge Masipa sealed Pistorius' fate, and appeared to accept that the killer was shown great mercy by the judge, who could have jailed him for 15 years.

Judge Masipa, whose earlier decision to acquit the double amputee of murdering his lover was overturned by appeal judges, took an hour to read her lengthy judgment before ordering Pistorius to stand as she handed down her final punishment.

The judge briefly adjourned the court enabling the lawyers to discuss the decision, but at this stage the state appears to be prepared to let it go unchallenged.

The statutory minimum for murder in South Africa is 15 years, however, the Judge found that Pistorius' disability, the context of the killing, the 12 months he has already spent behind bars during

SENTENCING HIGHLIGHTS

- Runner sentenced to six years in jail.
- Must serve half before parole or house arrest can be considered.
- Could be back home by July 2019.
- Waiting to hear if state will appeal.
- Family and supporters of the runner wept.
- The quietest people in the room were the parents of Reeva Steenkamp.
- Pistorius, 29, could be out by the age of 32.



SIX YEARS: Oscar Pistorius was handed a six-year jail term for murdering his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp - but could be out in 2019 after a judge outlined his 'special circumstances' (Daily Mail)

which he completed a raft of rehabilitation courses provided 'compelling' reasons to show mercy.

As the judge read out her judgment, the body language of Reeva Steenkamp's family became increasingly uncomfortable as the realisation dawned on them that her killer would be shown mercy by the court.

Describing the accused as a 'fallen hero' who 'cannot be at peace' she told the court that a lengthy spell behind bars 'would not serve justice in this matter'.

Dup De Bruyn, solicitor for the Steenkamp family said: "The law has run its course, nothing will bring Reeva back." There have been conflicting interpretations by lawyers about when Pistorius could be eligible to be considered for parole - ranging between one-

sixth and two-thirds of his sentence.

Any challenge by the prosecution to the Supreme Court of Appeal would be another blow to Judge Masipa, who issued the original culpable homicide verdict that was later overturned.

Many legal experts said they had expected a term of between 11 and 14 years. Jacqui Mofokeng, spokeswoman of the ruling ANC party's women league, told AFP after the sentencing: "We are very disappointed... from five years that we fought against, and now it is six, what is that? It's an insult to the women of South Africa"

The roads around the High Court were blocked by police as a prison van, carrying Pistorius, and police outriders swept up from the court's cells in a blaze of sirens and flashing lights.

(Daily Mail)

Six years for Oscar Pistorius an 'insult' - ANCWL

PRETORIA - The six-year jail sentence imposed on Oscar Pistorius for murdering Reeva Steenkamp was an insult and an embarrassment, the ANC Women's League said yesterday.

"It's an embarrassment to the justice system of this country," the league's Jacqui Mofokeng said shortly after Pistorius was led away from his crying sister Aimee and other relatives, down

to the holding cells below the High Court in Pretoria.

"It's a total insult to women," other ANCWL members who were in court said.

Before she adjourned, Judge Thokozile Masipa said she would be in her chambers to deal with any applications for leave to appeal. It was not yet clear if either the defence or State intended talking to her about this.

The Steenkamp family left courtroom GD through a side entrance without showing any emotion.

Pistorius' lawyer Barry Roux walked up to Reeva's father Barry, smiled and shook his hand.

Pistorius' uncle Arnold smiled and gave a thumbs-up to a journalist who called out his name from the public gallery. He kept walking and said nothing. News24



OSCAR COULD BE RELEASED IN TIME

... To represent SA at 2020 Tokyo Olympics

PRETORIA - And now ... representing South Africa in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics ... Oscar Pistorius!

Don't wince. Don't be horrified. Don't laugh. Theoretically, this could happen.

Pistorius, jailed for six years yesterday for the murder of his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp, could serve as little as half that sentence.

So he could be a free man three years from now, on July 6, 2020 - 18 days before the opening ceremony in Tokyo.

Given that Pistorius is going to have a lot of time on his hands in prison, using most of it to train, this doesn't seem a reality stretch.

He will, however, be almost 34 by the time the 2020 Games start.

So any return to action for him might have to be in a discipline less taxing than sprinting. But

could it happen?

"I wouldn't see why not," Tubby Reddy, the chief executive of SA Sports Confederation and Olympic committee, said after yesterday's court proceedings.

"Even if he is paroled he would have served his time and paid his debt to society. He would be expected to take his place in society again."

And it's not as if Olympians haven't been sentenced to serve time in the past. In fact, Pistorius is the 53rd. A Belgian figure skater, Yvonne de Ligne, hired a hit man to kill her speed skater husband, Charles de Ligne, in 1944, eight years after they had both competed at the 1936 Winter Games.

As Charles was part of the Belgian underground fighting the Nazis, Yvonne tried to blame the crime on the Gestapo. **TMG Digital**

REACTIONS TO PISTORIUS SENTENCING

TSHWANE - A large number of South Africans expressed disappointment at the sentence imposed by Judge Thokozile Masipa on Oscar Pistorius.

The judge yesterday sentenced Pistorius to six years in prison for the murder of his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp.

Those opposing the sentence took to

social media to voice their opinion. Many believe Pistorius deserved more years behind bars.

One legal expert, Zola Majavu, told eNCA that he was also surprised that Pistorius received less than 15 years for his offence. "I am unable to see what is the nature of those substantial and compelling circumstances that would warrant a detrimental variation

from the prescribed minimum sentence. "At the very least he was looking at 15 years, now he walks away with less than half. I would have thought that something quite out of the ordinary would have to be proven and accepted by the court," said Majavu.

The ANCWL, who attended court proceedings, said it was disappointed with the outcome. **eNCA**



DISAPPROVAL: Mrs Steenkamp (left) lowered her eyes and shook her head in disagreement when the judge told the court that she did not consider the dead woman to have been in 'an abusive relationship'.

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8 NATIONAL NEWS

E20m dagga destroyed in 2 days

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

OVER 28 hectares of dagga fields amounting to E20 million were destroyed during the two-day USALAMA I and II operation countrywide last week.

During the operation held on June 26 and 27 the areas covered and had their fields burnt included Pigg's Peak, Mbuluzi, Nyonyane and Mafucula among others.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba said the progression of the operation commenced with a preliminary meeting held on June 7, 2016 at Police Headquarters, chaired by Director of Criminal Investigating Department Sam

Mthembu, where all stakeholders were briefed about the importance and purpose of the operation.

Furthermore, a total of 245.46kg of dagga valued at E99 453 was seized, resulting in the arrest of 58 suspects for these crimes.

"Some of the arrested suspects for possession of cannabis are still having their cases pending finalisation in courts," said Mamba.

He said during the operation 748 officers were deployed and coordinated by Regional Commissioners of all the four regions of the country.

"We were joined by the ministry of natural resources and energy, mining department, Swaziland Revenue Authority, Immigration Department, Swaziland Electricity Company, Swaziland



Post and Telecommunications Corporation and Swaziland Big Game Parks."

The operation was conducted between southern and eastern african countries.

It came about following the decision adopted by the Southern African Region Police Chiefs Cooperation Organisation (SARPCCO) and Eastern Africa

Police Chiefs Cooperation Organisation (EAPCCO) in their respective Annual General Meetings where they resolved that such operations be conducted annually in both regions as a way of keeping the momentum going in the fight against transnational organised crime. The USALAMA operation I and II began in 2013.

MOST ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARE ASIANS

A majority of illegal immigrants in the country come from Pakistan, India, and Bangladesh.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba said during the operation they discovered that a majority of the illegal immigrants came from Pakistan, India, Bangladesh and some within the Southern African region.

He said a total of 35 illegal immigrants were arrested during the operation.

"26 of those were convicted and sentenced to five months imprisonment with an option of E500 fine, whilst others are still pending finalisation in court." However, there were no cases of human trafficking detected during the operation.

He also said two Pakistan nationals were arrested and charged with contravening the Exchange Control Order Act after they were found in possession of \$10 876 (US Dollars) and 11 000 Pakistan Rupees after successfully busting syndicates of the black market.

"This matter is still pending finalisation at the magistrate's court," said Mamba.

During the raid a suspect was found in possession of South African counterfeit (R100 notes) amounting to E20 900. He was convicted and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment with an option of a fine of E10 000 by the magistrate's court.

In addition during the operation 15 live rounds of ammunition of different firearms (seven for shotgun and eight for 9mm pistol) were impounded and two suspects were arrested for this cases which are still pending finalisation in court.

124 vehicles seized for owing customs

A total of 124 motor vehicles were seized for contravening the Customs and Excise Act during the two day operation.

Chief PICO Khulani Mamba said the drivers were arrested and charged for not paying customs dues.

"They were penalised accordingly. One motor vehicle was seized for bearing false registration number plates and clearance disk and the suspect was convicted to eight months imprisonment or E800 fine."

He said a total of 130 traffic offenders were charged for different traffic offences, of which most of them were allowed to pay spot-fines whilst others are expected to pay their fines within seven days.

On other cases nine suspects were arrested for possession of various items of game such as Python skin, Hippopotamus hides and suspected human bones.

"One of the suspects was convicted and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment or a fine of E10 000, whilst another suspect was sentenced to 12 months or E4 000 fine."

While he said a total of 20 suspects were arrested and charged for contravening the Liquor Licensing Act by trading without a licence.

"Most of them were found selling liquor without licences. They were all convicted and sentenced to 4 months imprisonment or a fine of E120 each."

Only three suspects were arrested and charged for being found in possession of 450 metres of copper cables worth E50 000.

"This matter is still pending in court and all suspects were granted bail of E10 000 each."



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ELECTRICITY LICENSING BY-LAWS (NOTICE) OF 2015

E10 000 FOR ELECTRICITY LICENCE

● This, however, does not guarantee that the applicant will get the licence. This means the licence fee is not refundable

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

PEOPLE interested in electricity business should be prepared to pay no less than E10 000 for electricity licence.

This E10 000, however, does not guarantee that the applicant will get the licence. This means the licence fee is not refundable.

This is contained in the Electricity Licensing By-Laws (Notice) of 2015, which was tabled before the Senators in Parliament on June 27, 2016.

The by-laws were tabled by Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama. They state that the application fee is prescribed under the Licence Fee Regulations, which is under the Electricity Act No. 3 of 2007.

According to the regulations, electricity licences are divided into six categories. There is a licence for electricity generation, transmission, distribution, supply, importation and exportation. The licence for system operator is also granted.

Each of the licence categories costs



LAWS: Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama.

a non-refundable fee of E10 000. The licences can be valid for periods of about 30 or 40 years.

The applicant, according to the by-laws, is expected to get an application form for the licence, which can be obtained from the Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority (SERA).

Downloaded

It can also be downloaded from the website of the authority.

The applicant can also request that the authority provides confidentiality for the information of the applicant. However, the authority is not obliged to keep the information confidential. The applicant, when wanting to keep their information confidential, should prove to the authority, in writing, that publicising the information can be injurious to the applicant.

If the authority finds the content of

the draft application sufficient to commence the licensing procedure, the applicant will send a final application that shall be accompanied with an advertisement which is provided for, in by-law 4 (3) of the Electricity Licensing By-Laws (Notice) of 2015.

The applicant will then be ordered to conclude a power-purchase agreement with the system operator for approval by the authority.

The agreement is in place to ensure compliance with the obligations to generate, transmit, or distribute electricity.

The authority will then have an oversight role in the negotiations of the power purchase agreement. This is to ensure the parties are placed in balanced positions and their logistical issues can be honoured by either party during such negotiations.

Licensing activities should be advertised

THE activities concerning the granting, amending, transfer or revocation of the licence should be advertised.

This is contained in by-law 4 (1) of the Electricity Licensing By-Laws (Notice) of 2015.

"An applicant applying for the issuance, amendment, transfer or revocation of a licence shall submit proof of an advertisement of the application published for at least 14 consecutive days before the submission of such an application to the authority," reads part of the by-law.

The advertisement stated in By-Law 4 (1) is supposed to be published in at least two national newspapers circulation in Swaziland. The advertisement should state where the licensing activities will be performed, by whom it should be performed and over what period of time. In case of a cessation of activities, the advertisement should then state when the licence will cease activities.

The advertisement should also specify that any interested person should provide comment on or object to the issue of the licence. The person is expected to object or comment to the authority, in writing, within 28 days of first publication. It should also specify the information

required in terms of Section 2 of the Electricity Act No. 3 of 2007.

It should also indicate the physical address or website where such complete information should be inspected during normal business hours by any interested person. The application should then be submitted with a copy of the newspaper in which the application was advertised to the authority as proof that such an application was advertised.

Authority

The authority, however, has a right to exempt an applicant from the requirement to advertise, in terms of By-Law 4 (5).

This should apply only under the following conditions: upon written and fully motivated request by the applicant; where an amendment, in the opinion of the authority, is of an administrative nature or does not materially affect the rights of the third parties; or where the circumstances, in the opinion of the authority, otherwise justify such an exemption.

The authority also has a right, in terms of By-Law 4 (6) to specify any other method and/or medium of advertisement by the applicant, where it is deemed necessary for wider public participation in its decision-making process.

A person desiring to object to an application advertised, in terms of By-Law 4, may comment on or lodge a written objection against such an application with an authority.

This should be done within 14 days from the date of the last publication of the advertisement.

The objection is supposed to include, among other things, the name, contact details, nationality and identity number of the person objecting, or, in the case of a body corporate, the country of registration and its registration number.

In a case of an authority created by law, the name of such an authority is needed. The postal and physical addresses of the authority are also needed.

The authority shall consider an application for the issue, renewal, amendment, transfer or revocation of a licence within 120 days from the date of publication of the advertisement. The authority may hold public hearings at such a place which it considers appropriate to canvass the opinions of interested parties in the application.

However, the authority has a right not to make this public, under certain conditions stipulated in By-Law 6 (3) (b).

Electricity producers can work without licence

ELECTRICITY producers can operate without electricity licence.

This is according to By-Law nine of the Electricity Licensing By-Laws (Notice) of 2015. However, there are conditions attached to this privilege. The applicants for exemption should make sure that their application should also be accompanied by the non-refundable fee of E10 000.

The owner or generator of the electricity should be generating electricity with a plant of less than 100 kilowatts, which is generated exclusively for own use. Such a person should also comply with the requirements set out in the Electricity Licensing By-Laws (Notice) of 2015.

The person applying for such an exemption should be an owner or an operator of an off-grid and mini-grid supply

scheme, which is exempted by the minister for natural resources and energy. The producer who generates electricity with a plant of more than 100 kilowatts exclusively for own use shall also be exempted from being required to have a licence.

The authority may allow such persons to operate for a period of not exceeding 24 months, as may be determined by the authority.

The exemption conditions for applicants are found in Section 8 of the Electricity Act No. 3 of 2007.

The authority may not be obliged to issue an exemption if: the application is not complete; the applicant has provided false or misleading information; or the authority has a reason to believe that the applicant will not abide by the conditions under which it was issued.

SERA has power to mediate, arbitrate

THE Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority (SERA) has power to act as a referee of the players within the energy industry.

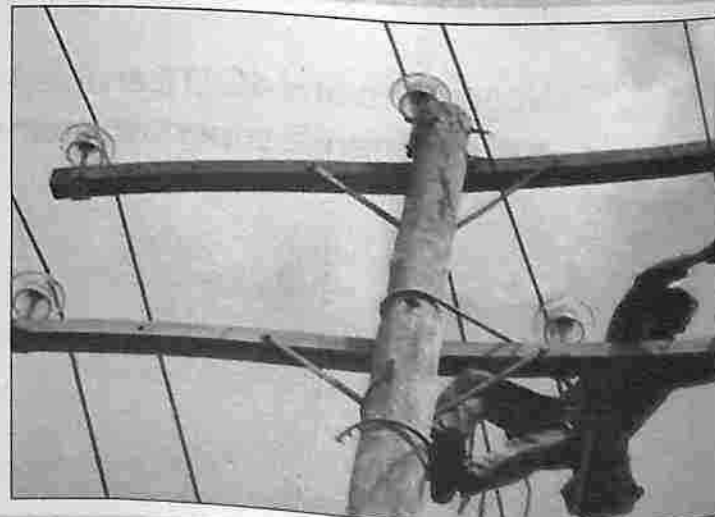
The authority is given these powers by Section 40 of the Electricity Act No. 3 of 2007. By-Law 16 of the Electricity Licensing By-Laws (Notice) of 2015 obliges the players in the industry to request for the authority to act as a mediator in any case there is a clash between the industry players. The request should be done in writing.

The authority is then expected to appoint a person in terms of section 40 (3) of Electricity Act No. 3 of 2007. The person should be considered suitable to deal with the matter and has no conflict of interest in the matter. The person should also be appointed within 10 working days of the receipt of the application for mediation.

At the commencement of

the mediation, the parties are to be informed that the mediator has no conflict of interest. The parties should agree to such before the mediation continue. The person should also inform the parties about the procedure and manner in which the mediation will be conducted. The parties should also be informed about the payments of mediation fees. They should be told how they should do so and to whom such shall be paid.

By-Law 17 states that SERA shall also be requested to act as an arbitrator in terms of Section 40 (1) of the Electricity Act No. 3 of 2007. The request in this case shall also be made by the parties in need of an arbitrator. The procedure followed during the mediation process shall be followed in the arbitration process. The arbitrator will also inform the parties that any decision made by SERA should be final and binding.



CHIEF'S CLEANSING CEREMONY STOPPED AS TEMPERS FLARE

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

● two women from one of the factions allegedly ran out of the Royal Kraal and called the police

A BRIEF ABOUT THE FEUD:

■ Sigombeni Chief Lomgeletjane Zwelithini Dlamini recently passed away after a short illness at Mankayane Government Hospital

■ Family members suspected foul play in his death and vowed that whoever was responsible for the chief's death would pay the price.

■ The late Dlamini was holding a position of being a chief and police officer when he died.

■ Late last month a meeting

an Inkhosikati had her underwear removed from the deceased's body for alleged witchcraft practice.

It is said during the cleansing ceremony, which was expected to take place on Saturday, those who were alleged to be involved in these witchcraft

took place whereby some relatives of Lomgeletjane defied the meeting and went to report it to the police.

■ It is said an argument ensued among those who stayed behind on whether the cleansing ceremony must continue or not.

■ The cleansing ceremony failed to continue as the bad blood continued between the warring factions over the past weekend.

■ Police were called in to calm the situation.

practices were told that they must admit what they did was wrong. It is said two women from one of the factions ran out of the Royal Kraal as tempers flared and called the police.

Information gathered is that Indvuna Amos Madzinane

WITCHCRAFT claims and warring factions put paid to the late Sigombeni Chief Lomgeletjane Zwelithini Dlamini's cleansing ceremony on Saturday.

Information gathered is that two cows were slaughtered in preparation for the big event.

It was expected that during the cleansing ceremony the acting chief was supposed to be appointed.

It was not clear who was earmarked to take over as acting chief to the late Chief

Lomgeletjane who recently died under mysterious circumstances. Last week it transpired that relatives reported a prince from the royal household for having allegedly instructed a person to perform some rituals at the late chief's compound.

Other witchcraft allegations included an incident, whereby

Buckwood pupils share life skills with locals

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

BUCKSWOOD School pupils on Monday shared life skills with other children from Enhlabeni Primary School.

The pupils who are in the country to support charity projects, initiated by the Emazinyane, visited the school to impart knowledge on varying life skills to children in the lower and higher grades.

The main aim of the project, as according to Buckwood School Principal, Giles Sutton, is to promote partnership in making sustainable projects.

Amongst the skills which were shared by the pupils were knitting, dress making and gardening. In his report, Sutton admitted that they had initially intended to teach the children at the school about the skills of designing and making of clothing (using wool), but only to find that most of the children already had those skills.

He stated that the knowledge which was then shared by the pupils from both school was therefore magnif-



LIFE SKILLS: Some of the Buckwood pupils who visited Enhlabeni Primary School on Monday carrying poles.

icent.

"One notable aspect of the visit was the time shared by the pupils as they collaborated in every exercise which was undertaken," said the principal.

Sutton pointed out that the administration of Buckwood was also determined to create unity amongst the American pupils and their Swazi counterparts.

He stated that it was for this reason that they have always chosen Swaziland as their holiday destination as they valued the unity of the nation.

"On many instances during our visit in the country, I would remind the pupils about the unity of the Swazi

nation, a characteristic also symbolised in the national flag which displays outstanding black and white colours which blends perfectly," he explained.

Meanwhile, Buckwood pupils also engaged in a gardening project at the same time. They planted fruit trees and vegetables. The garden will be used to provide vegetables and fruits for the school's kitchen.

The Buckwood pupils further raised a sum of E9 680 to be spent on the gardening project. The day ended with lessons of traditional dances, upon which the Buckwood pupils were taught *sibhaca* and *ingadla* amongst other dancing styles.

...The Buckwood pole race

AS the institution values traditions and cultural practices, pupils of Buckwood on Monday undertook a traditional walk which is known as the pole race. The pupils were made to carry poles from Siteki to the Buckwood House situated at

Mzilikazi. This is an annual tradition which is observed by the Buckwood institution. The exercise was done late in the afternoon after the pupils had gone to town to do shopping. Principal of the school, Giles Sutton said this was one of the

traditions which taught the pupils to persevere in everything they do. Such a tradition also gave the pupils physical training. Sutton said pupils who cheated in such an exercise were made to repeat it the following day.

Judge reinstates Lomdashi managers

By Linda Jele
High Court

HIGH Court Judge Muncy Dlamini has ordered sanity to prevail in a dispute between members of a sugarcane company.

Lomdashi Limited, a company formed by five associations to grow sugar cane, was divided after the current leaders were slapped with a vote of no confidence and ousted from office. New leaders were elected into office on an interim basis. However, the ousted managers took the matter to court seeking a reversal of the vote of no confidence, on the grounds that it was irregular and setting aside the installation of the new interim managers.

Eight leaders were in April 2016 removed from office after a vote of no confidence was passed against them by a section of the company's shareholders.

However, it turned out that, when the parties took the deci-

sion to pass the vote of no confidence, a quorum had not been formed.

The decision was taken on February 28, 2016 when the ousted managers handed a progress report to the shareholders.

"One wonders, therefore, how any business agenda, be it a discussion of a progress report or a motion of no confidence in the absence of a quorum could be carried out.

The very first meeting did not justify the parties to engage in any business, by reason that shareholders present did not form a quorum," Judge Dlamini said.

She further added that it was irregular for the parties to discuss a progress report, with the intention of adopting it and further move a motion of passing a vote of no confidence. She agreed with the ousted managers' lawyer Nhlanhla Ginindza that they had been kicked out of office without a hearing and charges laid against them.

She also said there was no report of maladministration submitted to the shareholders to warrant them to vote the managers out of office.

She said the manager sought to be informed of charges and due process of the law followed on disciplinary hearing.

She also stated that the member associations were supposed to have submitted elected members that were to be made managing directors of the company, instead of electing the interim managing directors in the meeting. She said this was against the company's memorandum of association.

She declared the elections conducted on April 3, 2016 null and void. She set aside the decision appointing the interim managing directors and ordered them to forthwith hand over the company's books to the ousted managers. The judge also directed that the interim managers should pay the costs of the application.

was told that he would take the two beasts which were meant for the ceremony home and feast on them with his family, as there was no ceremony that would take place. Deputy Police Information and Communications Officer Phindile Vilakati confirmed

that police were called at Sigombeni after an altercation ensued between the two factions during the event, which was meant to be a cleansing ceremony. The Deputy PICO said the ceremony did not take off and another date had to be arranged. Vilakati said no one

was arrested as the factions held a meeting afterwards to decide the next move.

Manzini Regional Administrator Chief Gcokoma stated that the cleansing ceremony did not take place as expected but has since been scheduled for July 16.



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INVITATION TO TENDER

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR PREPARATION OF A DETAILED PHYSICAL PLANNING LAYOUT AND ENGINEERING DESIGNS FOR THE KM III AIRPORT PRECINCT TENDER NO. 14 OF 2016/17

1. Tenders are hereby invited from suitably qualified consultants to undertake the Preparation of the KM III airport precinct detailed physical planning layout and engineering designs.
2. Request for Proposals may be purchased from; the **Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority, Head office, Matsapha Airport road** (office of the Airport Development Planner) effective **7th July 2016** for a non-refundable fee of **E300.00** per set. The method of payment shall be cash or bank guaranteed cheque payable to the SWACAA offices.

3. Completed Tender Documents shall be delivered in a sealed envelope to:
**The Secretary to the Tender Board
Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority
Matsapha Airport
P.O. Box D361
The Gables**

Not later than 12 noon Swaziland time on **5th August, 2016**

On the outside, the envelope shall be clearly marked:

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TENDER NO. 14 OF 2016/17

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR PREPARATION OF A DETAILED PHYSICAL PLANNING LAYOUT AND ENGINEERING DESIGNS FOR THE KM III AIRPORT CITY (Not to be opened before 12 Noon the 5th August, 2016)

4. There will be a site visit on the 12th July 2016 at King Mswati III International Airport car park. Tenderers are expected to convene at 10am at the car park.
5. Only companies registered with the Construction Industry Council (CIC) are eligible to tender.
6. The Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender and reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.

BY MANAGEMENT



PRESENTATION: Women from Edamu community offloading mealie meal from a truck during the food distribution exercise. (Pics: Gugu Simelane)



DROUGHT EFFECTS: Gogo Msimango details the impact of the drought on her family, while World Vision staff listens.

9 000 LOMAHASHA RESIDENTS BENEFIT FROM WORLD VISION

Stories by Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

WORLD Vision Swaziland has stretched its food aid to the drought-ravaged Lomahasha Inkhundla where 8 896 beneficiaries have been targeted to receive food aid from July until October, 2016.

The Lomahasha constituency was allocated to World Vision by the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) and consists of 35 communities with 13 distribution points, including chiefdoms Mafucula, Tsambokhulu, Shewula and Lomahasha. The distribution commenced

last week.

The food has been donated by the World Food Programme (WFP) and each beneficiary received a ration of 10kg mealies, 2.25 kg green peas/lentils and 0.9 litres vegetable oil. Yesterday, World Vision was distributing food in Shewula at Majembeni and Edamu community where Lomahasha Inkhundla Member of Parliament Phineas Magagula was present.

World Vision's Response Manager Thomas Okollah said, "Whilst the WFP funding will ensure availability of food till October, we are still fundraising so as to continue assisting the population until the next harvest season."



SHARING A POINT: Lomahasha Member of Parliament Phineas Magagula speaking with World Vision Communications Manager Thabile Maripe.

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'It's survival of the fittest' - Residents

AN Inner Council Representative from Tingene community Mbuya Sifundza described life at Lomahasha as very hard and that it is now a case of survival of the fittest.

"Life here is very hard, it is a struggle and now it is about survival of the fittest as some days we go without food," explained Mbuya. He said that before the drought they had a bountiful harvest with mostly sweet potatoes, peanuts and mealies that they would sell to other constituencies.

"Now we cannot plant anything because there is no water. We have boreholes but they are also drying up like that one by Shewula Primary School. We have also experienced looting and house break-ins in the area and most times people steal food," he said.

Mbuya also shared that a 20 kg (*ligogogo*) of maize now costs between E120 and E150 and for them it is too expensive.

Described

A Rural Health Motivator (RHM), Jabu Matse (34), from Hlwahlwala described life as difficult especially for the community members who are taking Anti Retro Viral drugs (ARVs) and those who are breastfeeding. She said that most of them complain that they cannot take medication on empty stomachs and when they attempt to, they vomit and complain of complications. "We are having it hard as RHMs and we sometimes come together to share at least a cup of mealie -meal and water with the people just so they can take their medication and most times they come back again for more," explained Jabu. Jabu also said that life is even more challenging for breastfeeding women as they are hungry and cannot produce enough milk for their babies. She said that leads to children weighing less and fears of malnutrition are now very high.

To survive in the area Jabu said that they scout for what remains in the fields and recently they have been having *chuchiza* (blackjack leaves) from morning till sunset and use water from the well which has caused them diarrhoea on several occasions.

"We teach people to boil water or add a lid of bleach in a 25 litres bucket and use it the next day but they do not do that. I suppose it is because they get the water from far and come back tired to follow any precautions," she said. Jabu also alleged that they have buried a few old women due to the hunger, she said that generally the elderly who suffer the most are widows and those without children.

BoBandlancane engaged by RSP for crime prevention

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

THE Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) Service crime prevention unit and inner council members (*bobandlancane*) came together for a four-day workshop for the latter to be equipped on crime prevention.

RSP National Coordinator of Crime Prevention Senior Superintendent at Sibongile Kunene speaking during the official launch of the workshop at Esibayeni Lodge said police officers worked closely with members of the inner council in the different commu-

nities they operated in.

Kunene said as police they were working with the chiefs of the different areas and the inner council was the one which knew best about happenings in their communities.

She said it was for that reason that they decided to equip them with knowledge so that they might know how to deal with issues arising in their communities efficiently.

Kunene said they also worked with the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) in imparting knowledge to *bandlancane*.

She said the workshop would help lessen the land disputes which were prevalent all over the country.

"The inner council will be taught on issues of respecting each other in society such as not allocating people land which is already allocated to someone else as that end up causing conflicts," she said.

Killing

Kunene also spoke in length about passion killings which are becoming a common occurrence in the different communities around the country.

She said people must report if they suspected any forms of abuse amongst couples adding that the chiefs were there to help with such matters. She said even the police are also there and they are ready for counselling if need be.



KNOWLEDGE IS POWER: Members of *bobandlancane* from different communities who attended the workshop.

Kunene said people must not sweep such matters under the carpet labelling such as *tibi tendlu*.

She said once there was violence such must be reported to the police.

Kunene also condemned the habit of people who take justice into their own hands saying that by doing so police investigations are tempered with because that distorts the evidence needed by police.

Bandlancane behind land disputes -Regional Commissioner

MANZINI Regional Commissioner Simon Mlilo also made his remarks and stated that he was glad for such an initiative.

He said all along they have been having workshops with community police and he has always longed for the day where the inner councils will also have a workshop.

Mlilo said this was because most of the disputes happening in the different chiefdoms were a result of *bobandlancane*.

He said *bobandlancane* had a tendency of allocating people land in other people's fields. The regional commissioner reminded the members of inner councils who attended the workshop that they were the government of their own chiefdoms.

He said this was because they were the ones who know every aspect of the chiefdoms they live in and report to their chiefs.



STRESSING A POINT: National Coordinator of Crime Prevention Senior superintendent Sibongile Kunene making her remarks.



AT LAST: Manzini Police Regional Commissioner Simon Mlilo making his remarks during the official opening of the workshop. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)

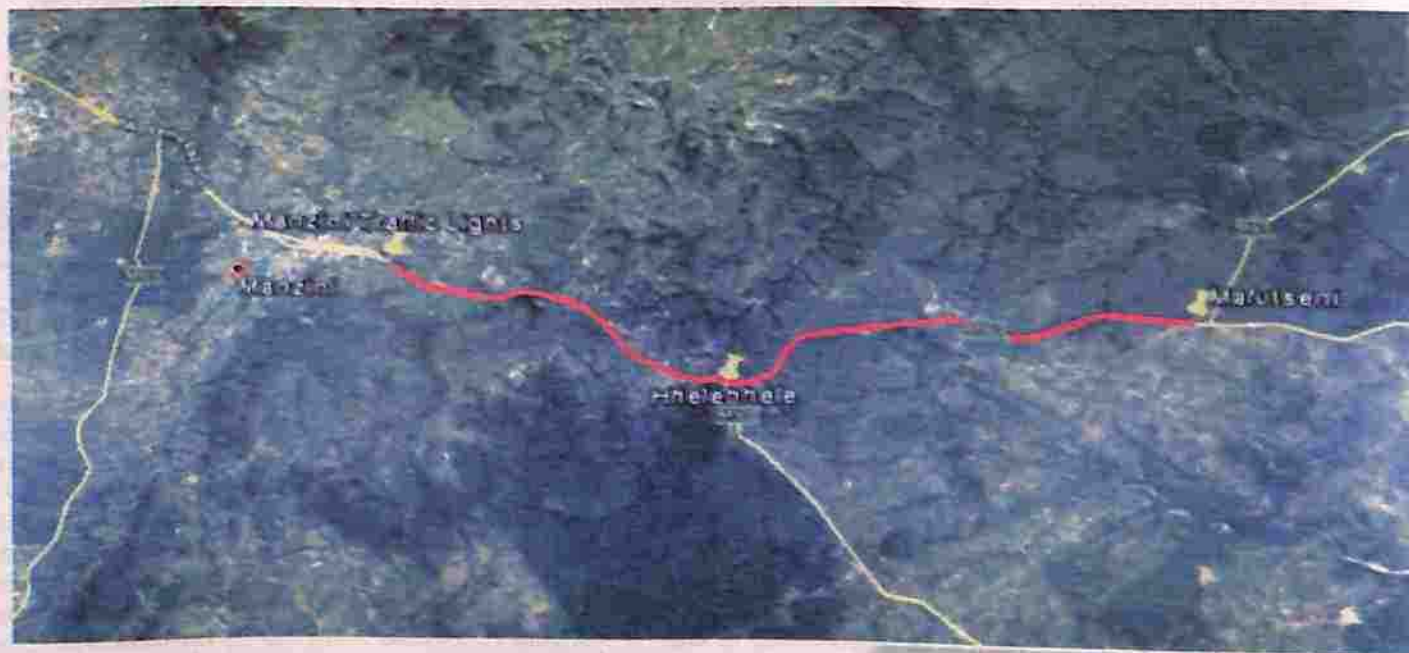


NOTICE

The general public is advised that Sadeem Al Kuwait/Inyatsi JV will be undertaking some remedial works on the MR3 between Emphandze motel and the Manzini Traffic circle until the end of July 2016, there will be some traffic interruptions along this stretch of road. The public is advised to adhere to all road safety and traffic control measures that will be in place. We regret any inconvenience caused

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MP Esther rescues man neglected at Dups mortuary

Stories by Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane

MBABANE East MP Esther Dlamini has come to the rescue of a man from Elulakeni who was literally left cold at the Dups mortuary by his family.

The MP has managed to negotiate with Dups Funeral Home and Undertakers regarding the release of Jackson Mtsetfwa (59) who was neglected by his family at the morgue for three months now.

Dlamini ironically whose maiden name is Mtsetfwa, together with her constituency team early this week met with two family members from the Mtsetfwa family.

They came all the way from Lavumisa to Mbabane with the hope of finding a quick solution as far as getting financial assistance so as pay the mortuary fees for their departed family member.

"I am glad that Mtsetfwa's matter has been put to rest and by extension he will be granted that as well. Dups has been lenient enough as instead of the bill which was E6 800 they ended up charging us E2 800," Dlamini said.

She said they were supposed to pay E6 800 but ended up paying E2 800. This amount excluded Dups transport and mortuary daily charges.

"I offered my van to be used in transporting the deceased from the mortuary to his parental home at Mbhafa. We asked the Mtsetfwa family to finalise the dates of his burial so that we know when to go to the mortuary for payments," she said.

Dlamini said their 'deal' also included a coffin at Dups Funeral Home and Undertakers, which will cost E2 000.

"When *bucopho* called me on Monday, I was still at home at Zombodze, and he told me that the family members were already in Mbabane. I had to drop everything and meet

CONTRIBUTIONS STILL NEEDED - BUCOPHO

Fonteyn Constituency
Bucopho Augustine Mncube says the payment of mortuary bills and buying of the coffin for the late Mtsetfwa was a good move but it was not enough.

"We will have to further contribute to make sure we raise money to pay for costs, like fuel from Manzini to Mbhafa, funeral costs and other things. In short we need more contri-

butions," Mncube said.

On another note, Jackson Mtsetfwa's lover Njabuliso Mahlalela said she was sidelined by Mtsetfwa's family.

Working

"I stopped working when Mtsetfwa got sick and I have been looking after him since then. I met him in 2004 and his family did not show interest in making me his official wife. I tried communicating with them

but they cut me off," she said.

She said since she was no longer working, life has not been easy for her.

"I do not have much but I will attend his funeral, I am grateful to all those who have tried their best to help. I urge the MP not to forget about me too as I have reported my case to her, she knows I am no longer employed and that I am starving," she said.

means of contributing towards sorting out the over E7 000 bill at Dups mortuary but their efforts hit a snag.

The deceased's sister Ntombikanina Mtsetfwa together with another male relative decided to approach both MPs from Sigwe and Mbabane East, seeking financial assistance.

Sigwe
MP

and Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David

"Cruiser" Ngcamphalala confirmed their arrival and said he contributed with E300.

"Whenever a member of my constituency dies, I make sure I contribute this amount unless the situation is really bad. I have been doing it and I am not planning on changing this policy. It might seem a little amount but when you put together the number of people dying every weekend under my constituency then you know that this amount is not meagre," Ngcamphalala said.

The man who has been vital in this matter was Mzwandile Mkoko, a resident from Fonteyn, who has been looking after Mtsetfwa as he battled an undisclosed sickness.

"My church (Apostolic Church) will also contribute towards funeral arrangements. We thank

the MP for her intervention," Mkoko said.

with them. Together (with the family) we negotiated with Dups and they were grateful to see this matter being resolved," she added.

The MP met the two family members at the Mbabane East Inkhundla.

Mtsetfwa succumbed to death while at his lover's house in Mdzangwini (Mbabane) after a long illness. The old man from Mbhafa, Lulakeni under Sigwe Inkhundla, has been living with Njabuliso Mahlalela (66), his lover of 12 years at the same house he met his demise.

He was neglected by his family members at the mortuary as they could not make swift means to have him buried and the mortuary bill hiked each day the deceased spent there.

After a change of heart, distant and close relatives committed in making



People shouldn't desert their homes

MBABANE East Indvuna Mefika Mavuso says he is happy that Jackson Mtsetfwa will finally be laid to rest this coming weekend.

But he was quick to mention that this matter should serve as a lesson to other people living in the townships that deserting their parental homes brought nothing but confusion.

Revealed

"The family members of this man revealed their side of the story and the only way one can sum it up is to urge the nation to desist from being 'swallowed' by the township life which usually leads to them forgetting their parental homes.

People should make sure they are in good terms with their families and should visit occasionally," Mavuso said.

Mtsetfwa was living at his lover's place when he met his death about three months ago. During his battle with an undisclosed sickness his family members never visited him.

Deceased family members squatter at Bucopho's home

FAMILY members of the late Jackson Mtsetfwa who travelled from Lavumisa to Mbabane were accommodated at the *bucopho*'s home in Fonteyn.

The family made a stop in Matsapha. Ntombikanina Mtsetfwa accompanied by another unnamed family member left their belongings at a house belonging to a cousin known as Zodwa before they proceeded to Mbabane where they looked for *bucopho* Augustine Mncube.

"It was the second time they did this as they seemed to be concerned about this matter. I heard his sister Ntombikanina has always been there for him and she is the one who took the decision of coming up here and ask for financial assistance.

They arrived on Sunday and stayed for two days," Mbabane East Indvuna said.

COME TO THE RESCUE: Mbabane East MP Esther Dlamini.

Teachers' colleges ready to roll out degrees in 2017

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

MINISTER of Education and Training Phineas Magagula says the two teacher's colleges in the country will offer degrees next year.

The ministry is in a process of upgrading the William Pitcher College and Ngwane Teachers College to universities by 2017. Magagula said in both universi-

ties, preparations towards reaching university status were at advanced stages.

"The construction of extra classes to accommodate the roll-out of the degrees at both colleges is underway. By the first semester of 2017 all will be set for the commencement of the programmes," he said.

He said government has already spent E9 million at Ngwane Teachers College for upgrading the college.

The minister said the money has

not been only spent on infrastructure but other essentials needed to make the transition from college to university successful.

"Government has spent E7 million on upgrading the William Pitcher College," he said.

Early in the week, the minister stated that at first government considered integrating the institutions with the University Of Swaziland faculty of education but changed plans and will now make them independent universities.

However, he assured the public that the quality of the degrees would be at par with university requirement since 19 lectures from Ngwane Teachers College have completed master's degrees while an extra six are still undergoing master's degrees programmes. He said diploma programmes will not be phased out.

HIGHER EDUCATION:
Minister of Education and Training Phineas Magagula.



COURT ORDERS FESWATU PRESIDENT TO BUY WIFE A NEW PHONE

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlanguano

FEDERATION of Swaziland Trade Unions (FESWATU) President Mashumi Shongwe has been given 24 hours to buy a new phone for his wife, Tigezile Shongwe, which he smashed during an argument.

Shiselweni Senior Magistrate Philisiwe Dlamini ordered the president to respect the court and buy the touch screen tablet or else there could be consequences. Shongwe had brought his lawyer in respect of making submissions on his behalf

following serious allegations leveled against him.

His wife had applied for a restraining order last week as she told the court that her husband was now dangerous towards her thus she feared for her life.

Claimed

She claimed that Mashumi had become violent adding that at one stage he turned her into a punching bag, before he grabbed the gadget, which he smashed on the floor which broke into pieces. When the court last week wanted Shongwe to state why the court should not grant the order as per the wife's application, he hinted that he would

instruct his legal team to make submissions.

On Tuesday, the president arrived in court with his lawyer, Sabelo Mngometulu, it supported the fact that there should be peace between the two as they are still regarded as husband and wife.

This therefore meant that the interim order stood and Shongwe was expected to abide by it.

Just before the matter was adjourned, the wife hinted that she had been without a cellphone since her husband smashed her tablet.

The wife said it was her wish to be compensated of the same model or brand. "To this day, I don't have



ORDER: FESWATU President Mashumi Shongwe.

a phone and I appeal to this court to also assist me to have him return it. I am available between Wednesday and Thursday, these are the days I can be handed the phone," said the wife.

The respondent indicated that the

phone would be restored within 72 hours. Meanwhile, the magistrate advised Mashumi that he could buy a more expensive phone than the one that was smashed.

"You can purchase her a more beautiful tablet than the one she had but not anything less than the value of what she owned before it got damaged," said Magistrate Dlamini.

The respondent through his legal team did not object to that and indicated that even the time frame would be met. The president was also advised against harassing, assaulting, manhandling his wife.

He was further ordered to never insult her in public or in the presence of their children, and ordered to keep the peace with his wife. The court said the interim order stood and must be respected.

"Abide by this order and keep the peace. Failure to do that could lead to your arrest," said Magistrate Dlamini.

Men fight over E2 at Nkoyoyo

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane

A fight over a meagre E2 at a drinking hole in Nkoyoyo almost claimed the life of a man aged 31.

Sibeko Dlamini from Nkoyoyo was hacked by Jamani Simphiwe Earnshaw with a bush knife while they were playing pool.

This incident happened about three months ago which landed Dlamini in a hospital bed with bandaged wounds.

After the assault, Mbabane National Court President, Chief Lembelele, learnt that Earnshaw disappeared for three months, however, the long arm of the law eventually caught up with him last Saturday.

"This incident happened just before April. I went out for drinks around Nkoyoyo and while enjoying myself, I decided to play pool.

I found the accused playing and he lost the game, I then put my E2 as I was supposed to be the next opponent but the accused refused to accept his failure and forcefully wanted to use my E2 and he started shoving me away. That is when I decided to take my E2 and walk away but to my surprise he started beating me up with the playing stick," Dlamini said in court. Dlamini said he sustained a scar on the face during the assault. He showed the

court the scar adding that he bled profusely during the assault.

"The accused followed me together with another man I could not recognise and within a twink of an eye they started hacking me, they were armed with bush knives. After realising that my life was at risk, I ran away and they gave chase," he said.

Dlamini said his brothers came to his rescue. However, he tried to withdraw the charges laid against Earnshaw adding that he had come to him the next morning to apologise. The court president threw such attempts out of the window as he said the charges were serious. Meanwhile, Earnshaw made things worse for himself when given a chance to defend himself as he showed no remorse.

He failed to explain why he disappeared for three months without properly apologising to the complainant. "I was in Mankayane held up by work and I could not meet the complainant, but I tried to apologise when I met him before coming to court. I was not running away as per the perception," Earnshaw explained.

The court president noted that both the scars and doctor's report proved that Dlamini's life was endangered by the accused. Earnshaw was sentenced to 10 months in a correctional facility or pay E700 fine. The accused managed to pay the fine.

MAN (23) RAPES GOGO (70)

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

A 23-year-old man from Dwalile has been arrested for raping an old woman aged 70 from the same area.

Mlando Nkuna appeared at the Manzini Magistrate's Court on Tuesday, accused of rape. He told the court that he would conduct his own defence when his charge was read to him.

According to court records, Nkuna was accused of having sexual intercourse with Loslina Ndawandwe* (not her real name) who, by the time the offence was committed, was 70 years old. It was alleged that the rape was accompanied by aggravating factors in that the accused did not use a condom when committing the offence, exposing the complainant to the risk of contracting sexual transmitted diseases (STDs). When asked how he would plead to the charge, Nkuna said he understood the charge and intended to plead guilty. It is said the accused was drunk when he committed the

offence early last year (March, 2015) in the Dwalile area. It is said on this particular day the accused was sent to run some errands and, in his drunken stupor, met the old lady along the way and allegedly raped her.

It is said he disappeared ever since the day of the incident. The accused was remanded back into police custody and is awaiting trial.

Meanwhile, Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse (SWAGAA) Communications and Advocacy Officer, Slindelo Nkosi, said the nation was not completely protected from brutal behaviour, according to the international human rights. Nkosi said human rights must be enjoyed by all.

She said when found guilty, offenders need to get 25 years or plus, imprisonment terms. Nkosi said these stiffer sentences would deter would be perpetrators. Nkosi also emphasised that nothing would stop such 'nonsense' from happening in society until the Sexual Offenders and Domestic Violence Bill was passed into law. She said perpetrators would continue with these inhuman acts because they know that they will get away with it.



RE: INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE DEMOLITION WORKS TO VARIOUS BUILDINGS AT MBABANE GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL

Tenderers are invited from locally registered Building Contractors for the Demolition Works to Various Buildings at Mbabane Government Hospital. Only firms that hold a valid registration certificate issued by the Construction Industry Council (CIC) and of which at least 60% of the controlling shares are owned by Swazi citizens will be considered. The qualification process will include the evaluation of personnel capabilities, equipment capabilities, financial standing previous experience and current work load.

Bonafide tenders should comprise the following:

- Certified copy of a valid registration certificate issued by CIC for Building Works Contractors, B2 category.
- A completed set of Tender Document
- A tenderer's valid tax clearance certificate (for Government Tender)
- A copy of the General Receipt as proof of purchase
- Certified copy of original Trading License.
- E2,500.00 (Two Thousand Five Hundred Emalangeni) Tender deposit in a form of a Bank Guaranteed
- Cheque
- Certified copy of a valid Labour Compliance Certificate from the Ministry of Labour
- Submission of a Company current Form J, stamped by the Registrar of Companies, and
- Submission of a Company current Form C, stamped by the Registrar of Companies

Tender Documents will be available from 8:00am to 4:00pm from Wednesday, 06th July 2016 to Friday 08th July 2016 and may be collected from:

Microprojects Programme
Suite 102, Dian'ubeka House, Corner of LaLufadlana & Mdada Streets
Mbabane

Tenderers are advised to pay a E500.00 (Five Hundred Emalangeni only) non-refundable amount at the Government Revenue Office and should use code 233/1201/04199/GS1299 when making payment. Companies are advised to consult Microprojects Unit office on the availability of tender documents prior to payment. **The unit will not be liable for the refund in the event one pays for unavailable tender documents.**

Compulsory site inspection is scheduled as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SITE INSPECTION
Monday, 11th July 2016: 10:00 am

MEETING PLACE
Mbabane Government Hospital
OPD Parking Lot

Please note that Tenderers who will not attend the site inspection will not be evaluated.

Date and place of tender submission: **Friday, 15th July 2016** at the Office of the Employer
Time for submission: **10:00 am** Prompt Swaziland time (No late submission shall be entertained for whatsoever reason)
Opening: **10:05 am** Swaziland time

Completed tenders should be delivered in a sealed envelope to the Microprojects Office and the envelope should only show the Project Name, Project Number and addressed to:

The Coordinator
Microprojects Programme
First Floor Dian'ubeka Building
P.O. Box 2122
MBABANE

Any action or tendencies that will be interpreted as an attempt to interfere with or influence the tendering process will result in immediate disqualification of the Tenderer. Enquiries and/or clarification must be in writing and addressed to Mr. M. Dube at Tel: 2 404 0199, Fax: 2404 0516, email: sd393mmd@gmail.com

Microprojects Programme does not bind itself to award the lowest or any tender.

Yours sincerely,

Sibusiso Mbingo
Coordinator

Principal fails to maintain wife, kids

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlengano

A principal from one of the high schools in the Shiselweni region might be hauled to court for allegedly failing to maintain his family.

The principal heads one school in the remote areas of the region.

His wife has alleged that the last time she got money from her husband was last year in June which was a sum of only E140.

She alleged that their two children both girls with the elder one aged five and the other one two, were now her burden as their father was

not catering for their needs.

She said it was when she realised that her husband was failing to take care of their needs that she decided to look for a job.

"We stayed together for five years and the two children were born.

At first, he was supportive but things started getting bad when he became stingy and never provided anything not only to me but his own children. It was then that I decided to leave and look for employment. I got a job and I am presently employed in Durban.

I never deserted him or my in-laws but the reason I left was that I wanted to work and get money for our sustenance," alleged the wife.

The wife said she could not leave her two children behind given that they were still minors and should be under her care until they reach the age of 18.

She said the principal was neither a caring father nor husband as he never bothered to find out how they (family) were surviving.

"The children are now my burden, they rely on me for everything, though I am not complaining but he is failing us," she said.

The woman said she was considering seeking help to force the principal to maintain them.

"I have been advised to seek help from the courts something which I never wanted to do but now I feel compelled as he is not both-

ered. I just want him to maintain his children and nothing else," she said.

When called, the Principal did not want to comment on all the allegations levelled against him by his wife other than claiming that he was not sure of her whereabouts.

"To this day, I don't know where she disappeared to," it was all the principal could say when called.

Relatives of the woman are said to be pushing that their son-in-law needed to be hauled before court for his failure to provide for his children.

It is said there are plans to visit the DPM's office so that the issue could be sped up as the two children were suffering already.

Illegal farm dwellers cooperate

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlengano

THE illegal occupants of Farm No: 1151 at Magindaneni have been cooperating and for-

warding their reports as to why they have been occupying the farm belonging to the state.

They have been given until the end of this week to state their reasons for being on the farm illegally and should hand over their responses to

Shiselweni Regional Administrator Themba Masuku.

On June 24, the RA met with the 207 residents and explained to them that they had 'trespassed' by putting up structures in the farm without its owner's consent.

He advised them to furnish his office with all the necessary documents or papers allowing them to remain in the farm.

The meeting was held at the Nhlengano Town council premises where the RA made it clear that anyone who would fail to do as ordered would face the consequences.

Masuku in an interview, following that this was the last week for the illegal farm occupants to submit their report said people flooded his offices stating their cases.

He said they brought information what was needed to clear themselves and they would soon know their fate.

"They have been coming to the office in smaller numbers but as the due date nears, they are flooding here. Some have explained to us that they were aware that they were in a farm and are also explaining how they got there and how they were sold a dummy by certain individuals," said the RA.

He said there was still time even for others to submit their reports.

"One thing I should point out is that ours as an office is not to frustrate anyone. It is for this reason that we called the meeting where we explained our-

selves and the reasons we are demanding explanations from the illegal farm occupants. We expect cooperation from the people," said

the RA.

The RA said his office would be returning to the farm with the aim of satisfying itself about the farm's boundaries.

"We want to be convinced so that when the time comes to start taking action, no one should regret or give any excuse.

This matter is treated cautiously and next week, we will have a clear picture on what next step to take," said Masuku.

The RA said even those that were to realise that they were illegally occupying the farm, they would be given time to vacate without being evicted by force.

"Suggesting that everyone should furnish us with the information, it is also aimed at giving some of these people time to look for alternative places to resettle.

If an individual asks to be allowed time to pack, that is going to be allowed and we want to see this happening peacefully," said Masuku.



CAUTION: Shiselweni Regional Administrator Themba Masuku.

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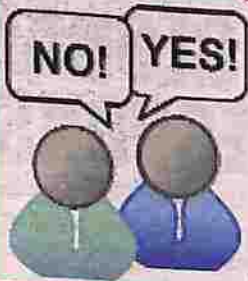
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REFRESH WHAT YOU THINK...

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THURSDAY



BY NOMTHANDAZO
NKAMBULE

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

EMPLOYEES in the country have been handed one occupational right on a silver platter as of June 30, 2016, by FSRA.

And that is choosing their preferred medical scheme.

Thanks to you FSRA, this has been a long time coming.

I am sure this will excite many employees and I must say I am also thrilled by such news simply because I love choosing, I make choices for things especially where I put my hard earned cash to.

I am a consenting adult hence my choices.

So FSRA, the Financial Services Regulatory Authority, through its latest circular said employees must decide which medical scheme must take care of their health business.

This is one right most employees have been 'robbed' for many years now, whilst others had the liberty of choosing.

Our employers vary, thus they use respective modes to go about their business, it's their right *nabo*. The tides have turned.

FSRA said from June 30, 2016 employers with more than 30 employees will no longer be compelled to utilise the services of any one particular scheme to the exclusion of others.

According to Section 34 subsection 4 of the FSRA Act 2010 employers who fail to comply with the directive or who will knowingly hinder or prevent compliance with the directive, will be committing an offence and will be liable on conviction, to a fine not exceeding E10 000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

FSRA'S MELODY TO EMPLOYEES

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The FSRA, as part of its mandate, administers all financial services laws in the country, it licences, regulates, monitors and supervises the conduct of financial services providers.

The authority also carries out investigations and takes measures to suppress illegal, dishonest and improper practices in the financial services sector.

As the FSRA envisages being a leading financial services regulatory authority in the SADC region, adhering to international best practice, whilst contributing towards stakeholder confidence and economic growth in Swaziland, it makes rules; issue guidelines for the conduct of business of financial services providers.

Information

The FSRA would at times carry out research and disseminate information in the field of financial services. It also promotes public understanding of the financial system; including awareness of the benefits and risks associated with the different kinds of investments.

FSRA also promotes fair competition between different financial service providers for the benefit of stakeholders and this, necessitated the development that employees should break free from medical schemes imposed on them by employers.

Whilst the FSRA has been frowned upon by others because of the 30 percent local asset requirement which compels pension and insurance companies to invest 30 percent of their assets locally, the authority's latest stance on employees choosing their own medical scheme should be applauded. I am optimistic about this. The authority issued the directive so as to ensure that all medical schemes offer services on a level playing field and offer competitive products to the eventual consumers of medical scheme services.



MELODY: Financial Services Regulatory Authority CEO Sandile Dlamini delivering his speech during a function.

Though medical schemes from employers are an additional perks to their employees, however, it makes sense for the latter to choose as to who should cover them.

Options

Surely, there are quite a handful of options and employees who prefer other companies to others, thus they must be given that right to choose.

This will excite many employees as even today they can decide to change their scheme, however, we should not be carried away and rob ourselves of being 'protected' health-wise.

Employees should be responsible as far as possible when taking a stand on this latest development by FSRA. Incase one changes his

scheme, what are the pros and cons because surely the cover one has been paying for all these years has topped-up some mundane benefits which are essential.

Scheme

I understand times are tough so it might be easy for one to simply break ties with a scheme for a silly reason that you want to earn more at the end of the month, in the case where one 'tops-up' a significant amount to his respective cover. And rules out the fact that you need health cover as well because as one lives, tonnes of things unpleasant might happen.

Employees should also be careful before migrating to other schemes and consider their ailments.

As much as sometimes there is a feeling that medical schemes are ripping us off as months, even years pass by, without paying a visit to the doctor, we must protect our lives with things such as having medical schemes.

Such schemes are viewed as a luxury but because we do not know what's in store for us tomorrow we must 'subscribe' and part with money monthly so as to be covered.

Moreover, employees need to stay healthy to keep their respective jobs. So show some responsibility on this please!!

However this right, given to employees by FSRA, means the employers need sound and healthy employees, thus the need to interrogate the switching of medical schemes.

FSRA manned by CEO Sandile Dlamini argued that since most employers chose medical schemes for their employees, this has removed the competitive edge between medical schemes to provide improved services and further deprives the member employees the right to choose their own preferred medical scheme.

"Inline with the authority's overarching objective of promoting fair competition between different financial services providers, the authority has accordingly issued a circular to ensure that all medical schemes offer services on a level playing field and offer competitive products to the eventual consumers," said FSRA.

In essence, I am sure that employees will appreciate such a move and act on it accordingly and responsibly.

And the medical schemes should gear themselves up for competition. In all honestly employees are oblivious as to how employers decided on which scheme to impose on the workers. Whether it is over a glass of wine, a golf session or boardroom, employees are in the dark, or whether an employer is supporting a fellow church mate who is steering a medical scheme company, we don't know. So, let the good scheme win!!!

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1693 - Uniforms for police in New York City were authorised.
1709 - Peter the Great defeated Charles XII at Poltava, in the Ukraine. The Swedish empire was effectively ended.
1755 - Britain broke off diplomatic relations with France as their disputes in the New World intensified.
1776 - Col. John Nixon gave the first public reading of the U.S. Declaration of Independence to a crowd at Independence Square in Philadelphia.
1794 - French troops captured Brussels, Belgium.
1795 - Kent County Free School changed its name to Washington College. It was the first college to be named after U.S. President George Washington. The school was established by an act of the Maryland Assembly in 1723.
1815 - Louis XVIII returned to Paris after the defeat of Napoleon.
1865 - C.E. Barnes patented the machine gun.
1879 - The first ship to use electric lights departed from San Francisco, CA.
1881 - Edward Berner, druggist in Two Rivers, WI, poured chocolate syrup on ice cream in a dish. To this time chocolate syrup had only been used for making ice-cream sodas.
1889 - The Wall Street Journal was first published.
1889 - John L. Sullivan defeated Jake Kilrain, in the last championship bare-knuckle fight. The fight lasted 75 rounds.
1907 - Florenz Ziegfeld staged his first 'Follies' on the roof of the New York Theater in New York City.
1919 - US President Wilson returned from the Versailles Peace Conference in France.
1947 - Demolition work began in New York City for the new permanent headquarters of the United Nations.
1950 - General Douglas MacArthur was named commander-in-chief of United Nations forces in Korea.
1953 - Notre Dame announced that the next five years of its football games would be shown in theatres over closed circuit TV.
1960 - The Soviet Union charged Gary Powers with espionage. He was shot down in a U-2 spy plane.
1963 - All Cuban-owned assets in the United States were frozen.
1969 - The US Patent Office issued a patent for the game 'Twister'.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



1990 - Jaden Smith (Actor)



1981 - Lance Gross (Actor)

MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



BY SAMKELO MAHLELELA

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DURING the recently ended 2016 United Nations High Level Meeting on HIV and AIDS, the representative of the Head of State, His Majesty King Mswati III, Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini reaffirmed the Kingdom's commitment to end the AIDS epidemic (a legacy to present and future generations), by being signatory to the fourth UN Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS.

Termed the "Fast-Track to Accelerate the Fight against HIV and to End the AIDS Epidemic by 2030", the declaration sets time-bound targets to reduce global new HIV infections and AIDS deaths to 500,000 respectively over the next five years and end the epidemic as a public health threat by 2030.

The first UN Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS was signed in 2001 themed 'Global Crisis - Global Action' and resulted in countries agreeing to fight a common problem, HIV and culminated in the advent of a global funding source through the 'Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria' (GFATM). The immediate benefit for Swaziland was the setting up of a coordinating body (NERCHA) and the start of the Antiretroviral Treatment (ART) programme in 2003. Five years later, the second political declaration on HIV/AIDS was signed in 2006 that listed ambitious goals to halt and reverse the pandemic. Its global success included the widening of the ART thresholds, the availability of lower cost ARVs, equity and access to HIV services for key populations such as sex workers, injecting drug users and men who have sex with other men, and impact mitigation programmes. At country level, we saw the expansion of the social welfare system to include elderly grants, OVC school grants and Free Primary Education that benefited populations affected as parents and breadwinners died or fell ill due to AIDS.

For the 2011 Political Declaration, the global community committed to "Intensify efforts" in the HIV response and set 10 ambitious targets to achieve by 2015. The world achieved the target of having 15 million people on treatment by 2015, nine months ahead of schedule, with 10.7 million people on ART in Africa alone - up from fewer than 100,000 in 2002. As a result, AIDS-related deaths

REAL ISSUES THAT NEED GLOBAL ATTENTION IN THE HIV RESPONSE

decreased by 48% between 2005 and 2014. New HIV infections in Africa declined by 39% between 2000 and 2014, and since 2009, there has been a 48% decline in new HIV infections among children in 21 priority countries of the Global Plan Towards the Elimination of New Infections in Children by 2015 and keeping their mothers alive.

TB-related deaths in people living with HIV (PLHIV) have fallen by 36% since 2004. Since then sustained leadership and political commitment at various levels has made significant progress in responding to AIDS as a public health threat. Infact, the HIV's target set out in MDG Goal 6- Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other Diseases - was the only millennium development goal to be met and received a standing ovation at the September 2015 United Nations Annual General Meeting that was attended by His Majesty King Mswati III. The performance of Swaziland in preventing mother-to-child transmission of HIV and virtual elimination of malaria were discussed.

In his speech delivered at the 2016 HLM, UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidibe said, "I want to share some great news with you today. For the first time in the history of this epidemic, we can say that Africa has reached the tipping point. More Africans are newly initiating treatment than are being newly infected with HIV. Reaching this turning point is truly amazing, and few people believed this could be achieved by now. Now let us finish the unfinished business and end this epidemic"

The Unfinished business

Despite the significant progress, the AIDS epidemic remains an unfinished agenda and paramount health, development, human rights and social challenge inflicting immense suffering on countries, communities and families throughout the world. Globally there have been an estimated 76 million HIV infections since the beginning of the epidemic; an alarmingly 36.9 million PLHIV; 34 million people have died from AIDS, with AIDS being the leading cause of death among women and adolescent girls of productive age (15-49); over 14 million children are orphaned due to AIDS; and over 6000 new HIV infections occur every day, mostly among people in developing countries. The new political declaration identifies a number of critical areas that have to be addressed in order to end AIDS as a public health threat.

These are:

Threats to expanding effective HIV treatment and prevention

The 2016 political declaration notes with grave concern that despite the recommended expansion of ART eligibility to all PLHIV, more than 19 million people

do not know their HIV positive status; 22 million PLHIV are not on ART; and a substantial proportion of the people on ART face social and structural barriers to good health: including poor quality care, economic constraints, stigma and discrimination, harmful practices and beliefs, inefficient service delivery models, poor nutrition and lack of food, medication side effects and misuse, and lack of comprehensive social protection, care and support.

The result is that people do not start treatment in a timely fashion, struggle to adhere to lifelong treatment and therefore fail to achieve viral suppression, ultimately leading to a growing risk of emergence of drug-resistant strains that will require more advanced treatment regimens at higher a cost.

Children are being left behind

HIV testing rates and treatment coverage among children in developing countries are unacceptably low. These are a result of similar social and structural barriers faced by the adult PLHIV, as well as age-specific barriers that include: low rates of early infant diagnosis; inadequate case-finding of children outside of PMTCT and immunisation settings; long delays in returning test results; poor linking of children to treatment. Then there is also the issue of the lack of adequate training for health-care workers in the paediatric HIV testing, treatment and care; challenges with long-term adherence; limited number and inadequate availability of efficacious and child-friendly antiretroviral formulations; stigma and discrimination; and lack of adequate social protection for children and caregivers.

Moreover, the AIDS epidemic has also seen an increase in the number of child-headed households and orphaned and vulnerable children as a result of the death of parents and legal guardians, and / or other economic, social and political realities. So there is need to promote, protect and fulfil the rights of these children, in particular those headed by girls, who become most at risk to acquiring HIV at an early age.

Unacceptability of high new HIV infections among young people

Young people between the ages of 15-24 years, account for more than one third of all new HIV infections among adults, with over 2000 young people becoming newly infected each day, while AIDS-related deaths are increasing among adolescents, making AIDS the second leading cause of death in adolescents globally. Many young people have limited access to good quality education, nutritious food, decent employment and recreational facilities, as well as limited access to sexual and reproductive health services and programmes that provide com-

modities, skills, knowledge and capability they need to protect themselves from HIV. Worldwide, only 36% of young men and 28% of young women (15-24) possess accurate knowledge of HIV, and in many instances some laws and policies, exclude young people from accessing sexual and reproductive health-care and HIV-related services such as: voluntary and confidential HIV testing, counseling, information and education. There remains need to reduce their risk-taking perceptions and behaviors and encourage responsible reproductive behavior, including correct and consistent condom use.

Services for Key populations

Noting with alarm the slow progress in reducing new HIV infections and the limited scale of combination prevention programmes, the new declaration emphasizes the need for each country to define the specific populations that are key to its epidemic and thereafter develop an HIV response that is based on the local epidemiological context. Women and adolescent girls are emerging as key populations, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa where they are more than twice likely to become HIV positive than boys of the same age. This remains a grave concern that should be reflected in all efforts to end AIDS in the sub-Saharan Africa region.

Globally, epidemiological evidence shows that key population are at higher risk of HIV, include people who inject drugs (24 times likely to acquire HIV than adults in general population); sex workers (10 times more likely to acquire HIV); men who have sex with men (24 times more likely to acquire HIV); and prisoners, who are five times more likely to be living with HIV than adults in the general population. These require special service delivery models that will understand their needs and rights to services without abomination, stigma or discrimination.

Sovereign rights of member states

Though providing a roadmap to ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030, the new political declaration reaffirms the sovereign rights of member states as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, and the need for all countries to implement the commitments and pledges in the declaration in consistency with their national laws, national development priorities and international human rights. Before signing the declaration, the Kingdom's Attorney General's Office attested that the 2016 Declaration was in conformity with the country's laws. The onus is now on the Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland and all national players to work on aligning the national HIV response with the latest Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS.

KNOW MORE ABOUT MTN 4G LTE

BY MANDLA LUPHONDVO

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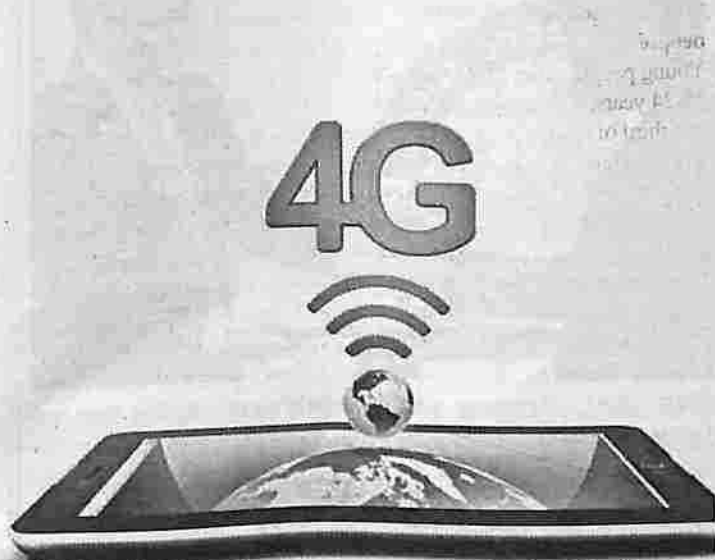
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11. "Freedom keeps us soaring, but quarreling destroys our ability to fly." — **Victor Manuel Rivera**
12. "The real winners in life are the people who look at every situation with an expectation that they can make it work or make it better." — **Barbra Pletcher**
13. "Leaders...should influence others..in such a way that it builds people up, encourages and edifies them so they can duplicate this attitude in others." — **Bob Goshen**
14. "You will never reach your dreams without honouring others along the way." — **John Paul Warren**
15. "Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character. But if you must be without one, be without the strategy." — **Norman Schwarzkopf**
16. "The love of Christ always helps us see beyond the faults of others." — **Victor Manuel Rivera**
17. "Whoever is under a man's power is under his protection, too." — **David J. Schwartz**
18. "Leaders are people who believe so passionately that they can seduce other people into sharing their dream." — **Warren G. Bennis**
19. "Leadership is for those who love the public good and are endowed and trained to administer it." — **Thornton Wilder**
20. "Successful leaders see the opportunities in every difficulty rather than the difficulty in every opportunity." — **Reed Markham**

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.5%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	8%
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

Correct as at 5 July 2016

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.7740	14.8240
British Pound/SZL	19.3155	19.3809
Japanese Yen/SZL	6.8585	6.8790
Swiss Franc/SZL	15.2074	15.2448
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3503	1.3623
Australian Dollar/SZL	11.0480	11.0884
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.4138	11.4471
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	4.3556	4.3544
Euro/SZL	16.4760	16.5317
Gold	1,349.0600	
Oil	45.9800	

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Moving Forward

SD TO CONTINUE USING MOZA SEA PORT

Stories by Manqoba Makhubu

THE Mozambique Revenue Authority (MRA) has affirmed the republic's commitment to allow the country to use its sea port as a gateway to international markets.

The MRA further made an undertaking that in the coming months, Information Technology (IT) resources will be installed for specific customs procedures which are applicable within the main corridors of goods circulation between the countries in an effort to mitigate adverse actions towards trade facilitation.

Speaking during the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) and the MRA, MRA President, Amelia Nakhare, said the new collaboration between the two parties was based on the previous memorandum which was signed in 2005 under the customs context.

The signing of the new MoU between the tax administrators was held yesterday at the SRA head offices auditorium.

She said the 2005 agreement would be maximised in undertaking supplementary actions in other areas within the SRA and MRA tax administrations as stipulated in the new MoU.

"This memorandum of understanding is in the context of the challenges faced by the tax administrators in increasing tax basis, with the view to optimise the collection of revenue."

"We have Swaziland as our strategic partner and we believe that our experience and mutual

...AS GATEWAY TO INTERNATIONAL MARKETS



AGREEMENT: Mozambique Revenue Authority President, Amelia Nakhare and Swaziland Revenue Authority Commissioner General, Dumisani Masilela signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) of cooperation at SRA offices yesterday.

interaction collaboration based on the memorandum signed in 2005, under the customs context will be maximised in undertaking the actions in other areas within our tax administrations," she said.

Objective

The objective of the MoU was to identify possible synergies for implementation towards joint technical capacity support and enforcement to ensure that both the countries move in the same pace, as well as improve the quality control of goods coming between the two countries borders.

Nakhare said their cooperation would result in the leveraging of tax systems, "in this regard we are optimistic that the technical and exchange of experiences and attending to the different issues within our tax administration will

result in more understanding and mutual technical assistance."

She said their tax administration had similar characteristics in terms of the institutional challenges with that of the SRA.

"We have issues like taxation of the informal sector, the administration of complex taxes such as VAT, modernisation of our systems, audits and many other areas," she said.

In this regard, she said it was important for them to undertake joint actions that would be coordinated between the institutions materialise, and put into practice the assumptions behind this memorandum.

"Our expectation, under the MoU umbrella, covers the modernisation of tax administration, technical capacity of our human resources to bring advantages and

improve the levels of specialisation of our officials, exchange of experience and many more," she said.

Nakhare said since they realised the weaknesses of cross border trade between the two countries, it was therefore their duty to implement facilitation relations.

"We believe will be important for the implementation of the one stop border concept that will propel the circulation of people and goods to the development of mechanisms and simplification of customs procedures of small big importers," she said.

She said through the MoU the two countries would share successes and challenges that will take them to a permanent combination effort towards more efficient policies towards the development of our countries.

...SRA, MRA to combine forces to curb illegal cigarette trade

SWAZILAND Revenue Authority (SRA) Commissioner General Dumisani Masilela says together with their Mozambican counterparts they are inclined to curb illegal cigarette trade.

Interviewed after the signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between SRA and the Mozambique Revenue Authority (MRA), Masilela said both tax regulators were equally frustrated by cigarette smuggling between their borders and would combine forces to curtail the practice.

He said there were two different types of cigarettes; one seems to originate from Mozambique since the inscriptions were in Portuguese, the other one was suspected to be from Zimbabwe

and it goes through Mozambique destined to either Swaziland or South Africa, but it seems to have a bigger market in South Africa. "We are fully aware of the challenges and were equally frustrated, because it involves all of us. However, we are going to strengthen our systems to curb that illegal trade," said Masilela.

Meanwhile, Masilela said the MoU was necessary to promote trade relations between the two administrations.

"As immediate neighbours we share a same boarder, but we also share a lot, in terms of business and movements of goods between the two countries," he said. Therefore, they needed to sit and plan together to ensure that they strengthened their systems



DONE DEAL: Nakhare and Masilela exchanging the documents. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

and capacity to discharge their respective mandate. "We are very excited that we have reached this day and we are

looking forward to a long and fruitful collaboration on the back of the memorandum, signed today," he said.

Govt envisages increasing tourism contribution to E800 million by 2022

Stories by Linda Dlamini

GOVERNMENT envisages increasing tourism's contribution to the Swazi economy from E697 million in 2014 to E800 million by 2022.

Speaking at the official launch of the Tourism Excellence Awards Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Jabulani Mabuza said government was determined to increase the number of foreign tourist arrivals to 2 million by 2022.

"This growth in tourism activity would have a concurrent positive impact in terms of job opportunities, which is our goal as a sector, to create job opportunities," he said.

The minister noted that the challenge, of growing the domestic tourism sector in the emerging local tourism segment, relates in many respects to the availability, or lack thereof, new innovative offerings.

"The tourism awards we are launching today recognise the best service providers from the different service domains. The value of recognising and rewarding champions of exceptional



VISION 2022: Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Jabulani Mabuza (left) and Mankayane Member of Parliament Veli Shongwe listening to submissions.

excellence is intended to set – and consistently raise the standards of what is attainable and desirable in the competitive global tourism market," he said.

"On behalf of His Majesty's government, I wish to state that these awards signify the industry player's efforts over the years in the industry and you are appreciated.

"We as a ministry are aware

that no amount of prize money will ever match your efforts in the tourism space, therefore we thank you very much for your tireless support in developing the industry," he said.

Mabuza called the private sector and business partners, to embrace this initiative going forward and as government looks to them for support, especially in the coming years as the award

ceremony grows.

"As I have already indicated, I present these awards as the first of its kind within the industry. I urge you to therefore to come together to fine tune this concept so that we can be proud of it for many more years to come," Mabuza said.

The minister christened the awards 'TEKUVAKASHA Tourism Excellence Awards.'

Accommodation establishments grading gazette impending

MINISTER of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Jabulani Mabuza says accommodation establishments will soon be graded as the gazetting of the grading might come out very soon.

Speaking during the official launch of the Tourism Excellence Awards held yesterday at Sibane Hotel, Ezulwini, Mabuza said this meant that accommodation establishments like hotels, lodges, guesthouses, beds and breakfast, and self-catering establishment will soon be voluntarily graded, once the draft grading framework has been gazetted.

"This demonstrates the effort of both the ministry and that of the Swaziland Tourism Authority (STA) in the tourism sector, towards making it one of the leading economic drivers of the country," he said.

Grading

He said star grading is an independent quality assessment that helps inform tourists, investors and other stakeholders as to what facilities they can expect to find the chosen accommodation or conference venue.

An accommodation establishment can be quality-graded as one star all the way to five star, with one star indicating basic facilities, right through to five stars, showing the very best quality.



MY POINT: Swaziland Tourism Authority Acting Chief Executive Officer, Bongani Dlamini, stressing a point. (Pics: Linda Dlamini)

He said the grading system would also inform accommodation establishments on proper standards to be adhered to.

Given that Swaziland will be hosting distinguished delegates from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region soon, during the SADC Summit.

The minister said that he had no doubt that as preparations to host the SADC Heads of State Summit in August/September, the industry will put its best foot forward towards making the country proud by your unforgettable

table service to the region.

Mabuza clarified that government's role is to develop policies that will make Swaziland a more tourist-friendly destination.

Priorities

"Our priorities are mainly directed to national security and travel facilitation," he said.

The minister encouraged the tourism sector to take advantage of the growth of the tourism sector that has been forecasted this year.

"The United Nations Tourism Organisation outlook for 2016 projects said international tourist

arrivals are set to grow by 4 percent worldwide. For our region this growth is expected to be stronger," he said.

"Thus there is no better time than now for Swaziland to take full advantage of this wave of growth by the creation of meaningful and high-value products, accompanied by excellence in service quality," he added.

Mabuza went on to say that tourism will be able to attract greater numbers, of high net-worth tourists willing to pay a premium price for a first-rate experience.

PROTECTIONIST POLICIES AFFECTS SUGAR INDUSTRY MARKET

By Linda Dlamini

PROTECTIONIST policies are impediments to the efficient market functioning of the Sugar Industry.

According to a three year study published by the Journal of Economics and Sustainable Development, the interventions of Swaziland's major trading partner governments should be reduced for the efficient functioning of the sugar markets.

The study was conducted by notable University of Swaziland (UNISWA) agricultural economists' Sotja Dlamini and Micah Masuku, in conjunction with Lilongwe University department of agricultural and applied economics lecturers Abdi-Khalil Edriss and Alexander R. Phiri.

Study

The study observed that Swaziland and its trading partners for the period under review were co-integrated, which proves that there exists a long-running relationship among them.

"The speed of adjustment prices in the short-run are either isolated or slowed down, which means it takes time for the prices of sugar, between trading partners, to form a new equilibrium or to absorb the shock.

"Hence this might be due to high government interventions in the sugar sector by Swaziland's trading partners, which implements policies that intend to stabilise prices to protect their producers through support price policy," reads the study as part.

The study was financed by the African Economic Research Consortium.

It said Swaziland was one of the world lowest cost producer of Sugar and suggested that the country was efficient in sugar production, and hence Swazi sugar was one of the cheapest compared to the other Sugar producing countries and as a result, it Swazi should be highly traded.

This would result in higher foreign exchange for the country as there is increased trading of Swaziland Sugar.

Report

According to the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) December quarterly report Swaziland's sugar exports brought in an estimated 4.1 billion in revenue in 2014.

However, the study said the integration of sugar markets, between the country and its major trading partners, is not as highly traded as it should be and econometric tools, used by the researchers to explain why this was the case, seem to suggest this was because some markets were subject to protectionist policies.

Protectionist policies, are the practice of shielding a country's domestic sugar industries from foreign cheaper competition, for instance by taxing imports or by providing subsidies to make the domestic industry cheaper and more competitive.

Swaziland sugar products are exported to four main market areas that include; European Union (EU), United States of America (USA), Southern African Customs Union (SACU), as well as regional and world markets.

SUMMITS FIRST STOP TO SUCCESS - IONA MINTON

By Manqoba Makhubu

FINANCIAL education consultant and journalist, Iona Minton says if people make the effort to attend summits like the Achieve Success Summit (ACS), they are already a long way to being successful.

Minton will be one of this year's edition of the ACS and will participate both in the workshop and main summit staged at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre today.

She said she has been in the country a number of times and has always found the audiences completely engaged and enthusiastic.



SUMMITS IMPORTANT:
Iona Minton.

"It is always a pleasure to work with the Swazi people because if they make the effort to attend summits like the Achieve Success Summit, they are already a long way to being suc-

cessful," she said.

Responding to a questionnaire about her participation in the summit to be held today, Minton said she has really applied herself on the financial inclusion topic.

"I recently completed certification in Big Data Analytics to help me identify and record trends in consumer behaviour. I also hold a certification in behavioural Economics at the University of Toronto. I am serious about helping individuals and institutions to get to grips with money. Every entity will benefit from a financially healthy population," she said.

She said she hopes to expose the common misconceptions about money and wealth building, especially because most people think that getting control

of finances and building wealth is a mix of resources, will power and having a plan.

"If this was the case far more people would be driving German sports cars. It's not so much about what you know it's, about how you apply it and how to make decisions stick," she said.

Adding, Minton said it was unfortunate that most people are way too dependent on debt as over indebtedness is the biggest obstacle to becoming wealthy.

"Debt used properly can help you to build wealth but most people use it to fund lifestyles that they can ill afford. The mantra to 'save for your future,' is wasted if an individual is indebted. We need to fix debt issues before we address issues of savings."

...People need help to manage their finances

MEANWHILE Minton says although financial education is a big topic, regulatory bodies and financial institutions have still not fully investigated effective ways to help people manage their finances.

"Their approach is often paternalistic and even patronising. They are addressing the symptom and not the cause. They are not using the science of behavioral economics to engage people, instead they are

using old school techniques such as leaflets and money management workshops to influence their audiences," she said.

She said people were genetically programmed to think in the present and they are woefully bad at futuring themselves. As a result, she said all their best intentions of getting financially fit are overridden by their desire for instant gratification.

"People often plan to get out of debt, save more or spend less but more often than not, they will fall prey to their impulses. We need to apply the learnings of researches such as Dan Ariely and Richard Thaler who have done significant work in this area. Education plays an important role in financial fitness but behavior modification holds an equally important place on the podium."

Minton said it would be

impossible to change the way people engage with money until their beliefs on what money means to them is influenced.

"In other words, what people learn about money in their youth and early adult years sets them on a path that is difficult to change because much of the way things play out is subconscious. Before people can jump on the healthy finances wagon they have to question their actions and thought processes and identify the triggers that trip them up," she said.



Carson Motors partners with Achieve Success Summit

By Nomthandazo Nkambule

EVEN this year, Carson Motors has partnered with the Achieve Success Summit spearheaded by local businessman Wandile Hlatjwako.

The one-day meeting which aims at promoting the psychology of success and world class thinking amongst young innovators/entrepreneurs will kick-off this morning at the Swazi Convention Centre.

The summit was first rolled-out last year and had South Africa's reputable entrepreneur Vusi Thembekwayo as a guest speaker amongst others.

BMW Sales Executive Sifiso Malinga said they started partnering with the summit last year as they saw value in it adding that even Carson Motors owner Moses Motsa bought into the idea.

Malinga said last year, when Hlatjwako presented the summit's proposal to them, they noted that it was in line with Vision 2022 hence they decided to be on board.

He said last year they started small and this year they decided to add more perks into their partnership. Malinga said after last year's summit which was a success, they decided to be the summit's partner even this year.

"Carson Motors was impressed by the success of the summit last year hence we decided to come on board even this time and be partners," he said adding that last year they chauffeured the summit's speakers in a BMW three series and today, they would be using a BMW X4.

Though he did not want to commit the company as a continued partner going forward, he said if the country's economy continued performing well, they would continue with the collaboration.

Meanwhile, Achieve Success Summit Founder Wandile Hlatjwako said he was humbled by the support he has received from locals in the two years of hosting the summit.

Hlatjwako said the summit last year was a success because of the support he received.

He said he was looking forward to having more local partners even in the coming years.

He said the summit was born in March 2, 2014 adding that the success summit concept was adopted from the Global Summit in South Africa.

Hlatjwako said it was then replicated in Swaziland with a broad objective of providing national and regional platforms for professionals, entrepreneurs and innovators. It enabled these groups to learn and embrace the psychology of success in order to create wealth for themselves, their country and the continent of Africa.

"The summit envisages providing national and regional platforms for professionals, entrepreneurs and innovators to learn and embrace the psychology of success in order to create wealth for themselves, their country and the continent of Africa," he added.

BUSINESS EXTRA

SA jumps in global ICT ranking

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa has jumped 10 places in the World Economic Forum (WEF) global information and communication technology rankings from 75th to 65th.

The WEF this week has released its 2016 Networked Readiness Index, which assesses the "factors, policies and institutions that enable a country to fully leverage information and communication technologies for increased competitiveness and well-being".

The ranking measures 139 countries and studies factors such as the political and regulatory environment, infrastructure and digital content, usage of ICT as well as economic and social impacts to calculate the overall NRI ranking.

And South Africa's advance in the 2016 ranking comes after it slipped five places between 2014 and 2016 to 75th.

South Africa has made advances in the likes of bandwidth infra-

structure, with the country ranking 18 in the world. Other results are more mixed, said the WEF.

"South Africa's digital transformation is mostly business driven, as the country notably performs best in business usage (32nd), followed by individual usage (77th), followed by government usage (105th)," said the WEF in its note on South Africa.

However, dark clouds still hover over the country's technology space, noted the WEF.

"Although the country is perceived by South African business executives to be performing relatively well in terms of its regulatory and political environment, its innovation and business environment is rated significantly worse and, in addition, shows strong signs of deterioration—especially regarding technology and venture capital availability, government procurement of the latest technologies, and days as well as procedures to start a business," said the WEF. *Fin24*

Mminele: Don't underestimate risk of downward credit rating

JOHANNESBURG - Reserve Bank deputy governor Daniel Mminele said yesterday that South Africa should not underestimate the risk of credit rating downgrades this year if the ailing economy did not improve.

The country dodged ratings downgrades from Moody's, S&P Global Ratings and Fitch earlier this year, giving policymakers time to act to strengthen the economy of Africa's most industrialised country before the next round of reviews due by December.

Analysts have said South Africa's economy faces hurdles and that the threat of "junk" status is looming.

"During May and June, South Africa received confirmations of unchanged credit ratings from all three major credit rating agencies," said Mminele.

"These confirmations, however,

came with a very clear message: further improvements in the macro-economic fundamentals are required."

He said this suggested that "in the absence of demonstrable progress being made as part of a concerted effort involving all social partners, the risk of downgrades during the next reviews towards the end of this year should not be underestimated."

The bank expects South Africa's economy to grow by 0.6% this year and a modest recovery is seen over the next two years, but Mminele said the assumptions underlying the estimate had not factored in any possible spillover effects from Britain's vote to leave the European Union.

"The UK's present and future are now riddled with uncertainty, naturally accompanied by a flight to safety," Mminele said.

Reuters

Why are Africans afraid of nuclear energy - Molefe

JOHANNESBURG - Africa should use nuclear energy to move forward, said Eskom CEO Brian Molefe.

Speaking at the power utility's integrated results at Megawatt Park on Tuesday, Molefe shared some of the things he learnt from a Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) nuclear programme, which he recently completed in the US.

The programme took Molefe through the basics of chemistry, physics and mathematics to understand nuclear reactions and plant infrastructure.

What struck Molefe is that MIT has a nuclear reactor on its campus in Cambridge, Massachusetts, close to the public.

"My curiosity was aroused and I wanted to learn what your fears are about nuclear," he said. He also met one of the managers of

the Fukushima nuclear plant in Japan. "I shook his hand and he is not radioactive," he added.

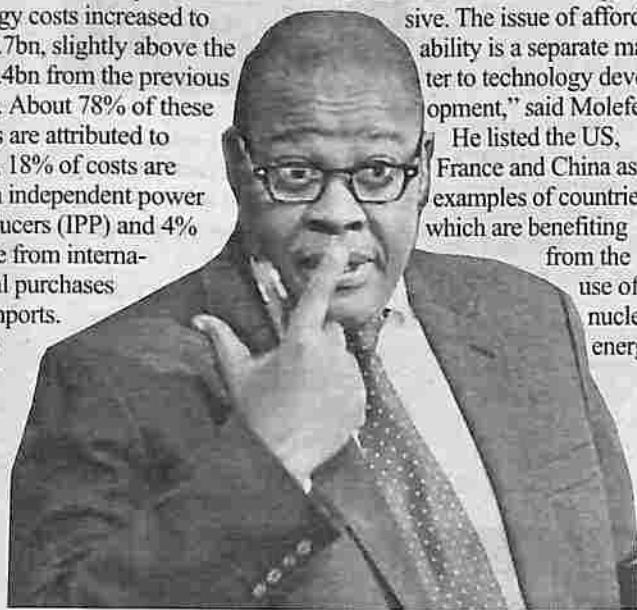
Compared to Eskom's energy costs, nuclear energy is identified as an affordable option. Eskom's energy costs increased to R84.7bn, slightly above the R83.4bn from the previous year. About 78% of these costs are attributed to coal, 18% of costs are from independent power producers (IPP) and 4% came from international purchases or imports. IPPs only

account for 4% of production.

"IPPs are the most expensive... the cheapest source is nuclear," he explained.

"No one is saying we shouldn't use nuclear because it is expensive. The issue of affordability is a separate matter to technology development," said Molefe.

He listed the US, France and China as examples of countries which are benefiting from the use of nuclear energy.



"Africa is the most behind in terms of electrification," said Molefe.

To meet the United Nations COP21 climate change goals, South Africa needs to reduce carbon emissions in the supply process. As a result, Eskom will focus on shifting to renewable energy sources over the next two decades.

Molefe's opinion on nuclear energy comes as the South African government stalls its process of releasing the request for proposals around the 9.6 GW nuclear new build programme.

Environmental groups have taken the Department of Energy to court over the new build process, claiming that it secretly struck a deal with Russian nuclear firm Rosatom in 2014. This is vehemently denied by government and Rosatom.

AFP

Zim deploys police amid economic shutdown

HARARE - Zimbabwe deployed police in townships around the capital, Harare, yesterday amid calls for a strike by state workers over an economic collapse that has led to a shortage of cash, import controls and the failure of the government to pay salaries on time.

While the government warned workers not to join the stay away, some schools have closed and there was little traffic on main roads into the city.

The labour action was called following the Finance Ministry's announcement that it was delaying pay for state workers, including the military, and riots on Monday sparked by protests by taxi drivers over alleged police harassment.

"If they take part in an unsanctioned process there will be consequences, and they must disregard this call for a stay away," Supa Mandiwanzira, the action public service minister, said yesterday by phone.

President Robert Mugabe's administration has faced a worsening cash shortage in recent months. Since abandoning its own currency in 2009 to end hyperinflation, Zimbabwe has used mainly US dollars, as well as South African rand, euros, and British pounds.

The government spends about 83% of its revenue on wages for state workers, according to Finance Minister Patrick Chinamasa.

Harare was hit by riots as taxi operators protested against what they said was police harassment. Violent clashes also erupted last weekend at Zimbabwe's main border post with South Africa, forcing its closure, when the government banned the import of certain goods.

The riots started when minibus taxi operators staged demonstrations in suburbs around the capital to complain that police routinely demand money when they stop vehicles to check whether they are roadworthy. Police responded by unleashing dogs and firing tear gas.

Police have arrested 95 people in Harare and they will appear in court yesterday, spokeswoman Charity Charamba told reporters in the capital on Tuesday, saying "criminal elements are instigating and inciting" people. There have been calls for a general stay-away yesterday on social media.

Bloomberg

Numbers prove chasing market trends will break your investment

CAPE TOWN - Britain's recent Brexit announcement caused investors around the globe to panic, resulting in severe volatility for many currencies and stock markets.

South Africa did not escape the aftermath with the JSE All Share Index (ALSI) shedding 6.5% in two days, leaving many local investors unsure of whether to weather the storm or move to cash.

With hindsight being the best foresight, investment actuary Hildegard Wilson did some number crunching to prove to worried investors that attempting to time the markets rather than riding out volatility will likely cost them dearly.

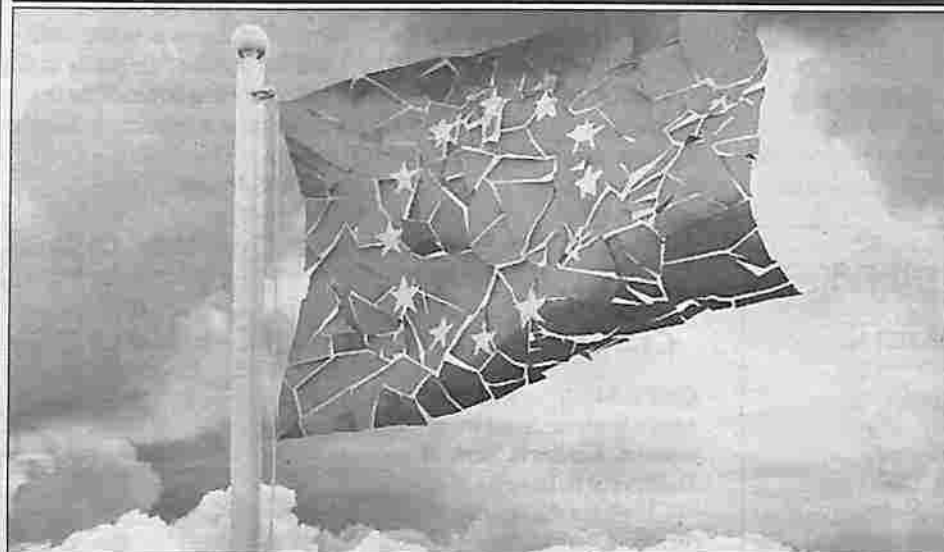
Wilson, a member of the Actuarial Society of South Africa's Investment Committee, analysed a number of scenarios over the past eight years to show that the most successful investment strategy is to commit to a portfolio for the long term rather than trying to time the markets. Her numbers show how just one wrong call over an eight-year period could shed thousands of rands from your investment, while two could nearly halve your returns.

"When markets crash, as we've seen after the Brexit announcement, our first instinct is to panic and withdraw, just like we are tempted to chase returns when markets are running," said Wilson.

"However, this often means that you will end up buying high and selling low. The best thing you can do for your money is therefore to spend time in the market rather than trying to predict what will happen."

Wilson did some calculations around one of the biggest market crashes in recent years - the 2008 global financial crisis - to show how your investment choices could have affected your outcome. She analysed four different scenarios where different investment behaviour on decisions to stay invested or chase market trends would significantly have impacted your final returns. **fin24**

MARKETS HAVE BEEN ROCKED BY BREXIT VOTE



ROCKED: As we were warned they would be - but where do the opportunities lie now? In this Brexit special edition of the Investing Show, we look at what has been hit hardest, what has done well and where investors can look for future gains.

Oil losses mount as world markets hit by Brexit woe

HONG KONG - Oil prices fell further in Asian trade yesterday, tracking losses across equities and currency markets as fresh fears about the impact of Britain's exit from the EU sent investors fleeing high-risk assets.

A warning from the Bank of England that there was evidence that risks from the Brexit vote "have begun to crystallise" sent shudders through world markets, with the pound diving to levels not seen since mid-1985 and stock markets diving.

The uncertainty unleashed

by Europe's second biggest economy leaving the European Union battered the oil market this week, with Brent diving 4.3 percent and West Texas Intermediate shedding 4.9 percent on Tuesday. Yesterday, the contracts extended the losses. At 3.30am GMT Brent was down 30 cents, or 0.63 percent, at \$47.66, while WTI eased 33 cents, or 0.71 percent, to \$46.27. The two are well down from the levels above \$52 touched at the start of last month.

"Uncertainties and concerns over how Brexit will

influence the market is expected to last for a long time, increasing volatility in oil prices," Will Yun, commodities analyst at Hyundai Futures in Seoul, told Bloomberg News.

"Even when we see a decline in stockpiles in the US, it's not strong enough to push prices up unless there are some major production cuts."

Adding to the downward pressure is news that oil cartel OPEC had boosted output in June, adding to an already painful global oversupply.

AFP

UK banks say ready to lend more after capital requirements cut

LONDON - Some of Britain's biggest financial institutions said they were ready to lend more after a decision by the Bank of England to cut their capital requirements, according to a joint statement with finance minister George Osborne on Tuesday.

The Bank of England, which is trying to ease the hit to the economy from last month's vote to leave the European Union, said it would lower the amount of capital banks are required to hold in reserve, potentially freeing up an extra 150 billion pounds (\$196 billion) for lending.

"Now the UK's main lenders, meeting with the Chancellor this morning, have agreed to make the extra capital available to support lending to UK businesses and households in this challenging time," the lenders and Osborne said.

Osborne met with the chairmen or directors of Virgin Money, Santander UK, HSBC, Metro Bank, Royal Bank of Scotland, Nationwide Building Society, Barclays and Lloyds Banking Group. **Reuters**

Focus on SA scene

DA to lay charges

CAPE TOWN - The Democratic Alliance says it will lay intimidation charges with police and lodge a complaint with the Independent Electoral Commission after a group of African National Congress supporters threatened to throw chairs at its supporters at an event to introduce its ward candidates on Tuesday.

DA Cape Town media manager Cameron Arendse said police had eventually managed to remove the group of about 10 supporters wearing ANC T-shirts, who had been chanting and arguing with

...after ANC supporters threaten to throw chairs

the DA members in Kuyasa, Khayelitsha.

Among those at the event were DA leader Mmusi Maimane and Cape Town Mayor Patricia de Lille.

"Despite this undemocratic behaviour on the part of the ANC, DA representatives and members remained disciplined and committed to not engaging in political violence," Arendse said.

The group of ANC supporters, made up mostly of older women, had picked up chairs and threat-

ened to toss them at those in attendance.

"The ANC's disruptive tactics and intimidation of our members and public representatives go against the very spirit of free and fair elections. In line with this, we will lodge a complaint with the IEC," he said.

ANC provincial executive committee spokesperson Jabu Mfusi said that those who had participated in the disruption were not necessarily ANC members, despite some of them wearing the



party's T-shirts.

"Our members are trained around the code of conduct of the IEC. We can't and won't prevent the DA or any other party from canvassing," he said.

Mfusi condemned the incident, saying the ANC did not encourage such tactics.

"But the DA also mustn't be cry-babies. They want to win by hook or by crook. They don't have support here. Khayelitsha is an ANC stronghold." *News24*

Zuma must pay tax liability for Nkandla upgrades - DA

JOHANNESBURG - The Democratic Alliance is set to lay out President Jacob Zuma's "tax liability as a result of the fringe benefits enjoyed through the exorbitant upgrades to his private Nkandla homestead".

"The debate surrounding Nkandla has up until now

focused largely on who should ultimately be responsible for footing the actual bill," said party leader Mmusi Maimane.

"For President Zuma, it must seem as if this chapter is now closed after it was determined that he must personally pay back R7.8 million for the non-security

upgrades at Nkandla.

"This is however not the case, as a crucial part of this matter is the determination of the tax liability accrued to the President, personally, as a result of the spending of almost R250 million of public money at his private homestead."

He said his party had used "current legislation" to tally up the "the tax figure for which President Zuma is liable" and will lay out the "the methodology and reasoning behind" its determination at a briefing in Sandton today.

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Tshwane metro municipal manager earns more than President

PRETORIA - Tshwane metro municipal manager Jason Ngobeni is the country's highest paid civil servant, with his R3-million annual salary package out-earning the president, deputy president and cabinet ministers.



LOADED: Tshwane metro municipal manager Jason Ngobeni.

favourable salary package needed to be offered in a bid to secure him and retain him in the position.

Other metro municipal managers salaries range between R1.9-million for Buffalo City and R2.8 million for Ekurhuleni. The eThekweni and Mangaung municipal managers' packages are on par at around R2.4 million each while the City of Cape Town municipal manager earns just over R2.2 million. The Johannesburg municipal manager takes home R2.6 million annually.

In Nelson Mandela Bay, the position, which comes with a salary package of R2-million, is vacant.

TMG Parliament

The municipal manager of cash-strapped Gauteng local municipality Emfuleni, Yunus Chamda, is earning R2.4-million annually despite the fact that the auditor-general expressed reservations about the municipality's ability to continue as a going concern in its last annual report.

President Jacob Zuma earns R2.8-million annually. Ministers in his cabinet earn around R2.3-million while provincial premiers earn about R2.1-million.

The 2014/15 salaries of almost all of the country's municipal managers were contained in a response by the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (Cogta) to a parliamentary question by the Democratic Alliance's Nomsa Marchesi.

Ngobeni was appointed to the post in 2011, and even then, was out-earning the president. Officials at the time said that a

Fixing potholes 'as easy as cleaning the house'

CAPE TOWN - It is easy to spot a pothole fixed by a woman, Kashiefa Beck of Heideveld believes.

"Check for the quality. Women do a neat, quick, decent job and get it right the first time around."

And she should know.

She is a member of an all-female team trained to fix potholes and do maintenance work on walkways and stormwater pipes in their neighbourhood.

Beck and her team of five work in Heideveld, Manenberg, Tambo Village, Surrey Estate and Athlone and are part of Women at Work, a gender transformation programme by the City of Cape Town.

In Beck's three months on the job, she has become accustomed to the hard labour her work involves.

"This is a *lekker* job. What we do shows that men aren't necessarily the only ones who can do the tough work," she pointed out. "We do a perfect job chop-chop. Fixing potholes is no challenge - it's just as easy as cleaning the house."

The women have received practical training in repairing pipes, manholes, catch pits, potholes, surface patches and edges; laying kerbs and operating a plant, painting straight lines and



legends on road surfaces, planting poles and signage, stenciling street names on kerbs and street name kerb moulding amongst many other skills.

Mayoral committee member for Transport for Cape Town Brett Herron previously said in a statement the purpose of the programme is to empower women in the workplace by providing them with skills for manual work that is generally associated with men.

"With the skills and entrepreneurial abilities they develop during the 10-month employment period, these women will be better equipped to find placement in the permanent job market," he said.

While they will not receive permanent jobs with the council, they will be equipped with the skills needed to enter the job market in addition to their technical understanding. *News24*

Thousands of SA families struggle with drug addiction

DIEPSLOOT - The war on drugs cuts across race and class, and mothers of addicts are often the ones suffering the most.

As Checkpoint recently found out, there are many layers to the scourge and few places to turn to for help.

The Maphaba family is just one of thousands around the country, struggling with drug addiction.

Checkpoint's Sebe Buthelezi spent time with 23-year old Sello Maphaba, who has been smoking Nyaope for 18 months in order to identify the reasons he offers for his drug addiction.

He also spoke to Sello's mother, Alicia, who has had enough of her son's addiction.

She says his addiction started at school and ever since he has regularly stolen goods from her, a claim Sello does not deny.

Alicia wants Sello to seek help at a rehab and only return home once he's cured.

Gauteng Social Development MEC, Nandi Mayathula-Khoza, says there are halfway houses for addicts like Sello.

But critics say government's intervention is too little, too late for many.

eNCA



Bank card fraud hitting SA consumers

DAVEYTON - Bank card fraud is costing South African consumers about R7-million a year.

And although some of the tricks used by these fraudsters are as old as the hills, a criminal in Daveyton on Johannesburg's East Rand, says he can make up to R15-thousand in just four hours, stealing cards and pins.

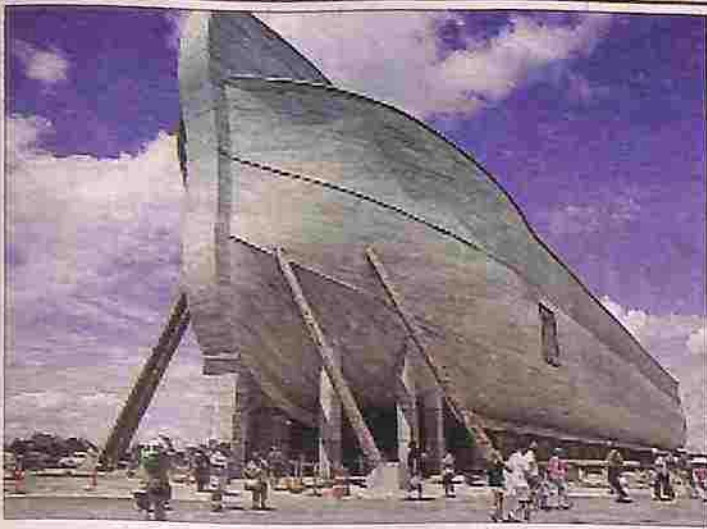
Checkpoint's Busisiwe Gumede interviewed a criminal who has been engaged in card fraud since his school years.

"I started doing it late 2008 till now. I did it because of the situation at home. As a guy I didn't have things my peers had like shoes, nice jeans and t-shirts so that we look nice," said the fraudster.

"A mother, child, or granny we don't discriminate. As long as we take your card and steal your pin so that we withdraw cash. Even white people, Indians. We don't choose."

The Hawks says Daveyton, where Buthelezi operates, has become a hotspot for card skimming and theft.

The fraudster showed Checkpoint several of his tricks. *eNCA*



NOAH'S ARK: This 510-foot-long (155 metre), \$135 million Noah's ark is the brain child of Australian creationist Ken Ham.



MASSIVE ARK: The massive ark, based on the tale of a man who got an end-of-the-world warning from God about a massive flood.



TOURISTS: Ken Ham's group estimates it will draw two million visitors in its first year, making it a major tourist draw card for Kentucky. (AP)

Giant 155 metre long replica of Noah's ark

...built by a creationist in Kentucky at a cost of \$135 MILLION prepares to finally open

A 510-foot-long (155 metre), \$100 million (A\$135 million) Noah's ark attraction built by Christians who say the biblical story really happened is ready to open in Kentucky this week.

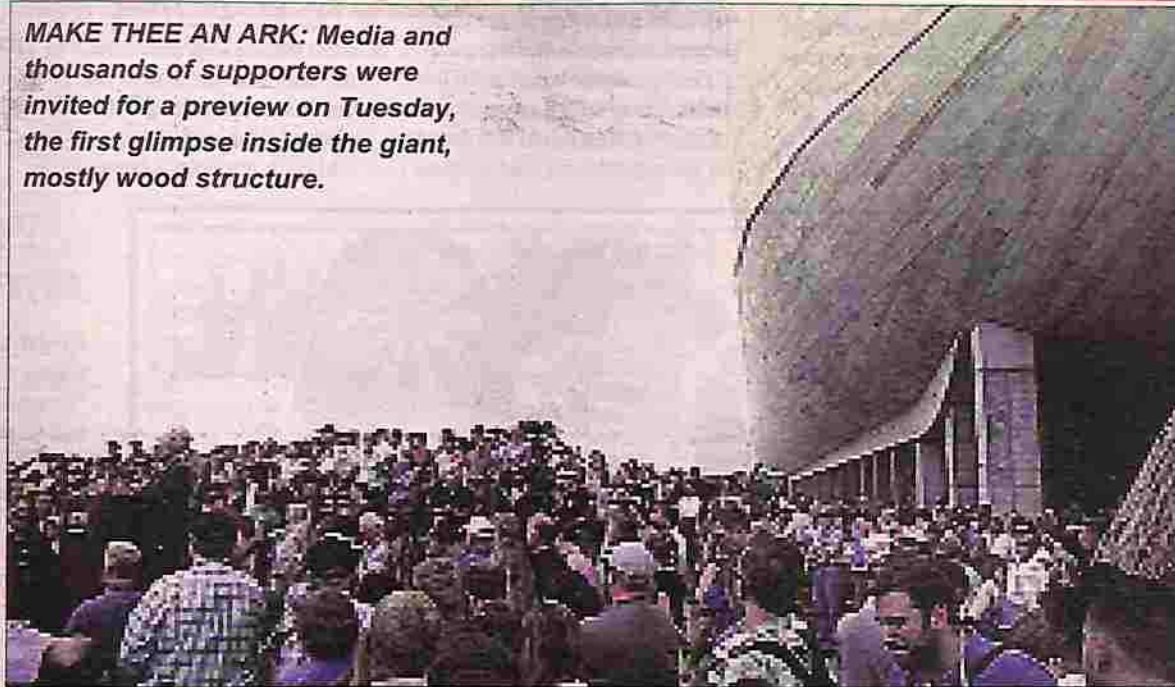
Since its announcement in 2010, the ark project has rankled opponents who say the attraction will be detrimental to science education and should not have won state tax incentives.

But Australian Ken Ham, president of Answers in Genesis, the ministry that built the ark, said he believed it would be one of the 'greatest Christian outreaches of this era in history.'

Ham said the massive ark, based on the tale of a man who got an end-of-the-world warning from God about a massive flood, will stand as proof that the stories of the Bible are true.

The group invited media and thousands of supporters for a preview on Tuesday, the first glimpse inside the giant, mostly wood structure.

MAKE THEE AN ARK: Media and thousands of supporters were invited for a preview on Tuesday, the first glimpse inside the giant, mostly wood structure.



'People are going to come from all over the world,' Ham said to thousands of people in front of the ark.

The ark will open to the public today and Ham's group has estimated it will draw 2 million visitors in its first year, putting it on par with some of the big-ticket attractions in

nearby Cincinnati.

The group says the ark is built based on dimensions in the Bible.

Inside are museum-style exhibits: displays of Noah's family along with rows of cages containing animal replicas, including dinosaurs.

The group believes that God created everything about 6 000 years ago — man, dinosaur and everything else — so dinosaurs still would have been around at the time of Noah's flood.

Scientists say dinosaurs died out about 65 million years before man appeared.

Opponent

An ark opponent who leads an atheist group called the Tri-State Freethinkers said the religious theme park will be unlike any other in the nation because of its rejection of science.

'Basically, this boat is a church raising scientifically illiterate children and lying to them about science,' said Jim Helton, who lives about a half-hour from the ark.

Ham said the total cost of the ark surpassed \$100 million, a far cry from a few years ago, when fundraising for the boat was sluggish and much larger theme park plans had to be scaled back.

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Katumbi will return for vote

PARIS - Congolese opposition leader Moise Katumbi said he will return from Europe to fight presidential elections later this year, dismissing an arrest warrant against him as "fake". The multi-millionaire owner of Congolese football club TP Mazembe said he had now recovered from what he and his supporters have alleged was a police attempt to poison him in May - an accusation rejected by the government. "I'm going to come back even if they have their fake police warrant ... I am a candidate in 2016," Katumbi told Reuters in an interview in a Paris hotel.

Reuters

Suspected rebels hack nine people

KINSHASA - Suspected rebels hacked to death at least nine people in northeastern Democratic Republic of Congo, the army said, the latest in a string of massacres that have killed more than 500 civilians since October 2014. Poor intelligence and insufficient resources have hampered efforts by Congolese and U.N. peacekeeping forces to stamp out repeated killings, most carried out at night with machetes and hatchets, near the town of Beni. Reuters

Mujuru challenges Mugabe

HARARE - Former Zimbabwe Vice-President Joice Mujuru has called on President Robert Mugabe to call for fresh elections in the face of a collapsed economy, saying her newly-formed party, Zimbabwe People First, was "the future" and had the "solution". Speaking at a state of the nation address at her Chisipite home in Harare on Tuesday, Mujuru called on protesters to "respect life, protect property and respect other people's views." Africa News Agency



Gambia sacks 27 govt officials

BANJUL - Authorities in Gambia have sacked 27 government officials including 10 permanent secretaries on suspicion of having fraudulently acquired official cars and other items, state television said. The officials are being investigated by the National Intelligence Agency, a government source said. President Yahya Jammeh has ruled Gambia, a small country almost encircled by Senegal, for two decades since seizing power in a bloodless coup. Gambia is due to hold elections in December, when Jammeh will run for a fifth term. Reuters

Mugabe orders normal business for all

CAPE TOWN - President Robert Mugabe's government ordered citizens to "go about their normal business" yesterday as tensions rose ahead of calls for a national shut-down in Zimbabwe. Acting information minister Joseph Made told state ZBC radio's evening news bulletin on Tuesday: "Government continues to make it clear that all our citizens, in particular our civil servants should continue to go about their normal business across the country." news24



Civil conflict devastates mental health, Amnesty

KHARTOUM - South Sudan's two-and-half year civil conflict has had a devastating impact on mental health in the country which has practically no psychiatric services, Amnesty International said Tuesday.

The conflict between President Salva Kiir and rebel leader Riek Machar killed tens of thousands and displaced more than 2 million people until a transitional unity government was formed in April. Independent militias still operate in the country.

The conflict was characterised by widespread atrocities including mass killings, rape, torture, abductions and even a case of forced cannibalism, Amnesty said in the report based on inter-



ANGUISH: South Sudan's civil conflict devastates mental health.

views with 161 victims, witnesses, mental health professionals, officials and non-governmental organisations.

Phillip, a survivor of a 2013 massacre in which government security forces killed 300 people in the capital Juba, said soldiers

forced him to drink the blood and eat the flesh of the dead.

"At night when I sleep, those who were killed come back in my nightmares. I can't eat, I don't want anything I'm offered," he said.

Malith, another survivor of the

same massacre, told Amnesty he woke up sweating and trembling. "I think about how I survived. Why did these others die? It makes me feel bad."

Lual told Amnesty he was forced by intelligence officers to disembowel the bodies of fellow detainees so they would not float when dumped into a river. "I think about committing suicide ... I hate myself."

Nyawal, a woman who was gang-raped twice in one day in the town of Bentiu in 2015, said the event changed her life. "I am nothing. I have nothing good ... I am ashamed."

Many of the interviewees showed symptoms of depression and post-traumatic stress disorder, Amnesty said. But South Sudan only has two practising psychiatrists for a population of 11 million people.

Mentally ill people are routinely housed in prisons, according to the report.

Africa News Agency



EXCLUSIVE: 'Foot Darts (pictured) is a world exclusive product we are launching this summer at the Glow in Bluewater, Kent.' A video on the company's Facebook page demonstrating the new sport has been viewed more than 300 000 times and has received more than 1 800 shares on social media. (Daily Mail)

Zim shutdown about saying 'enough is enough'

ZIMBABWE - Yesterday was about telling the politicians in Zimbabwe that "enough is enough", the man behind the call for the stay-away told a South African audience.

Speaking to Talk Radio 702's Koketso Sachane, Pastor Evan Mawarire said he had started the #ThisFlag movement a month and a half ago to get his countrymen to unite against "rampant and runaway corruption by government and government ministers".

"We have called for a complete shutdown of the country today in protest of the government that has completely failed to look after its citizenry, and failed to listen to the demands of its citizenry," he said of yesterday's protest.

He also said the government had failed to "deal with injustices and deal with poverty". "... We just said, 'Enough is enough'. We will take a day out to deliver our message to government for them to know that its citizens were serious about having a Zimbabwe that actually works. TMG Digital

African Union prepares to roll out e-passports pilot

CAPE TOWN - The African Union (AU) has announced they will be launching an electronic passport, or e-passport, at the next AU Summit tabled to take place in Kigali, Rwanda, in July 2016.

This flagship project, first agreed upon in 2014, "falls squarely within the framework of Africa's Agenda 2063 and has the specific aim of facilitating free movement of persons, goods and services around the continent," the AU said in an official statement in June this year. This in order to foster intra-Africa trade, integration and socio-economic development, the union

says. The Chairperson of the AU Commission, South Africa's Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, has described this initiative as both symbolic and significant, calling it a "steady step toward the objective of creating a strong, prosperous and integrated Africa, driven by its own citizens and capable of taking its rightful place on the world stage."

The move also fits well into the African Development Bank's (ADB) plans to abolish visa requirements for all Africans by 2018 - a move which would aid business and overall travel on the African continent. news24

Shortage of syringes hampers Congo's fight

KINSHASA - A shortage of syringes is hampering plans to vaccinate people in Democratic Republic of Congo against a yellow fever epidemic despite the arrival of more than one million doses of vaccine, health officials said.

Congo's government declared a yellow fever epidemic last month in the capital Kinshasa and two other provinces near the border with Angola.

The World Health Organization (WHO) says some 1 400 suspected cases of the haemorrhagic virus in

Congo have resulted so far in 82 deaths and is particularly concerned about conditions in Kinshasa, a city of 12 million with poor health services and a climate conducive to mosquitoes.

The disease has killed 350 people in Angola since December.

WHO plans to begin a vaccination campaign in the province of Kwango near the Angolan border on July 20 but the U.N. body's spokesman in Congo, Eugene Kabambi, said the country had only about four million syringes but needed 10 million. Reuters

World News

ISIS app ad: Girl for sale 'Virgin Beautiful 12'

KHANKE - The advertisement on the Telegram app is as chilling as it is incongruous: A girl for sale is a "Virgin Beautiful. 12 years old.... Her price has reached \$12 500 and she will be sold soon."

The posting in Arabic appeared on an encrypted conversation along with ads for kittens, weapons and tactical gear. It was shared with The Associated Press by an activist with the minority Yazidi community, whose women and children are being held as sex slaves by the extremists.

While the Islamic State group (ISIS) is losing territory in its self-styled caliphate, it is tightening its grip on the estimated 3 000 women and girls held as sex slaves.

In a fusion of ancient barbaric practices and modern technology, ISIS sells the women like chattel on smart phone apps and shares databases that contain their photographs and the names of their "owners" to prevent their escape through ISIS checkpoints. The fighters are assassinating smugglers who rescue the captives, just as funds to buy the women out of slavery are drying up. **Associated Press**



Man charged for throwing fire bombs at Google HQ

SAN FRANCISCO — A Northern California man who said Google was "watching him" faces federal charges for three late-night attacks on the company's Silicon Valley headquarters, including accusations of tossing Molotov cocktails and opening fire on a building, authorities say.

No one was hurt in the attacks that took place in May and June, though one of the internet search giant's self-driving cars was destroyed by fire. Raul Diaz, 30, faces an arson charge in the first attack that began shortly before midnight May 19 at the company's massive campus in Mountain View, California, according to a federal complaint.

An employee called police after seeing a man throw a beer bottle at a Google mapping car and then watching the area burst into flames. The fire bombs landed at the rear of the vehicle, which sustained minimal damage. Police say they recovered fragments from two bottles of Blue Moon beer.

The second incident happened June 4 at about 11:30 p.m., federal authorities said. Two witnesses reported hearing gunshots about half a mile away from where the fire broke out, and police arrived to find five bullet holes in Google office windows. **AFP**

Obama says he's ready to 'pass the baton' to Clinton

WASHINGTON - Barack Obama delivered a forceful plea Tuesday for Hillary Clinton to succeed him as president, praising the character of his former secretary of state whose horizon brightened after the FBI recommended no charges be filed over her email scandal.

Obama, returning to a swing state that helped elect him in 2008, laid out a passionate, compelling case declaring he is "ready to pass the baton" to Clinton and urging voters to make her the nation's first female commander in chief.

"I'm here today because I believe in Hillary Clinton," Obama told a fired-up crowd at a rally in Charlotte, North Carolina, pumping his fist and leading chants of "Hillary! Hillary!"

"There has never been any man or woman more qualified for this office. Ever!"

But Obama's debut appear-



READY: US President Barack Obama.

ance on the 2016 campaign trail, while it showcased his trademark oratory and communication skills, was overshadowed by the extraordinary announcement hours earlier in Washington.

The FBI's assessment, which found that Clinton was "extremely careless" in sending classified information via her personal email account, was far from the complete exoneration she had hoped for as she rallied Democrats in her showdown with Republican Donald Trump. Clinton and Obama flew

together to North Carolina aboard Air Force One for the first in a series of high-profile rallies that the candidate hopes will energise voters — particularly minorities who remain enamored with the outgoing president, in crucial battleground states where the November election will be decided.

Neither made any mention of the FBI's bombshell decision to recommend that Justice Department prosecutors file no criminal charges in the Clinton email investigation. **AFP**



FEASTING TIME: Millions of people have come together, from around the world, to feast and pray as Ramadan comes to an end. In Yogyakarta, Indonesia, hundreds of children marched in a parade (bottom right), in Lahore, Pakistan, balloon sellers waited for people to leave prayers, clutching their brightly-coloured wares (top right). While in Luneta Park in the Filipino capital Manila, thousands gathered together in the early morning (bottom left). But for some, the usually joyful celebration was overshadowed. In Baghdad, people entered the charred ruins of the shopping centre, which was destroyed by ISIS extremists on Sunday (top left), an attack which claimed 250 lives. (AP)

Trump praises Saddam Hussein for killing 'terrorists'

WASHINGTON - Donald Trump has praised late Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein for killing off "terrorists," reprising previous comments in support of dictators in the Middle East and earning a swift rebuke from White House rival Hillary Clinton.

The United States "shouldn't have destabilised" Iraq, now a hotbed for the Islamic State group 13 years after the US-

led invasion, said Trump, who showed lukewarm support for the war before it took place and later opposed it.

"He was a bad guy — really bad guy. But you know what he did well? He killed terrorists."

He did that so good," Trump told supporters.

"They didn't read them the rights. They didn't talk. They were terrorists. It was over."

Today, Iraq is Harvard for terrorism," the Republican firebrand added, referring to the prestigious US university.

Shortly after the remarks, Clinton's campaign pounced on Trump's apparent support of a strongman, who was hanged in Iraq in 2006 for ordering the sectarian killings of nearly 150 Shiites two decades earlier.

AFP

BRIEFS

Australian govt hopes to win

CANBERRA - Australia's conservative government remains hopeful of clinging to power after weekend elections turned too close to call. But the opposition leader has warned that even if the government musters a majority, it will emerge a divided administration without a mandate for its agenda. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull hopes to know this week whether his Liberal Party-led coalition will achieve a 76-seat majority in the House of Representatives where it had controlled 90 seats. **News24**

Rio puts on optimistic face

BRAZIL - Crime-plagued, cash-strapped Rio de Janeiro struck an optimistic note Tuesday with 30 days to go before becoming South America's first city to stage the Olympic Games. Stadiums are all ready — barring finishing touches — and within weeks, Brazil expects to greet at least 500 000 tourists for the August 5-21 Games. Brazil's Olympic committee boss Carlos Nuzman celebrated the milestone in an epic seven-year effort to transform Rio from a beautiful but crumbling city to a glittering stage for the world's most-watched event. **eNCA**

Dead dogs found in pit in Mexico

PUEBLA - Authorities have found some 50 dead dogs dumped in an open pit on a hill in central Mexico, officials said. Authorities in the central state of Puebla have launched an investigation to determine how the dogs died and who tossed them in the open grave in the village of Santa Maria Nenetzintla. The pit was full of water due to recent rains. The state health department said that local authorities buried the animals with lime on the same hill following the gruesome discovery. **APF**



Nearly 30 000 'terrorists' in Syria, Iraq

GENEVA - Nearly 30 000 "foreign terrorist fighters" are currently in Syria and Iraq, a high-ranking UN official said on Tuesday, warning that the risk of attacks in their home countries was growing. The number of foreign terrorist fighters is very high in war-ravaged Syria and neighbouring Iraq, said Jean-Paul Laborde, UN assistant secretary general and head of its Counter-Terrorism Committee. "There are nearly 30 000, and now that the territory held by Daesh [the Islamic State group] is shrinking in Iraq, we are seeing them return, not only to Europe but to all of their countries of origin, like Tunisia, Morocco," he told reporters in Geneva. **AFP**

Brexit campaigner Farage quits

LONDON - Leading Brexit campaigner Nigel Farage on Monday stepped down as leader of the UK Independence Party as the shockwaves from Britain's decision to quit the EU continued to rock the political order. "I have decided to stand aside as leader of UKIP," he told a London press conference. "The victory for the 'Leave' side in the referendum means that my political ambition has been achieved." **Daily Nation**



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AKA DROPPED FROM HIPNOTIK LINE-UP

By Phumelele Mkhonta

Hipnotik supporters and hip/hop fanatics never saw this coming, as South African Hip Hop artist AKA has been dropped from the line-up following his twitter rant demanding to have his logo on the Hipnotik poster.

AKA has since been replaced with Nigerian star Burna Boy on the Hipnotik line-up. According to Swazi Jive Founder and Director Sakhile Nkambule, the artist's twitter rant is one of the decisions that led to having him replaced on the line-up.

"We will not take any disrespect from artists no matter how big they are. The Hipnotik brand is bigger than that right now and we demand the respect we give to our artists."

AKA will no longer be performing at the show but we will be bringing Burna Boy to replace him on the line-up," he said. AKA caused a frenzy on Twitter

with his post where he demanded the organisers, Swazi Jive, fetch his logo and change the flyer where he also threatened not to show up at the event. Meanwhile, he has been replaced with the multi award winning artist - born Damini Ogulu who rose to fame in 2012 after releasing his single 'Like to Party'.

He has broken records and won awards since then. The 25-year-old from Lagos is a singer-songwriter, performer, dancer and his main genre is reggae-dancehall.

Burna Boy has a large following, especially among the youth, in the country and beyond because of his versatility when it comes to music and his sleek dance moves. The 'Rizzla' artist has collaborated with AKA, Da L.E.S, Leriq, 2 Face, Idibia, Timaya, Rimmisce, Nyanda Wizkid, Davido, Iyanya, Sarkodie, D'banj, Lynxxx and many more. Burna Boy made history early this year when he was the first to



REPLACEMENT: Nigerian star Burna Boy.

win the 'One Africa' award at the METRO FM Awards. He also won; Best Hit Single and Best Collaboration for 'Baddest' where AKA features him. Burna Boy will be performing alongside; 80 Script, The Tribal Misfits, Tenderness, Tweezy, Tribal Misfits, Eimsofly and Emtee to mention but a few. The event will be held this Saturday at Greyhound (Former El Paradiso) in Ezulwini.

THINA ZUNGU'S "THE LIVING TESTIMONY" LAUNCH IN THE COUNTRY

By Phumelele Mkhonta

SOUTH Africa's renowned gospel artist Thina Zungu will be launching his album 'The Living Testimony' in the country.

The 'Nginguthandiwe' artist relayed this information during his visit to our offices yesterday. Zungu arrived in the country on Saturday as he was due to perform at the Nduduzo Matse's 'New Sounds of Glory' launch at Old Trade Fair Stadium in Manzini.

Zungu's album was released in January and it contains 13 tracks. "I will launch the album in the country before the end of the year. I can not reveal the precise date as yet as it is still on the pipe line. Swaziland is now my second home as I have been here numerous times I have even lost count; I always feel welcome here so that is why I feel it an obligation to also launch an album here," said Zungu.

The artist from Kwa-Zulu Natal in Inanda expressed that his best track in the album is Track 2 titled 'Ekugcineni'. "This track

evokes emotions that remind me of the trials and tribulations that we go through as people. It also brings light to the fact God hold our hands until the end; situations come to pass and it will be alright eventually," expressed Zungu on the song. The album is now available at Mgavuzza, Tikhetsela and Boysen Music.



LAUNCH: Thina Zungu posing with a copy of the Swazi Observer.

SWAZI TV PRODUCER DIES

Stories by Nomfundo Sifundza Mbabane

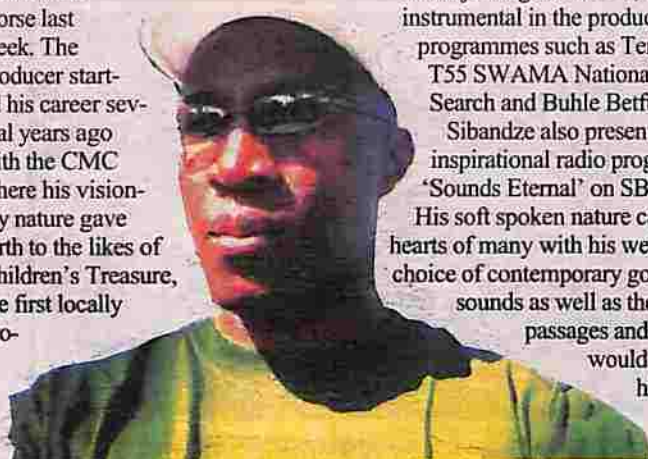
SWAZI TV has lost long-time serving producer Zazi Sibandze after he succumbed to death this past Saturday due to an illness.

The station's Public Relations Officer Nomcebo Malinga confirmed that Sibandze, who previously worked at the Christian Media Centre, had been suffering from cancer and it affected his back (spinal cord) and legs as he could only walk with the assistance of crutches.

Showing

He had however started showing

signs of getting better and was hopeful of returning to work when he took a turn for the worse last week. The producer started his career several years ago with the CMC where his visionary nature gave birth to the likes of Children's Treasure, the first locally produced children's show which launched the likes of Lando Dlamini into the spotlight.



After joining Swazi TV, he was instrumental in the production of programmes such as Temidlalo, the T55 SWAMA National Talent Search and Buhle Betfu.

Sibandze also presented the inspirational radio programme 'Sounds Eternal' on SBIS 11.

His soft spoken nature captured the hearts of many with his well chosen choice of contemporary gospel sounds as well as the thematic passages and stories he would tell during his broadcast.

RIP: Zazi Sibandze.

...Condolences from his workmates

Celiwe Soprano Dlamini

The television industry will never be the same without you Goje, u changed a lot of lives.

My producer who dragged me kicking and screaming to my first Temidlalo show, I was convinced I was not ready and everyone else, but you saw potential and made it happen.

You produced nothing less than perfect, it was that or nothing. No words can begin to describe your work all the way from Children's Treasure to God knows how many influential productions you have done. May your soul rest in peace Goje.

Mfanafuthi Taribo Bhembe

I am at a loss of words, deeply saddened by the loss of my colleague. My heartfelt condolences goes out to his friends and family. May God embrace them in comfort.

Lwazi Arzy Dlamini

He was a true master, a perfectionist and an endless vessel of information. May God comfort his family in this sad time in their lives.

Sibusiso Bhembe(Producer)

We lost a beautiful soul who had so much to offer in the television industry. We take ahead his words of advice and of course the lessons he taught most of us in the studio.

Landokuhle Dlamini

My heart is saddened by the news of Zazi Nsibandze's passing. It's like only now it's sinking in.

You discovered me at an audition at the tender age of 10. Little me had no idea what an audition was, I messed some parts up and as I erred I rolled my eyes in a diva fashion...it was that

rude eye roll that got me the job as a child presenter on Children's Treasure. You and Mabhojane saw something in that eye gesture and you both said "that's the girl we are looking for!"

You groomed me as a TV presenter for five years and taught me all I could learn about the media. I was your student and my, look at your product today!! All the doors that gig opened in my favour.

Growing up in the spotlight was no easy task but you groomed me and guided me through it all.

Today I can't help but reminisce of the good old days, of the sacrifices you and Mabhojane made to get me where I am today. I know you're reading this up in heaven and I thank you so dearly.

You will be sorely missed and will forever have an eternal place in my heart Jobe.

Family members could not be reached for confirmation of the exact funeral date and comments.

Awards are just an earthly recognition

ZUNGU expressed that all the awards that he has won have not got to his mind as he is a spiritual being on an earthly journey.

"I am grateful of all the awards I have won but I will not allow them to get in my head. To me

they are an earthly recognition of the work I have done but my focus will not be shaken as I still look up to God and intending on forever having a good relationship with him without being misdirected by earthly prizes," commented Zungu.

SECOND PRINCESS MISS WINGS PARADES CHAPS CUP

By Phumelele Mkhonta

LIMKOKWING'S second Princess Miss Wings Nomvula Ngcamphalala was incorporated in the CHAPS soccer tournament initiative by parading the champions' cup this past Sunday.

Chaps (The Centre for HIV and AIDS Prevention Studies) is an initiative under the Ministry of Health which promotes and educates on issues of male circumcision.

Chaps works in the communities via soccer tournaments. In the Hhohho region the soccer tournament was sponsored with E150 000. Dennis 'Yuki' Masina is the ambassador of this campaign. During the finals this past

Sunday, Yuki and the daughter of the Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala paraded the cup to spectators. According to Nomvula, this was a humbling experience as it came to her unexpected that she was incorporated in such a noble project.

Know

"I do not know what criteria Chaps used to see me as befitting to parade the cup during the finals. I got a random call from them requesting me to parade the cup with the ambassador, Yuki.

I gratefully accepted the offer and I enjoyed every bit of it.

I assume being second runner up to Miss Wings gained me such recognition and I am hoping to be involved in more noble projects," commented the beauty.

PREPARATIONS FOR MUSICAL WEEKEND

By Majaha Nkonyane

AS this week draws to a close, this weekend fun lovers prepare their dancing shoes as two of the most celebrated events will be staged, 'joyously' entertaining both Gospel music and Hip Hop lovers.

The weekend could not come any sooner for outgoing people as the country hosts both the Hipnotik Festival and MTN Joyous Celebration. Fun lovers will be spoilt for choice as they have a busy weekend ahead.

The two events have once again coincided on the same date leaving fun lovers with a choice to make for attending their favourite. "MTN VIP tickets are sold out and the nation is encouraged to get

general tickets as early as possible, one of the Joyous principals, Jabu Hlongwane is already in the country.

Hlongwane arrived yesterday. During his visit to the Swazi Observer he talked about his second book titled, 'Finding Meaning in the journey of life.' The book will be launched in the country today at Gigis restaurant.

This is Hlongwane's second book after, at age 15, the first book he wrote never saw the light of day as it was scrapped by the first person he requested to read and assess his work. Because the burning desire to share his message did not leave his heart he began working on 'Finding MEaning in the journey of life.' Sound and production for the Joyous Celebration show will be arriving in the country today at 4pm. "All is in order

and local gospel artists are geared up for the show," Joyous celebration Public Relations Officer Pamela Zwane said. Meanwhile, the Swazi Jive team was also hard at work on site, where the fifth annual Hipnotik Festival show will be held, El Paradiso (Grey Hound). Swazi Jive Founder and Director Sakhile Nkambule caused a stir on Twitter yesterday, when he announced he was dropping one of their major artist AKA.

The two shows, offering different genres and appealing to different audiences, have in the past drawn thousands of fun lovers in the country, and this year's preparations look to build on that past success. The two shows have enticing line-ups with both shows offering variety to be savoured by their target audiences.



AWAITING: Empty Mavuso hall that will host the MTN joyous celebration July 9. (Pics: Majaha Nkonyane)



HARD AT WORK: Destiny Music employee working at the Hipnotik site at Ezulwini putting up the trussing to hold the stage equipment.



SELFIE MOMENT: Swazi Observer Managing Editor Mbongeni Mbino takes a selfie picture with joyous principal Jabu Hlongwane and crew.



WITH THE CREW: Joyous Celebration principal Jabu Hlongwane, MTN Joyous Celebration PRO Pamela Zwane, Joyous Celebration General Manager Boniswa Raluar and Nathi Gule.



ALL SMILES: (from left) Observer on Saturday Editor Alec Lushaba, News Editor Kenneth Dlamini, Assistant news Editor Nomthandazo Nkambule, Joyous Celebration Principal Jabu Hlongwane, Swazi Observer Editor Thulani Thwala, Sports Editor Mphikeleli Msibi and Managing Editor Mbongeni Mbino.



IRON MATTERS: Pieces of metal that hold trussing at the Hipnotik site at Ezulwini.

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HIGHLIGHTS

"S9/E19 - THE DESCENT OF MAN"

Tonight on Sony 127, at 19:05
Nick's case of a deceased skydiver takes an interesting turn

when Catherine discovers there may be a connection between the skydiver and a mysterious double murder case.

CSI: Crime

Scene Investigation is the groundbreaking drama about a team of forensic investigators trained to



solve criminal cases by scouring the crime scene, collecting irrefutable evidence and finding the missing pieces that solve the mystery. The series has made DNA a household term to millions of fans in over 170 countries who learned the importance of blood, saliva and skin as evidence and

how those elements help solve crimes. Watch double bill episodes from tonight July 7, at 20:00.

HOMICIDE

Tonight on Discovery ID (171)

In Charlotte, North Carolina, many know him as Homicide.

But his real name is detective Garry McFadden and he demands justice for the departed. Documentary series I am

Homicide follows

McFadden case by case.

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leads, no matter how dangerous. Chances are, McFadden knows those involved - whether it's the victim, family members or even the perpetrator. In each

one-hour episode, McFadden showcases his unorthodox methods to explain how he solved the most precarious cases of his career.

With each investigation, he puts it all on the line to solve the crime - and it's worked in more than 700 cases. This unique look at justice shows McFadden's fiery passion - while wearing the best suits in town.

SILICAN

Tonight at 22:00 on Aljezeera

This unique access film is narrated by award-winning British actress Helen Mirren

and gives a glimpse into the life of Judge Antonino Di Matteo - chief prosecutor in Italy's 'Trial of the Century' - and the most threatened man

in Italy. Ten men stand accused of being part of a mafia-state conspiracy and defendants



include five mafia bosses and five members of the political establishment, including senior

police chiefs and politicians. The case focuses on Italy's 'season of terror' from 1991 to 1994, and the deaths of famous anti-mafia judges, Giovanni

Falcone and Paolo Borsellino. Di Matteo has also received a series of death threats and anonymous warnings.

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UNREAL

Tonight at 20:00 on Lifetime

(131) Set against the backdrop of the hit dating competition show

Everlasting, UnREAL is led by flawed heroine Rachel Goldberg (Shiri Appleby), a

young producer whose sole job is to manipulate her relationships with and among the contestants to get the vital dra-



matic and outrageous footage that the program's dispassionate executive producer, Quinn King

(Constance Zimmer), demands.

What ensues is an eye-opening look at what happens in the outrageous world of unscripted television where being a contestant can be vicious and producing it is a whole other reality.

THEY ARE YOUNG, THEY ARE HUNGRY

...they are coming for you! South Africa, are you ready?

Now that the four-city audition tour is done and dusted, Mzansi Magic is ready to unveil the country's new crop of wanna-be popstars in Season 12 of Idols SA.

As the countdown to the new season edges closer and closer, Idols enthusiasts are going to be thrilled when the revamped grand dame of Mzansi's music talent shows is revealed.

For the first time in the show's history, Mzansi Magic will become the exclusive home to Idols SA.

Mzansi Magic's Nondumiso Mabece said the move was a perfect fit for Idols SA. "Idols is Mzansi's longest running music talent spectacular and will fit right in with the rest country's best reality shows including

Date My Family, Our Perfect Wedding and Utatakho among others. Mzansi Magic is undoubtedly the home to local content that is compelling, captivating and authentically South African, and we welcome Idols SA with great excitement!"

To celebrate the move, Mzansi Magic introduced another Idols SA first when they opened the doors to the newly revamped Wild Coast Sun's theatre for the gruelling Theatre Week, allowing friends, family, fans and Idols SA loyal supporters the opportunity to cheer on their favourites and give them the confidence boost they so desperately needed in this vocal duel of their lives.

It wouldn't be Idols SA without the melodrama; and this year delivers on

the tears, the tantrums, the excitement and great singing voices. All this, accompanied by the judges' colourful commentary.

There's Randall Abrahams' famously caustic tongue, Unathi Msengana's river of tears, Gareth Cliff's deadpan critique and Somizi Mhlongo's effervescent personality and tongue twisting terminology.

And lest we forget that there's more to Idols SA than just vocal pageantry, Telkom is back as the headline sponsor, with Ford making yet another turn as the car partner while Truworths continues to transform the amateur singers into stars on stage as the official clothing partner.

After auditioning close to 10 000 aspirant singers in four cities over a gruelling cross-country audition tour, enduring long hours of anxiety and rehearsals during Theatre Week, and finally whittling down the singers to the 16 who will captivate Mzansi's imagination during the live broadcast, it's safe to say the Idols XII is going to be the best season yet!

Idols SA Season 12 will be broadcast on Mzansi Magic, DStv channel 161 from Sunday 17 July 2016 at 17:00.

Rockville season four premieres on Mzansi Magic

MZANSI Magic viewers around the country have been yearning the return of the renowned high stakes drama, Rockville.

The wait is finally over, as season four promises higher drama, more action, and twist-ed plots from Sunday, 10 July.

The famous series, which contrasts the worlds of northern Joburg, with the adrenaline-filled, bustling streets of Soweto, sees popular stars such as Shona Ferguson play JB, Connie Ferguson as Mavis, Gail Mabalane as Vicky, and Boitumelo Thulo as Mpho return for another season alongside other senior cast members.

Season

This season also sees new characters debut with Sello Maake Ka-Ncube appear as the new villain, Rolex, and Themba Ndaba as the crooked police officer, Ngema. Another welcome inclusion is Ayanda Thabethe as the sultry temptress, Aliyah. M-Net's Head of Drama, Renelwe Sema commented on what's in store for viewers, "The theme this season is 'journeys to redemption'.

Mavis tries to redeem broken family bonds, while JB, who has lost everything, is desperate to reconnect with loved ones in the midst of startling historic revelations." A first for Rockville, this season also tackles a pertinent socio-economic issue which is currently very topical in South Africa - that of teenagers dating older, married men.



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International
Celebrity News

HITS BACK: Kim Kardashian.

Kim K hits back at claims she was digitally altered

LOS ANGELES - Kim Kardashian has angrily hit back at speculation she was Photoshopped in Fergie's new MILF's music video.

The reality TV star shared a behind-the-scenes Snapchat video from the MILF's set on Sunday as she claimed her slimline look was the result of a waist-training corset and strict

workout regime.

'F***YoPhotoshop,' Kim wrote, adding hashtag #CorsetLife.

The 35-year-old sparked a backlash on Twitter as she showed off a very tiny waist in the sexy video, with fans accusing the curvy KUWTK star of being heavily Photoshopped. *Daily Mail*

Jennifer Lopez wears flip flops, forgoes make-up

LOS ANGELES - It's the story of a forgetful fish who gets separated from her parents.

But Jennifer Lopez was keeping her own children close by as she took them to see Finding Dory on Saturday. The 46-year-old stepped out with her 8-year-old twins, Max and Emme, in The Hamptons, New

York.

She looked relaxed in off-duty mum mode - after a busy week filming dramatic scenes for her cop drama Shades of Blue, in NYC. Matching stone-coloured cargo trousers with her turtle neck sweater, the star opted for laid-back style.

Daily Mail

Matt LeBlanc to drive Top Gear solo

LONDON - The former Friends star has spent the past two months co-presenting the revamped motoring show alongside radio presenter Chris Evans, who has since quit the programme, but has now been offered the chance to front it alone next year.

A source told The Sun newspaper: "Matt is going to get the big job on his own. There are already active negotiations and he's almost certain to sign now that he doesn't have to work with Chris. Chris won't be replaced but Matt will become the star



GOES SOLO: Matt LeBlanc.

presenter surrounded by the existing team."

Chris, who had signed a three-year deal back in December to host the motoring programme, sensationally quit the car show earlier this week after the final episode, which aired on Sunday, pulled in its lowest viewing figures since 2002. *Daily Mail*

'You did right by my father'

LOS ANGELES - This has no doubt been a very difficult time for Meadow Walker, who lost her father Paul Walker in a fatal car accident a year and a half ago.

At the recent Furious 7 premiere, Meadow celebrated her father's screen legacy, snapping pictures of herself with the film's stars Vin Diesel and Elsa Pataky, who were like family to him as well.

"She had nothing but love," said Tyrese Gibson of Paul's



DID RIGHT: Tyrese and Paul Walker

daughter at the premiere of Brotherly Love in Los Angeles on Monday night. "She said we checked all the boxes. She was very proud of the way we went about closing out this chapter." *People*

SA Celebrity News

Minnie Dlamini embraces her 'chubbiness'

JOHANNESBURG - Even though Minnie Dlamini looks all sorts of gorgeous, she thinks she looks chubby - and is okay with that.

Instead of shying away from her imperfections, Minnie has chosen to embrace her bootylicious curves.

Sharing a picture of herself from a Tropika Island of

Treasure photoshoot, Minnie commented on how she loves looking "chubby." *Times Live*



CHUBBY: Minnie Dlamini.

Fans get excited over Emtee's new car

JOHANNESBURG - A month ago a Sunday newspaper wrote an article about rapper Mthembeni 'Emtee' Ndevu being stranded on the N1 highway from an event in Limpopo. The newspaper reported that the 'Amamenemene' rapper got stuck and had to push his Toyota Yaris to the nearest petrol station.



NEW WHEELS: Emtee.

Today Emtee shared images of his new car, a Mercedes Benz A45AMG, "It's all because of a God given talent & my fans ..." *Drum*

'Papa G' hits out at his baby mama

JOHANNESBURG - The veteran Isidingo actor has spoken out against allegations that he still owes the mother of his children.

This comes after The Citizen reported that Xoli Mkhize had accused Darlington Michaels of being a 'blesser' and still owing her money. Darlington turned the tables around calling Xoli a liar and that the only thing that they have in common are their two kids. "The only truth she told in the whole story is that we have kids together. The rest is a lie," *Daily Sun* reported 'Papa



SPEAKS OUT: 'Papa G'.

G' to have said. On accusations of being a 'blesser', Darlington found the notion disrespectful, saying, "as an elderly person, I respect myself too much to be called a blesser." *News 24*

Black Coffee honoured for his BET award

JOHANNESBURG - The internationally renowned DJ's BET award win is a big thing!

This was evident when a gala dinner was organised in Black Coffee's honour, recognising the multi-award winning record producer and DJ for bringing home a BET award.

Nkosinathi Maphumulo won the Best International Act: Africa award, becoming the first South African to do so. The Minister of Arts and Culture Nathi Mthethwa in



HONOURED: Black Coffee.

association with DJU which Black Coffee is affiliated with hosted the gala dinner.

In attendance were his mum, peers and government officials. *Drum*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Judas Ngwenya makes Mpiyakhe an unexpected and surprising offer. Zama and Jabu have a fun day together and find themselves admitting intimate truths. Mabuyi finds herself torn between her past and her future.



OFFERED: Mpiyakhe.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

A STEP FAR: Gabriel.



With nowhere left to hide, Lincoln confesses to the grim truth about Katlego. Gabriel goes one step too far with his anti-Zama Zama campaign. Kamogelo steals a march on Aphiwe for Obakeng's attention.

Muvhango

TODAY

Mpho comes to Mulmisi for help. She has a terrible problem. Azwindini has made a list of possible suspects in the abduction of the royal sons. Family members are shocked to find that their names are on it. Kat warns Vusi about Onika. All is not what it seems.



HAS LIST: Azwindini.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY



BROKE: Fats.

Puleng and Themba do their duty for the family. Fats' financial woes go from bad to worse. Jafta is enjoying his new identity and wants to change his surname.



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Daily Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

The support you need is within your reach. This is a good time to solve problems and make important decisions. You will find a way around almost any obstacle and are in control and able to guide yourself with ease. Your sense of inner direction is good and should lead to many opportunities. You bring a sense of value and the ideal to what are otherwise very practical matters. You may find that you would be good management material.



Daily Aquarius January 20 - February 18

You will tend to enjoy socializing at work today. You can always put your ideas into words and describe or analyze situations for yourself and others. Your theories may be fine, but you may lack the patience to let things ripen. Write down your ideas and present them to an administrator instead of talking about them to co-workers.



Daily Pisces February 19 - March 20

There may be confusion today over a professional or career decision. You do not like making career decisions any more than the rest of us—this time you might consider some professional advice. Otherwise, the question at hand could become somewhat more complex. Making your mark on the world has special significance for you. Achievement, ambition and authority take on a greater importance.



Daily Aries March 21 - April 19

You take an attitude of gratitude today as you move forward with your career plans—loved ones support your ideas. Your system of values may deepen, providing you with a better sense of discrimination and good taste. You will begin to make good choices in the area of investments now. There is a lot of mental energy to complete your plans but there must be a balance maintained so you are not too stressed.



Daily Taurus April 20 - May 20

There could be some restrictions on your activities at work today—you may find yourself pacing the floor much of the morning. Inactivity can be just as stressful as too much activity. Repairing machinery or perhaps taking inventory would be beneficial. Perhaps you could find ways in which you can be of help to someone else. This will speed things along and then you will find a busy afternoon.



Daily Gemini May 21 - June 21

Your outward seriousness and no-nonsense approach to things are obvious to all. This deliberate sense of responsibility comes across and is central to your personality and the way you relate to other people. Everything is run through your checkpoint to see if it holds up and can pass the test. You can be a stickler with details today. You are driven and passionate in your pursuit of change and inner growth.



Daily Cancer June 22 - July 22

When it comes to your work or home, your conservative values clash with whatever is unconventional and different. You may not care for the furniture or appliance someone has chosen. You do not value novelty and do your best to ignore changes. You appreciate tradition and regularity and your value system is dead set against anything new or out of the ordinary. There are regular infusions of change, which you may find very disturbing. New things may seem to overpower you. Occasionally, you surprise others and this could be one of those times.



Daily Leo July 23 - August 22

Others may find you especially witty and eccentric at this time. Much of your personal life hinges on pursuing your own growth and success. Your sense of discrimination, the ability to discern gradations and differences, is a crucial element in your personality.



Daily Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 22

There are plenty of opportunities today for you to choose and move into positive and upbeat circles. You may not have had any idea that your supervisors knew you were talented. You will have a chance to show off your talents and help create new ideas that improve the techniques of many employees you may have never seen. This may also entail the writing down of instructions and perhaps a guide for others to follow.



Daily Libra September 23 - October 23

You are a very feeling person and can sense the drift of a situation without a lot of study or wasted time. This immediate hands-on approach might be contrasted with one that is more deliberate. You could be left with a bit of an inferiority complex when it comes to matters of education, philosophy and conceptual ability. In a word, you revere this kind of stuff, not because it is natural to you, but rather because it may not come easily.



Daily Scorpio October 24 - November 21

Try not to worry so much—your abilities are much more accurate than you realize. Your general sense of concern for everything makes you valuable when anything needs doing but, if left unoccupied, you have been known to worry needlessly. Given only a few facts, you are able to take in a situation and come up with a real picture of what is happening.



Daily Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21

You have an innate urge to save, salvage and conserve. You could and probably will teach others the secret of your success—whatever that might be. You always want to help, to be of service, and to be fully useful. You hate waste and are very thorough and precise. For the most part, you are accepting. There is a need to be the center of attention this afternoon when you discover an investment you made was a good choice.



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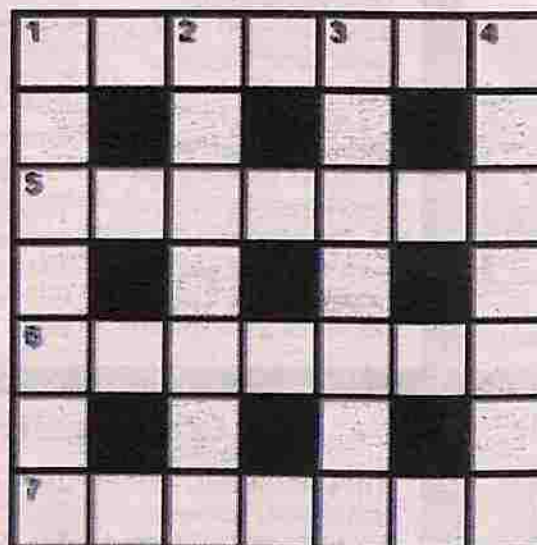


HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MINI CROSSWORD - 08

PUZZLE CHOICE



CROSSWORD MENU

ACROSS

1. WANDER
5. EXTRACTION
6. PARADISE
7. ASSUAGE

DOWN

1. SEAFARER
2. SUPREME COMMANDER
3. DIVERGE
4. RELINQUISH

LOL HIKING

I was hiking once with my girlfriend. Suddenly a huge brown bear was charging at us, really mad. We must have come close to her cubs. Luckily I had my 9mm pistol with me. One shot to my girlfriend's kneecap was all it took. I could walk away at a comfortable pace.

USELESS FACTS

1. Honey is the only food that does not spoil. Honey found in the tombs of Egyptian pharaohs has been tasted by archaeologists and found edible.

2. Months that begin on a Sunday will always have a "Friday the 13th." Coca-Cola would be green if colouring weren't added to it.

3. On average a hedgehog's heart beats 300 times a minute. More people are killed each year from bees than from snakes.

4. The average lead pencil will

draw a line 35 miles long or write approximately 50,000 English words. More people are allergic to cow's milk than any other food.

5. Camels have three eyelids to protect themselves from blowing sand.

6. The placement of a donkey's eyes in its' heads enables it to see all four feet at all times! The six official languages of the United Nations are: English, French, Arabic, Chinese, Russian and Spanish.

BRAinteasers QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Yesterday's Brain Teaser

1. How many sides does a triangle have?
A. Three Sides

2. What two colors make purple?
A. Red and Blue

Today's Brainteasers

1. A man went into a party

and drank some of the punch. He then left early. Everyone at the party who drank the punch subsequently died of poisoning. Why did the man not die?

2. What metric unit of length do the letters 'cm' stand for?
3. What does this say?

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Family relatives and friends of **Mary Maruscat Groening** are notified of her demise. Memorial service @ Dups Chapel Manzini Friday 08 July 2016 @ 2pm. Funeral @ her parental home Nyakatfo on Saturday 09 July 2016 following a proper service to be held @ 6am. Announcement by her family, contacts: 7645 5219 / 7649 1239.



Relatives and friends of **Ncamsile Popayi Simelane** are notified that Sue is late. Funeral 10 July 2016 at Macetjeni (Msabane) after a night vigil. Announcement by Thomas Simelane on behalf of the family.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baNkhosinathi Oscar Dlamini longasekho emhlabeni ufihlwa ekhaya kubo ka Siko. Kuyalindzelwa ngeMgcibelo. Uyafihlwa ngeliSontfo mhlaka 10 July 2016. **Kwatiswa bekhabinina kaGama eDlangeni** basemsebenzini wakhe ka-VIP, nelibandla lakhe leJoliga. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngubabe wakhe egameni lemdeni.



All friends and relatives of **Buyisile Philemona Mahlalela** are notified of her sudden passing. She will be laid to rest at her parental home, Moneni Manzini, memorial service at the Roman Cathedral in Manzini, funeral on Saturday 09 July 2016 after a night vigil on Friday. Announcement by her son Mduduzi Mbhamali.

JOB 13:15

Though he slay me,
yet will I hope in him;
I will surely
defend my ways to
his face.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni waTimothy Manyosi Simelane kutsi he has answered to God's call. Utofihiwa ekhaya kakhe eMafutseni eNgogola ngemGcibelo 09 July 2016. Emvakwemlindzelo ngaleSihlanu 08 July 2016. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni waka Simelane.



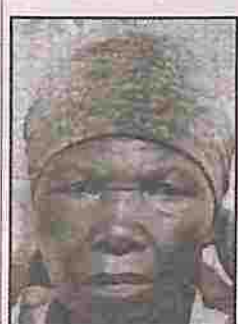
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Kwatiswa bantwabeNkhosi kaMamba bantwabeNkhosi kaLobamba kutsi Meluleki Advisor Mamba sosishiye emhlabeni. Ufihlwa mhlaka 09 July 2016 ngeMgcibelo umhlaka 08 July 2016 ngaleSihlanu ekhaya eNgudzeni. Simemetelo sikhishwa yindvuna Butselwako Mavimbela egameni lebukhosi bakaMamba.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Boy Samson Mtsetfwa kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngemGcibelo ekuseni mhlaka 09 July 2016, emvakwemlindzelo ngaleSihlanu ekhaya kubo eNgcoseni kaFakudze. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumake wakhe Somaria Gogo Hlanze egameni lemdeni.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni waIvy Siyaphi Tfwala lotalwa nguThayelaThwala naBhekiwe Ndlovu kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Usishiye mhlaka 30 June 2016. **Kwatiswa bekhabinina kaNdlovu eMayiwane** nelibandla lakhe i-Life Worship. Kuyalindzelwa ngemGcibelo 09 July 2016 afihlwe ngeliSontfo 10 July 2016 ekhaya kakhe eSivokodvo. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguDzadzawabo Kate Maureen Siketi Tfwala egameni lemdeni.



Relatives, friends and Colleges from the Nurses Senators and Lutsango Fraternity of **Mary Lokudzinga Magwaza** are notified that she's late. Memorial service at

St. Pauls Methodist Church 08 July 2016 2pm. Funeral at Mbekeleweni BushayaNkomo on Saturday 09 July 2016 after a night vigil. Morning service will start at 5am. Announcement by Family. May you rest in peace Mnguni Lomuhle NaboNgwane.



Friends, relatives, acquaintances and formal colleagues are notified of the sudden passing of **Allen Ntunja Dlamini**. A memorial service will be held at St. Marks High School Hall, Mbabane on Friday 08 July 2016. The memorial will begin at 12:30pm. He will then be cremated at the Dups Chapel, Manzini on Saturday 09 July 2016. The service will begin at 9am and end at 10am.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baJoice Linah Mabhizeni Dlamini/Makhanya kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngeliSontfo mhlaka 10 July 2016 ekhaya kakhe eMhlosheni eForbes Reeve ePhasengwenya emvakwemlindzelo ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 09 July 2016. **Kwatiswa bakubo eKucitsekene kaDvokolwako** nebhabinina kaMagagula, libandla lakhe eKingdom Church ePhasengwenya kutsi nalo libekhona. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumyeni wakhe Douglas Makhanya egameni lemdeni.



Relatives and friends of **Timothy Ngubeni** of Mathendele are notified of his demise. There will be a night vigil on Friday night. He will be laid to rest on Saturday 09 July 2016 after the night vigil at Evangelical Church at 7am. Announcement by Thula Ngubeni on behalf of family.



Relatives and friends of **David Mfanyana Nkambule** are informed that he is late. Memorial service will be held at our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church 3pm on Friday. Funeral at his home Hluthi, Zampilo on Saturday 09 July 2016 after a night vigil. Announcement by family. Rest in peace Gasolo.



Relatives and friends of **Gugu Anna Mavuso** are notified of her demise. Memorial service at her home in Ngwane Park on Saturday 9 July 2016. A night vigil at St. Pauls Church in Fairview. She will be laid to rest at Ngwane Park on Sunday 10 July 2016. Rest in peace.



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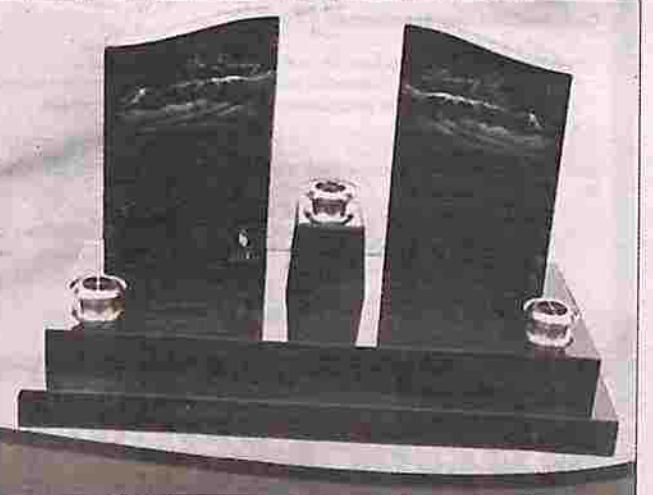
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Mkhitaryan to be unveiled by Manchester United

MANCHESTER - Borussia Dortmund midfielder Henrikh Mkhitaryan is expected to be unveiled as a Manchester United player before the end of the week.

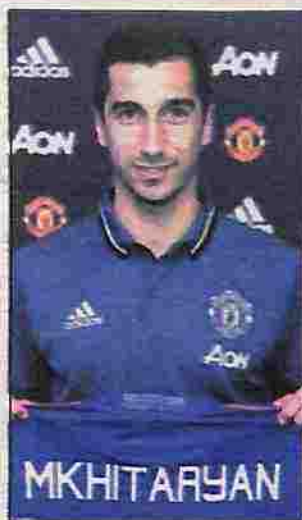
The Armenia international has been in the city since last Friday, after a move from Borussia Dortmund was agreed. Sportsmail understands Mkhitaryan was at United's Aon Training Complex on Monday where he spoke with new manager Jose Mourinho.

The 27-year-old was expected to undergo a medical at the same facility yesterday.

Barring any unexpected hurdles, the player will be announced by the club follow-

ing the arrival of a work permit. Mkhitaryan will become Mourinho's third signing following the arrivals of free transfer striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic and £30m Ivory Coast defender Eric Bailly. In his first press conference on Tuesday the Portuguese also said that United were working hard to bring in a fourth addition. That is widely thought to be Juventus midfielder Paul Pogba, although they would have to fend off stiff competition and fork out close to a world-record fee to bring the France international, who left the club for virtually nothing in 2012, back to Manchester.

Dailymail



UNVEILED: Henrikh Mkhitaryan.

PSG set sights on Schweinsteiger

MANCHESTER - Paris Saint-Germain are showing interest in Manchester United midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger.

United have yet to receive any formal approach but would be open to talks over the Germany international, whose first season in the Premier League has been blighted by injury.

Jose Mourinho is still to assess his squad as they begin to return for pre-season testing but Schweinsteiger remains involved in Euro 2016 and will have an extended break before rejoining the United set-up.

The 31-year-old signed from Bayern Munich for £6.5million and made 31 appearances in all competitions, scoring one goal.

He missed the end of the season after suffering a recurrence of a knee ligament injury. He strained a ligament in his right knee again after coming on as a substitute for Sami Khedira in Germany's quarter-final win over Italy and is a doubt to face France today.

Meanwhile, Paris St Germain physio Dario Fort is looking to leave the club and join Manchester United.

The Italian, who has worked closely with Zlatan Ibrahimovic, is due to speak with sporting director Olivier Letang in the coming days. Dailymail



STAR: Bastian Schweinsteiger.

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RELIVING THE 1982 'SCAR' ON FRANCE AND GERMANY

MARSEILLE - It was the match that had everything - spectacular goals, a brutal clash and a dramatic comeback, before finally, a nail-biting penalty shoot-out.

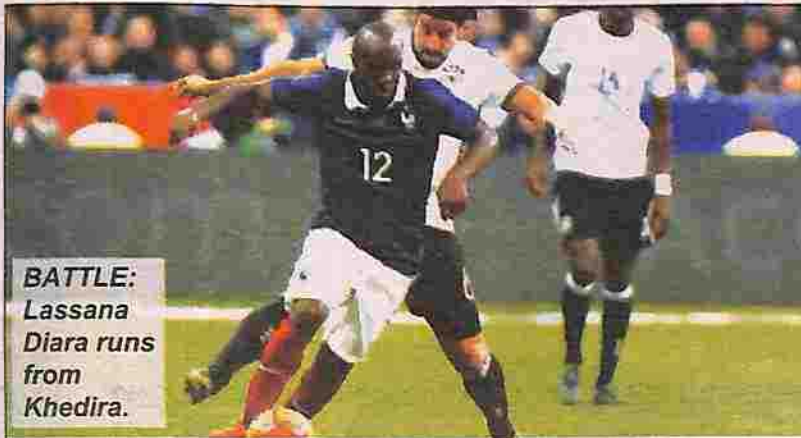
For many, West Germany's 1982 World Cup semi-final against France in Seville remains the ultimate, an engrossing duel providing new plot twists at every turn.

And as the two countries prepare to meet again in the Euro 2016 semi-final in Marseille on Thursday, the 1982 match has also become a symbol of the tense football relationship between France and Germany.

"It is a scar that will remain forever," said Alain Giresse, a French midfield lynchpin at the time.

French football legend Michel Platini treasures the encounter as one of the finest moments of his career.

"For me, no book or film or play could ever recapture the way I felt that day. It was so complete, so



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strong, so fabulous," Platini said in an interview several years later.

Savage

For all the scintillating attacking play, it was a savage encounter between Germany goalkeeper Harald 'Toni' Schumacher and France's Patrick Battiston in the 57th minute which became the turning point.

With the score at 1-1 after a Pierre

Littbarski goal was followed by an equalising penalty from Platini, Battiston was sent clear with only the advancing Schumacher to beat.

The French substitute nudged the ball past the goalkeeper only to be brought crashing to the ground by Schumacher, who knocked Battiston cold and dislodged two teeth.

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SCHWEINSTEIGER BACK TRAINING FOR GERMANY

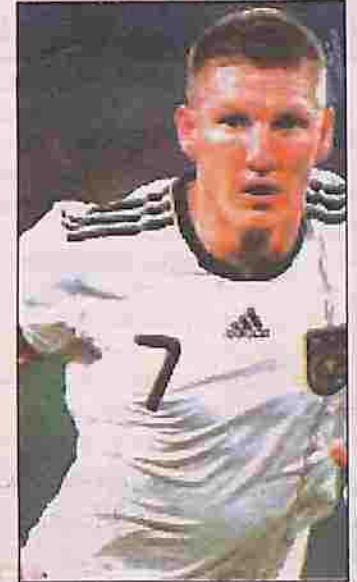
EVIAN - Germany captain Bastian Schweinsteiger returned to training yesterday boosting his chances of getting a starting place for his country's Euro 2016 semi-final against France.

The 31-year-old Manchester United midfielder hurt knee ligaments during Germany's penalty shootout win over Italy on Saturday and missed training on Tuesday.

Defender Benedikt Howedes also returned to full training in another boost for coach Joachim Loew.

Suspended

Germany will be without defender Mats Hummels who is suspended while midfielder Sami Khedira is injured and attacker Mario Gomez will miss the rest of the tournament with an injury. Loew has said he will take no risks with Schweinsteiger however and



BACK: Bastian
Schweinsteiger.

that the influential German player will have to be "100 per cent" to get a starting place in today's game in Marseille. AFP.

Martial warms up for Euro 2016 semi-finals

PARIS - It's safe to say Anthony Martial looks as though he is doing all the right things in training in his bid to play a part in France's Euro 2016 semi-final clash against Germany.

The Manchester United striker has made just two appearances for Les Bleus at the tournament so far due to the inspired form of both Antoine Griezmann and Olivier Giroud up front.

However, Martial will

certainly have caught manager Didier Deschamps' eye with a stunning double in training as France stepped up their preparation ahead of facing world champions Germany.

Not content with one stunning long-range strike, the 20-year-old blasted another screamer past goalkeeper Benoit Costil shortly afterwards.

goal

TRAINING: Anthony
Martial.



France waiting for Pogba - Deschamps

PARIS - France expect midfield star Paul Pogba to be on top of his game when Les Bleus take on Germany for a Euro 2016 final place, coach Didier Deschamps said yesterday.

Juventus star Pogba started the European Championship finals amid high expectations but has not yet produced the top form counted on.

"Paul is someone who needs tranquility and serenity. It's difficult because you (media) talk about him every day, but he's relaxed," Deschamps said.

"He knows that he's capable of leading the team, and for the past two matches he has played really well. Tomorrow, we need him to be on top of his game."

The 23-year-old did not hit his stride until France's convincing 5-2

win over Iceland, when he rose to meet Antoine Griezmann's corner in the 20th minute to double France's lead.

The hopes of an expectant nation will now rise again ahead of the blockbuster clash against world champions Germany in Marseille today.

Asked if he had found the 'real' Pogba again, Deschamps replied: "I didn't lose him, and I didn't find him again. Maybe it was a little bit difficult (for him) at the start but he's always been there when we need him."

AFP



**SHINING
STAR:**
Paul
Pogba.

Giroud could miss France's semi-final against Germany

PARIS - Olivier Giroud is a slight doubt for France's Euro 2016 semi-final against Germany after suffering a knee injury.

The Arsenal striker required treatment on Tuesday as the rest of his France team-mates trained behind closed doors.

Giroud was planning to take part in a light session yesterday assuming the injury does not flare up any further, although that may yet change. Didier Deschamps has used Giroud as his preferred striker in France this summer, select-

ing him to lead the line ahead of Andre-Pierre Gignac.

Giroud has rewarded his manager's faith in him, scoring three goals in his four appearances.

Allowed

He was allowed to rest in France's game against Switzerland, which came after they had already progressed from the group stage. The 29-year-old struck twice as France progressed to the semi-final by beating minnows Iceland 5-2.

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Mokoena hails Zungu's talent

CAPE TOWN - Former Mamelodi Sundowns winger Lebohang Mokoena believes Bongani Zungu has immense talent to become one of the country's best exports.

Mokoena was teammates with Zungu during their time at the Brazilians but both have since recently left the club.

Zungu has joined Vitoria de Guimaraes in Portugal on a free transfer while Mokoena has not yet found a new home.

"The boy has got so much talent. He's got respect for his game. He listens to the older guys. I remember telling him that I wish he wouldn't stay long in the country," Mokoena told KickOff website.

"I told him, whatever offer came, he should grab it and it happened exactly like that."

Mokoena, meanwhile, has also praised the trio of Leonardo Castro, Khama Billiat and Keagan Dolly, affectionately known as CBD for their excellent contribution to the team's Premiership and Telkom Knockout title double win.

"I think they are excellent, quality, quality players," he added. "They could take the team from zero and put it up there. Out of nothing they would come up with something for the team. They did exceptionally well and I've got too much respect for them."

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Ertugral applauds Bucs management

CAPE TOWN - New Orlando Pirates coach Muhsin Ertugral admits that the club management has given him every tool necessary to bring success to the Buccaneers.

Ertugral officially began his tenure this week at Pirates after the players returned from their post-season break.

The experienced Turkish tactician was appointed to replace Eric Tinkler, who failed to bring silverware after 18 months in charge.

"You are as strong as your supportive team, this is not a one man show," Ertugral told the club's official website.

"This is a professional outfit. I found that everything is already in place at Pirates because I am surrounded by good people and we will achieve a lot as a team."

"We also have capable and qualified staff in the rehabilitation department and actually the entire support staff which is inclusive of the doctors, physiotherapists, all the scientists and Elsa Storm who will be a great addition."

"It is an honour for me to be part of this institution and they (the supporters) can be comforted by the fact that I come here with the intention to do all that is in my powers to uphold the name of Orlando Pirates and bring the necessary success that is associated with it."

"But obviously, all this can be achieved with everyone pulling in the same direction. With your support, nothing will be impossible."

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CHIEFS TABLE NEW CONTRACT OFFER FOR KATSANDE

JOHANNESBURG - Goal can exclusively reveal that Kaizer Chiefs have opened discussions to renew Willard Katsande's contract before the end of the year.

The midfielder's current contract is set to expire in June 2017, but the club doesn't want to risk losing their star player to any of their rivals.

According to a source within the Amakhosi camp, the management has already made their intentions to keep Katsande for the foreseeable future very clear.

"The club has had dis-

cussions with Katsande, and he's well aware that they want to renew his contract," the source told Goal. "It's still very early, but we all know that the player loves it at Kaizer Chiefs. So, one expects him to extend his

contract," added the source.

The 30-year-old Zimbabwean-born star has been one of Amakhosi's standout players for the past three seasons.

Katsande was linked with a possible move to Germany two seasons ago, while French Ligue 1 outfit Bastia team was believed to be keeping tabs on him at the beginning of the year.

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NEW OFFER: Willard Katsande.

... former Chiefs striker Ngcobo retires from professional football

JOHANNESBURG - Free State Stars General Manager Rantsi Mokoena confirmed the news saying that the player told them that he is done and does not want to continue playing anymore.

"Ngcobo said he was done and would not be playing anymore. We wish him well for the future and thank him for his contribution to Stars," Mokoena told Daily Sun.

He added that they will be looking to replace him for the upcoming season where they will have a new mentor in Frenchman Daniel Lavagne who replaces Italian Giovanni Solinas.

"We will be looking to replace him for the coming

season," he said.

Ngcobo started his career with Ea Lla Koto in the 2007/08 season and immediately caught the eye of many with his explosive turn and shot at goal.

Campaign

The following campaign was no doubt the best in his career as his 10 goals in the Absa Premiership steered Stars to a top-four finish.

He was labelled unpatriotic by the public after he snubbed a national team call-up for an international friendly with Chile in February 2009.

He only made six appearances for the national team as he joined a few list of players to score on national

debut in the 2-1 win over Zimbabwe in the friendly international in March 2008.

His eye-catching performances with Stars earned him a move to Kaizer Chiefs at the start of the 2010/11 season.

He found the going extremely tough at the club that he had to be off-loaded to AmaZulu on-loan and later sold to Bidvest Wits before he returned to Stars at the start of last season.

'Valdes' will always be remembered for the brace he scored in the 3-0 win over Orlando Pirates while in the colours of the Amakhosi in the 2010 Telkom Knockout final.

goal

New striker Mitchell Katsvairo promises goals at Kaizer Chiefs

JOHANNESBURG - The Zimbabwean frontman was unveiled as one of the Glamour Boys' eight new signings last week, joining the



PROMISES: New Chiefs striker Mitchell Katsvairo.

Soweto giants from local club Chicken Inn.

And the 26-year-old says he's ready to put in the hard yards and prove himself while fulfilling his role as a centre forward.

"I'm ready to work, and I'm ready to deliver," he told his club's Youtube channel.

"As a striker, my job is to score, and I will make sure I will score. I'm going to work on that."

John Paintsil, who has been roped in as Steve Komphela's assistant, then issued a

rally cry to the Amakhosi faithful, urging their full support for the coming campaign.

"As we all know, we can't play football without the fans," the Ghanaian said. "Without the fans we are nobody. So as the new season starts, I'd like to ask fans to come in their numbers, and they should know that each and every player here [at Chiefs] loves the fans."

Chiefs take on city rivals Orlando Pirates in the new season's curtain-raiser, the Carling Black Label Champions Cup, on July 30, kickoff.

Pirates beat Sundowns to Baroka FC star Mokondelela

JOHANNESBURG - Baroka FC midfielder Donald Mokondelela has completed his move to Orlando Pirates who beat off competition from Mamelodi Sundowns and SuperSport United.

Goal had reported yesterday morning that the 24-year-old player was close to joining the Buccaneers from Bakgaga ba ga Mphahlele.

Reigning National First Division (NFD) champions confirmed Mokondelela's move to Pirates through their official Twitter account yesterday afternoon.

The midfielder had caught the eye of top Absa Premiership sides during the recent 2015/16 season - helping Baroka secure direct promotion to the Absa Premiership.

Mokondelela was also instrumental as Bakgaga ba ga Mphahlele reached the 2015/16 Nedbank Cup semi-finals - featuring in all four of their games in the lucrative club competition.

Sundowns overspent R6m to Mohomi

PRETORIA - It has been reported that Mamelodi Sundowns dished out R6 million for the services of Lucky Mohomi from Free State Stars, but what is unlucky for them is that they overspent on his services. Can you guess by how much?

According to the Siya Crew, the Brazilians saw their offer of half a dozen million rand accepted by Ea Lla Koto management as they looked to secure their replacement for Bongani Zungu.

This sum of money is, in fact, R2 million short of what Downs paid Ajax Cape Town for the services of Keagan Dolly.

According to Transfermarkt, Mohomi's market value sits substantially lower than the transfer fee, at about R2.55 million. This means that the Brazilians spent over R3.45 million more than what they probably should have.

It's no secret that money is no object for Sundowns, but this may be stretching it a tad too far.

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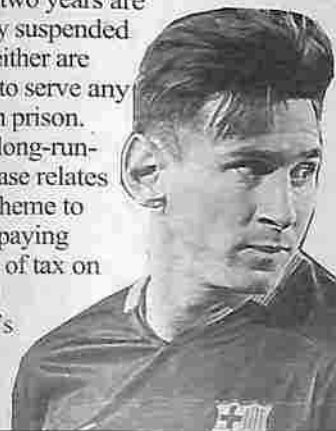
GOLD DIGGER: Lucky Mohomi.

LIONEL MESSI GETS 21 MONTHS IN JAIL BUT...

BARCELONA - Barcelona superstar Lionel Messi and his father Jorge have been sentenced to 21 months in prison for tax fraud by a Catalan court, according to Spanish media sources.

But under Spanish law, sentences under two years are usually suspended and neither are likely to serve any time in prison.

The long-running case relates to a scheme to avoid paying £3.4m of tax on Lionel Messi's image rights.



SENTENCED: Barcelona superstar Lionel Messi

The disputed tax payments date back to a period from 2007 to 2009, a time when Messi helped to transform Barca into the world's best team. He has now, however, been fined £1.7m for three counts of tax fraud while his father has been given a £1.3m fine, although both men can appeal against these sentences at the supreme court. Lionel Messi has always denied any knowledge of his tax affairs, saying he concentrated on football, while his father has claimed he left it all up to financial advisers. The four-day hearing actually concluded in Barcelona on June 3, shortly before Lionel Messi left to join Argentina's squad for the Copa America.

The 29-year-old forward joined the club's academy in 2000, aged 13, and his family joined him in Spain soon after.

He made his competitive

debut in 2004, at 17, and has now scored 453 goals in 531 appearances, winning five Ballon d'Or trophies for the world's best player along the way.

With Barcelona, he has won eight league titles and four Champions League winner's medals.

He is also Argentina's leading goalscorer but has found success on the world stage harder to come by, losing in four major finals, including last month's Copa America.

Immediately after that defeat, he announced his retirement from international football.

Messi is not the only Barcelona star to come under scrutiny for his tax affairs, as team-mate Neymar was recently fined almost £40m by a Brazilian court for evading tax on his sponsorship deals.

Like Messi, he also denies any wrongdoing and is appealing against that ruling. *teamtalk.*

Sri Lanka eyes damages for doping blunder

COLOMBO - Sri Lanka's cricket board yesterday said it will seek compensation from the world anti-doping agency (WADA) over the wrongful suspension of wicket keeper Kusal Perera.

Perera was suspended during Sri Lanka's tour of New Zealand last December after WADA said he had tested positive for a banned substance, a finding the laboratory later revised.

The International Cricket Council lifted the ban on Perera in May after Sri Lanka intervened to prove the tests were wrong, but the country's cricket board has said it spent \$100,000 as legal and technical costs in defending Perera.

"The ICC and Sri Lanka Cricket are together in this right now to claim money from WADA," said Sri Lanka Cricket President Thilanga Sumathipala.

He did not say how much compensation the board would claim, but he said it would be an amount "never ever granted to anyone in the history of world cricket".

Perera told reporters in May that he had suffered "tremendous mental stress" after the positive result but insisted he always knew he would be eventually cleared.

As a result of the suspension, Perera was ruled out of Sri Lanka's World Twenty20 title defence earlier this year.

After he was cleared, he joined the national team that was touring England and played in the 3rd Test, scoring 42. He also played in the ODI series as well as one T20 match.

The ICC in May described the test as "an atypical finding" that could not be construed as evidence of doping.

"We regret what Mr. Perera has had to endure, and would like to commend him for the manner in which he has conducted himself throughout this period," ICC chief executive David Richardson said in a statement at the time.

Being Madrid coach has changed Zidane incredibly

MADRID - Zinedine Zidane is a different person now that he has become coach of Real Madrid, according to Bixente Lizarazu.

Zidane spent five years at the Santiago Bernabeu as a player, during which time he won one La Liga title in 2003 as well as the Champions League in 2002, scoring a historic volley in the final at Hampden Park.

he former midfielder then **CHANGED: Zinedine Zidane.**



rose through the ranks of the club, starting in charge of Madrid's Castilla side for 18 months before being promoted to the top job in January following the departure of Rafael Benitez.

Under Zidane, Madrid embarked on a stunning run in the league that saw them almost pip Barcelona to the title, before a penalty shootout success over Atletico Madrid secured an 11th Champions League triumph.

Lewis, Nico to meet team boss ahead of Silverstone

ENGLAND - Toto Wolff will sit with Mercedes' two drivers to decide the next steps after their Austria run-in - whether Lewis Hamilton wants to or not.

That is the claim of team chairman and Formula 1 legend Niki Lauda, after the German newspaper Bild quoted Hamilton as saying he had no intention of discussing the matter as "There is nothing to discuss".

But when asked by Osterreich newspaper about Hamilton's apparent refusal, Lauda said: "Toto Wolff will sit with them both. This nonsense must stop."

The big risk for F1 is that, as a result of Wolff's meeting with the

drivers, Mercedes might decide to put a stop to the free racing policy, imposing a rule that drivers must hold position.

Final

F1 supremo Bernie Ecclestone told The Times: "We need to let them race. Imagine if we get to the final race of the season and one is told they can't overtake and that decides the championship? It's not good for F1 and it won't be good for Mercedes either."

However, even Lauda - a staunch racing 'purist' - is coming around to the idea that Hamilton and Rosberg might need to have their racing freedoms curtailed. *News24.*

Serena, Venus braced for family fortunes

LONDON - Serena Williams admits she is shocked to be on the verge of meeting sister Venus in the Wimbledon final seven years after they last slugged it out for a Grand Slam title.

For the first time since 2009, both Serena and Venus have made it to the Wimbledon semi-finals and the All England Club is abuzz with nostalgic chatter about the potential for a surprise showdown between the American stars in Saturday's final.

To make the dream match-up become a reality, defending champion Serena must beat Russian world number 50 Elena Vesnina today, while world number eight Venus plays Australian Open champion Angelique Kerber.

Between 2000 and 2010, Serena and Venus won a combined nine

Wimbledon titles and made a total of 14 appearances in the final, with four of those being all-Williams affairs in 2002, 2003, 2008 and 2009. But, just when it seemed the Williams' duopoly in south-west London would never end, in 2011 Venus was struck down by Sjogren's syndrome, an illness that causes fatigue and joint pain, and Serena's win over her sister at Wimbledon in 2009 remains their last title clash. Venus refused to contemplate retirement and gradually learned how to manage her illness alongside reviving her stalled career. Now, at an age when most of her contemporaries had long since called it quits, the 36-year-old has willed herself back into contention for an eighth Grand Slam crown. *Sport24.*

'BALOTELLI IS CONFUSED, HIS OWN WORST ENEMY'

LIVERPOOL - Liverpool flop Mario Balotelli is his own worst enemy, according to the president of a Serie A club who reportedly insulted Samuel Eto'o recently.

Sampdoria president Massimo Ferrero has a history of making controversial statements, having previously hit out at African legend Eto'o when he left Sampdoria last season. The former FC Barcelona striker and the club are still locked in a battle over unpaid moneys the Cameroonian feels he is owed. However, Ferrero is now prepared to give Balotelli a lifeline at his club, despite insisting that the 25-year-old is confused.

"Balotelli is Balotelli's worst enemy," Ferrero said, as quoted by ESPN. "Like (Antonio) Cassano is Cassano's worst enemy. He's a great player whose been stuck

back in the 1960s.

"He could relaunch (his career) at a passionate club like ours, but he's still a bit confused."

"I've tried to tell him to come to Samp because he's a great talent." Balotelli reported for pre-season training at Liverpool after his season-long loan deal with AC Milan came to an end.

The forward scored just one goal in 20 Serie A games last season, and was subsequently snubbed for Antonio Conte's Italy squad that travelled to the European Championship.

It is still unclear if Liverpool want to sell the 25-year-old, who netted just four goals in 28 games for the Reds, or if Jurgen Klopp intends to give him another chance to prove himself at Anfield. *Soccerladuma.*

De Jonge out, Garcia confirms for Olympics

LONDON - Zimbabwe's Brendon de Jonge added his name to the list of golfers withdrawing from the Olympics yesterday as Spain's Sergio Garcia confirmed he will compete in Rio.

While world No 1 Jason Day of Australia and Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy are among the golfers skipping the Rio Games because of concerns over the Zika virus, De Jonge said his was "truly a business decision".

"The reason for my decision is not my concern about the Zika virus. It is truly a business deci-

sion," De Jonge said in a statement to GolfChannel.com. "It would have been a great honour to play for my country."

De Jonge is currently 160th on

the FedEx Cup points list and needs to finish in the top 125 at the end of the season to keep full playing rights. Competing in the Rio Games from August 5-21 would mean missing two PGA Tour events.

"I am truly disappointed, but my current position on the FedEx Cup points

list does not allow me the luxury to skip the John Deere Classic or the Travelers Championship," the 35-year-old added. *AFP.*



OUT: Zimbabwe's Brendon de Jonge

SOKA Nawe HHOHHO FA CUP FINALS



PRESENT: HRRF Chairman Comfort Shongwe (centre), Chaps' Adam Alfred and Ministry Of Health Director Vusi Magagula at Soka Nawe Hhohho FA Cup final at Somhlolo National Stadium.



IN IT TOO: Chaps social team pose for a group photo.



POSE: Hhohho FA XI pose for a group photo before their game against Chaps social team.



TEAM SPIRIT: Zweli Dlamini, Yuki Masina and SD Civils Men's - Unlimited Wilton Mamba pose for photo after the game where Hhohho won by 5-4.



MY BALL: Hhohho FA player Gcinumuzi Mavimbela calls for the ball while Yuki Masina (10) looks on during a friendly match between Hhohho XI and Chaps.



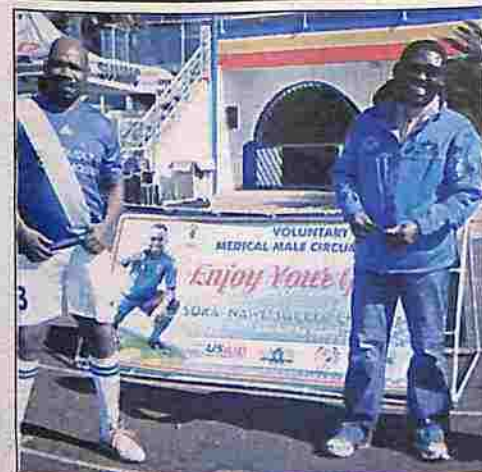
IN PAIN: Mdzimba League Assistant Secretary Kaizer Bulunga, seeking assistance after an injury just 2 minutes into the game. **RIGHT - CREW:** Chaps officials watching the games.



BALL: Sigangeni League Chairman Gcinumuzi Mavimbela with the ball.



TROPHY PARADE: Soka Nawe Hhohho FA Cup Ambassador Yuki Masina and Nomvula Ngcamphalala, parading the trophy in a new Isuzu, sponsored by Mbabane Motors.



ALL GEARED UP: Chaps player preparing to make a substitution while National Male Circumcision coordinator Vusi Maziya looks on.

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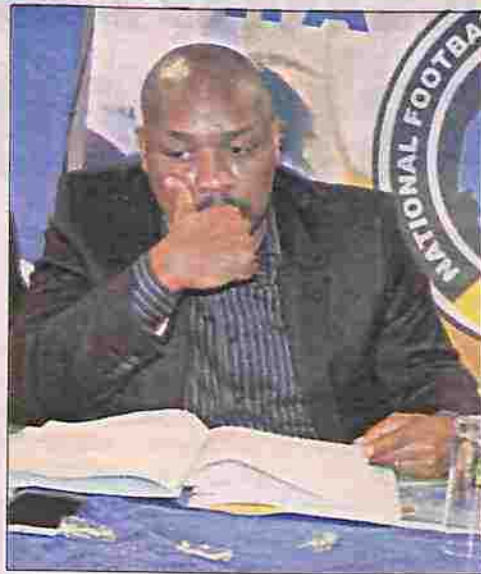
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FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION AGM



REMARKS: National Football Association CEO Frederick Mngometulu speaking during the Annual General Meeting held at Sibane Hotel on Sunday.
(Pics:Sanele Jele)



PONDERING: PLS Chairman Victor Gamedze pondering.



SNFC members Dumsane 'DU' Makhanya, Velekhaya Mthethwa and Christian Thwala.



FOCUS: Some of those who attended the meeting.



PRESENT: NFAS executive member Mashumi Shongwe.



TAKING NOTE: PLS board member Sicelo Mkhonta and PLS CEO John Mazibuko during the AGM.



MAKING SURE: PLS board member Peter Simelane and Lubombo Football Association's Mangaliso Sihlongonyane.



LOOK AT THIS: Some of the referees' representative during the event.



BOSSES: NFAS President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa and Vice President Nicodimus 'Ace' Mashwama.



ATTENTIVE: Lubombo Regional Football Association representatives listening attentively.



ALL EARS: NFAS' Sonnyboy Mabuza and HRFA Chairman Comfort Shongwe listening attentively.

football talk

all your latest world football news

● Manchester United chief executive Ed Woodward has held face-to-face talks with Paul Pogba's representatives, as new manager Jose Mourinho seeks to make the 23-year-old his fourth major signing. (*Guardian*)

● Arsene Wenger is prepared to pay £34.2m to trigger France and Lyon striker Alexandre Lacazette's release clause. West Ham have already had several bids rejected for the 25-year-old. (*Daily Telegraph*)



● Valencia have rejected a £40m move from Chelsea for 22-year-old midfielder Andre Gomes. (*Daily Mirror*)

● And Chelsea will face competition for Gomes' signature from Spanish giants Real Madrid and Barcelona, who will also go head-to-head to secure Palmeiras' 19-year-old forward Gabriel Jesus. (*Marca*)

● Blaise Matuidi has been given time off from France's Euro 2016 campaign to secure a move to Manchester United. The 29-year-old defensive midfielder would follow Zlatan Ibrahimovic to Old Trafford from Paris St-Germain. (*Independent*)

● Tottenham are set to complete the £16m signing of AZ Alkmaar striker Vincent Janssen, 22. Spurs had an £11m bid turned down in June. (*Sun*)

● And Mauricio Pochettino will turn his attention to a £17m bid for Newcastle midfielder Georginio Wijnaldum once Janssen's signature is secured. (*Daily Telegraph*)

● Arsenal are ready to compete with Chelsea to sign Spain forward Alvaro Morata, 23, from Real Madrid - but the European champions must lower their £57m asking price. (*London Evening Standard*)



● Everton are exploring the possibility of signing Leicester goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel, 29, and are confident of tying up a £28m deal for 27-year-old Belgium and Zenit St Petersburg midfielder Axel Witsel. (*Daily Mail*)

● Napoli were also keen on Witsel and have now turned their attentions to Udinese midfielder Piotr Zielinski, 22. Liverpool are also interested in the Poland international. (*Talksport*)

SNSRC DELIGHTED TO MEET ITF'S KRUGER

By Sanele Jele

SPORTS - VISITING
International Tennis Federation (ITF) Development Officer Riaan Kruger yesterday paid a courtesy call to the country's supreme sports governing body, the Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC).

Kruger was accompanied by the Swaziland Tennis Association

(STA) President Maxwell Jele and Junior Tennis Initiative (JTI) Programme Coordinator Bruce Gama.

At the SNSRC they met the Council's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Darius Domo and Assistant Business Development Officer Faith Dlamini.

SNSRC Media Officer Dumisani Ntiwane said Kruger's visit to their offices was just a courtesy call, as the ITF official

was yet to meet a number of stakeholders during his three-day visit to the country.

"We are happy and appreciate the call by the ITF official to come and meet with our CEO on his arrival in the kingdom. It is not the first time he is here and we are proud as a country to host him again because we know exactly what this means for the local sport."

"Let me also take this opportuni-

ty to congratulate the tennis association for their vision and ambition in improving the standard of the sport. It is a good thing to note that the association's president (Maxwell Jele) is hands on in matters touching on his association."

Encouraging

This is really encouraging and as Council we are proud to have an association that seeks to be at par with the rest of the international trends," Ntiwane said.

He then wished the visiting official all the best of luck while still in the country and expressed the council's hope that he would deliver on his mandate without encountering any problems.

"We have been made aware that he will also meet other stakeholders like SOCGA and we wish him and the tennis association all the best in their endeavours," Ntiwane said.

STA receives E60 000 worth tennis equipment from ITF

Stories by Sanele Jele

TENNIS - THE Swaziland Tennis Association (STA) has received a major boost ahead of the African Tennis Championships in Botswana next week after receiving equipment from the International Tennis Federation (ITF).

STV Secretary General Nqaba Mkhali said the equipment would go a long way in improving the standard of tennis in the country.

Equipment

"By virtue of being a member of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) we are entitled to receive such equipment. The federation has been supporting us for the past 10 years and we appreciate that," said Mkhali. The secretary general said ITF encourages associations to be active in order for them to enjoy such benefits.

"The ITF considers a number of

factors before distributing the sporting equipment. One major factor is that an association must be active.

The STA has been very active this year having been able to form more than 10 teams in the country's schools."

These schools include Waterford Ka-Mhlaba, Sifundzani Primary School, St. Marks Primary and High School, Enjabulweni, St. Theresa and Ezulwini Community.

Mkhali said the received rackets, balls, nets and strings among other things are valued at E60 000.

He said after successfully hosting the Swaziland Building Society Junior Tournament, they managed to get another sponsor for the Society Senior Singles tournament this coming weekend.

"Global Food Services has pumped in E12 000 for the Senior Singles tournament to be held at the University of Swaziland (UNISWA) on Saturday. Registration is E50 and we are



THANK YOU: STA's Louis Nxumalo, ITF's Rianna Kruger, Bruce Gama and Valentine Maziya accepting the equipment.

expecting about 25 senior players." He said they would use this tournament to help the national tennis

team prepare for the upcoming African Tennis Champions to be held in Botswana on July 16.

Botswana bound netball squad announced

NETBALL - THE National Netball Association of Swaziland intends sending the national Under-21 team to participate in the World Netball Youth Cup Qualifiers.

Already 12 players have been picked for the assignment.

The qualifiers are slated for Gaborone, Botswana.

The team will be managed by Mavis Smith, while Simanga Fakudze will be the coach.

Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council Media Officer Dumisani Ntiwane disclosed yesterday that the team was selected by the Netball Technical Committee.

"We have been made to understand that the Technical Committee was monitoring the selected players during the school games and netball league. We have no doubt that the Technical Committee did a great job in choosing the players for such an important assignment," said Ntiwane. He expressed hope that

the SNSRC would assist the association honour the qualifiers.

"I cannot, however, really commit myself on whether the office will financially assist the association or not pending the decision from the relevant office within the Council. What I know is that the dedicated officers at the Council are working on this request," he said. Meanwhile, Ntiwane revealed that the association was also hoping to send some of their executive members and technical committee members to attend workshops also scheduled for Botswana. This is where the International Netball Federation will be conducting the workshops. Netball Africa, on the other hand, will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM).

"It's an important workshop, which will cover amongst other things topics like Principles on Good Governance, Safeguarding and Protection of Children in Sport and Africa Coaching and Officiating," he said.

THE NETBALLERS ARE AS FOLLOWS

Name	Team	Vikali Nomso	Hereford High School
Dlamini Fiso	Mamoni Ladies Netball team		
Dlamini Nthando	Lobamba High School		
Dlamini Seshale	Lobamba High School		
Dlamini Shile	Buhleni Netball Team		
Dlamini Tsemalangi	USDF Netball Team		
Dlamini Zihle	Lobamba High School		
Fakudze Hlobisi	Lobamba High School		
Gama Nomfundo	Hereford High School		
Mashele Nomphumelelo	Stikeli SOS Netball Team		
Motse Thembelile	Mankayane High School		
Thusi Vuysile	Timphani High School		
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		Mandisa Siguda	Mingo High School
		Muziwaxolo Dlamini	Dwalle High School
		Simanga Fakudze	Nkamanzi Primary School
		Mavis Smith	Matsapha Government Primary School
		Simangale Molsa	Police Headquarters
		Edgar Du-Pont	SWACAA
		Nomphumeleli Mlinga	Phocweni Barracks



GOING: Swaziland National Netball U-20 team in action against a Netball Pick Team. The squad will compete during World Cup qualifiers to be held in Botswana later this month.

E400 000 FOR COPA COCA COLA SCHOOLS TOURNEY

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCKER - THIS year's edition of the Swaziland School Sports Association Copa Coca Cola finals is sponsored to a tune of E400 000.

This was revealed by Coca Cola Swaziland Marketing Manager Mxolisi Dlamini during the launch of the sponsorship held at the Swaziland Beverages premises in Matsapha yesterday.

He said the money would go towards the playing kits, prize monies and running of the tournament up to the finals.

Sedition

Dlamini said this year's edition of the tournament would be slightly different in that there would be activations ahead of the finals where pupils from the finalists would get to win various prizes. Meanwhile, SSSS Vice President Anthony Mdluli announced that the champions of the tournament would take home E30 000 while the runners-up would get E20 000.

The schools to finish in third and fourth place will receive E10 000 and

THE FIXTURE:

Hhohho Region

Today at Prince of Wales ground

Dwaleni vs Mphofu 9am

Ntfonteni vs Lobamba National 11am

Lubombo Region

Today at Lusoti sports ground

Duze vs Ndzangu 9am

Lusoti vs Matseta Nazarene 11am

Shiselweni Region

Tomorrow at Mbangweni Sports Ground

Masiphula vs Sandleni 9am

Evelyn Baring vs Salem 11am

Manzini Region

Tomorrow at Manzini Club

Nsingweni vs Hillside 9am

Nyandza vs Kuphakameni 11am

E5 000, respectively.

The games will kick off this morning and continue tomorrow where the four teams in each region will represent a semi-finalist.

SSSA PRO Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini said the first game would kick off at 9am and the second at 11am.

"The first games will kick off at 9am in all the regions. After the second game, there will be finals in the regions and these games will start at 1.30pm on the same day," he said.

The event was attended by amongst others, Director of Sports Henry Zeeman, Under Secretary Administration in the Ministry of Education and Training Nomphumelelo Dlamini, Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) CEO Darius Dlobo, National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) CEO Frederick Mngomezulu.

PLS elections on August 4

Stories by Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCKER - THE Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) will elect a new executive committee on August 4.

This will be during the organization's Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held at Sigwaca House, starting at 6pm. According to a memo released by the organisation's CEO John Mazibuko yesterday, members were reminded to nominate candidates for elections for the executive committee and were expected to submit the nominees within 14 days

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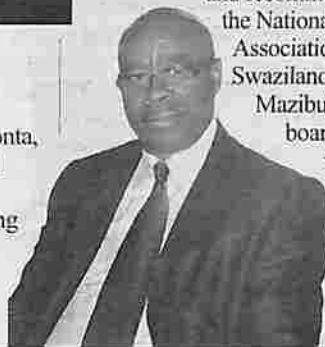
The outgoing PLS executive committee is headed by Chairman Victor Gamedze with Sicelo Mkhonta, Peter Magagula, Steve Horton and Mduduzi 'Tsotsi' Mabala.

Other issues to be discussed during the meeting include the annual address by the chairman, to consider the audited financial statements of the league, to consider proposals by clubs for inclusion in the agenda provided 14 days prior to

the date of the meeting as well as the considerations of decision, directives and recommendations from the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS).

Mazibuko said only board of governors were expected to attend this meeting as previously agreed.

PRESS RELEASE: CEO John Mazibuko.



SPORTS - LOCAL

Pugilist Thabiso Dlamini has missed out on competing in the Rio De Janeiro 2016 Olympic Games following the unsuccessful application of the tripartite.

SOCGA CEO Muriel Hofer said they had applied to have the boxer and

BOXER THABISO MISSES OUT ON RIO TRIP

TEAM SWAZILAND

Sibusiso Matsenjwa	200m
Phumlile Matsenjwa	100m
Adam Bomber Mthethwa	CDM
Machawe Mamba	Physiotherapist
Thoba Mazibuko	Manager

Swaziland Taekwondo Association compete in the games. "We could not get

the tripartite but that does not mean that the boxer is not good enough. We

believe this will give him enough time to prepare and that he will start to shine going to the Tokyo in 2020. "Getting the tripartite is not easy just like qualifying for the Games as there are over 200 countries applying for the same," he said.

a long time was scheduled for the Manzini Library on Saturday.

Gamedze said the meeting was postponed due to unforeseen circumstances on the directors' side.

Commitment

"They cannot be all available, which was a necessity, due to bereavement and other pressing commitment.

They have sent their sincere apologies but have assured me that

the meetings still stand and that relevant parties will be informed of the new dates in due course," he said.

On another note, The GM stated that directors were working tirelessly to beef up the team's technical team.

"We have already started preparations for the new season and trials began last week. Details will be shared once this exercise has been

completed. Meanwhile, Anthony Mdluli is the head coach until advised otherwise. Mdluli is a highly qualified coach and is rightfully qualified to assist this club at every technical level as he is currently assessing players for

'Swazi Bolt', Phumlile to represent SD in Rio

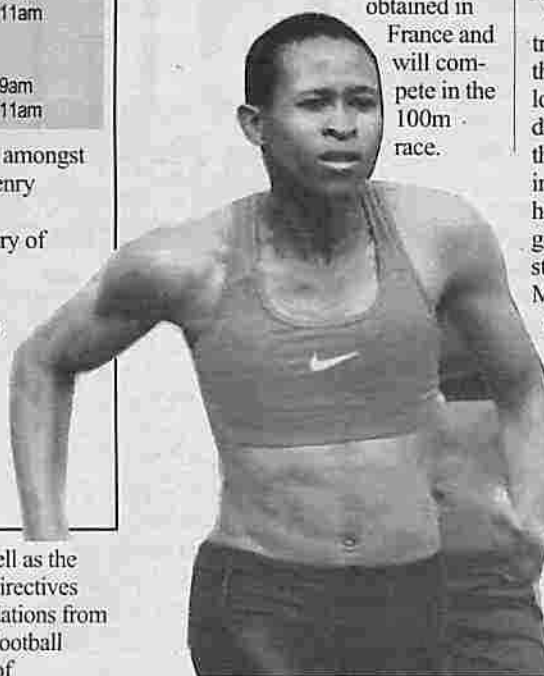
Stories by Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCKER - ATHLETES

Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa and Phumlile Ndzinisa are the only athletes selected to represent the country in the Olympic Games to be held in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil next month.

Matsenjwa goes into the games with a season's best of 20.87 seconds and will compete in the 200m race. Ndzinisa, who missed on qualifying for the games by 0.3 seconds goes into the games with a season's best of 11.35 seconds

obtained in France and will compete in the 100m race.



IN: Athlete Phumlile Ndzinisa.

Announcing the squad was Swaziland Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association (SOCGA) CEO Muriel Hofer, who said the team, would undergo intensive training in the month leading to the games to be held in Brazil, starting August 5-21 2016.

"We started a plan in 2012 to produce elite athletes in these two and I must say that they are doing well. We are happy with what they have achieved since then and are hoping for better performance after Rio as we look forward to Tokyo 2022," he said.

Hofer said they were hoping the training lined up for the athletes in the remaining month would go a long way in boosting their confidence after failing to qualify for the games. "They missed qualifying for these games and were not happy about this. But they are going to the games by universality standards and being elite athletes. Matsenjwa is headed to Zambia alongside Mlandvo Shongwe where they will train with the Zambian team in preparation for the games. "Phumlile, on the other hand, will be off to France on July 15 to intensify her training and will meet the rest of the team in Rio," he said. The two athletes represented the country in the 2012 edition of the games alongside swimmer Luke Hall

The team will leave the country on July 31 and is expected to be in Rio on August 1.

'Bomber' to lead team Swaziland

ATHLETICS - SWAZILAND Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association (SOCGA) Vice President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa has been appointed Chef De Mission and will lead the squad to Brazil.

This was announced by SOCGA CEO Muriel Hofer during a press briefing held at the SOCGA Offices yesterday.

Mthethwa, also National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) President, will leave the country on July 29 to finalise registration and prepare for the team's stay during the games.

The Vice President is not new in this position as he led team Swaziland in the London 2012 and

Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in 2014.

Others selected to be part of the team are Machawe Mamba as the team's Physiotherapist. Mamba was part of the team in the ANOCA Youth Games, Glasgow Commonwealth and All Africa Games while Athletics Association of Swaziland (AAS) Thoba Mazibuko will accompany the team as Manager.

"The association's president, secretary general will also form part of the team as there will be meetings to discuss the next quadrennial. We have also extended an invitation to the Ministry of Sports and the Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council," she said.

Wanderers' INDABA postponed indefinitely

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCKER - THE much anticipated Manzini Wanderers meeting slated for this weekend has since been postponed indefinitely.

This was revealed by the team's General Manager Patrick Gamedze yesterday.

The meeting which would have seen the team's directors, elders and supporters meet together after

possible signings.

"We have adopted a very intensive pre-season programme that has already started.

It includes trials, team building and taking the club to the people where we will be visiting

the regions playing friendly games. It is our intention to bring back the supporters to the stadiums to watch the club's games in the coming season and make them happy with positive results," he said.





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Ronaldo ends Wales fairytale

PARIS - Gareth Bale had made the point that Wales's historic run to the Euro 2016 semi-final had somehow not felt real.

"In a way, it doesn't," he said, earlier in the week. The craziness had been on the outside. They were insulated inside their bubble. This was the night when it popped; when the brutal reality intervened. And when Cristiano Ronaldo decided that it was time he made a grand statement at this championship. There had been the fear among the Wales support that, after some indifferent performances, Ronaldo was surely due to step up. He scored the opening goal with a punishing header and set up the second for Nani. Point made. Portugal have known plenty of pain in major semi-finals; they had previously lost five of their six across this tournament and the World Cup. But it belonged to Wales here. Despite Bale's non-stop endeavours, they struggled sorely to create too much of clear-cut note. The suspended midfielder, Aaron Ramsey, was missed.

The talk in the build-up had been about the Wales story, and of how Denmark and Greece had defied the odds to lift this trophy. After a scrappy first half, Ronaldo made sure that the established order prevailed.

It was him and his team-mates who could dream of a first international title. At least, there could be no Welsh regrets. They were well beaten. Wales had dared to dream. They were not supposed to beat Belgium - the No2-ranked team in the world - but the quarter-final victory, and the manner of it, had glided their status. Fernando Santos, the Portugal manager, had insisted that Wales ought to be considered as the favourites which, a few years back, would have had men in white coats rushing towards him.

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ONLY 50 FANS FOR SIHLANGU PARTY

- FA to run radio competitions where supporters will get invitation to the team's party
- Party will be held on Saturday

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER - AFTER only four days having reported making a surplus of E12million, the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) will only allow 50 fans to attend the national team Sihlangu party due to limited resources.

This means that very few fans will get a chance to celebrate with the nation's pride during their party on Saturday.

The party to be hosted by the FA at the Technical Centre in Lobamba is to celebrate the team's brilliant performance in the COSAFA Castle Cup where they came back with a bronze medal.

NFAS Media Officer Muzi Radebe said they would be conducting a competition and only lucky supporters would get an invitation to join the squad during the event.

"The party is one way in which the NFAS and stakeholders can show their appreciation for the efforts of Sihlangu as they have raised the country's flag espe-

cially in the COSAFA Cup in Namibia. "Due to the limited resources available against the number of stakeholders in football; the NFAS will invite a total number of 50 fans to be part of the celebrations as supporters are one of the key stakeholders in the game of football.

"These fans will be selected through a certain competition to be run during the sports shows aired in the siSwati channel today 1:10pm-2pm and on the Morning Sports show tomorrow between 6:15am-7am," he said.

Promised

FA President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa promised to throw a party for the players following their sterling performance in the 2016 COSAFA Cup.

He made this announcement on the day the team returned to the country from Namibia.

"Bomber" said the event would be graced by senior government officials and members of the public. "The players will have an opportunity of celebrating their achievement with the supporters," Mthethwa said they



FANS ARE NUMBERED: National team supporters, only 50 fans will be allowed to attend the party.

were happy with the team's performance in the tournament and this was one way of showing their appreciation.

"Members of the public have been calling to bring gifts for the team and they will be delivered on the day. This will be a day of celebrating the COSAFA success," he said.

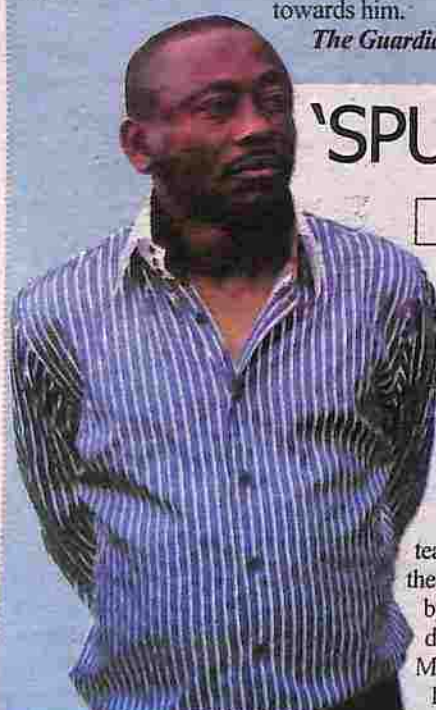
Meanwhile, the FA reported making a surplus of E12 million during the General Assembly held at Sibane Hotel on Sunday.

CEO Frederick Mngomezulu explained to the members that

this was money coming into the association in the last financial year.

According to the financials, the football association received E15 861 743 from FIFA as compared to the E3 163 172 they received last year, E7 496 292 from government and E2 108 790 from CAF, totalling the income to E25 466 825.

Other income included gate takings, affiliation fees, sponsorships, foreign exchange gain and sundry income which totaled to E2 249 465.



WANTED: Coach Mlamuli 'Sputla' Zwane.

'SPUTLA'S DEPARTURE OFFSIDE - MONENI PLAYERS

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER - MONENI Pirates players are up in arms following the departure of coach Mlamuli 'Sputla' Zwane by the team and have described those responsible as off-side.

The coach, who helped the team gain promotion back to the elite league, was voted out by some board members during a meeting held on Monday.

Interviewed yesterday, some of the players said they were very disturbed to learn

that the coach had been voted out of the team. Speaking on conditions of anonymity in fear of being victimised, the players said it was unfair of these members to vote the coach out of the team when he had done a lot in the past season. "I was very shocked to learn that the coach has been voted out by some members of the MC.

Surprising

It is surprising that just because we have been promoted to the premier league he is no longer good enough to lead the team.

"Sputla has been at Moneni for a long time and has been loyal to the team. He really doesn't deserve what they are doing to him.

Also, this decision by the team will greatly affect us as players and we do

hope the leaders of the team will reconsider," said one of the players. Another player said those responsible for the ousting of the coach were off-side and such a decision should be reconsidered by those in power in the team. "I doubt if they have the best interest of the team at heart. The coach has been good to the team and should be given a chance even in the elite league. After all, he has played a part in ensuring that we regain promotion after a season in the lower league," he said.

Experienced

Meanwhile, a number of the team's fans feel 'Sputla' should now be replaced with a more experienced coach. Interviewed yesterday, the fans said 'Sputla' has failed the team having finished as runners-up in the National

First Division.

They feel he should have won the league because the management supported him with good quality players. "We should understand that Moneni Pirates is not a small team so we do not settle for second best.

We are back in the Premier League but it was not in a spectacular fashion. We struggled and had it not been that RSSC and other teams had a bad season, we could have not regained our elite league status.

This is why we should get a new coach, who will take the team forward. We do not need a foreign coach because they won't understand our culture."

Many more felt the coach was not good enough to bring back the glory days of the team.