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CARACARA ON FIRE:
Firemen hard at work trying to save the VW Microbus which caught fire with four passengers on board yesterday in Manzini.
(Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)



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Musi records most rains Saturday night

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

AFTER enduring a week of a dry spell and high temperatures, the country received average rains over the weekend, which saw areas like Musi receiving the highest rainfall.

Musi is located in Mankayane, past Lushikishikini.

Musi recorded 24.4 mm and this was the highest when compared to the rest of the cities of the country on Saturday.

The rains started late Saturday evening and in some places lasted for the whole night while in some it was only for a couple of hours. The Lubombo region received the lowest rains with the lowest figures of 0.0 recorded by Siteki.

According to information from the Swaziland Meteorological Services,

Matsapha, an area in the Middelveld, received 5.8 mm.

Pigg's Peak is also another area that recorded low rainfall figures at 0.4 mm, followed by Sikhuphe with 0.5mm.

However, there are some parts of the Shiselweni region that received impressive rainfall though it was difficult to get their readings by the time of compiling this report.

"We heard that in Gege there was also impressive rain but we have not yet received the area's rainfall records," said an official from the Swaziland Meteorological Services.

Rainfall Data (mm) 05/11/2016

Station	Amount (mm)
Musi	24.4 mm
Nhlangano	22.4 mm
Mbabane	13.0 mm
Mkhondvo	9.6 mm
Matsapha	5.8 mm
Big Bend	2.4 mm
Jericho	2.2 mm
Pigg's Peak	0.4 mm
Sikhuphe	0.5 mm
Siteki	0.0 mm

Passengers escape death as kombi burst into flames

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

Four people escaped death when a kombi they were travelling in burst into flames in the Manzini city yesterday afternoon.

The kombi, a Volkswagen microbus, caught fire near Mozambique Hotel which is located just near the bus rank at around 4pm.

The three passengers and the driver Ndumiso Shongwe who were on board escaped with minor injuries.

Witnesses who were found at the scene stated that the kombi just burst into flames while in motion.

Bystanders watched in horror as the vehicle was burnt to ashes as it took some time for the Fire and Emergency Services to arrive at the scene and by the time they did, everything inside the kombi was burnt to ashes and only the metal parts of the vehicle was left and some of its tyres.

Leading Fireman from the Fire Department Musa Mahlalela said they suspected what caused the fire might have been an electrical fault. He said the fire started at the back of the microbus where the engine is located and spread to the rest of the body.

Mahlalela said luckily the passengers escaped unharmed, except they were affected by the smoke. The driver, however, sustained minor injuries as he was burnt in some parts of his body, including the arm.

It is said the driver got burnt while he was trying to save some documents and other items inside the kombi.

The driver was led to an ambulance and later taken to Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital.

He couldn't contain his emotions as he openly wept while being led to the ambu-



ON FIRE: The VW Microbus known as Caracara up in flames.

lance.

Some of the people found at the scene who knew the microbus said it was used to transport school children on weekdays.

Where are the police?

When accidents happen on the roads, police officers, especially those from the traffic department, are the first to arrive on the scene together with officers from the Fire and Emergency Department.

However, when the VW microbus burst into flames yesterday, there was no single police

officer who was present to take statements or assist the victims.

People who watched the whole incident unfold were heard asking as to what happened to police officers because they should be taking statements.

What also puzzled everyone is that the incident happened right in town and the police station is just a walking distance from where the accident happened. Musa Mahlalela from the fire department stated they tried to contact the police who said they were on their way. He said they might have been held up somewhere with other stuff.



IN BLACK AND WHITE: The driver Ndumiso Shongwe recording a statement about the accident.

Website coming for people with albinism

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

A website for people living with albinism will be launched soon.

The website is expected to help in giving information regarding people living with albinism as Stukie Motsa Foundation is now in the process of collecting data.

Stukie Motsa Foundation is an organisation that was formed with an intention of taking care of people with albinism in the country. It was named after Principal Labour Officer Stukie Motsa, who is also living with albinism.

Motsa said they were collecting the data with an intention to create a database concerning people with albinism.

"We are creating a database and forms are already available for registration, which is free of charge. We will soon be launching our website," Motsa said. She said the foundation was also looking for an office where they would be working from.

A company known as UK Transport agreed to pay rent for the foundation.

Motsa thanked UK Transport for coming forward with the kind gesture. She also thanked the Mbabane branch of Build It for donating aqueous creams to the foundation.

She said the creams would help in nurturing the skins of people with albinism. Build It donated these items on Saturday to the foundation.

MA Engineering is another company that landed a helping hand to the foundation.

They donated some hats that would help in protecting the people with albinism from bad weather.

Meanwhile, Motsa said government would be conducting a medical examination for ex-miners who got sick while working in different mines in South Africa.

The examination would be done tomorrow at Millennium Park in Manzini. The examination would be done by the ministry of labour and social security.

"The examinations will start from November 8 to 11, 2016. A truck is expected to enter the country today. It was supposed to enter yesterday but it was delayed in Lesotho," Motsa said.

Taiwan donates 175 wheel chairs, 280 walking sticks

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

THE Republic of China on Taiwan donated 175 wheel chairs and 280 walking sticks to persons with disabilities in the country. The donation was handed over by the

Ambassador of the Republic of China on Taiwan to the country Thomas Chen to the Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Paul Dlamini last Thursday. Chen said the donated walking sticks were of three different kinds. Making his remarks after the donation, Dlamini thanked the Taiwanese for the kind gesture that has been going on for years.

"As an office we recognise the importance of assistive devices to the lives of persons with disabilities as they play a pivotal role in the reintegration of persons with disabilities into society," said Dlamini.

He said the office fully supported the procurement of assistive devices for distribution to eligible persons with disabilities.



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Cold and hot week expected

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

THE public should expect a very hot week starting from tomorrow, forecasters have said. "Temperatures will remain cool

today but will pick up from tomorrow with a minimum temperature of 15 degree Celsius rising to 27 degree Celsius in Mbabane on Tuesday. Today, there will be occasional light rains and fog at places in the morning," said the forecaster. Today's high temperature will hit up to 24 degrees Celsius in the

Mbabane	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big Bend
14/18	15/19	16/21	10/20	17/23	18/24
Tomorrow, there will be fog patches, otherwise partly cloudy and warm to hot in the Lowveld, with isolated afternoon thunderstorms.					
15/27	16/28	17/30	17/29	18/32	19/33
On Wednesday, there will be drizzle and fog at places, otherwise cloudy becoming partly cloudy and warm but hot in the Lowveld. There will be afternoon thunderstorms mainly over the eastern parts					
17/25	18/26	19/28	19/27	20/30	21/31
On Thursday, there will be morning and afternoon drizzle and fog at places, otherwise cloudy and sunny intervals and cool but warm in the Lowveld.					
16/29	17/21	18/23	18/22	19/25	20/26
Lowveld while the Highveld will hit up to 18 degrees Celsius.		There will be occasional light rains and fog at places, otherwise		cloudy and sunny intervals and cool but warm in the Lowveld.	

Husband hacks wife 23 times with an axe

COVER STORY
By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

A wife has lived to tell the tale after her young abusive husband hacked her about 23 times with an axe at their homestead at Nginamadvollo last Thursday evening.

Deli Sifundza (26) took the hacking on behalf of her two-year old baby who was the original target. Mxolisi Hlophe (28) wanted to kill their child so brutally because he suffers from the conviction that its not his daughter. Sifundza took the axe wounds, mostly to her arms, while protecting her blood soaked two-year-old daughter. The mother of the minor ended up being a host for 23 serious cuts on her arms and was rushed to hospital. Hlophe, after seeing the mess he had done fled the scene.

He is still at large. Police are hot on his heels. Relating the incident, Sifundza said she had gone to the shops to buy milk and on her return, was accompanied by a male neighbour. "I was walking back home only to meet a neighbour of mine who offered to walk me home. Then when I was entering the gate, my husband came out carrying our daughter and started insulting me saying I was walking with my lover who is the real father of the minor who he was carrying," she said. Sifundza stated that she refuted the allegations but

Acting Police Public Relations Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the incident and stated that they as the Royal Swaziland Police Service (RSP) were doing everything they could to arrest Hlophe.



BRUTALITY: The arm of Deli Sifundza in a cast at the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital. (Pic: Sizwe Dlamini).

her husband placed the minor on the ground and went back to the house and came back carrying an axe, threatening to kill the minor because it was not his. She ran to the minor's rescue as her husband swung the axe in readiness to strick the child. "I jumped in-between the axe and my child and the axe hit my arm. I bled profusely and in no time my child was soaked in blood. It was so painful but I held on to my crying daughter as my husband continued to hit me for protecting the minor. He hit my arm with the axe a number of times and I saw it bend and almost fall off from the shoulder," she said. Sifundza said she called for help as she took the hacking from her uncontrollable husband.

"After I was hit so many times with the axe, I lost control of my arm because it was falling off. I was aided by my neighbour who fought with my husband and disarmed him of the axe," she added. The woman stated her husband then ran into the nearby forest and it was then that one of his friends who owns a car rushed her to hospital where she underwent blood transfusion and 30 stitches to her left arm, which was also placed in a cast as the axe broke her upper arm in two places. According to the doctor at the hospital, who chose to remain anonymous, Sifundza was admitted at midnight and she suffered 18 deep lacerations to the top of her left arm that was also fractured twice. She further suffered three lacerations to her left thigh and two more lacerations to her back. "She is very lucky to be alive as she could have lost her life because she lost so much blood. We have managed to stitch her arm back into place and we hope no nerves were permanently damaged. We have to monitor her situation," the doctor said. Acting Police Public Relations Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the incident and stated that they as the Royal Swaziland Police Service (RSP) were doing everything they could to arrest Hlophe.

Finally bogogo to get paid today

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

TODAY is a wonderful day for the elderly as they will be getting paid in different post offices in the country. This follows a cooperative working relationship between the office of the deputy prime minister (DPM) and Swaziland Posts and Telecommunications Corporation (SPTC). The deal between the two organisations is to the effect that SPTC, through Swazi Posts, will be disbursing the payment of the senior citizens. The deal was launched on Wednesday at Sibane Hotel in Ezulwini. Members of Parliament (MPs) and senators who are portfolio committees of the DPM's office were present during the launch. Also present were staff members from SPTC and the ministry of information, communications and technology (ICT). This was when DPM Paul Dlamini declared that the senior citizens would be paid today. However, not all the elderly will be paid today. Some will be paid tomorrow in some constituencies. Elders from Lugongolweni, Mbabane West and some from Motshane will be paid tomorrow. This was said by the MPs from these constituencies. They said this was what they have also been told as they also anticipated the exercise to be implemented in their constituencies. Lugongolweni MP Joseph Souza said the elderly from

his constituency would be paid tomorrow. "As a constituency, we have been told the elderly will all be paid on November 8, which falls on Tuesday (tomorrow). They will all come from their different areas to get paid at the post office, which is in the Siteki town," Souza said. He said the only change was that the elderly would be paid at the post office. Otherwise, there was a centre in Siteki that was used to pay the elderly. The senior citizens would move from areas like Makhewu, Mhlumeni, Sitsatsaweni, and KaLanga to get paid in Siteki. Souza said nothing would change in that regard. Motshane MP Phesheya Hlatshwayo also said he expected the elderly to get paid today only in areas like Nduma and Kupheleni. He said otherwise there were no much changes that were expected in the Motshane constituency. Hlatshwayo said areas like Siphocosini, Sigangeni, Mpolonjeni, and Luhlendlweni would have its elderly paid tomorrow. Mbabane West MP Johane Shongwe also said he was informed that the senior citizens from his constituency would be paid tomorrow. "I was informed by my constituency head (Indvuna yeNkhundla) that the elderly will be paid at the post office tomorrow," Shongwe said. The elderly social grant is currently set at E240 per month for bank account holders while those without are given E720 quarterly.

MPs not entirely happy with new arrangement

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

THE MPs are not entirely happy with the arrangement of having the elderly being paid through the post offices. Some of the MPs said they were not told about the whole arrangement and they were surprised to learn about it through the media. Siphofaneni MP Gundwane Gamedze said this could be a problem because criminals would be all over to take advantage of the situation by stealing the money belonging to the elderly. "We have arranged with the police to try and protect the elderly because of criminals who might want to steal the money. It is unfortunate because this matter has been publicised. Such should not have been the case because criminals will be all over to take advantage of the situation,"

Gamedze said. The MP said they had to work under pressure after learning about the situation through the media. He confirmed with this newspaper that the elderly would be paid at the post office today at Siphofaneni. He complained though that the post office did not have facilities like toilets. "One wonders how the elders are going to answer the call of nature under such circumstances. There are no trees in that place and it would be painful to see the elderly exposed to the sun in these extremely hot weather these days," he said. Lugongolweni MP Joseph Souza also mentioned that the post office would not be an ideal place for all the elderly in his constituency. He did commend the office of the DPM though for a job well done in roping in SPTC in paying the elderly. "I have asked the office of the DPM to also consider our Inkhundla centre that is situated at KaLanga. It has all the

facilities that can make it fit to have this exercise done there," Souza said. He said it would be good that such be implemented in the next payment. The office of the DPM, Souza said, promised to consider his request in the next payment. Souza said this would be convenient for the elderly who stay at KaLanga because they would not have to pay E30 for transport to and from Siteki. Motshane MP Phesheya Hlatshwayo urged the office of the DPM and SPTC to see if it would not be possible to set up post offices in areas like Siphocosini. "Siphocosini, for example, is one of the busiest areas in the Motshane constituency. I think it would be better for the elderly to be paid there than to go to Mbabane," Hlatshwayo said. He said he had a post office box in Mbabane yet he was from Siphocosini, something that should not be happening because they wanted post offices to be nearer to them.

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MAPHALALENI INKHUNDLA DOMINATES INGWENYAMA CUP CULTURE CLASH

By Simon Shabangu

MAPHALALENI Inkhundla ruled during the second stanza of the Hhohho Region Ingwenyama Cup Culture Competition where it had five groups from the constituency placed in the top three.

Two of the five groups scooped the top spot in two different categories. This was during second Hhohho regional eliminations held at Prince of Wales Sports Ground yesterday.

The Sibhaca and Ingadla categories were won by Maphalaleni while Kasiko, Mcengeni and Sitseni all from the Inkhundla were also placed in different positions in their respective categories. The area's MP Mabulala Maseko was also at the event



EGAMENI LELIBANDLA: Committee member Mbongeni Simelane making his remarks.

and he congratulated the groups and said they will now work towards improving the standard in order to get the top spot.

He said they were happy that the group retained the area's glory as it is known to be the hub of cultural activities. The amazing result of the day was when a group

that was the only one in the category was placed on the third position as it only scored 34 percent despite that they had no competitor.

Lacwebetelako from Nkanini was the only group in this category but the judges felt they did not deserve the first and second position as they performed below standard.

Announcing the result of this category, *umbutfo* Mangomeni Ndzimandze said firstly the group did not meet the stipulated numbers when it comes to members as the basic requirement is that a group must have not less than 20 members.

"As you can all see they do not make the numbers and they are also not well balanced when it comes to uniformity," he said before announcing that they were third to none.



THE CHAIR: Ingwenyama Cup Main Committee Chairman, Prince Hlangabeza making his remarks during the second edition of the Hhohho Region eliminations at Prince Of Wales Sports Ground yesterday. The competition moves to Shiselweni next weekend. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



ENGOMENI: Nkosinathi Mdluli aka 'Go-man' leading Maphalaleni Sibhaca group in song which eventually came first. He is one of the best when it comes to kubitela as he is the current title holder in the Corban Build Hardware competition. He is one of the company's ambassadors.



IMBALI YAKHE: Nonduduzo Zubuko leading the Imbali in song as the gathering ended the day in song.



HARD AT WORK: Adjudicators for the Ingadla category hard at work while committee member Stanley Dlamini monitors the progress.

TALLYING: The panel of judges capturing the action during the emajaha category competition.



AMBASSADORS: Corban Build Hardware Brand Ambassadors Mfan'futhi Dlamini and Nkosinathi Mdluli posing next to the vehicle they use to promote the Corban brand.



GOING TO HEAVEN: Sibhaca group from Ezulwini showing the gathering how it is done in their part of the world.



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BAYETHE: The proceedings of the day ended with the shouting of Bayethe in respect of the King who is the brains behind the competition.



GLUED TO THE STAGE: Committee members following proceedings of the competition.



THE BEST: Ingadla group from Maphalaleni outdid their competitors and emerged overall winners in their category.



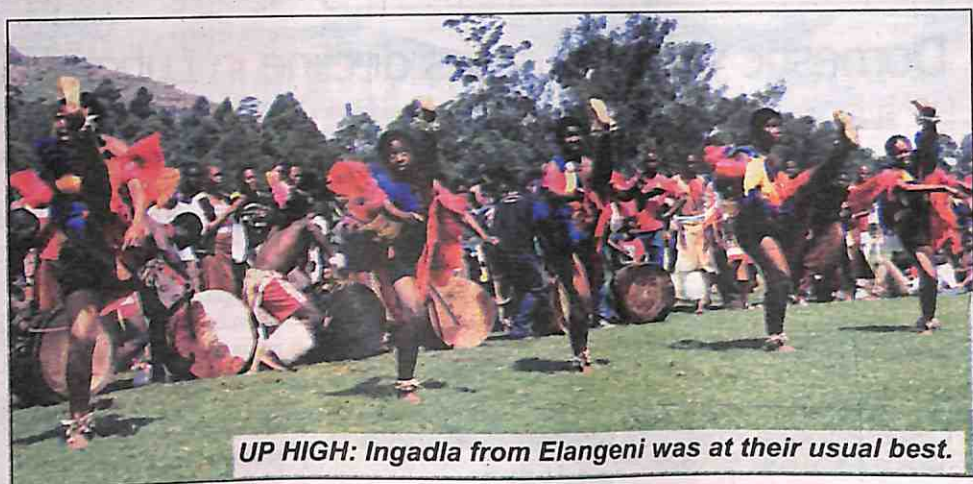
THE WINNERS: Sibhaca group from Maphalaleni joined by the area's MP Mabulala Maseko as they received their prize from the committee.

INGWENYAMAN CUP CULTURE SEMI-FINALS ON THE CARDS

Chairman of the King's Cup Committee, Prince Hlangabeza said this year's competition will be different because there will be semi-finals which will be made up by the top five winners from all the four regions.

He said although position four and five did not get any prize money they will also be expected to continue practicing and get ready to compete in the semi-finals. He said when the eliminations from the four regions are done; the committee will then announce the additional groups to join the top three holders in the different categories.

Prince Bukhosi urged groups to make sure they are well prepared when they come to compete saying the uniform also has a good number of points. He urged people from the various areas where the groups come from to support them in all possible ways to ensure that they are ready when they go for the competition. He also urged the competing groups to make sure that they get capable people to beat the drums for them saying the backing of the drums was critical. He said if they have inexperienced people on the drums it will cost them even on the points. Committee member and King's Private Secretary who doubles as the Deputy Chief Officer of the King's Office Mbongeni Simelane commended MVA for seeing it fit to assist the King in reviving culture in the different communities. He said this competition will play a huge role in promoting culture across the country.



UP HIGH: Ingadla from Elangeni was at their usual best.



HAPPY MOMENT: Prince Hlangabeza presenting Nkhanini Lutsango with their prize for being the best in their category.



SOLO EFFORT: Emajaha from Nkhanini were the only group in their category.



TAKING A FALL: Sibhaca from Dlangeni ending their performance in style.



Ms. Ansie Ramalho



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Ms. Ansie Ramalho is an authority on corporate governance with both theoretical and applied knowledge on the topic. She is the King IV project lead at the Institute of Directors in Southern Africa. Prior to this position, she served as the Institute's Chief Executive and has also worked for KPMG as a corporate governance specialist. She was instrumental in developing the Governance Assessment Instrument (GAI) which has tailored the recommendations in King III for application by SMEs, state-owned entities, non-profit organisations, medical schemes and retirement funds.

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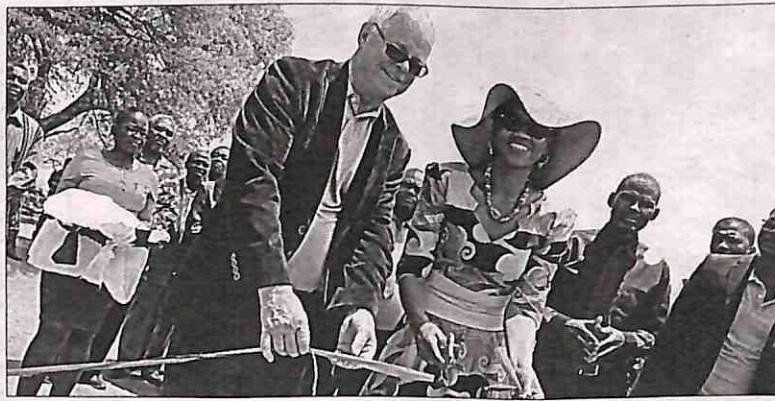
1 000 HOMESTEADS BENEFIT FROM 9 WATER PROJECTS

Stories by Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

A total of 1 000 homesteads in five different constituencies have benefited from 11 rural water supply and sanitation funded by the Holiness Union Church.

Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama handed over the projects to the communities at Hlane on Saturday. The five constituencies which benefited from the schemes are Hlane, Mayiwane, Ndzingeni, Mhlangatane and Timphisini.

The benefitting homesteads included those from Chibini, Khuphuka, Siphambanweni, Ngululu, Ekujabuleni, Ntsinini, KaNdlovu, Nhlambeni, KaBheni and Herefords. The minister greatly appreciated the water scheme from the Holiness Union Church, saying it would not have come at a better time than presently wherein the county is affected by the prevailing drought. "The ministry is grateful to the Holiness Union Church in responding to government's call to provide the rural communities with safe drinking water. I am reliably informed that these schemes will benefit a total of approximately 1



WATER PLEASE: Minister Jabulile Mashwama and Sweden financier of the water projects Lucas Fabion cutting the sod at the official opening of rural water supply and sanitation Holiness Union Church funded schemes. (Pic: Gugu Simelane).

000 homesteads, schools and churches in the aforementioned tinkhundla. The borehole water supply sources have sufficient water that benefits both the churches and homesteads neighbouring the churches," she said. The minister said this initiative would significantly contribute to the reduction of the rural population without access to safe drinking water that would further reduce water related diseases in the targeted

communities. She said government has made the provision of clean water to all by 2022 as one of its priorities as clearly articulated in the National Development Strategy (NDS) and His Majesty's vision of attaining first world status.

She said this was also in line with the recently adopted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the United Nations. She said Goal number 6.1 of the SDGs states "by 2030, achieve

universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all."

"My ministry is desirous to achieve this goal within the stipulated time horizon.

To achieve this goal the ministry drafted a plan (2014-2018) and committed to constructed four reticulated water supply schemes in the country every and further drill two hundred boreholes for the rural communities," she said.

Mashwama said to track progress in these strategic initiatives, the ministry, in collaboration with the WASH partners such as Water Aid and UNICEF, has since engaged in a number of programmes that include, the Water and Sanitation Joint Sector Review meeting that seeks to review progress made by the sector by engaging all sector stakeholders. She said the outcome of the meeting highlighted milestones, challenges and recommendations to improve the sector. "To increase water supply in the country, the government has since received a grant from the African Development Bank to conduct a feasibility study of the Nondvo Dam that is aimed to service the Mbabane and Ezulwini corridor," she said.

TWO MISSING AFTER CAR SWEEPED BY FLOODED RIVER

By Observer Reporter
Mbabane

TWO people have gone missing with strong suspicions they could have drowned after the car they were travelling in was swept by a flooded stream, police reported last night.

Two others, who were in the same car, however, survived and were rushed to hospital, Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Phindile Vilakati confirmed the incident. The incident happened at a flooded stream at Gucuka, leading to St Loretta.

Vilakati said there were strong suspicions that the two people who had not been founded by last night had drowned. She said the car, a Toyota Vios, was also missing. "We want to issue a strong warning to the public to be on the lookout for flooded rivers because it's been raining in most parts of the country," she said.

She said the floods were a result of heavy rainfall experienced in some areas around Siphofaneni around 6pm yesterday. One of the flooded rivers is Mtimpofu and another stream at Sibusweni leading to Hluti/Bulunga.

COMMUNITIES CONTRIBUTE E20 000 TOWARDS PROJECTS

THE communities that stand to benefit from the rural water supply and sanitation schemes contributed a total of E20 000 towards the project.

The money went towards the running,

operating and maintenance of the water projects in the different communities. The minister said the positive contribution was a clear demonstration of the commitment and ownership of

these projects by the beneficiaries. She then encouraged the communities to continue with contributions towards the maintenance of the schemes for its sustainability. She urged the

communities to use the acquired skills through the training afforded by the ministry and the church to manage the water supply schemes effectively and efficiently. She said in an event they encounter any maintenance problems pertaining to the schemes, they should contact the ministry.



SITEKI TOWN COUNCIL

NOTICE OF BUDGET CONSULTATIONS MEETINGS

The residents, business community, rate payers, rate payers association, service providers and stakeholders are hereby invited to attend the following ward meetings as scheduled below for 2017/2018 financial year budget consultations. For more information feel free to call our offices at 23434408/485 or email lindie@stkouncil.co.sz

Date	Time	Ward	VENUE
8 November 2016	0800hrs	Ward 1,2 & Business Community	Room 20 New Market
12 November 2016	1300hrs	Ward 5	Kakhalamtwana
12 November 2016	1500hrs	Ward 4	Soup Kitchen
13 November 2016	0730hrs	Ward 6	Soup Kitchen
13 November 2016	1400hrs	Ward 3	Sword and Spirit Church

STHEMBILE SIMELANE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Domestic violence cases decline in Lubombo

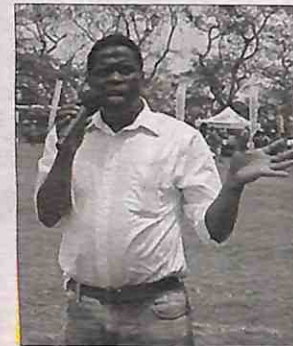
Stories by Wonderboy
Dlamini
Siteki

CASES of domestic violence recorded this year are gradually showing a decline in the Lubombo region as compared to the previous year.

The department of Domestic, Child Protection and Sexual offences (DCS) in the Lubombo region has reported that statistics show an improvement in the fight against domestic violence.

This was reported during a crime prevention campaign hosted by Big Bend Business Crime Prevention Forum in collaboration with the police held at Mayaluka on Saturday.

The forum is made of 36 companies and organisations operating businesses in Big Bend and surrounding areas. DCS Officer George Dlamini stated that the region has over



REMARKS:
Constable Muzi Dlamini addressing the gathering during the event. (Pic: Wonderboy Dlamini)

the past many years been leading in domestic violence. He said last year's statistics indicated that an average of 230 cases were reported each month. Dlamini said, however, 210 cases were reported last month.

These include sexual offences, child abuse and gender based violence. On another note, Dlamini said Big Bend recorded the highest number of cases which has more to do with emotional violence. Such offences are said to be prevalent amongst couples who are either married or having a child together. Dlamini stated that however, there was still a problem in reporting cases of violence. He said many violated persons preferred not to report their cases especially when they depend on the perpetrators for their needs. He said this would be evident during such campaigns where the public would be educated about violence. Some people report their cases during such events after realising they have been enduring violence.

Dlamini further pointed out that many children were abused by parents under the name of religion and customs.

Drug abuse prevalent amongst school children

THE issue of drug abuse in the society is quickly becoming common amongst school going children.

A worrying number of children attending school in the region is reportedly engaged in drugs. Dagga is said to be the main drug which remains common amongst pupils, especially those in high schools. This was reported by Constable Muzi Dlamini who is deployed under the Anti-Drug Unit in the

Lubombo Regional Police Headquarters. Speaking during the Big Bend Business Crime Prevention campaign, Dlamini reported that the use of drugs was showing an increase in the region. More areas were reported to have now started engaging in dagga farming. This is unlike in the past where dagga farming was known to be common in the Hhohho and Shiselweni regions. Dlamini's assertions have been evidenced by the number of offenders

brought before court after they had been arrested for possession of either processed or plants of dagga.

At some instances, the offenders brought before court would be school going children. Evidently, a number of schools in the region would report during the end of each year that pupils were engaged in drugs. The rise in drug abuse in the region is said to have also resulted to cases of house breaking and theft.

PANIC AS TENT COLLAPSES, BURIES CONGREGANTS

Pastor loses laptop, projector in midst of panic and confusion

By Sizwe Dlamini
Mayiwane

THERE was panic when a church tent collapsed and buried the whole congregation during strong winds experienced on Saturday.

In the midst of all the panic and confusion, the church pastor lost his laptop and projector worth E16 000, which were stolen.

Pastor Sicelo Dlamini of the He Is Risen Ministries could not believe what had befallen him when he also lost the laptop and projector, which were allegedly stolen by members of his own congregation who were trapped under the fallen tent.

The tent had been erected by the church about 3km away from Ntsinini Primary School in Mayiwane on Saturday evening.

Dlamini stated that while he was preaching there was a power outage which threw the church into darkness. "I was forced to stop my sermon after it got dark inside. I then heard the ladies sitting at the back of the tent sounding the alarm just as the strong winds started to cause the tent to shake violently."

Dlamini stated that the wet tent then started to collapse on the whole con-



CRUMBLING: The church tent at Mayiwane that fell on top of brethren, resulting in the theft of the pastor's laptop and projector worth E16 000. (Pic: Sizwe Dlamini)

gregation and some of the males then ran for the exit as the winds outside were strong.

"The tent eventually collapsed on top of all of the congregants who were still inside," he said.

It took brethren a good 10 minutes to get everybody out from under the tent but unfortunately the laptop and projector were nowhere to be found.

"It is worrying that this type of

behaviour is happening in churches and it will be a shame to report the issue to the police because my congregation will be the first suspects.

I asked all the people who were there if they knew anything but they all denied any knowledge, which is very strange considering that the tent fell on top of all of us, so no one could have come in from outside and stolen the items," he said.

Asians' arrivals has declined

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

THE number of Asians coming into the country through the border posts and airports is reported to have drastically decreased in the last few weeks.

This is said to have been evident since the task team by members of parliament started making visits to the country's border posts and airport recently.

The team, which is chaired by Zombodze Emuva MP Titus Thwala, was tasked to probe the influx of Asian nationals into the country. They have made visits to KM III International Airport, Mhlumeni, Lomahasha and Ngwenya Border Posts where they interviewed officials on the migration of Asians. The probe team went on and visited other areas where members of the public made their submissions on the impact of illegal Asian immigrants. It was during these visits where it was gathered that the country receives hundreds of Asians on a daily basis. It was also reported that the Asian immigrants would have local agents who arranged for their arrival and further collected them from the entry points.

Most of the Asians were reported to be coming through the KM

III International Airport, where at least each flight would bring an average of nine per day.

Since the publicity of the probe team, however, the number of Asian coming into the country is reported to have decreased. Some officials who were interviewed at KM III International Airport, in particular, have reported that on certain days, there would be no Asian arriving. The officials stated that occurrences of Asians arriving at the airport with questionable documents has become rare since it was reported how some illegal immigrants bribed their way into the country. When also asked about the said decrease of Asian arrivals into the country, the chairperson of the probe team also confirmed such reports.

Thwala said they had gathered there has been a drastic decrease of Asians arriving in the country in the past few weeks. Thwala said they had gathered such information during their visit at Ngwenya Border Post recently. Meanwhile, Thwala also reported that the probe team would be visiting more places to continue with its task. He disclosed that they would be going to Lavumisa and Nsalitje Border Posts. "We will also be visiting some of the shops which are alleged to be operated by illegal Asian immigrants in the country," said Thwala.

Nurses still await PM's response

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

THE prime minister's office has failed to respond to a petition delivered by nurses last month.

According to Swaziland Democratic Nurses Union (SWADNU) Secretary General Sibusiso Lushaba, they were expecting a response from the prime minister's office by last week Friday. Lushaba said, however, they did not receive anything.

The nurses delivered a petition to the prime minister's office and ministry of health containing a list of demands, including that the govern-

ment should create more posts for them.

They also wanted the supply of quality uniform, decent accommodation and also demanded they be allowed to further their studies, among other demands.

Petition

Another matter the nurses raised in the petition was they wanted the continuing dehumanising working conditions for them to come to an end.

The ministry of health met with the nurses and discussed the issues affecting them after the march to Cabinet. However, the prime minister's office has remained silent on the matter so far.

Lushaba said as nurses they had no other choice but to engage on another gear.

When asked what he meant, the general secretary said as SWADNU they would call a meeting of their members to strategise on how to move forward on the matter.

In the petition, the nurses had given government a seven-day ultimatum to respond to their demands or they would shut down the hospitals.

Early this month, as a means to make management pay their salaries, nurses at Good Shepherd Mission Hospital downed their tools, which forced management to act swiftly on the matter.

Mphandlana's solidarity with nurses questioned

IT would seem the public has a lot of unanswered questions pertaining the connection between political activist Mphandlana Shongwe and the Swaziland Democratic Nurses Union (SWADNU).

This came after Shongwe was seen joining SWADNU during their recent march to Cabinet. Shedding some light on the issue, SWADNU Secretary General Sibusiso Lushaba said some people had indeed questioned the solidarity they received from Shongwe.

"Specifically a top politician asked me a rhetorical question that which hospital or health centre was Mphandlana stationed?" Lushaba stated, adding it was as if Shongwe hijacked the nurses' march.

Lushaba said no one hijacked their march,

adding as nurses they welcomed solidarity from anyone. He added it was not only Shongwe who was with them as he noted a senior citizen, a woman who once worked at Good Shepherd Hospital as a support staffer, joined in dancing and singing with the nurses and others.

He said these people understand that they all belong to one class which is the working class, as even the liberal definition of working population includes the unemployed.

Lushaba said as nurses their demands were noble as they wanted to be afforded, among other things the opportunity to; further their studies, work in a humane environment with adequate staffing for enhanced health outcomes, quality uniform supply and decent accommodation.

TENDER NOTICE AND INVITATION TO TENDER TIKHWEPHA INVESTMENTS

Transport of Seed Cane
TENDER REFERENCE: Lot 8 Batch 1 Transport of Seedcane

Planting of Sugarcane
TENDER REFERENCE: Lot 8 Batch 1 Planting of Seedcane

Tikhwepha Investments is in the process of planting sugarcane in their fields. The total area under sugarcane is 35.9 hectares.

Tenders are hereby invited from suitably qualified planting contractors wishing to tender for the planting of seedcane in the LUSIP project area in the Lubombo Region. Contractors must be familiar with standards for the planting of seedcane in Small Holder Irrigation Projects used in Swaziland.

Tenders will only be accepted from a company which meets the following Criteria: (i) 60% of the controlling shares are owned by Swazi citizens.

Detailed Terms of Reference are available at SWADE (LUSIP) Office, at Siphofaneni at a fee of a E300-00 non-refundable deposit for issue of the tender document between 0830 hours and 1500 hours from Monday, 7th November 2016 to Friday 11th November 2016 at 1000 hours. Only cash will be accepted.

Queries relating to the issue of these documents, administrative and technical matters may be addressed to Mr. Zwelethu Dlamini, Cell No. 76188055, Tel No. 2344 1671/2/4, Fax No. 2344.1665, e-mail zwelethu@swade.co.sz. Mr. Dan Tsabedze is the farmers' representative for this contract. He can be contacted for any enquiries on his cell phone at 76788097.

A compulsory clarification meeting and site inspection with representatives of the Employer (Tikhwepha Investments) will be at the SWADE Siphofaneni Site Office on Friday, 11th November 2016 starting at 10:00 hours Swaziland Time. **No document will be sold after the site meeting.**

All tenders shall be opened at SWADE LUSIP offices. The closing date for submission of tenders is (unless amended by a Notice to Tenderer) **Monday, 14th November 2016 at 10:00 hours Swaziland Time**. The Tender Documents must be sealed, **NOT** bear the Tenderer's name or address and must not contain any other documents or drawings not applicable to the Tender.

The Tender Documents must be enclosed in a plain wrapper, sealed and clearly endorsed on the outside:

LUSIP Lot 8 Batch 1
Tikhwepha Investments
Contract No. LOT 8 Batch 1 Transport of Seedcane
Planting of Sugarcane

LUSIP Lot 8 Batch 1
Tikhwepha Investments
Contract No. Lot 8 Batch 1 Planting of Seedcane
Planting of Sugarcane

Telegraphic, telephonic, telex, facsimile, e-mail and late tenders **will not be accepted**. TIKHWEPHA INVESTMENTS will accept no responsibility for the late delivery of tenders by courier services or any other means. TIKHWEPHA INVESTMENTS does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender

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NEW RESTAURANT DONATES 25 BAGS OF RICE TO DPM'S OFFICE

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

AS the deputy prime minister's office continues to reach out to the less privileged in the country, a new restaurant known as Indlela Yekuphila, has donated 25 bags of 10kg rice towards drought relief.

The bags of rice were handed to the Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini during the official opening of the restaurant at Manzini Park last Friday.

Speaking during the event, owner of the restaurant, Michael Masuku, said he was aware that the country was facing a lot of challenges worsened by the current drought situation and the deputy prime minister's office was trying its best to address such.

He said the donation was one way of trying to meet the DPM's office half-way and also contributing to the dire situation in some parts of the country.

DPM Dlamini said Masuku had shown his business know-how by winning the entrepreneur of the year award competition in 2011, which is awarded to those excelling in growing their businesses.

He added that starting and growing a business was a difficult task but Masuku had been able to overcome all the challenges faced by SMMEs

The bags of rice were handed to the Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini during the official opening of the restaurant at Manzini Park last Friday



IN THE MIX: Pastor Skhumbuzo Shongwe singing with emajaha during the official opening of Indlela Yekuphila Restaurant in Manzini on Friday. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)

while growing his business.

Dlamini applauded Masuku and encouraged him to keep on growing his business until it reaches a million-aire mark before 2022.

The DPM stated that the ministry of commerce, industry and trade, where SMMEs and business community are

housed, must be applauded for the work done through its departments for encouraging the start and growth of business in Swaziland. "Indlela Yekuphila Restaurant is where it is now because of the support from this ministry," the DPM stated.

Dlamini also noted that SEDCO



OFFICIAL: Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini officially opens Indlela Yekuphila Restaurant while the owner Michael Masuku applauds.



SHARING: Minister of Natural Resources Jabulile Mashwama also had something to say.

and other financial institutions such as FINCORP played a major role in supporting the restaurant financially.

It was revealed during the launch that FINCORP helped Masuku with financial assistance worth over E300 000.

The DPM said the government encouraged the creation of jobs and wealth in order to reach first world status by 2022.

He said the restaurant has done this by creating jobs for 16 people.



SWAZILAND ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED ELECTRICITY PRICE INCREASE

- The Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority wishes to inform the public and electricity consumers that the Swaziland Electricity Company has filed an application to increase the price of electricity by 20.19% for the financial year 2017/2018 and 2-18/2019.
- The Authority invites the public and all interested stakeholders to submit their comments on the proposed electricity increase before the Authority makes a final ruling.
- The Authority will also hold public hearings to gather comments on the proposed increase. Details of the public hearings are as follows:

Stakeholder Group	Venue	Date	Time
Business Customers	SIMPA Hall Matsapha	21 November 2016	9:30am-2pm
Domestic/general public	Manzini Library	24 November 2016	9:30am-2pm
Domestic/general	Nhlangano Library	26 November 2016	9:30am-2pm
Government Agencies and Municipalities	SCOT	30 November 2016	9:30am-2pm
Domestic/general public	Pigg's Peak Civic Centre	03 December 2016	9:30am-2pm
Civic organisations and Trade Unions	Manzini Library	08 December 2016	9:30am-2pm
Domestic/general public	Siteki Hotel	10 December 2016	9:30am-2pm

- People who will be allowed to make submissions during the public hearings will only be those who have submitted their comments to the Authority on time.
- The deadline for submission of comments is the 18th of November 2016. Members of the public that wish to make written presentations may submit their details and copies of their presentations to:
Fax: +268 2404 8474
Email: info@sera.org.sz
- Further information regarding the application and public hearings may be obtained from SERA's website at www.sera.org.sz or by calling +268 2404 2103, contact person is Mr Sabelo Dube.
- The Authority shall reserve the right to cancel a meeting in the case there are no submissions obtained from the public prior to the deadline of the proposed scheduled meetings.
- These public hearings will be conducted in line with our guidelines for handling public hearings, which are available on our website.

VUSUMUZI MKHUMANE
CEO: SWAZILAND ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY



SUPPORT: Bishop Nash Shongwe, Masuku and the DPM waiting to be served after all formalities.



AT YOUR SERVICE: Indlela Yekuphila Restaurant staff.

KOMBI UP IN FLAMES IN MANZINI



CARACARA ON FIRE- Firemen hard at work trying to save the VW Microbus which caught fire with four passengers on board yesterday in Manzini. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)



SHOCKED: The driver Shongwe had to be assisted to the ambulance as he wept uncontrollably.



INSPECTION: Leading Fireman Musa Mahlalela inspecting the damage.

CLASS OF 2016 GRADUATION CEREMONY



Another cohort of creative minds have successfully been transformed and have acquired 21st Century skills to become contributors and drivers of the economy while shining as innovative leaders across all creative industries. Join us as we celebrate their success and offer our heartiest congratulations to the graduands who will be receiving their qualifications this graduation ceremony.

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- Faculty of Communications, Media & Broadcasting

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- Collection of registration forms
- Closing date for registration & return of RSVP form
- Rehearsal and collection of invitation cards at 08.00am.
- Payment & collection of gowns - *Now Until 9th November 2016.*

Please take note: Graduates are to take note that they must submit their Registration forms and attend Rehearsal on Wednesday 09th November 2016 at 08:00 am to be eligible to attend the Ceremony.

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SOCIALITE 'GAUZEN' NABBED FOR DD

Stories by Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane

A weekend of fun ended badly for well-known Mbabane socialite Menzi 'Gauzen' Gama after he was arrested for drink-driving.

The 29-year-old, who is known for his skills in the fashion world as a clothing designer, collected two traffic offences yesterday morning while going home at Extension 3.

Entertainment

Gama was from a popular entertainment spot at Msunduzi when he was nabbed by traffic police who slapped him with two counts of wrongfully and unlawfully driving his VW sedan along Jojo Street while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drug, having narcotic effect and failing to produce a driving licence when ordered to.

For these offences, Gauzen contravened Section 91 (1) as read with Section 122 (2) of the road Traffic



Act 6 of 2007.

He pleaded guilty to both offences and was found guilty and convicted by Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini.

Sentenced

Gama must be regretting his decision to drive while drunk after Dlamini sentenced him to pay a fine of E2 000 or one year imprisonment if he defaults.

He was additionally sentenced to pay a fine of E200 or spend 30 days in jail for failing to produce his dri-

ver's licence. However, the sentences were made to run concurrently.

The court condemned his actions of driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Gama on the other hand apologised and asked the court to be lenient with him while adding that his house was just around the corner from where he was enjoying his favourite drinks.

"I will not do this ever again, I have learnt my lesson," Gama said.

Principal Magistrate without an interpreter

THE past week must have been a tough one for Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi after being forced to source an interpreter from the other courts as the one assigned to her court is currently away on leave.

Interpreter Sibonginkosi Mamba confirmed that he is currently not available as he is on leave. However, talk is rife in the corridors that Mamba will not be going back to his job as a court interpreter after receiving a tempting offer elsewhere.

When quizzed about the rumours

of him leaving the court, a modest Mamba said as far as he knew he was on leave and asked this reporter where he got this information.

"I have no comment at all about that," is all he could say.

Mamba is said to be close on sealing a deal with an organisation tasked with fighting corruption in the country after receiving an impressive offer.

Replacement

Ever since he took his leave last week Nhlabatsi's court has been left without a replacement and the principal magistrate has been left with

no other option but share interpreters with the other two courts housed at the magistrate's court.

The shortage of interpreters has in turn disturbed the smooth progress at Nhlabatsi's courtroom as at times she had to wait for the other courts to complete their sessions before an interpreter could be availed.

However, it is said Nhlabatsi is currently assessing her options on how best she could deal with this issue before it gets out of hand. It is said she prefers an experienced person to do the interpretations in her courtroom.

Tenant sells landlord's house to Itallo for E150 000

Master's Office employee demands E80 000 bribe or threatens to spill the beans

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

IN an estate deal gone sour, a tenant has been arrested after he sold his late landlord's estate to popular jazz artist Itallo Dlamini for E150 000.

Sifiso Gamedze was arrested and charged with fraud after an employee of the Master of the High Court office Qinisile Fakudze, who was helping the accused obtain documents illegally for the late landlord Phumzile Zwane, threatened to report him to the police.

It is alleged the Master's office employee became bitter after realising that she wasn't getting any share of the loot as her demand to be paid E85 000 had been rejected by the accused.

According to evidence delivered by Magistrate Dumisa Mazibuko before Manzini Principal

Magistrate David Khumalo, the estate saga began when the accused left the country for Johannesburg, where he coincidentally found that he was neighbours with his landlord whom he used to call grandma.

It is said Gamedze was renting a room at Zwane's homestead in 2004 and paying E240 per month. It is alleged the old woman used to come to Swaziland once a month at the plot located at Ngwane Park to collect rent from the tenants. In 2007, Zwane passed away while in South Africa, it is said when she passed away the accused was

around visiting his family in Johannesburg and it happened that he got to hear about the sad news. Magistrate Mazibuko, delivering his evidence, said the accused told him that he then got access to documents belonging to Zwane.

The accused then took the documents back to Swaziland where he informed other tenants about the death of their landlord.

It is said the tenants then decided to put up the old woman's seven-room house for rent. As if that was not enough it is said the tenants then decided to put the plot up for sale. Gamedze

became the person who was selected to act as a successor to the late landlord.

The accused then obtained documents including forged certificates and proceeded to approach the Masters Office in Manzini. It is said at this

office the accused was introduced to an employee known as Qinisile Fakudze.

Magistrate Mazibuko told the court that the accused then informed him that Fakudze helped the accused with the deceased's birth certificate. He said the accused told him that he paid Fakudze E300 to which she then demanded another E500 to open a file.

It is said Fakudze then started getting greedy as she demanded E1 500 then E350, E800, E380 and E260, which she claimed was to be also used for advertising purposes.



Offenders way above limit, fined E2 000 each

UNLIKE in other weekends whereby drink drivers would receive different fines due to varying quantities of alcohol found in their body system, the past weekend saw the offenders getting similar fines.

This was after all they had excessively exceeded the stipulated limit hence forcing Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini to slap each of the eight offenders who appeared in court with a fine of E2 000, specifically for driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Some received additional fines for breaking other traffic laws such

as not producing valid driver's licences and driving unregistered motor vehicles.

Amongst these was Mthokozisi Ginindza of Mvubu in Ezulwini, who was slapped with an additional E300 or two months in

jail for being found driving an unregistered VW sedan at or near Lobamba yesterday morning.

The traffic police got to know about this after they nabbed him for drink-driving along Parliament/Lobamba Public Road.



Ginindza was sentenced to a year of imprisonment or a fine of E2 000 for this offence.

He said he was from a burying a relative when the police arrested him.

"I apologise to the court for my actions, I had taken the alcohol the previous day," the 28-year-old said.

Arrested

Moreover, the youngest in this week's traffic offenders, George Dlamini (22) of Mcaphozini told the court that he was rushing a relative to hospital when he got arrested at Midway.

Dlamini joined the list of 50 people arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol over the past weekend. He was also slapped with a fine of E2 000 or a year of imprisonment.

POLICE CONFISCATE PART OF LOOT

THE Magistrate's Court was also informed that the accused said he then lost contact with Fakudze but when she contacted him months later she asked if he had found a buyer for the house.

The accused is said to have told her that he had sold the house to Itallo Dlamini for E150 000.

However, the Master's Office employee told the accused that he should go to the city council to have the property evaluated.

The accused is said to have done as he was told and upon evaluation he was told that the house was worth E190 000.

Gamedze told the magistrate that Fakudze then demanded that she be paid E85 000.

However, the accused informed

the court that he refused and the Master's Office employee started blackmailing him telling him that he would report the matter to the police.

The Master's Office employee persisted in demanding her loot but the accused did not budge even when Fakudze is alleged to have asked for E60 000.

Accused

The accused told the magistrate that he was finally arrested after he had bought a car from a friend.

He informed the court that when he was arrested police took E22 800 from him and took his new shoes and cellphone. He said they also took E2 000 from his wife. The matter continues in court.

MEET NEW POLICE ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlanguano

AFTER much talk and controversy, the long awaited Police Association has since been formed.

Excited police officers especially those of junior rank believe the formation of the association is going to help them in dealing with the challenges they encounter in their daily duties and also help improve their welfare. Others believe the formation of the association is the duplication of the defunct police union, which kept the police force leadership on its toes such that others even considered it an organisation with a motive as it was a thorn in the flesh of many.

Now, comes the police association whose executive was elected recently and it is believed it consist almost a majority of its leadership that served in the police union.

During the elections held at the Police College in Matsapha, popular police officer Isaac 'Kaire' Lukhele who served in the police union executive was elected the national president.

It is said 'Kaire', who is popular in the police force, was endorsed by the majority of the officers who voted. He is based at Sicunusa Border Post.

Themba Gwebu was elected vice president while Dum'sile Khumalo will be the Secretary General and Nonhlanhla Dlamini was made vice secretary general.

Sifiso Dlamini was elected treasurer



NEW LEADER: Matsapha popular police officer Isaac 'Kaire' Lukhele.

while Boy-Boy Thwala and Thembumenzi Kunene were elected as additional members.

It has been revealed that the list of the executive has since been forwarded to the superiors at the headquarters in Mbabane.

However, the association still awaits formal recognition by the relevant authorities including the office of the National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula.

When interviewed, 'Kaire' confirmed that elections were long held where he was elected the president of the newly formed Police Association.

Lukhele said he did not even canvass

to be elected but his colleagues saw it proper that they entrust him with the leadership role and he did not want to disappoint them hence he accepted the position.

When asked what he intended to do or introduce in order to see the association's impact felt in particular in executing his role, 'Kaire' who was beaming with confidence, stated that together with his executive they were ready for the task ahead.

"I fear no evil and I am ready to hold the bull by the horns and carry out my duties according to the membership's mandate," he said.

Meanwhile, Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati also confirmed that indeed the association was now in place. She said the authorities in the force were also aware of this and presently they were working on all the necessary processes. "All is in order and there are processes that are still being handled and it's not like the association is not given any attention," said Assistant Supt Vilakati.

The Police Association executive structure:

President - Isaac 'Kaire' Lukhele
Vice President - Themba Gwebu
Secretary General - Dum'sile Khumalo
Vice Secretary General - Nonhlanhla Dlamini
Treasurer - Sifiso Dlamini
Member - Boy-Boy Thwala
Member - Thembumenzi Kunene

Convict begs to be released from solitary confinement

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

A robbery convict from Kwaluseni who escaped from the Pigg's Peak correctional facility for only six hours only to be captured later, has begged to be released from solitary confinement where he will be kept until February 2017.

Mahlatsini Elliot Sithole (38) begged Pigg's Peak Magistrate Simangele Mbatha to remove him from his solitary confinement cell because it was allegedly detrimental to his health.

Sithole was placed in solitary confinement at the correctional facility after he escaped while in the custody of Pigg's Peak warden Amos Dlamini on October 28.

Escape

He reportedly cut a hole through the fence in his foiled bid to escape and hid in the surrounding foliage only to be arrested by patrolling Pigg's Peak police officers who were aided by Pigg's Peak correctional officers in their search mission.

Sithole was convicted for robbery in July and sentenced by Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini to spend four years in the Pigg's Peak correctional facility.

"May I please be allowed to spend time in a regular prison



I HAVE NO POWER: Magistrate Simangele Mbatha.

cell as I have asthma and the lack of air circulation in my current solitary confinement cell is bad for my health."

Magistrate Simangele Mbatha stated that correctional facilities were not under her jurisdiction as they were monitored by the Prison Act.

"I cannot tell the correctional facility where to place you all I can do will be to give you a trial date for your escape attempt," she said.

Mbatha then informed Sithole that he will be on trial on February 23, 2017.

Lack of unity spreads HIV in Swaziland - SASO

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza
Mbabane

THE Swaziland AIDS Support Organisation (SASO) says the spread of HIV in Swaziland is mostly caused by the lack of unity and support amongst those living with the virus.

According to SASO's task team Chairperson Madzabudzabu Kunene, the virus would have been dealt with effectively if those who are already positive were involved as well as united. "There would be no new infections in the country if the people who have the virus are well engaged as they would know about the viral load and why even using protection way after they have contracted the disease is fundamental," Kunene explained. He added that with the rebirth of one of the first organisations for people living with HIV/AIDS in the country (SASO), their main aim is to ensure that future operations for people living with HIV are discussed as well as working together. "It is high time people living with the disease stopped hiding and accepted that they have contracted the virus and started working towards eliminating new infections as well as re-infections, because that is just how it keeps spreading," he added. Kunene went on to add that as the world nears towards the commemoration of World AIDS Day on December 1, it is also up to such organisations to encourage each other on how to safely take ARVs.



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REUNION: Former Evelyn Baring High School pupils who completed in 1996 posing for a group photo at Royal Villas where they were having their meeting on Saturday. (Pics: Mbono Mdluli)

FORMER EVELYN BARING

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Ezulwini

FORMER Evelyn Baring High School pupils, who finished school in 1996, want to form an association.

This association is aimed at uplifting the standard of living for the former scholars of Evelyn Baring. The former pupils met on Saturday at the Royal Villas in Ezulwini to discuss how they could formalise their association in order to be guided by certain principles that could help them move forward as an association.

The former learners who met on Saturday were 22 yet the association has 48 members.



THE GUYS: Thabani, Lwazi, Vusi, and Mancoba posing for a picture.

Mcebo Shabangu, who coordinates the programme, said they started this

initiative in 2014.

"This is the second year we meet.

ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARDS GALA DINNER 2016/17



Honorable Prime Minister
Dr Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini



Eric Mabuza -
Life Profile

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Eric Mabuza is a Corporate Trainer, management and strategy consultant, leadership coach, advisor and infrastructure development professional.

Eric is an engineering graduate from the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa. He has extensive experience as an engineer and project manager in the mining and industrial sectors, specialising in programme and project management, strategic planning and project execution, as well as operational optimization. He has fulfilled a number of roles in his career and has completed multidisciplinary projects of over USD500million.

Eric enjoys investing in real estate and property development. He is passionate about sharing knowledge and developing communities in the areas of business and leadership. To ensure his continual development and meaningful contribution to the world, Eric is a member and Trustee of the International Third World Leaders Association, and organisation that was chaired by the late Dr. Myles Munroe with its Head office in Nassau-Bahamas dedicated to the development of leaders around the world with specific emphasis on the third world context.

Eric and his wife Nompumelelo are enjoying over 17 years of marriage and are proud parents of two children, daughter Lulama Mabuza and son Lethemba Mabuza.

Date: 18 November 2016
Venue: ESIBAYENI Lodge
Tables E500 per person and E5000 Table of 10



MY EXPERIENCE: Ntombi Zwane sharing her life experiences with her colleagues.



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PUPILS FORM ASSOCIATION



STOMACH MATTERS: The former Baringers enjoying some refreshments during the event.

We met last year where we celebrated 19 years since we complet-

ed high school. This year marks 20 years since we completed school.

We have taken a resolution where we want to formalise this initiative, which is a help initiative. We want to see how we can help one another," Shabangu said.

Conditions

He added that once they had helped one another, they would then see how they could help their communities, starting with Evelyn Baring High School in Nhlanguano. Asked if they welcomed other former pupils who did not finish in 1996, Shabangu said they welcomed them, but there were conditions.

"We welcome those who joined the school from 1992 and finished in 1996. There are former pupils who joined Evelyn Baring in 1992

but could not finish in 1996 because of certain reasons. Those are welcome," he said. He also said those who finished in 1996, but did not join in 1992 were also welcome to join the association.

Issues

The meeting on Saturday was educational and entertaining at the same time. The former pupils discussed business and agricultural issues. They shared tricks on how they could manage their finances and how they could make good products using the soil. It was entertaining at the same time because the discussions were not formal.

One could see that the discussions were done by people who

were happy to see each other, just like former classmates.

There were breaks where they would share some jokes and be jolly among one another, showing that they were happy to meet again, after having finished school 20 years ago.

Braai

They had a braai and enjoyed some drinks as they were partying until the next day. However, the former pupils also had a pastor, who was also part of the group of 1996. Shabangu said he was also given an opportunity to share with them the word of God. "It is important for us to know where we are going and we need to feed our spirit," he said.

THE group of scholars who finished in 1996 at Evelyn Baring High School are reportedly successful professionals.

The type of cars that had parked at Villa Seven at the Royal Villas told a story that these people were professionals who were successful in their different vocations. The cars that were parked in that villa included Jeep, Kia Sportage, Mercedes-Benz and BMW models, among others. Some of the members of the association are lawyers, financial experts, agricultural experts, managers, technologists, among others. They work for reputable companies, which are in the country, while others are based in South Africa. They work for companies like MTN, Nedbank, Swaziland Sugar Association (SSA) and Vodacom South Africa. Ezulwini Municipality Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Vusumtshweni Matsebula is also among them. Shabangu said they wanted to make use of the skills each one of them possessed to empower and help each other. "Some of us are not well versed in financial issues, yet we experience problems of being in debt. We have financial experts among us who can help us in that regard. We also face situations where we are in legal dis-

1996 BARINGERS ARE SUCCESSFUL



HAPPY FACES: The former Baringers posing for a group photo by the poolside at Royal Villas.

putes. Lawyers in our group can also help us," he said.

The coordinator said the lawyers would also help them to formally register the association because they were well versed in such matters. He also mentioned that they agreed to support one another in line of businesses.

Consult

He said if they found themselves in legal disputes, they would consult a lawyer who was in their group to represent them. If they wanted financial services, they would consult their financial experts. He said it would not be proper for anyone of them to seek

services from an outside person yet there was someone within them who could render the same services.

He said they were also in a process of setting up a code of conduct that would guide the operations of the group. A committee would then be set up to be a custodian of the code of conduct of the group. The committee would be known as the ethics committee. The committee would be responsible for dealing with matters involving the breaking of the code of conduct. Shabangu said the structures of the association would work smoothly once the association was fully registered.



FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS: Dr. Mcebisi Mkhwanazi and COMESA's Sonnyboy Shongwe.



ALSO THERE: SSA's Banele Nyamane and Lawyer Lwazi Mdziniso.

NEWS EXTRA

DA MULLS LEGAL ACTION OVER NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE

CAPE TOWN – The DA is considering legal action following Parliament's failure to schedule the party's motion of no-confidence in President Jacob Zuma, chief whip John Steenhuisen said yesterday.

The DA says its leader Mmusi Maimane wrote to the Speaker Baleka Mbete 18 days ago stating their intention to table a motion of no-confidence in the president in terms of Section 102 of the constitution and Rule 129 of the National Assembly.

Rule 129 was clear about the

urgency with which a motion of no-confidence in the president should be scheduled.

Section 102 stated: "The Speaker must accord such motion of no-confidence due priority and before scheduling it must consult with the leader of government business and the chief whip."

Delay

The "inexplicable delay" which had dogged this motion had been raised in numerous forums to no avail, Steenhuisen said.

"Indeed, Mbete raised the matter right at the start of the National

Assembly programming committee [NAPC meeting] on Thursday, 3 November, by assuring all those assembled that the request would receive prompt consideration. In reply, my deputy Mike Waters proposed the November 10 sitting as an ideal opportunity for the debate, which prompted little opposition."

Agreement

Steenhuisen said despite an agreement, next week's programme circulated on Friday evening had omitted the motion of no confidence, thereby delaying it

at least by another week.

It was made clear in the NAPC meeting that Mbete only had to consult the leader of government Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa and ANC chief whip Jackson Mthembu for the motion to be scheduled and that it did not need to be referred back to either the chief whips' forum or NAPC, he said.

"To my mind, there is no reason why the motion of no confidence in President Jacob Zuma cannot proceed at the earliest possible convenience. The speaker's failure to schedule our motion of no confidence is only the latest effort by

her office to shield the president from accountability. We would have hoped that the embarrassing defeats suffered by the executive and parliament more particularly, in our courts of law would have shown the speaker the futility of her delaying tactics.

"Sadly, Mbete doesn't learn. We believe this latest ploy will only embolden those high-ranking ANC parliamentarians that have chosen to break ranks in recent times to now support our motion and put a stop to the kleptocratic, indefensible Zuma presidency," Steenhuisen said.

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CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES
RIFE AT NKWENE

CRIMINALS are reportedly on a rampage in areas around Nkwene.

Teachers at Nkwene High School have lost valuable goods as the criminals help themselves on the items.

Families go to sleep only to wake up the next morning and find some household items and appliances missing.

Teachers at Nkwene who live within the school's quarters are also victims. Just a couple of weeks ago, some of them lost items such as car radios and batteries.

The criminals target the teachers' vehicles, where they sneak and break into the vehicles at night in a bid to steal anything they lay their hands on.

Report are that the criminals have a device used to break into the cars which park in an open area at night.

The criminals then fiddle with car doors and are able to have them opened. They also go for the bonnets where they loosen batteries and steal them.

Over five cars belonging to the teachers have had their batteries and radios stolen in recent weeks.

"Just over two weeks ago, three vehicles were broken into and the

The criminals target the teachers' vehicles, and at night, they sneak and break into the vehicles in a bid to steal anything they lay their hands on.



teachers realised in the morning that someone tampered with their vehicles and a week later, another vehicle was also broken into," said one of the teachers.

Security

With the criminal activities so rife, the teachers now live in fear and some have called for security to be beefed up.

The teachers further feel it is no

longer safe to live at the quarters following the incidents.

Criminals

"It's like the criminals have information about the school as they strike, when everyone is asleep. Two weeks ago, three vehicles were broken into, radios and batteries. We suspect there is a device that is used to reek into the cars," said another teacher.

Health centre to be built under Sandleni constituency

A new health centre will be constructed near Mashayikhatsi under the Sandleni constituency.

Bucopho Nkosiathi 'Nkola' Myeni, said processes were underway for the construction of the health centre and on November 18, the authorities concerned are expected to visit the identified piece of land for a sod cutting ceremony.

He said the health centre would service almost all chiefdoms under Sandleni, which is one of the big constituencies with over 10 chiefdoms.

The identified land for the project is a stone's throw from Buy Cash Hardware.

"The health centre has received all the blessings from the relevant stakeholders and these are chiefs and other community leaders. The land found ideal for the project is easily accessible by anyone from the

various chiefdoms," said Myeni.

He said at inkhundla level, they were pleased that a project of this nature would take place.

The health centre project would benefit not only areas under the constituency of Sandleni, but even other communities from neighbouring chiefdoms.

Facilities

The health centre will be the third one in the region. Nhlangano and Masanjani Health Centres are the two health facilities after Hlatikulu Government Hospital which serves as a referral hospital in the region.

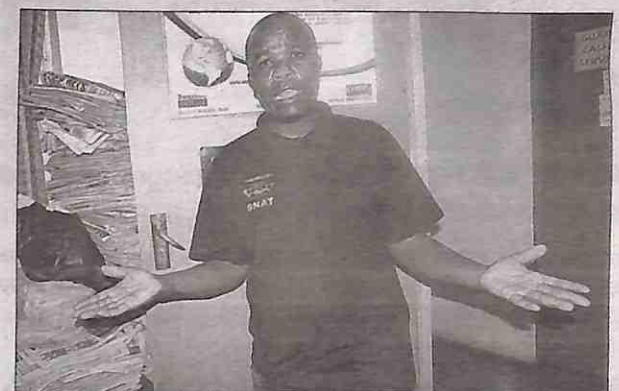
"This is a massive project and what is interesting is that the people will now access health services right here without having to travel a long

distance. The clinics that are around here will be feeders of the health centre and the burden reduced from Hlatikulu Government Hospital," said Myeni.

He said projects such as the Mashayikhatsi Health Centre were in line of vision 2022. Some of the existing clinics were no longer good enough to serve the people

and it was important to see the wishes of the country's leaders fulfilled," he stated

"When a project of this nature takes place even here in rural communities, it shows we are rallying behind the wishes and aspirations of His Majesty King Mswati III and Her Majesty the Indlovukazi who want everyone to live a healthy and happy life," said Myeni.



THIS IS A PROBLEM: Selby Bulunga relating about the plight of Mkhulu Zachariah Ndzimandze of Holneck in Maseyisini.

Mother denies suffering boy medical attention

ONE of the children living with Mkhulu Zachariah Ndzimandze of Holneck at Maseyisini is suffering from a rare sickness and the mother cannot take him to hospital because of her beliefs.

Mkhulu Ndzimandze lives with close to 10 grandchildren and one of them is sickly. He has a swollen stomach which at times give him problems when he wants to answer the call of nature.

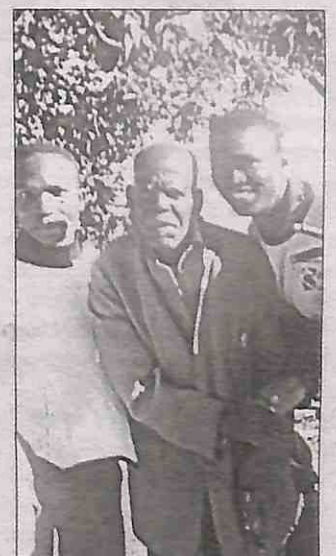
Selby Bulunga, one of the members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Days Saints, stated there was a child in the family whose stomach kept bulging and was experiencing difficulties in walking around.

The church understands that the boy's mother who is a granddaughter to Mkhulu Ndzimandze, who is refusing to have her son taken to hospital as she has her own beliefs.

Medication

She reportedly said she would not rely on medication provided in hospitals as she believes it was against her belief to take a sick person to hospital when sick.

"The boy is around the age of 12 or 13, his stomach is swollen. When we visited his family as a church, we learnt that his mother is against taking him to hospital. She said she only relies on prayer and believes her son will be healed through this. The child has been suffering from this ailment for



HAPPY TIMES: Mkhulu Zachariah Ndzimandze flanked by youth members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Days Saints.

years now. We were informed that all efforts have been tried to persuade the mother to have the boy referred to hospital but failed," said Bulunga.

Intervenes

"We need government, in particular the deputy prime minister's office to intervene in the matter. From what we observed, the boy is suffering and can only be saved if the social welfare department from the DPM's office intervenes. We have seen how government has rescued other children from the cruelty of parents with questionable beliefs. She is denying the child's right to health," said Bulunga.

MPAKA TRAIN ACCIDENT: TRAIN ACCELERATED JUST BEFORE CRASH

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

AS the commission of enquiry into the Mpaka train accident which occurred in December, 2015 continues, it has been revealed that instead of slowing down, the train accelerated just before the crash.

As a result, the impact was severe, resulting to a computer box with vital information being shredded into pieces.

National Railway Equipment train expert Henk Goosen said a train had a vigilance which is something that triggers an alarm whenever the train goes for longer periods without anyone touching the control buttons.

Goosen added that after the vigilance was triggered, the train would automatically apply brakes after a few seconds and stop if no one makes an input and touches the controls.



ACCIDENT: The train accident which happened last December where a driver lost his life, whilst his assistant jumped out of the train before the collision. (Courtesy pic)

He stated that looking at the information obtained from the black box it shows that the train entered Mpaka Railway station moving at a high speed. He stated that by looking at the throttle readings it shows that there were no attempts to slow down the train.

Goosen said in his opinion, if everyone was asleep the train would have stopped and since it did not show any signs of slowing down that means someone from the train was manipulating the controls which is why the vigilance didn't work. The expert said accidents do

happen but this one could have been avoided. Goosen also pointed out that if it was not for the fact that the railway track at Mpaka depot is in good condition, the train would have been derailed at the speed it was travelling.

Goosen told the puzzled commissioners that due to the power of the impact between the two locomotives, the train's engine and generator which is located at the front of the train was damaged severely and had to be thrown away as it couldn't be repaired. Goosen said train drivers tend to sleep while controlling the locomotives, he said they do not fall into a deep sleep as they would now and then wake up and play with the controls just to make the train aware that someone was still manning it. He said however for the train which was involved in the accident somebody was clearly not paying attention.

Post Offices to facilitate disbursement of elderly grants

By Nozipho Sibiya
Zulwini

AS the payment of elderly grants has started, the Swaziland Post and Telecommunications Corporation (SPTC) will effectively facilitate the disbursement through its many branches around the country.

Government has partnered with Swazi Post in delivering the elderly grants, starting from November 7 to 25.

The partnership was officially announced by the Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini at Sibane Hotel on Thursday.

He said the elderly would be paid for the quarter ending on September 30, 2016.

"Since the elderly will be paid monthly, another payment cycle for the months of October, November and December will commence on December 5, ending on December 23, this year," he said.

He said this arrangement would allow the elderly to enjoy their festive season having received their grants.

"On the first day of the payment which is November 7, the post offices will be opened in all the four regions of Swaziland."

He encouraged the elderly to take the opportunity and withdraw their grants on the same day. "If by any chance an old person has not received their grant on these dates, they will be paid in the eighteen post offices in the four regions."

The following offices will be opened:

Hhohho Region

Buhleni, Ntfontjeni, Piggs Peak, Motshane, Mbabane, Lobamba, Zulwini.

Lubombo Region

Siteki, Lomahasha, Mhlume, Siphofaneni, Matata

Manzini Region

Mankayane, Mahlanga, Luyengo, The Hub in Manzini, Post Office in Manzini next to the park.

Shiselweni Region

The payments will be as follows in the subsequent days

Hhohho

(8-9-2016)

Madlangemphisi, Mhlangatane, Timphisini, Mayiwane

(09-11-2016)

Ndzingeni, Ntfontjeni, Piggs Peak, Nkhamba

(10-11-2016)

Motshane, Maphalaleni, HHukwini

Lubombo Region

11-11-2016

Matsanjeni North, Dvokodweni, Hlane, Lomasha, Sithobela

14-11-2016

Siphofaneni, Lubulini, Mpolonjeni

Manzini Region

15-11-2016

Mafuleni, Mkhweni, Kukhanyeni

16-11-2016

Ntandozi, Ngwemphisi, Mahlangatsha

17-11-2016

Lamghabhi, Mahlabanyatsi, Mangcongco

18-11-2016

Ludzeludze, Mtongwaneni, Nhlambeni, Kwaluseni

Shiselweni Region

21-11-2016

Mtsambama, Khubutha, Nkwene

22-11-2016

Ngudzeni, Sandleni, Sigwe

23-11-2016

Maseyini, Shiselweni 11, Gege

24-11-2016

Hosea, Matsanjeni, Somntongo

25-11-2016

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Mashonisa demands money from teacher

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlanguano

SWAZI National Court officials had to intervene in compelling a teacher of Lubulini Primary School to repay a E3 000 debt.

The teacher was loaned a sum of E3 000 by a man said to be employed at Maloma Colliery who operated a micro lending business.

It is said the businessman would finance many others even civil servants and police officers from the nearby Lubulini Police Station. Others who 'depended' on him were his colleagues at Maloma

Colliery.

It is alleged that anyone who failed to repay him would be subjected to unbelievable treatment as he whips them.

Money

Recently, it is said one of the teachers was loaned E3 000 and she is now expected to pay E9 000, something she is said to be not prepared to do.

...the two court officials explained the purpose of their visit to the school, it is said the teacher told them that she was still broke.

The teacher apparently feels the money to be repaid was too much and she is said to be wondering where she would get the money to repay the mashonisa.

The teacher has been failing to settle her 'debt' which now has

accumulated to three times what she initially borrowed.

"Two messengers from the local Swazi National Court arrived in the school and requested to see her (teacher). At first, she was reluctant to meet them but on second thoughts, she decided to meet them and that was when she learnt that they were sent by the shylock to remind her about the loan which she was failing to service," said a source.

Broke

Feeling embarrassed and humiliated as the two court officials explained the purpose of their visit to the school, it is alleged the teacher told them that she was still broke. She advised the court officials that if they were sent by the 'loan shark' they should first find out if the business was official and if it was registered or he

was one of the people 'crooking' those that were ignorant about the law.

Experience

The teacher is now keen to find out if the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) was aware that there was someone who swindled people their hard earned money by charging them unbelievable interest. The teacher was relieved when later the court officials were seen leaving after advising her that she should report to court on Wednesday so that she could state as to why she was failing to repay the money.

The teacher's other gripe was that there was a time when the businessman grabbed her car keys and she was grounded.

"She does not want to pay him because he once grabbed the keys of her vehicle which was also an embarrassing experience," said a source.

Pieterse ready to name, shame those illegally selling govt land

By Starsky Mkhonta
Hlatikulu

PIETER Pieterse, the Hlatikulu businessman who made claims that people were selling government land willy-nilly, says he is ready to name and shame the implicated culprits.

However, the businessman said he would not be pushed by anyone to disclose any names or provide any evidence.

He said the culprits would be named in due course.

The businessman was reacting to Hlatikulu resident Mfeneziamtfofa Magagula

who said Pieterse should name the culprits and bring forth proof.

The businessman was adamant that land in Hlatikulu was being sold willy-nilly.

"I will not be intimidated by Mfeneziamtfofa and he should not pressurise me to name the culprits.

What I am saying is that a probe must be setup to establish the truth. It is wrong of him to say I should identify the culprits or else they will take action against me. One thing I know is that land is illegally sold in Hlatikulu including at Sibetsamoya (where Mfeneziamtfofa has a home).

Why does he sound worried by my claims? Ushiswa yini Mfeneziamtfofa?" said Pieterse.

"Soon, the truth will come out. I have served several times in the town board and I know who is supposed to sell land or allocate.

The way things are happening here at Hlatikulu, it's like people are having a field day. Land is sold willy-nilly. I pity the people who have been sold land without knowing the procedures. Others have built mansions and I am talking about areas within the town's boundaries where procedure is that only an allocation committee should be involved,"

said Pieterse.

Pieterse said even in areas such as Magele, Mbotjeni as well as around Sibetsamoya, land was sold anyhow and such needed to be investigated.

The businessman also said the Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) should be involved in the sale of land in Hlatikulu.

"The ACC has some work to do here at Hlatikulu and must investigate what I suspect is corruption. Now that they are trying to intimidate me and making threats, makes me continue whistle blowing. Kutsi sebashiswa yini nyalo, kuto-vakala masinyane," said Pieterse.

COMESA TO CHAIR INTERNATIONAL NETWORK ON SMALL HYDRO POWER

By Observer Reporter
Mbabane

THE International Network on Small Hydro

Power's (INSHP) 2016, coordinating committee has elected COMESA Secretary General, Sindiso Ngwenya, as Honorary Chairperson of the committee for the next

three years.

In this capacity, Ngwenya will provide leadership and oversight on small hydro and renewable energy to 80 countries globally. The membership includes countries in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America and Latin America.

INSHP is a member-driven international organisation dedicated to the promotion of small hydropower as a clean and environmental sound renewable energy source. Currently, it serves 470 members from 80 countries, including government ministries, hydro development companies, equipment manufacturers, research institutes and development organisations.

The secretary general takes over from the outgoing Chairperson Chen Lei, the Minister of Water Resources of the People's Republic of China. In his acceptance statement, Ngwenya undertook to work

closely with all partners, including the 500 companies that are part of the INSHP to promote innovative means of financing both downstream and upstream investments in small hydropower and other renewable energies on the basis of Public Private Partnerships (PPPs).

"High cost of operating energy infrastructure facilities and ability to prepare bankable projects continue to be a major impediment to the expansion of the manufacturing sector in many COMESA countries," he said.

He said the total installed capacity for electric power in the 19 COMESA countries was estimated to be around 65 000 megawatts compared to more than one million megawatts for China. "Our energy statistics show that the average percentage of population with access to electricity in the whole COMESA region is around 45 per cent while the percentage of population with access to electricity in China is 100 per cent," the secretary general said.

COMESA had identified energy as a priority sector which deserves special attention and has established specialised institutions such as the Regional Association of Energy

Regulators for Eastern and Southern Africa (RAERESA), as well as the Eastern Africa Power Pool (EAPP). It also developed and adopted the COMESA Model Energy Policy Framework which has introduced reforms in the energy sector. The aimed at enhancing energy security, accessibility, affordability and reliability.

The interim Chief Executive Officer of the Regional Association of Energy Regulators for Eastern and Southern Africa (RAERESA) Dr. Mohamedain E. Seif Elnasr was elected Vice Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee of INSHP 2016.

The coordinating committee was the policy and decision maker of INSHP responsible for the examination and approval of the network's work plan, financial arrangement and enlisting of membership.

The objectives of the forum were to deliberate on policies and legal systems of green small hydro power development, innovation on technologies and management of green SHP development, global small hydro power (SHP) status and demand; and international cooperation on small hydro power SHP.



LUBOMBO COMPREHENSIVE HIV/TB SERVICES PROJECT SUB GRANTEE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Our Ref: CD/L099/10/2016: Issuance Date: October 24, 2016

URC requests for Community Based Organizations (CBO's) operating in the Lubombo Region to submit Expression Of Interest (EOI) Letters for small grants in support of the Strengthening Local Capacity to Deliver Sustainable Quality-Assured Universal Coverage of Clinical HIV/TB Services in Lubombo Region and Central level technical assistance to Swaziland National AIDS Program (SNAP) in the Kingdom of Swaziland under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

This Request for EOI is step one of a two-step process for Request For Applications (RFA) under this funding opportunity of small grants ranging between \$20,000 and \$100,000 per grantee. In the second stage URC will request for a full Concept Paper from the prospective grantees with successful EOI, describing the overall activity that the applicant proposes to implement.

1. Background

Swaziland has made significant progress in addressing the HIV epidemic through the years, engaging national and international actors. The number of PLHIV receiving ART continues to rise each year. In 2015, it was estimated that 222,102 people were living with HIV, of whom 178,857 (80%) were eligible to start ART as per the 2015 Swaziland comprehensive care guidelines. Since 2011, the number of patients newly initiated ART has been increasing steadily from 14,184 to 22,797 in 2015. Effective October 1, 2016, the country has adopted the test-and-treat intervention for all PLHIV as recommended in the 2015 WHO guidelines on management of HIV infection. Along the adoption of these guidelines, is the implementation of the Differentiated Care Models of HIV care under the Community ART delivery models. This model is designed to rollout innovative strategies to provide ART to all eligible populations by ensuring a patient centered model of care.

Decentralizing ART services to the community is one way of implementing these innovative strategies, and will address the existing barriers to linkage to HIV care and poor retention rates over time as it will reduce the costs related to accessing ART at health facilities. URC is a PEPFAR implementing partner for the Comprehensive HIV/TB project in Lubombo, and desires to engage sub grantees, is looking for sub grantees to implement a comprehensive HIV/ TB package in prioritised communities to: increase linkages to HIV care for all newly diagnosed PLHIV's; establish quality community ART service delivery points in support of high volume health care facilities in the Lubombo region; increase ANC attendance and early PMTCT enrolment; and support community HIV/TB treatment adherence to achieve viral suppression to improve retention rates. These efforts will contribute to the national and PEPFAR targets towards to 90-90-90 targets by 2018 with special focus on the second and third ninety.

2. Scope of Work: Details of the specific objectives and content of the work is outlined below.

Objective of the Lubombo Comprehensive HIV/TB Care Project EOI:

Increase comprehensive HIV/TB services in the Lubombo region in line with project deliverables under PEPFAR.

Specific Objectives are outlined as follows;

- I. Increase the number of newly diagnosed PLHIV's linking to HIV treatment, care and prevention in geographically prioritized communities and populations
- II. Increased access to a targeted community based comprehensive package of treatment, prevention and care services across the HIV testing, treatment and retention care cascade prioritizing HIV/TB, Emergency Obstetric, maternal and neonatal health (EOMNCH) and Non communicable Diseases (NCD's);
- III. Increase linkage, treatment, retention of PLHIV in treatment and care and viral load monitoring through establishment of targeted community ART service delivery points in collaboration with the Lubombo health care facilities;
- IV. Improved ART/ TB treatment literacy among targeted communities with a focus on Life Long ART for Pregnant and Lactation women (Uapla), Test and Start and viral load monitoring in the Lubombo region;

3. Timeframe

The project period is 12 months starting April 1 2017 and ending March 31 2018.

4. Eligibility Criteria

The organizations that fulfil the following criteria are encouraged to apply:

Minimum requirements:

- Local Non-Governmental Organization/ Community Based Organisations registered in Swaziland as a not for profit
- Proven status of working closely with the Ministry of Health and in the Lubombo region
- Innovative and have ability to work in line with the Extended National Strategic Framework for HIV and AIDS 2014-2018.
- Experience in developing and implementing community based educational programs;
- Demonstrable knowledge of the local Lubombo and Swaziland's epidemics for both HIV and TB and experience in implementing community HIV programs

Desirable requirements:

- Experience of working with traditional leaders and community structures;
- Prior experience of PEPFAR grant management guidelines an added advantage;
- Strong social and organizational skills and ability to work with Regional Health Management Teams (RHMT's);
- Previous experience in implementing similar grants;

The qualifying organizations will be required to comply with the following;

- Collaborate with other community based organizations to strengthen comprehensive linkages to support the DREAMS and VMMC partners;
- Participate in the RHMT and other regional planning and coordination forums;
- Report to SHAPMoS and the MoH HMIS under the regional SID Office;
- Collaborate with health care facilities in the catchment area to monitor linkages and retention rates;
- Comply with CDC/PEPFAR contractual obligations.

5. Guidance on Expression Of Interest

Expression of interest must not be longer than 4 pages (Font: Times Roman 12, double spaced);

Must include the following;

- I. Introduction
- II. Capacity Statement
- III. Experience on project objectives
- IV. Budget amount requested and proposed geographical coverage
- V. Monitoring and Evaluation approach
- VI. Email and contact person to whom responses to queries submitted by applicants will be channelled to.

Closing Date for Submission of Questions: November 10, 2016. Submit Questions to Grants Management Committee via: info@urc-sa.com

Submit Concept Papers to Grants Processing Office: info@urc-sa.com.

Hard copies of the EOI must accompany electronic submission and must be submitted to the URC Mbabane Office front desk at Office Park, 3rd Floor North wing.

Closing Date for Submission of EOI: November 19, 2016, 23:59.

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SD premieres Seretse's film to raise funds for Waterford

By Observer Reporter
Mbabane

WATERFORD KaMhlaba United World College of Southern Africa, in partnership with Videovision Entertainment and Movie Zone, will around December premiere a film about first president of Botswana, Sir Seretse Khama.

Waterford KaMhlaba United World College of Southern Africa Principal Stephen Lowry said the film entitled, 'A United Kingdom' will be premiered at the Movie Zone on December 2.

The film, 'A United Kingdom', was based on a true story of the sweeping interracial love between the first president of Botswana, Sir Seretse Khama and the British woman he loved, Ruth Williams; a love that shook the British establishment.

"The film takes us to London in 1947, where a young Seretse Khama, the King of Bantengwato (within modern Botswana), was studying law. There he met and fell in love with Ruth Williams, an English insurance clerk. Their interracial relationship and plans to marry and return to Bechuanaland were received with strong opposition from family, the local leaders, and the British and Southern African governments," he said. 'A United Kingdom' was one of the greatest love stories in history, set against the end of the British Empire and the birth of African independence, a time when it was unthinkable for a black man to marry a white woman. It is a story that still resonates with the political context of today.



ACTORS: The film stars David Oyelowo (Selma) as Seretse Khama and Rosamund Pike (Gone Girl) as Ruth Williams.

Marcus TerHaar (grandson of Seretse and Ruth Khama) said: "we are honoured and privileged to showcase 'A United Kingdom' in Swaziland as a benefit for Waterford KaMhlaba United World College of Southern Africa. "My uncle, His Excellency Seretse Khama Ian Khama, has very fond memories of his time at Waterford, and he is delighted that the film on the life of his parents, is being used as a fundraiser for the Waterford Scholarship Fund.

Helps

The film helps us to share this legacy with the younger generation, and serves as a reminder to the older generation of our intriguing history."

The premiere of 'A United Kingdom' is being shown as a Scholarship Fundraiser for Waterford KaMhlaba UWCSA and the proceeds from the sales of tickets have been generously donated to Waterford KaMhlaba UWCSA by Videovision Entertainment and Movie Zone.

Lowry said the film was first shown in Africa during Botswana's recent Independence Day anniversary

celebrations, in the presence of President Ian Khama and members of the Khama family.

Special guests included Britain's Prince Andrew and Sir Ketumile Masire (second president of Botswana), with actors Terry Pheto, Abena Ayivor and Donald Molosi; and writer, Susan Williams representing the film.

Directed by Amma Asante (Belle) and written by Guy Hibbert ('Eye In The Sky'), the film is based on the book 'Colour Bar' by Susan Williams. The film stars David Oyelowo (Selma) as Seretse Khama and Rosamund Pike (Gone Girl) as Ruth Williams.

They were joined by South African actresses Terry Pheto ('Mandela: Long Walk To Freedom'), Abena Ayivor ('Machine Gun Preacher') and actor Vusi Kunene ('Cry, The Beloved Country'; 'Eye in the Sky') alongside Botswana actors Donald Molosi, Motshereganyi Sefanyetso and Letsomo la Tshipa.

The film would be released in other parts of Africa, including South Africa, Botswana, East Africa and West Africa on December 9, by Videovision Entertainment through United International Pictures. "Please join us for what promises to be a fantastic Swaziland premiere of 'A United Kingdom'," the principal said. Tickets for the event are available at Waterford KaMhlaba's communications office, for more details

interested person can contact +268 242 21215, Cell: +268 7819 1342 and email is: communications@waterford.sz

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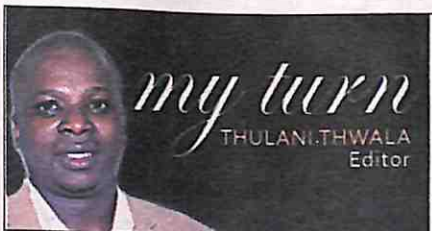


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REFRESH WHAT YOU THINK...

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Now that you are free PM



FIRSTLY, I would like to congratulate you Your Excellency for the successful divorce proceedings against your ex-wife Pastor Joy that ended last week.

The reason I am congratulating you is because you wanted it (divorce). What the PM wants, he usually gets.

I am certain it was sad Joy for you to finally get rid of a 'big' problem judging from what you had filed in your divorce papers and prayers in court.

Given the magnitude of the problem, clearly, conjugal rights were no longer going to reverse things. Your problem was beyond conjugal rights which was your first prayer.

While I am happy for you, largely I am joyful for the country for it would not have undivided attention from its long serving prime minister. No matter how you look at it Your Excellency, a divorce of any magnitude is draining and time consuming.

Yours was both draining and taxing in the sense that it came at rather too short a notice.

Now that you are back in office full-time, I would like to highlight certain critical issues that your office needs to give full attention or more before they get anybody and everybody into trouble.

Deliberately

You need to deal with the issue of the Judiciary and the Executive arms of government. They are working as two different countries. I am leaving out the Legislature (parliament) deliberately, it's no longer an arm of government to me, it is somebody's.

That arm was handed to a loose cannon that does not even know how to use zippers. They are always open.

What with the PSB not functioning? What with promotions and hiring of new staff frozen because somebody does not want to allow the machinery to move until he gets what he wants or rather have things done his way?

Parliament, as a portfolio under your supervision, needs to be attended too administratively, urgently. Things are just not right in parliament. It is time you ponder if the clerk to parliament has a progressive working relationship with MPs and if not, take a decisive action as regards this.

From where I am sitting, you might have to move the clerk from parliament because you obviously can't do that to the MPs he is currently waging a war with. I am very sure at this stage you definitely cannot manage to administer a truce.

You have left things unattended to for a long time in parliament. Whilst at it, kindly remind MP Titus Thwala and the gang of MPs he is leading in the Asians probe team that they are not a Judiciary inquiry or an inquest.

It appears like a State Capture kind of exercise. No, calm down *malunga*. They seem to have

● Your Excellency, kindly return the soccer jerseys, tracksuits and soccer balls donated by Crime Stop Security company. They are not worthy your cabinet, politically and socially. They are tainted from what has been alleged. You cannot be seen to be wearing soccer kits 'stolen' from salaries of helpless Swazis employed by the security company. It is alleged they have not been paid for three months now. Not unless your cabinet is heartless, go ahead dress in those kits. Or unless your cabinet by extension is submitting itself to an indirect inducement to keep quiet as Themba Fakudze who directs the security company allegedly messes around with people's lives, knowing he is protected by a cabinet that he dresses yearly



TAKE IT BACK: Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini and Crime Stop Security MD Themba Fakudze displaying one of the jerseys donated by the latter recently.

assumed a status of being CIDs yet they were meant to work as politicians with a view of advising police on where to go if they suspect criminality.

The probe team is likely to cause an influx of lawsuits in the way they are going about the whole process.

Motion

I am not sure if that's what MP Marwick Khumalo meant when he moved the parliamentary motion that gave birth to the probe. The probe team Your Excellency appears to be working as a police investigating team.

I am not sure if this is motivated by the ex-cops that are part of it. Watch it sir.

Coming back to the Judiciary, kindly meet with the JSC and thrash out all issues that need to be as regards posts for the Supreme Court bench and subsequently the High Court bench that will obviously feed the upper court with personnel.

The working relationship of the two arms of government is of concern. Great pity it's the man on the street who normally takes the knocks. Help us avoid getting into conclusions

that the law is compromised by the silent war waged by the two arms. I trust you will deal with this as you promised.

Clearly, we do not deserve such a stink coming from the Judiciary. That is so far the only place we want to or place our trust as people. Another area of concern: Your Excellency is the employment of an MD at SEC. It's not a good sign that a big parastatal like SEC can go this long without a substantive MD.

Responsible

That Meshack Kunene is keeping it afloat does not make things right. Kindly ask the minister responsible what she is doing about SEC.

Again, as we speak, it is already illegal to have Kunene as acting MD. Six months within which he can act long elapsed and the board appears to be not interested in addressing the matter.

As things stand, Kunene now has a legitimate claim to the position. You are lucky he does not appear to be the greedy type. Others would have by now written letters demanding to be given the post. *Hhavu*, Kunene is the refined type. Call him a baby, it's still fine.

But please Your Excellency attended to this

soonest since SEC is looking for an increase on tariffs. I wonder if the law allows an acting MD to propose such. Help Your Excellency, *cisha logesi*.

Again Sir, give attention to the issue of nurses. They delivered a petition to your office. At the time you were not within the borders of the country. However, that is not an excuse. You came back and were briefed, I suppose. This is a time bomb. Lets not hide under the "they are an essential service thus cannot strike". Hear the nurses out and attend to their problems. They must be heard.

Your Excellency, you cannot rely on the microphone of a minister to deal with this matter alone. She needs assistance. How I wish you could also advise the minister to cut down on the lip service. Too much *yadda yadda*.

Your Excellency we cannot as a country behave like doctors and nurses who are lucky by nature. Doctors and nurses, bury their mistakes. I hope you get what I am saying here. A country wears its mistakes for everyone to see.

The same goes for the post salary review (*dvu-ladvula*) concerns. Encourage the line ministry to attend to these issues. We are walking on landmines laden fields if we don't solve the concerns.

I also appeal to your conscious to have a look at the city councils, in particular the Mbabane one. Things are not right. You hold a good record of correcting things that go awry.

Check if the workers that got divorced at the city council were treated fairly and you should know better this kind of things.

Return

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Cabinet ministers are paid huge sums of money to afford to buy themselves soccer jerseys.

Why the greed? Fakudze must take the kits, sell them and pay his staff. If you are not careful Your Excellency, the guards from this company would be tempted to allow crime to play itself out.

Take note that they, among other properties, guard government's. The ministry of labour must look into the allegations about the company not paying its staff.

As things stand, your Cabinet's hands, bodies and souls are not so clean Your Excellency. This goes for other companies that rush to make themselves good in the eyes of authorities yet the workers who are responsible for their produce are cheated.

I thank you.

ON THIS DAY

...NOVEMBER 7

1973 - New Jersey became the first U.S. state to permit girls to play on Little League baseball teams.

1973 - The U.S. Congress over-rode President Nixon's veto of the War Powers Act, which limits a chief executive's power to wage war without congressional approval.

1983 - A bomb exploded in the U.S. Capitol. No one was injured.

1985 - The Colombian army stormed the country's Palace of Justice. The siege claimed the lives of 100 people, including 11 Supreme Court Justices. The Palace had been seized by leftist guerrillas belonging to the April 19 Movement.

1987 - Tunisia's president Habib Bourguiba was overthrown. He had been president since the country's independence in 1956.

1988 - Sugar Ray Leonard knocked out Donnie LaLonde.

1989 - L. Douglas Wilder won the governor's race in Virginia, becoming the first elected African-American state governor in U.S. history.

1989 - David Dinkins was elected and become New York City's first African-American mayor.

1989 - Richard Ramirez, convicted of California's "Night Stalker" killings, was sentenced to death.

1991 - Magic Johnson (NBA) announced that he had tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS, and that he was retiring from basketball.

1991 - Pro- and anti-Communists rallies took place in Moscow on the 74th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution.

1991 - Actor Paul Reubens, a.k.a. Pee Wee Herman, pled no contest to charges of indecent exposure. Reubens had been arrested in Sarasota, FL, for exposing himself in a theater.

1995 - In a Japanese courtroom, three U.S. military men admitted to the rape of a 12-year-old Okinawan schoolgirl.

1999 - Tiger Woods became the first golfer since Ben Hogan in 1953 to win four straight tournaments.

2000 - Hillary Rodham Clinton made history as the first president's wife to win public office. The state of New York elected her to the U.S. Senate. (New York)

2001 - The new .BIZ domain extension was officially launched.

2001 - After a 16-month stoppage the Concorde resumed flying commercially.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



David Guetta(DJ) - November 7 1967
49 years old



Melyssa Ford(Model) - November 7 1976
40 years old

THE SEEDBANK

SEED COLLECTING INITIATIVE

THE GFFJ SEED-BANK INITIATIVE



The Global Business Roundtable Platform

FACT: One of the challenges facing modern business and private sectors globally is the fact that the current financial and economic systems and organisations, unless inspired by God and led by the Holy Spirit, will not prevail in solving the deepening economic problems of the world.

JUST last Saturday, the GFFJ Swaziland chapter hosted a very successful leadership training which saw representation from even the GBR headquarters.

Though more will be carried in next week's column, it is worth saying that GFFJ will indeed be the largest fund in the face of the planet. Also of note this past weekend, was the first edition of the GBR Programme on TBN TV Network, and indeed GFFJ mandate was well articulated to the millions of viewers out there.

GFFJ has a huge initiative that plans to solve the world's foremost problems. One of these is hunger, a scourge which is exacerbated by climate change, war and political unrest, poverty, population growth as well as agricultural practices. These factors affect already fragile ecosystems and the access that we have to food. With the disruptions to

● "We believe God will use organisations like the GBR- Global Business Roundtable to ensure that His people take over and control the economies of the world."

food supply, food security has become an increasingly great concern. With the help of generous donors, GFFJ plans to collect as many seeds as possible in order to produce food that can be distributed to those who are most in need of assistance. The seeds will be stored in a 'bank', a place where they can be kept for safekeeping and proper storage until the time when they will be used.

Sow into the project in one of the following ways:

1. Giving or selling seeds to the GFFJ. Instead of throwing seeds away, consider storing them for future use. Once you have packaged them according to the correct storage requirements, you may donate or sell them to the organisation.

2. Pledging, leasing or selling land. As our convener Siphon Mseleku has said, "Land is key. In God's plan and design, there should be more food than people.

Poverty is anti-God, it is man-made." We can store as many seeds as we can but without the acquisition of arable land for farming we will not be able to fulfil our mandate. By pledging, leasing or selling land to the GFFJ, you give us the opportunity to make a real difference to food security, poverty alleviation and to the job market.

3. Giving technical and technological expertise. Whether it's the beginning stage of collecting seeds and acquiring land, the middle stage of farming the land,

or the final stage of distributing the food (before it all starts again!); there is no aspect that does not require logistical, technical, technological and other expertise. Giving of your time and knowledge is just as valid as other types of generosity. 'Giving' expertise enables the GFFJ to be good stewards of the resources that have been entrusted to the organisation.

4. Encouraging others to give. Mobilising those around you to partner with us is an important means of giving to the cause. Gamering support for the initiative means that instead of food and money being wasted, seeds will be saved from food, money will be directed towards the correct causes, and knowledge and expertise will not be in short supply.

EZULWINI, MATSAPHA ROUNDTABLES MEET

Whilst still on the subject of seeds, the Ezulwini Roundtable had a seed-related presentation whose topic was "Requirements from farmers/business people to acquire Seed Production Tenders", presented by seasoned agriculturist Norman Simelane from Tjala Seed Processors. And as he spoke about the importance of seeds you could tell that indeed hunger problems could be solved with gathering them/seedbanking.

THE to-be launched Matsapha roundtable also had its session where members, especially the GBR/GFFJ ladies were empow-

ered by Thandi Nxumalo from FEMCOM, a women empowerment federation under COMESA. The organisation seeks to change the mindset of some women by bringing them together and push for one purpose, that of supporting each other.

GBR/GFFJ WEEKLY MEETINGS

● We have our sessions, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, from the different regions of the country. Everyone is free to attend these sessions, at no cost and anyone can become a member free of charge.

● After every session, we network..., a powerful session where business deals are clinched and sealed over a meal. Our evening sessions start promptly at 6pm-8pm and the venues and days are as follows:

● In Mbabane- City Court-last Tuesday of the month

● At Ezulwini-Bethel Court-first Tuesday of every month

● At Simunye-Simunye Club-second Tuesday of every month

● Manzini- third Tuesday of the month, at The George Hotel

● Mpaka-TioZe Restaurant, third Thursday of every month

● At Nhlalango- Ngwane Teachers Training College-every last Thursday of the month

● Siteki-second Thursday of the month, new building next to Baceth Hardware

● Ngculwini-currently at Mhubhe High School, second Saturday of the month 11:00-1:00p.m.

● For more information log in to the GBR and GFFJ websites: www.globalbusinessroundtable.com/www.globalfundforjesus.com or send an SMS to: +268 78722063 for questions and clarifications.



Creativ Mnqob

By Majaha Nkonyane

ONCE again, the image of the entertainment industry has been tainted as Creativity Parlour failed to host Mnqobi Nxumalo at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre on Friday night.

It was a sad moment for anticipating fans who had to be turned back at the door as the 'My Side of the View Swaziland' event was cancelled.

When greed kills a nation



Mondli Makhanya.

It was not that long ago that Mozambique was the darling of global financial institutions and international investors.

Boasting average growth of just 6.3% in the past 15 years – which peaked at over 13% in 2004 – the country was the poster child of the correct application of prudent economics.

Factors driving the growth were political stability, investment in infrastructure, and the discovery of gas reserves and other minerals.

What was also a crucial ingredient during this time was policy predictability during the tenure of former President Joaquim Chissano.

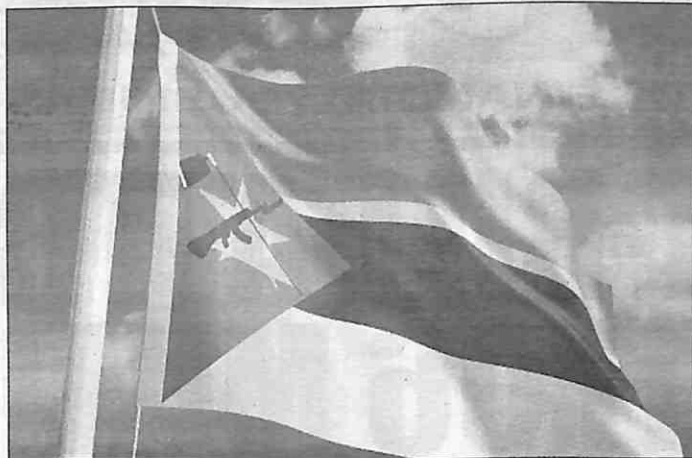
Confidence

Those were happy, optimistic times in the land of Eduardo Mondlane and Samora Machel. Mozambicans walked with confidence, knowing that even as they were still ranked among the poorest nations in the world, their country was slowly climbing out of misery.

That mood has changed significantly in recent years and very dramatically in recent months.

Today Mozambicans are decidedly depressed.

The tenure of Armando Guebuza, Chissano's successor, was characterised by rampant corruption among the governing elites. Although no direct corruption could be attributed to him while he was in office, his family's fingerprints were all over infrastructure developments and



mega projects.

Guebuza also oversaw the descent of FRELIMO from a proud liberation movement into a cesspool of greed and self-aggrandisement.

By the time Guebuza left last year and gave way to Felipe Nyusi, Mozambicans had come to accept he had been God's way of punishing them for a sin they could not quite put their fingers on.

They were glad to see the back of him and happy he could do no more harm.

They did not bargain for the bullet that would strike the nation in April this year.

Secretly

That is when it was revealed that Guebuza, his finance minister and others had gone behind Mozambicans' backs and secretly borrowed nearly \$2 billion (R27 billion – 10% of the fiscus) from overseas institutions.

The amounts included an \$850 million loan for shipping company Ematum, \$622 million for maritime security company Proindicus and \$525 million for MAM Asset Management. Guebuza and his mates hid the loans so well that until April, neither Parliament nor the government nor partners such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) had any idea they existed.

How they planned to hide the debt forever is a great mystery.

What is an even greater mystery is how they spent the money, because the ships they supposedly bought were not up to standard and are in disuse.

The money seems to have been channelled around in strange, convoluted ways.

The IMF and other developmental partners have withdrawn assistance to Mozambique, pending a forensic audit into the whole affair.

The impact on the Mozambican economy has been immense.

Mismanagement

The global economic slowdown and mismanagement under Guebuza have slowed growth to about 3.6% and the World Bank is warning of "significant downward risks".

The bank says even though the coming on stream of new gas discoveries will push growth to 6.9% by the end of 2018, this will have little impact on the economy.

The strain of Guebuza's unauthorised debt is just too burdensome on the fiscus.

The April revelations, the reaction of international partners and the likelihood of Mozambique defaulting or having to restructure debt repayments have seen the value of the metical plunging rapidly against the US dollar, the

euro and the rand.

Since Mozambique imports heavily from these three markets, the pain is being acutely felt by the people.

The inflation rate has gone from 4.74% in October last year to 24.9% this past September.

Severe austerity measures now being introduced by the government include a complete freeze on all non essential spending.

The only items that are completely safe from the freeze are public service salaries and social grant payments.

In case you are by now yawning, there is a point.

This week, this lowly newspaperman arrived back from a 24-hour sojourn to Maputo (during which he mercifully missed a non event at Mbombela Stadium) and found a nation in the grips of state capture frenzy.

The details of how a motley clique had attempted to mount a silent coup were all over the news, prompting a wave of anger and indignation among citizens.

Corruption

South Africans already had extensive knowledge about the spiderweb of corruption centred on President Jacob Zuma and the Saxonwold shebeen owners, but this was concrete confirmation of the extent of the rot.

The stories of the capture of the Mozambican state by Guebuza and his pals and the impact thereof were still vivid in my mind as the Public Protector's report played out through the night and the following days.

What the Mozambique experience teaches us is what can happen to a nation if greedy crews are allowed to seize the state for their own purposes.

These crews become brazen and arrogant, and bring untold harm upon the citizenry. It may have taken a while for us all to wake up to the Gupta disease, but we did. *City Press*

Wit and Wisdom

1. "He had let me know time after time that he was a thinking man, a man of intellect and wit. Yet one unintended hungry look into my eyes and he betrayed each of his words he had carefully spoken to me. I knew it in that instant. He was a viscerally driven man. And one day, he would possess me."
— Coco J. Ginger

2. "What is whiter than snow?" he said. The truth, - Grania.

3. "What is quicker than the wind?" said Finn then. "A woman's mind," said Grania. And indeed she was telling no lie when she said that."
— Lady Augusta Gregory, *Gods and Fighting Men: The Story of the Tuatha De Danaan and the Fianna of Ireland*

4. "[I]f you seek in every way to minimise my firm beliefs by your anti-feminist attacks, please recall that a small dagger or knife point can pierce a great, bulging sack and that a small fly can attack a great lion and speedily put him to flight."
— Christine de Pizan, *Le Débat Sur Le Roman De La Rose*

5. Lady Placida laughed. "True enough. But perhaps that is beginning to change." She offered her hands. "It is a distinct pleasure to meet you, Steadholder."
— Jim Butcher, *Academ's Fury*

6. My answer: Oh man deceived by willful opinion! I could assuredly answer but I prefer not to do it with insult, although, groundlessly, you yourself slander me with ugly accusations. Oh darkened understanding! Oh perverted knowledge ... A simple little housewife sustained by the doctrine of Holy Church could criticise your error!"
— Christine de Pizan, *Le Débat Sur Le Roman De La Rose*

7. "Captain Billings," he drawled finally, "if you will pardon my candor, I might remark that you are something of an ass, don't you know."
— Edgar Rice Burroughs, *Tarzan of the Apes*

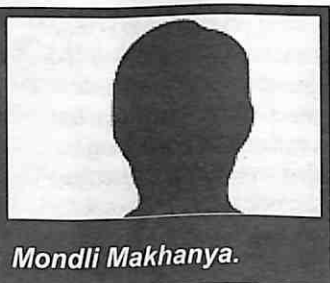
8. "Vivid simplicity is the articulation, the nature of genius. Wisdom is greater than intelligence; intelligence is greater than philosophababble."
— Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

9. "I am a mediocre being, a bit cunning."
— Renée Vivien

10. "It's common platitude that knowledge is neutral but every now and then it would be useful if it was on your side and not theirs."
— John Brunner, *The Jagged Orbit*

11. I'm twenty. my mother has an assload of tattoos herself, she thinks its art. I have a lip ring because it turns girls on when I do this." He licked his lip, lingering on the metal for a couple intense seconds. My eyes fluttered with nervousness."
— Holly Hood, *Ink*

THE END IS NIGH



Mondli Makhanya.

JACOB Zuma, South Africa's President, gestures whilst speaking during a Bloomberg Television interview at his state residence in Pretoria, South Africa, on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015.

South Africa's economy is in trouble because of the global slowdown and the government faces a "serious struggle" to meet its economic plan to cut unemployment and boost growth, Zuma said. When Mineral Resources Minister

Mosebenzi Zwane announced one Thursday evening in September that Cabinet had decided to institute a judicial inquiry into South Africa's top four banks, he shocked not only the markets but his own colleagues as well.

Cabinet had indeed to meet on Wednesday, August 31 under the chairmanship of Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa.

Many issues had been discussed and decided upon, but none of the people who had been present at this meeting could recall that particular item.

Phone calls were exchanged as ministers tried to jog their memories, thinking perhaps the decision had been taken during a power nap or a dash to the bathroom.

All they could recall was Zwane trying to table the matter three months prior, before the long pre-election break.

Back then he had been shut down quickly by his colleagues, who regarded the proposal as preposterous and dangerous. No serious discussion even took place about it and everyone thought it was dead and buried.

Now here he was, announcing it as a fait accompli.

What was also odd was that the announcement came from Zwane directly, instead of via the usual Cabinet briefings given by Minister in the Presidency Jeff Radebe.

Of course, there was nothing to remember. Zwane had made the whole thing up.

It was decided that, rather than Ramaphosa calling him to order, the rebuke should come directly from President Jacob Zuma.

At the time, the president was attending a Brics (the collective of emerging national economies of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) summit in China.

It was unprecedented for a minister to manufacture a Cabinet decision and make it public, so this was

really serious.

According to government insiders, Zuma had been as shocked as everyone else upon hearing the Zwane announcement.

The rebuke was given by Zuma, who promised to deal with Zwane as soon as he returned from China.

That was two months ago, and Zwane is still going about his merry ways.

To those with intimate knowledge of Zuma's relationship with the Gupta family, Zwane's behaviour was not crazy at all, and Zuma's shock was not feigned. He genuinely did not know.

What the chapter indicated was a scary fact: The Guptas' control was so extensive they no longer needed to go via the president to get to the ministers they had helped appoint, and therefore owned.

After Zwane had failed to get the decision officially adopted, they had decided to gamble on him making it public in the hope that Cabinet colleagues would not contradict him. *City Press*

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.5%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	7.4%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.5%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.00 per litre
Replacement	E11.05 per litre
Diesel	E10.95 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES



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CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	13.4575	13.5075
British Pound/SZL	16.7727	16.8350
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.6447	7.6723
Swiss Franc/SZL	13.8053	13.8552
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.2825	1.3021
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.3178	10.3575
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.0459	10.0802
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5972	5.6762
Euro/SZL	14.9384	14.9939
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Moving Forward

E40M T-BILL ATTRACTS ONLY E11.06 MILLION

By Linda Dlamini

GOVERNMENT'S 273-Days Treasury Bill's E40 million on offer only attracted E11.06 million bids from both institutional and individual investors.

According to the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) Treasury Bills announcement, the total amount on offer for the 273-Days T-Bill was E40 million, no capital was allotted.

The 273-Days T-Bill was allotted just E12.14 million for the month of October.

"Competitive bids tabled were for E10 million and non-competitive bids was just E1.06 million," reads the report in part.

Investors shunned the debt instrument even though it offered very competitive yield rates; the last successful bid for the 273-Days T-Bill offered investors a yield of about 8.1 per cent.

The 273-Days T-Bill would mature in August 4, 2017; the average discount rate during the last successful auction was 7.7 per cent.

The next auction for the 273-Days T-Bill would take place on November 16 where the maturity and settlement dates would be October 28, 2016 and August 4, 2017, respectively.

The 273-Days T-Bill was allotted just E12.14 million out of a possible E80 million for the month of October.

This was the same for the 364 Days T-Bill which was allotted just E12.37 million from a possible E80 million for the month of October.

The 91-Days T-Bill, on the other hand, was not fully subscribed, but there were investors interested in the 91-Days T-Bill.

"Competitive bids received were for E105



million and non-competitive bids invested just E3.93 million," the report states.

The total amount raised during the auction is just above E88.93 million.

Treasury Bills are short-term marketable debt financial instruments issued by CBS on behalf of government on a weekly basis.

Competitive bids were submitted by institutional investors, with a minimum amount of E5million, in multiples of E1million.

Individuals submitted bids on a non-competitive basis and take the weighted average discount for the competitive bids accepted dur-

ing the auction.

The minimum amount for non-competitive bidders was E10 000, thereafter in multiples of E10 000.

Treasury Bills were issued at a discount, that is, they were sold at a price less than their face (par) value.

The bids have to show the amount and discount rate expressed at an annual rate rounded to three decimal places.

When bidding they are supposed to specify only the amount of the bid and not state the discount rate as they are price takers.

Pressure mounts to improve domestic revenue collection

By Manqoba Makhubu

THE country's over dependence on the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) receipts might cause it to experience a challenge in securing its own financial base for a sustainable socio-economic landscape.

Based on the International Monetary Fund (IMF) current reports, global economic growth in general has been on a sluggish trend, especially on the commodity markets where SACU is one of the major players.

Southern African Research Foundation for Economic Development (SARFED) Regional Coordinator George Choongwa, said this could have a direct reverse impact to the benefiting economies such as Swaziland.

This is because the country was still faced with the after math challenge of drought which has costed the country quite a fortune of money.

"In as much as agriculture has been the main economic activity for the economy, it can further be advised that the country would need to consider other means of revenue collection,



WARNING: SARFED Regional Coordinator George Choongwa.

especially at micro level," he said.

Choongwa said government needs to engage the micro sector, especially small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in revenue generating activities that would in turn create a source of revenue for both the public and the entire private sector.

"The idea behind this phenomenon is that once government stimulates its demand and supply within its geographical boundaries, then it would be much easier to manage the equilibrium level, rather than depending on external sources that would exacerbate massive pressure on the internal economic activities," said Choongwa.

He believes this would also reduce the over burden of having a huge wage bill, whose level of productivity would be lower as compared to a situation where the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita was characterised by a growth trend in the SME sector.

"This is evident in the country where the real GDP had a reflected a 1.7 per cent in 2015 reduction in growth as compared to the 2.7 per cent in 2014 and one of the reasons to this downward trend is attributed to sluggish growth trends in both secondary and tertiary economic sectors."

Therefore, Choongwa said the support of the SME sector could to some considerable extent improve both the revenue collection for the country and reduction in gross domestic expenditure on the government sectors.

FUND MANAGERS SHOULD BRACE THEMSELVES FOR SA DOWNGRADE

By Manqoba Makhubu

OLD Mutual Group Fund Investment Manager Peter Brooke says fund managers should brace themselves for South Africa's credit downgrade in December, but says this is not the time for them to panic.

Brooke said this was a tough time for markets due to political uncertainty, "whether that comes from Brexit in the United Kingdom (UK), Trump in the United States (US) and in South Africa."

"We are faced with imponderables which are much higher to gauge, than whether a company is cheap or expensive. So when we think about these issues we go back to our principles and the first most important is diversification and in all solutions, all of our funds have the ability to earn 25 per cent in off-shore assets and that provides a very important diversification from the county's specific risks."

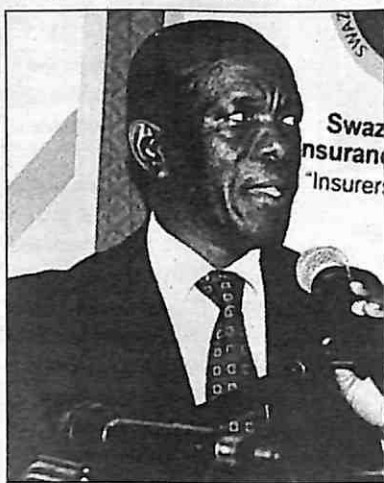
Brooke is an award-winning fund manager with extensive experience in the investment arena. He joined Old Mutual Investment Group (FSP 604) in 2005.

He said the second principle was to take a long time view, "this is consistent in our philosophy, but what is really important in South Africa is that we have actually come through much worse things and the African National Congress organisation is 100 years old and actually overtime they have erred on the side of sensible managing fiscal policy. So I don't think this is time to panic."

Adding, Brooke said the third and most important issue was that volatility creates opportunity.

He said this was the exciting part as a fund manager, "when markets sell off we can buy assets cheaper. So Brexit is a great example for that as a

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TALKING BUSINESS: FSRA Chief Executive Officer Sandile Dlamini.

surprise to markets, markets sold off, what did we do?

We bought into which is a great business, at a cheaper price and now that business have gained."

Companies

Brooke said the truth was that South Africa has great quality companies that could be bought if they were sold off on uncertainty, "remember these are businesses with global footprints that are building all over the world."

Therefore, he said fund managers should brace themselves for the highly anticipated downgrade in December, "that is increasingly priced in the assets and the importance of that is this means we are getting higher yields than we used to."

He said since South African government bonds were now yielding nine

per cent, this then means fund managers could buy good quality property companies yielding eight per cent, "these yields are very high by global standards and ensure that we can get a decent return."

"So when I pull all of this together it's a broader diversified portfolio, buy offshore equity, buy some great yields in South Africa and great companies that can deliver irrespective of the environment and that combination, that solution will enable you to ride through this period of uncertainty and still deliver to your long term objectives," said Brooke.

Impact

The impact of the South African credit downgrade was analysed recently during the Swaziland Retirement Funds Seminar which focused on off-shore investment.

Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) Chief Executive Officer Sandile Dlamini said the Republic downgrade would in fact affect the whole investment of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), including Swaziland, "that is why we are hoping that on the Southern African side things will improve."

However, he said whatever happens it does not mean that fund managers should then repatriate their investments in the South African market.

As part of their offshore investment, fund managers have assets in the Republic split in listed equity, bond, cash, private equity, commodities and residential property.



ADAPT: Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati making his remarks during the World Food Day commemoration held at Mayiwane Inkhundla. (Courtesy pics)

Farming must adapt to environmental swings

By Manqoba Makhubu

THE main key to the resilience and sustainability of the country's agriculture sector will depend on how the changing environmental conditions are mitigated, according to Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati.

The industry is not only prone to the drought which has depleted river flows due to poor rainfall conditions, but also to frequency of storms and excessive high temperatures.

Vilakati said it was for these reasons that the country needs to find ways for ensuring that farming remains relevant to the changing climatic situation, ensure it is business oriented and addresses the challenges of food and nutrition security.

The minister was speaking during the World Food Day commemoration held at Mayiwane Inkhundla last Thursday.

The observance of the World Food Day is one of the important events in the United Nations calendar. Its official celebration date is October 16. The kingdom decided to commemorate the day on November 3 under the theme, 'Climate is Changing-food and agriculture must too.'

"Under this theme we recognise the negative effects of the changing climate and develop strategies for resilience through systems and processes that allow us to realise food and nutrition security and address issues of poverty despite the changing climate," he said.

"The people, institutions and the processes by which we produce, process and bring to con-

sumers the agriculture products must also be managed for continued growth," he further stated. He said climate smart agriculture approaches in the form of conservation agriculture, growing drought tolerant crops, protected cultivation and water saving technologies were required going forward.

Vilakati also stressed that the role of public-private partnership in developing resilience in agriculture fight against the effects of poverty, hunger and disease was critically important.

"The people, as well as public-private partnership, have a role to play in ensuring that whatever intervention brought to the country are taken and used for the improvement of their livelihood and wellbeing."

The country's citizens must work together to fight these challenges and as we celebrate this event, let us take a moment and reflect that poverty and hunger in the form of food and nutrition insecurity are widespread and the commemoration is meant to promote understanding and awareness of food and nutrition issues and the need to end hunger," said the minister.

However, he noted that having structures to address poverty and hunger were very costly, "but involving people and helping them solve their own problems is cost effective and sustainable for a government."

Therefore, he called upon the country's citizens to put an effort in fighting hunger and extreme poverty by engaging in self-help projects and use local knowledge and experience to deal with their situations.

Momentum partners with SwaziBank

By Linda Dlamini

MOMENTUM Swaziland is offering new innovative short-term insurance products for the Swaziland insurance market.

One of the new products being offered by the company is a medical savings account debit card.

Momentum Business Growth Specialist Charles Bethel said the medical savings account was just one of numerous new products the company was bringing to Swaziland. Bethel was speaking during Momentum's short-term insurance and health plan launch at the Mbabane Club last Friday.

"With this particular product, we have partnered with SwaziBank to offer it to local consumers," he said.

Bethel said besides offering insurance to individuals, Momentum also has products that

● brings innovative products

would suit corporates.

"There are products that are tailor made to consolidate an employer's insurance schemes. For example, if it happens that the employer has funeral insurance from one company and has short term insurance from another."

Products

"With Momentum that employer can get all these insurance products under one roof," he said.

Bethel said Momentum was a trusted financial services provider focusing on meeting the health care and life insurance needs of the individuals in Swaziland and other emerging markets.

Also present at the launch was Metropolitan Swaziland Pricing and Actuarial Specialist Samkelo Ginindza, who said their broad range of advice, insurance and health offerings gave the best pos-

sible financial solution, because good financial wellness enables individuals to achieve their purpose in life.

"We are committed to helping you fulfil your lifelong financial needs, by providing relevant and unique solutions to suit your budget and individual circumstances. It is our aim to build and maintain enduring relationships by providing transparent, simple and effective communication," he said.

Ginindza said Momentum operated on a model of customer centricity.

"Customer centric is a way of doing business with our customers in a way that provides a positive customer experience before and after their experience with Momentum in order to drive repeat business and customer loyalty."



PRODUCTS: Some of the products that were exhibited during the commemoration on display.

SPONSORS PLEASED WITH WOFACO PROGRESS

By Linda Dlamini

MAJOR sponsors of the Women Farmer of the Year Award were do pleased with the progress of the awards that they pledged more money for next year.

Nedbank Swaziland decided to donate E140 000 towards the Women Farmer of the Year Competition.

Nedbank Managing Director Fikile Nkosi said they were very happy to be part of the awards as they have grown from strength to strength over the years.

The awards which were graced by the Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini were held last week at Riders Ranch, Sidvokodvo.

She noted the resilience of the awards despite that they were held amidst a severe drought, "the awards give female farmers the strength to carry on their trade in spite of the challenges."

Nkosi said she had however noted that rains had begun, saying this would give hope to farmers that the drought was now finally over.

"As a bank we see the awards as a fertile ground to perform trainings and education for women farmers so that they can be more productive,"



ALL SMILE: Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini posing with winners of the Woman Farmer of the Year top three winners in large scale category Nompumello Dlamini 3rd position, Mhlophe Mhlanga first position and Thulisile Ngwenya who came second. They are joined by sponsors and Agriculture ministers Moses Vilakati and founder of the awards Sonia Paiva.

she said.

Nkosi said she was happy to note that the competition has increased by 20 per cent from last year.

Support

"This is testament that the awards are relevant and more and more people are starting to take note," she said.

On the same note, Total Swaziland Managing Director Anthony Siebert said the company was honoured to be sponsoring and supporting Women Farmer of the Year Award.

"These awards are very important to the company and also to the country at large because they encourage women to engage in agricultural

activities which are good for the food security of the country," he said.

Total pledged they would give E120 000 to the Women Farmer of the Year Award Competition.

Siebert said he would like to see the farmers selling their produce in foreign countries as this would enable foreign exchange.

"This should be done however when the food security in the country is secure," he said.

Siebert said the passion of the women who participate in the competition was so 'inspiring that it is rubbing off on other people hence the increase in participation.

UNISWA to close academia-practical business experience gap

By Linda Dlamini

THE University of Swaziland (UNISWA) intends to bridge the gap between academia and practical business experience.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Cisco Magagula said the university realised several years ago the importance of aligning its programmes and activities, both academic and non-academic, with national initiatives, especially economic initiatives.

"However, bridging the gap between academia and practice is always a challenge since theory is meaningless without practical application," he said.

Concepts

Magagula said the university has employed diverse strategies to pursue this objective such as community services, consultancies, research, conferences, workshops and other platforms.

"It was with this objective in mind that the university established the Entrepreneurship Business Development Centre (EBDC)," he said.

Magagula said the university was offering entrepreneurship courses that were accessible to students in all academic disciplines. These courses provide students with comprehensive exposure to entrepreneurial concepts.

"A variety of learning techniques are utilised to motivate students to consider business creation and operation as viable career alternatives to

wage employment," he said.

Magagula said the university would also like to extend its intervention in this sector by exploiting its available infrastructure and intellectual potential to build entrepreneurial capacity.

Communities

Adding, Magagula said the university would also engage and involve the Swazi community on this important initiative, "it is against this backdrop that the university, through the EBDC and the entrepreneurship courses is, encouraging students to present their practical projects."

"We hope these projects will positively influence the lives of people in the communities," he said.

Magagula said the university encourages students to embark on various social businesses ranging from service and operations to logistics, agriculture, and manufacturing.

"UNISWA, through EBDC, is committed to make a follow up on these projects during the implementation Phase," he said.

The vice chancellor said in the long term, it is anticipated that social businesses would be self-sustaining in communities.

"However, in the short term, financial viability may be elusive. It is therefore, important that philanthropic partners and national development financial institutions should come to the party," he said.

Magagula invited members of parliament to participate by providing critical advice on how student's projects could make impact in communi-

ties.

Pro-Vice chancellor, Professor Mgidi Donald Dlamini thanked the Faculty of Commerce, at large, for starting a ground-breaking initiative by promoting community businesses and for creating a new generation of social entrepreneurs.

"Capacity building is one of the core mandates of UNISWA, not only with regard to students' development through teaching and learning, research and innovation, but, also in respect of serving the community," he said.

Dlamini said this is indeed in line with the mission of the university.

"The faculty of commerce strongly believes that knowledge that does not transcend to practical projects is of no value.

Development

For this reason, the entrepreneurial research projects undertaken by the students in the faculty are aimed at creating a lasting impact by providing solutions to the numerous challenges of poverty, economic decline, unemployment and food security," he said.

Dlamini said the faculty strives to promote lifelong learning through the link between communities and the EBDC and also facilitates learning of relevant skills that bridge development gaps.

"Overall, there are spinoffs that result from social businesses as the end result is enhanced access to public goods and services, and promotion of the quality of life of the Swazi nation," he said.

SA's property sector 'still too white'

JOHANNESBURG - The local property sector remained dominated by white business and this needed to change, Qedani Mahlangu, Gauteng MEC of health, said this week.

"We don't own the property sector and we remain an unequal society," Mahlangu said at the SA Institute of Black Property Practitioners' annual convention held in Johannesburg.

Mahlangu stood in for Gauteng MEC for human settlements Paul Mashatile at the convention.

"Significant black players don't own much of the property sector. We need to address the issue of fronting," Mahlangu said.

Mahlangu called for an end to the "banking monopoly" in the country that denied people access to finance.

She said there was a need to end apartheid-era spatial city

design that sees people live far from where they work.

"Poor people spend about 60% of their income on transport," Mahlangu added.

Helen Botes, Joburg Property Company CEO, said the property sector needed to be transformed. The Joburg Property Company has a property portfolio worth about R34 billion.

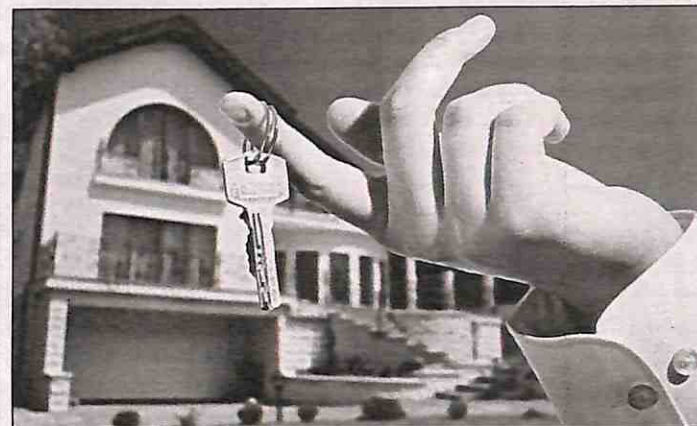
This property portfolio includes 30 000 parcels of land covering 77 000 hectares.

"About 90% of the players in the property sector are not black players. Transformation is about radical change," she said.

"Twenty-two years into democracy there needs to be radical and bold change.

"The private sector does not play ball," she said. Companies like Growthpoint and JHI had to create opportunities for new entrants, Botes said.

"We need to change the approach to this industry," she said. **Fin24**



Africa needs strong reformers – Deloitte

JOHANNESBURG - Africa's economic outlook is worsening because of poor political and financial governance.

This exacerbates the effects of lower commodity prices and an unfavourable global economic environment.

Martyn Davies, the managing director for emerging markets Africa at Deloitte, said this week Africa's two biggest economies – Nigeria and South Africa – were dragging overall African growth lower.

This at a time when the continent was facing rising risks such as slowing growth in China, weakening currencies, ratings downgrades and climate change. To reverse the downward growth trajectory, the continent required deep structural reforms.

Described by Davies as "politically difficult to do", such reforms include better management of state-owned enterprises and improved governance structures.

"We need to see the rise of economic reform-minded leadership across the continent," Davies told City Press, after presenting a paper on growing

risks to Africa's growth story at a one-day Deloitte conference, held in Johannesburg.

"It is much more about economically literate governments – governments which can do a lot more with a lot less, as opposed to doing a lot less with a lot more – which ultimately have significantly better political and financial governance of these countries."

The International Monetary Fund has forecast that sub-Saharan Africa's growth will average 1.4% this year, signalling the slowest pace in 20 years and almost half that of 2015. The monetary organisation attributed this to the region being weighed down by an unfavourable global environment and inadequate policy responses in many commodity producers, such as South Africa and Nigeria. With the region's GDP per capita also dropping for the first time in 22 years, that meant the region was in recession, Davies said. He added that better fiscal management and reforms would probably see South Africa's economy grow by between 5% and 5.5% in the medium term.



ZIM EXPORT OF HYENAS TO CHINA 'STOPPED AT AIRPORT'

HWANGE - Animal inspectors in Zimbabwe have intercepted a shipment of 11 hyenas from Hwange National Park that were about to be exported to a safari park in China, sources in Hwange have told News24.

Officials from the ZNSPCA apparently stopped the hyenas leaving on board an Air Zimbabwe plane for Johannesburg because they were allegedly "not satisfied with the state of the animals the permits and the containers did not conform to the requirements under CITES and IATA," the aviation trade body said.

The ZNSPCA was not immediately available for comment.

The deal confirms that Zimbabwe is pursuing its controversial sale in live wild animals to long time ally China.



A shipment of 24 young elephants from Hwange to a safari park in southern China in July 2015 caused an international uproar.

It appears the hyenas may have injured themselves when they were transported inside special containers on a flatbed truck from Hwange National Park (where

they were captured) to Harare on Thursday.

The extent of their injuries is unclear. One hyena is believed to have escaped en route to the airport though it's not clear whether this happened in Hwange or in Harare.

The hyenas are now back in Hwange National Park, where

they were captured. They have not been released back into the wild though: they are currently being held in an enclosure there.

Sources say the hyenas were due to travel from Johannesburg to the Middle East and then China.

They were destined for Hangzhou Safari Park in Hangzhou city in eastern China.

Environment Minister Oppah Muchinguri said in January that Zimbabwe would sell wild animals, including hyenas, elephants, lions and baboons to China "without hesitation". She said it was better to sell off wildlife like elephants to countries that can care for them than to let them die from drought.

"We are not going to apologise to anyone," she said.

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Botswana takes foot-and-mouth precautions

GABORONE - The Botswana government has banned the movement of all cloven-hoofed animals and products as a precautionary measure against a potential foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) outbreak after the killing of two buffaloes in the north of the country.

The agricultural development and food security ministry said in a statement the decision to restrict the movement of live-stock and products in and out of disease control zones 6A and 3C followed the shooting of two stray buffaloes in the Tutume area by the wildlife and national parks department.

"Movement of cloven-hoofed derived fresh products including boerewors, minced-meat, saw-dust (bone and muscle tissues) are not allowed out of veterinary disease control zones 6A and 3C. The department of veterinary services shall carry out clinical surveillance operations in the affected areas within the next seven days," the ministry said.

The restriction does not affect the movement of processed and ready-to-eat products such as milk, dry salted biltong, cheese, butter, and yoghurt in and out of zones 6A and 3C.

AFP

DRC police fire teargas at opposition rally

KINSHASA - Police fired tear gas and fanned out across the capital of DR Congo on Saturday to prevent a banned opposition rally seeking the exit of President Joseph Kabila this year.

DR Congo has been going through political turmoil which deepened last month after the presidential election, which had been due before the year's end, was postponed until April 2018.

The opposition has accused Kabila, who has been in office since 2001, of manipulating the electoral system to stay in power after his second term ends on December 20.

Police fired five teargas shells

in the morning to disperse some 60 opposition supporters gathered near the residence of veteran opposition leader Etienne Tshisekedi near central Kinshasa, an AFP reporter said.

Police

An opposition supporter was injured in the head by a projectile and two men were arrested.

A strong police force deployed across the city, with some of the officers armed with water cannons.

The signal for Radio France-Internationale, one of the most popular stations in francophone Africa, was cut off on Saturday but the station could be accessed on another waveband from

Brazzaville, the capital of Congo, which is separated from Kinshasa by the Congo River.

The main dissident coalition *Rassemblement* (Gathering) -- which has rallied around Tshisekedi -- called for a public meeting on Saturday to examine the "political issues of the day" at a site not far from the parliament building.

But following a wave of deadly political violence in September, city officials banned all unauthorised gatherings, with police vowing to enforce the ban.

The police had said "no disturbances of the public order would be tolerated".

News24



COVERED: Dressed like modern-day druids and brandishing fake birds' heads on their sticks, this pair certainly cut a bizarre image as they stride across the English countryside. But this peculiar activity has played a crucial role in saving the crane from extinction - and now the graceful bird is thriving in record numbers. (Daily Mail)

BRIEFS

Nigerian army foil suicide attacks

LAGOS - Nigerian military have thwarted attempted suicide attacks in the restive north-east, the epicentre of the seven-year Boko Haram insurgency, the army has said. Army spokesman Sani Usman said in a statement that troops killed a suspected female suicide bomber a day earlier when she attempted to enter a military site in Yamtaka in Borno state.

AFP

Mali election under way

BAMAKO - Campaigning for municipal elections was under way in Mali under a cloud of apathy and uncertainty, following years of delays due to the persistent insecurity. The vote, due on November 20, will elect 12 000 councillors in the country's 703 communes two years later than originally scheduled, as the government wrestles with implementing a peace deal and warding off a stubborn jihadist threat.

AFP

Shabaab still potent threat

UNITED NATIONS - Somalia's Al-Qaeda-linked Shabaab group remains capable of launching large-scale attacks despite claims that the insurgency is weakening, a UN report warned. The Islamist group carried out six sophisticated hotel attacks in Mogadishu from November 2015 to June of this year, the report by UN sanctions monitors said.

AFP



Police break up protests

BISSAU - Police in Guinea-Bissau's capital used teargas to disperse hundreds of protesters demanding fresh elections on Saturday as a regional mission pushed for the implementation of a deal to end a year-long political crisis. President Jose Mario Vaz sacked his Prime Minister Domingos Simoes Pereira in August 2015, sparking infighting within the ruling PAIGC party that has left the West African nation's institutions gridlocked.

Reuters

Migrants must be returned

BERLIN - The German interior ministry wants to stop migrants ever reaching Europe's Mediterranean coast by picking them up at sea and returning them to Africa, the Welt am Sonntag newspaper reported yesterday. In what would be a huge shift for a country with one of the most generous asylum policies, the ministry says the European Union should adopt an Australian-style system under which migrants intercepted at sea are sent for processing at camps in third countries.

Reuters

Focus on SA scene

HAWKS SAY NO CASE AGAINST TOP ANC OFFICIALS

JOHANNESBURG - The Hawks say there is no investigation into Deputy Finance Minister Mcebisi Jonas for not reporting an alleged R600 million bribe from the Gupatas.

The Sunday Times reported that the Hawks are investigating Jonas, African National Congress (ANC) Secretary General Gwede Mantashe and ANC Treasurer Zweli Mkhize,

for allegedly contravening the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act.

The Act stipulates that a person who's offered a bribe is obliged to report the matter. However, Hawks spokesperson Hangwani Mulaudzi says there is no investigation.

"We can confirm from the Hawks that there is no case or inquiry into this matter. Until such time, we are

[not] requested to do something about it. This is just something picked up by the media."

He says the Hawks will only investigate the allegations in the 'State of Capture' report once the commission of inquiry has finalised its investigations into the findings of the report.

Mulaudzi says the Hawks would like to commend Jonas for turning **EWN**

Gordhan, Pillay to be charged next month

JOHANNESBURG - Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan is likely to be charged again by the NPA next month, a newspaper report has claimed.

The City Press reports that two unnamed senior Hawks officials and an executive at the NPA close to the investigation confirmed Gordhan and Ivan Pillay will be charged before Christmas.

The report said this time the summons will relate to fraud and defeating the ends of justice in connection with the SARS investigative unit that was set up in 2007, while Gordhan was the commissioner and Pillay his deputy.

Now the newspaper suggests that the team investigating the unit has been beefed up with two more investigators.

The National Director of Public Prosecutions, Shaun Abrahams dropped fraud charges against Gordhan and his two co-accused Pillay and Oupa Magashule on October 31.

Abrahams came under scrutiny after he charged the three former SARS officials, with civil



TO BE CHARGED: Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan.

society and politicians calling for his resignation.

In August, the City Press reported that the NPA would charge Gordhan, but NPA spokesperson Luvuyo Mfaku denied the claims, saying then there was "no decision whatsoever to prosecute anyone."

Then on October 11, Abrahams announced to the media that Gordhan, Pillay and Magashule were facing fraud charges relating to Pillay's early retirement.

eNCA

SACP mulls divorce

JOHANNESBURG - Endemic corruption, visible divisions in national leadership, "parasitic looting", manipulation of internal elections and the ANC's insistence on keeping a "deeply flawed" President Jacob Zuma as its public face are among the factors spurring a renewed push for the SA Communist Party (SACP) to go it alone in coming elections.

An SACP discussion document spells out the urgent need to identify itself outside of the ANC.

The document reveals that the governing party's alliance partner is highly concerned with how "dangerously sick" large parts of ANC have become.

Titled 'More Than Ever the SACP Has a Leadership Duty in the NDR (National Democratic Revolution)', the paper is one of a series prepared for discussion ahead of the party's July elective congress next year. Besides the scheduled stepping aside of long-serving General-Secretary Blade Nzimande and other veterans, the party is expected to make what could be a historic decision to contest elections independently. Such a decision would see the SACP field its own candidates in municipal by-elections and then submit its own list to the Independent Electoral Commission in the 2019 general elections. Until now, SACP members have run on an ANC ticket at all levels. **AFP**

Zuma lashes ANC at veterans

JOHANNESBURG - A militant President Jacob Zuma lashed out at ANC veterans at a rally in eDumbe Local Municipality in KwaZulu-Natal, organised to celebrate the party's first municipal elections victory there.

His supporters also used the event to attack Zuma's critics, who have been calling for his removal because of his relationship with the Gupta family and their alleged capture of government departments and parastatals through Zuma's patronage.

Wearing a grey jacket, black slacks and a yellow ANC shirt, Zuma was resolute in the face of calls for his term to be cut short.

Regarding calls for his resignation or impeachment, Zuma said he had been to jail before and survived.

"Even if I am arrested today, I am used to it. I was in jail for 10 years, so you cannot scare me," he said.

Zuma said non-governmental organisations and opposition parties, which "ran" to the courts after losing battles in Parliament, had a "misinterpretation of democracy".

He added that ANC veterans, who had written an open letter calling for his dismissal, did not belong to any ANC "structures" and were out of line.

"When you write a letter you send it to a person, not the whole world," Zuma said.

The veterans include Rivonia Trialists Andrew Mlangeni, Ahmed



ANGRY: President Jacob Zuma.

Kathrada and Denis Goldberg.

His backers went on the offensive yesterday against increasing public calls for him to step down, saying he would complete "the five-year mandate" voters gave him.

Water Affairs Minister Nomvula Mokonyane, who is a key Zuma ally and a member of the ANC's national executive committee (NEC), told the rally that Zuma's conscience would not guide him, as Secretary-General Gwede Mantashe suggested this week, following the release of the damning State of Capture report authored by former public protector Thuli Madonsela.

The Herald

DA slams soldiers who dumped furniture at Nelson Mandela Bay City Hall

CAPE TOWN - Nelson Mandela Bay Mayor Athol Trollip has slammed the "illegal and armed SANDF occupation of City Hall square" when five military vehicles dumped couches, laundry baskets, a fridge and toys there after residents were evicted from the Forest Hill army base.

Chief Whip Werner Senekal said in a statement that 30 "armed, aggressive and confrontational" soldiers had illegally occupied Vuyisile Mini Square in front of City Hall and dumped the furniture. They told him that the eviction was illegal.

Trollip described the action as an "undemocratic act of hooliganism".

"Worse still, many soldiers were armed with assault rifles, fingers poised on triggers, loaded with full magazines. Upon departure, the soldiers proceeded to ram into and cause damage to a municipal vehicle and a small child was also pushed out of the way by a senior soldier." Senekal said the group's leader indicated they had received an instruction "from Pretoria" to occupy the square. He added that Defence Minister Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula had denied any knowledge of this situation.

Senekal said the municipality was seeking an urgent court interdict against the SANDF because members said they would return with more furniture. They would also instruct lawyers to get an order against the SANDF to remove the furniture left behind at the City Hall. A criminal case for malicious damage to property, illegal dumping, intimidation and trespassing will also be opened.

The Herald

Lower the NYDA bar, please - ANCYL

JOHANNESBURG - The ANC Youth League (ANCYL) has seemingly moved mountains to force Parliament to amend the criteria and academic requirements for individuals to serve in the multi-million rand National Youth Development Agency (NYDA).

The league wants its Deputy President, Dennis Moela, who does not possess a tertiary qualification, to be the next chairperson of the agency.

Moela, who was nominated by the ANCYL in earlier processes -

despite not having the required academic qualifications - had been previously excluded from the short list, which angered the young lions.

Despite his exclusion, the league, at its national executive committee meeting in April, took a resolution that Parliament should restart the appointment process and lower the bar to ensure that Moela was somehow included on the agency's board.

This week, Parliament adopted a motion to restart the process that was abandoned in May without any offi-

cial explanation. This was despite the fact that the term of the previous board had ended in March. City Press can reveal that the new process has been drafted in such a way that it would no longer be a requirement for candidates to have a tertiary qualification to serve on the board. ANC Chief Whip Jackson Mthembu told City Press that the decision to drop the requirement was based on the fact that it was not there before when the previous boards were appointed.

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SEE HOW RAHEEM STERLING ROLLS DAILY

- £49million Man City star Raheem Sterling turns up for work in yet ANOTHER impressive motor (and this one is a £500 000 Bentley)
- The winger has followed his manager in buying a Bentley GTX 700-4
- Sterling had arrived at training earlier in the week in three different Audis
- He was also seen sporting a Range Rover Sport, Mercedes and a Smart Car

LONDON - Raheem Sterling has seemingly been operating his own squad rotation policy this season - bringing a different car to training on every day this week.

The England and Manchester City winger has copied manager Pep Guardiola in splashing out on a

£500 000 Bentley GTX 700-4, which he arrived in last Thursday.

Collection

However, earlier in the week he was seen in three different Audis, as well as showing off a Mercedes, a Range Rover Sport and even a Smart Car later in the week.

After being lambasted for his form last season and in this summer's European Championship, the £49million man has been showing more of his skills on the pitch, and is clearly not afraid to do the same with his mega-car collection.

Daily Mail



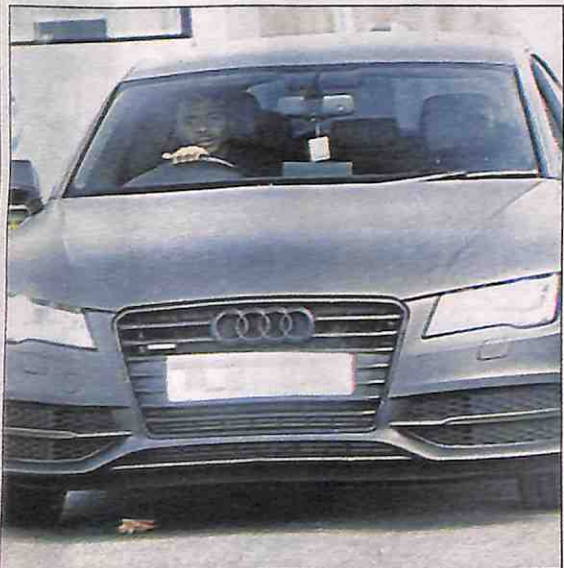
COPYCAT: Raheem Sterling has followed manager Pep Guardiola in splashing out on a £500 000 Bentley GTX 700-4, which he showed off last Thursday. (*Daily Mail*)



HAPPY MONDAYS: The £57,000 Audi Q7 that the England and Manchester City winger started the week in.



ALRIGHT IN WHITE: Tuesday's car was a bright Audi S6, valued at around £55 000, as he continued his brand loyalty to the manufacture.



WEDNESDAY'S WHEELS: Sterling arrived the next day in this car, a third Audi, which is one of the Sportback models, potentially a £47 000 A7.



MERCURIAL STAR: Finally making a switch away from the German car maker, but moving straight onto another, this £20 000 Mercedes was seen on Friday.



NO GO AREA: The wall is three metres high and will separate a migrant housing complex from an established residential area. (*Daily Mail*)

Germany's new wall

GERMANY - A three metres high barrier - higher than the Berlin Wall - is being erected in the German city of Munich to protect locals from young refugees who are set to move into the area.

Locals campaigned for the wall, in the suburb of Neuperlach Süd, after authorities decided that some 160 young unaccompanied migrants will move into a large shelter which is less than 100 metres from a residential estate.

Critics say the wall is further proof of the alienation voters feel with Chancellor Angela Merkel's refugee policy.

Deputy District Chairman Guido Bucholtz, said: "I was frightened when I saw this monster of a wall."

He added that he thinks the wall is too high as another similar structure designed to fence off a migrant camp was just three metres high.

He said: "This whole propaganda really sucks."

However residents from the neighbouring housing development from the asylum centre went to court to get the wall built.

One of their arguments for the wall was the fear that the value of their homes would plummet if there was nothing to separate them from the refugees who could be there for years to come.

Local residents said they are fearful of the 'noise and behaviour' of the refugees. The judge of the Administrative Court in Munich confirmed the wall in a judgment - noted that the

migrants should not use it for 'ball throwing games' or other 'leisure use'.

The fact that it is higher than the Berlin Wall of the Cold War is not lost on locals and officials. But engineers said it had to be that high to provide an effective sound insulation.

The wall is nearly finished. Locals say they do not care about how it looks; only that it will separate them from the unaccompanied refugees who have often been at the centre of friction with locals in other German towns.

In Bautzen in east Germany there have now been two incidents of neo-Nazis hunting refugees through the streets, hurling stones and racial insults at them.

"Donald Trump wants to build a wall for Mexico, and we in Munich Neuperlach build one to keep us safe from refugees!", one couple told a local newspaper.

A group of 30 far-right supporters ambushed and beat up three young Afghan refugees in the town of Heidenau in east Germany last Friday night.

The three Afghans needed hospital treatment for their injuries but were later released. Two men from the mob which attacked them have been arrested and face charges of causing grievous bodily harm. Since the beginning of the year there have been 1 800 attacks against asylum seekers and their accommodations. There have been nearly 200 incidents of grievous bodily harm against the refugees.

Daily Mail



NEW HOME: The new housing will be home for 160 unaccompanied young migrants who are set to move in next week.

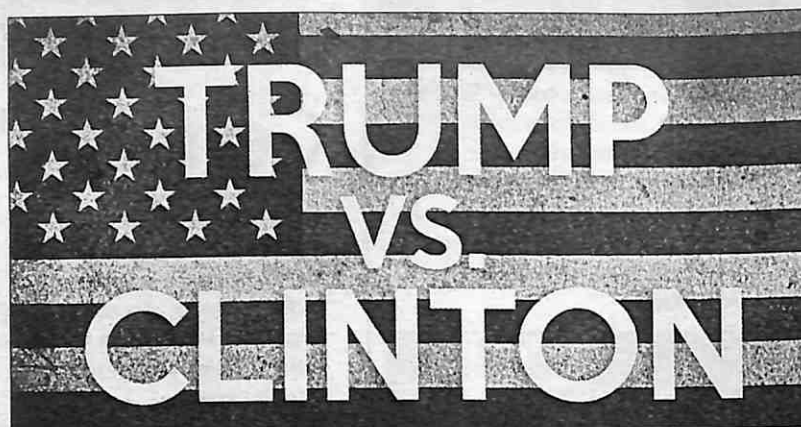
2016 US presidential elections

ELECTION DAY NEARS,
AMERICANS MULL DIVIDE

KANSAS CITY - The idea had never occurred to the Reverend Adam Hamilton at the conclusion of past presidential campaigns.

But this Election Day, the megachurch he leads in the Kansas City suburbs will invite congregants, and anyone else who chooses, to stop in and pray for the nation to heal itself.

"There's plenty of division in our country every year, but this year's election is different," said Hamilton, founding pastor of the 20 000-member United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, where two of four campuses will serve as polling stations. "Our families are divided. We're divided sometimes from our friends. Even when we're in church here our politics are different. And I think we have to be reminded that there's a bigger picture here." As Hamilton's congregants and millions of other Americans weather the final days of a campaign cycle filled with insults and anger, the nation indeed finds itself at a troubling crossroads. Americans are split over immigration; the changes wrought by globalisation; the treatment of minorities and the threat of terrorism. But partisanship, long rising, has veered beyond policy disagreement. Now, roughly half of Democrats and Republicans tell pollsters they fear those in the other party. With people increasingly ensconced in media silos and social networks that surround them with like-minded views, many cannot



even agree on what constitutes basic facts. The economy, by almost any empirical measure, is healthy and gaining traction. Yet as Americans head to the polls, many talk about being left behind not just by the recovery, but the political system.

"The unemployment rate right now, regardless of what the numbers say, is horrendous.... I can look here and nobody's working," said Alan Halsey, who has a sign for Republican nominee Donald Trump in the window of the general store he runs in Campton, Kentucky. "If we continue on this road, this place is going to look like Iraq or Afghanistan. There's going to be nothing here."

Halsey's viewpoint contrasts with figures showing that unemployment nationwide is down to 4.9%. Median household income jumped last year to just more than \$56 500, the highest it has been since before the bottom fell out of the economy in 2008. The share of Americans living in poverty declined sharply last year to 13.5%.

Home prices are rising again and millions more people have health insurance. But the rebound has been slow to reach some Americans, particularly in manufacturing and mining communities that have lost many jobs, said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics.

Political environment

"We dug ourselves into such a deep hole early on in 2008, 2009 that we've spent the last eight years really digging out of it," Zandi said. "But if you've been struggling for more than a couple or three years, you begin to expect that that's your world forever. You're doomed and not only doomed, but your kids are doomed ... and a lot of people are still stuck in that negative psychology." The divide was spotlighted in a recent poll by the Pew Research Center, asking voters to compare their lives with those of people like them 50 years ago. When Trump supporters were asked that question, 4 in 5 said life in the US today is worse for people like them.

Clinton leads Trump 48-43 percent in Washington

WASHINGTON - Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton holds a five-point lead over Republican Donald Trump in the latest Washington Post-ABC Tracking Poll released early yesterday.

In the Post-ABC poll released on Friday, Clinton led Trump by

47 percent to 44 percent.

Clinton had an advantage in affirmative support, the poll said, with 55 percent of backers saying they are mainly supporting her, compared with 43 percent of Trump voters. More Trump voters say they "mainly oppose Clinton."

Reuters

The Donald is rushed off the stage by Secret Service

NEVADA - Secret Service agents rushed Donald Trump offstage on Saturday evening during a rally in Reno, Nevada after they determined a protester in the audience might pose a threat to the Republican presidential candidate.

'Go! Go!' agents shouted as they whisked Trump away and a combination of local police and private security wrestled Austyn Crites, 33, to the ground in the front of the crowd.

Crites identifies as a Republican who supports Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, according to his Facebook page.

A senior Trump campaign official told DailyMail.com that the suspect, whom rally-goers already identified as an anti-Trump protester, caused a panic when he reached into his waistband.

At that point, the campaign official said, a voice called out: "He's got a gun!"



RUSHED OFF: Donald Trump.

Trump's protective detail sprang into action, pulling him offstage as a sea of bodies scattered, screams rang out and authorities dragged Crites away as he kicked and strained.

The U.S. Secret Service said in a statement that 'a commotion' had occurred 'in the crowd immediately in front of the stage' and 'an unidentified individual shouted, "gun!"'

Daily Mail

'Start praying - we face an economic earthquake'

NEW YORK - There are many reasons why people might be concerned about a Donald Trump victory - from his attitude to women to his endorsement last week by the Ku Klux Klan.

But what would a Trump presidency mean for the world economy?

I fear we would wake up on Wednesday facing a global recession within the next 18 months. In the immediate term - I'm talking hours and days - it's extremely likely the US stock market would plunge.

When it was announced that Hillary Clinton's private email server was back under investigation, the Dow Jones fell by 125 points - about 0.7 per cent. If the mere prospect of a Trump victory so spooks the market, imagine if he actually won.

Leading hedge fund managers I've spoken to estimate a fall of around 5 per cent. And this would not be con-

fined to America - in our interconnected world it would also mean falls in Frankfurt, Tokyo, and London. Anyone with a UK pension, or a stocks and shares Isa would see the value of their investments fall. The impact of Trumponomics longer term is arguably of even more concern. Throughout the campaign he has threatened to tear up trade agreements and impose a whopping 45 per cent tariff on Chinese goods. Were Trump to make good on his protectionist rhetoric, we could be facing a major global trade war.

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Angry Obama stops crowd from turning on Trump supporter

NORTH CAROLINA - President Barack Obama told a rowdy crowd that they needed to show an elderly Donald Trump supporter who appeared to be a veteran some 'respect' today as they interrupted his remarks to scream at the man.

"Hey," Obama said several times, trying to get his audience back. "Listen up."

As rally-goers continued defy him, Obama grew angrier and angrier, eventually demanding that attendees of the Hillary Clinton campaign event sit down and shut up.

"Hey everybody, hey," he said, trying again. "I told you to be focused, and you're not focused right now. Listen to what I'm saying."

He told them to 'hold up' a few more times before he furiously demanded that 'everybody sit down and be quiet for a sec.'

"Now listen up. I'm serious, listen up. You've got an older gentle-



KHWESHA: A Donald Trump supporter being dragged away.

man who is supporting his candidate. He's not doing nothing," Obama proclaimed. "You don't have to worry about him."

He said, "This is what I mean about folks not being focused."

"First of all...hold up, hold up," Obama said. "First of all, we live in a country that respects free speech."

"Second of all, it looks like maybe he might have served in our military, and we've got to respect

that. Continuing to scold them, Obama said, "Third of all he was elderly and we've got to respect our elders. And fourth of all, don't boo..."

"Vote," the Fayetteville, North Carolina, audience said, finishing his signature chant.

Back in control of the rally, Obama told them, "I want you to pay attention. Because if we don't, if we lose focus, we could have problems." Daily Mail



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Creativity Parlour cancels Mngqobi's concert again

By Majaha Nkonyane

ONCE again, the image of the entertainment industry has been tainted as Creativity Parlour failed to host Mngqobi Nxumalo at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre on Friday night.

It was a sad moment for anticipating fans who had to be turned back at the door as the 'My Side of the View Swaziland' event was cancelled.

The event was to be headlined by South African gospel sensation Mngqobi Nxumalo who had brought along a full band and backing vocalists.

It was slated for 1800 and at 1810, the venue only had Nxumalo who was with his team and a fuming manager who expressed his disappointment afterwards.

"Malachi Entertainment, which manages Mngqobi, partnered with Creativity Parlour, to host the 'My Side of the View' event and we agreed on everything. We were assured that everything is in



THIS GUY: Koketso Malatse pointing at Steven Ndwandwe who is the brains behind the failure of the 'My Side of the View' event which was to be headlined by Mngqobi Nxumalo at Convention Centre in Ezulwini. (Pic: Majaha Nkonyane)

order but to our shock, the event has been cancelled," Mngqobi's Manager Koketso Malatse said.

It was just a few minutes after the brief interview with Koketso that Steven Ndwandwe, who was the brains behind the event, arrived and had a brief discussion

with his partner.

"It is quite unfortunate that we had to cancel the event because of logistics pertaining securing the venue.

"We were turned back when coming to set up during the day because we had not followed cer-

tain procedures in acquiring the venue.

"We would like to sincerely apologise to the nation for the mishap and let them know we will be refunding everyone for their tickets. We would like to request that everyone who bought tickets should go back to where they got them and we will be refunding them on November 26", Ndwandwe said.

According to Ndwandwe, the venue was booked in August and he conceded they were to pay at a later stage for utilising it. He further stated when they returned, they could not be assisted as there was no communication with the bookings office.

The two continued to talk whilst other artists stood outside the venue which was now locked with lights out. One of the artists 'Symphony', expressed her disappointment and shied away from answering further questions. After the discussion with Ndwandwe, Koketso further revealed they would be refunded month end their expenses and had to continue with their journey that very night to Durban.



RISING: Afro jazz star Sandziso 'Sands' Matsebula.

Sands thrills at High Tea

By Majaha Nkonyane

RISING Afro jazz star Sandziso 'Sands' Matsebula continues to win the hearts of many with his sensational voice and production of relevant SiSwati songs.

This was also the case on Saturday at Mountain Inn when 'Sands' rendered an item at a High Tea event organised by Afri Berry.

It was a gathering of beautiful ladies who shared ideas on how to support each other in their different endeavours.

The event had a full room; 11 round tables with 10 ladies in each table, and the MC Naomi Chitambira, who is also a leadership coach, kept the attendees entertained throughout.

Wonderful

Just before the attendees went out for lunch, 'Sands' took to the stage and gave a wonderful rendition of his hit *Vuma*, which was well received by ladies in the room. Some of them even sang along as he performed.

He then dedicated his next song titled *Mbali* to all the ladies in the room, which spoke about the beauty of an African woman. He did a beautiful rendition of the song for about five minutes before descending the stage.

"The event was a success and it was inspiring to listen to all the testimonies from the different speakers in the room. We are looking forward to hearing more inspiring stories in the future. We really appreciate all the women who came to the event and shared their stories which were inspiring", Distributor of Afri Berry in Swaziland and Director of Pan African Traders, Crysanne Perez, said.

The event further unearthed more business people like Gcebile Simelane who runs 'Havillah', a make-up venture that showcased some of their products on two of the ladies in the room. In addition, Fabian Moeng and Relebohile Moeng also shared how they started Afri Berry and shared a moving testimony about the growth of their business.

Last Generations Voice launch in style

By Simon Shabangu

BEST Newcomer category nominees, Last Generations Voice, launched their debut album in style at their church, Mountain Of Salvation Christian Church in Matsapha on Friday night.

The album titled *Ngezinsuku* was launched before hundreds of people, mainly members of the fast growing church and people from around Matsapha and beyond.

Ensemble

The four members, all male ensemble, is made up of Philani Gamedze, Thulasizwe Motsa, Ngebo Shongwe and an additional member are all born again Christians at the KaHlobile based church. The 10 track album titled '*Ngezinsuku*' was recorded at Cool Sounds Studios. It features songs like *Woza Mmeli Wami*, *Wethembekile*, '*Ngezinsuku*', *Iyezinkosi*, *Buya*, *Sizwile Ukukhala*, *Ngiyakuthanda* and *Uyingcwele*.



NEW VOICES: Last Generations Voice performing during the launch of their debut album at their church on Friday night. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

The group promises to be yet another amazing addition to the gospel music circles as it shows signs of being a complete outfit, judging from their performance on the day of the launch.

Performed

They performed most of the songs in their album, which were well received by the audience.

Speaking at the event, the founder of the church and spiritual father of the group, Bishop Vusumuzi Dlamini, said he was

impressed with the hard work the boys have put to their project.

Promised

He said the boys were born again Christians who were under his leadership and promised they would minister the Word through music in truth.

He said he was grateful to the country's leadership for allowing the church space to start the ministry.

"I would like to request the nation to support these boys

because they have a strong message to send through to the world through their music. I request the church at large and the Swazi nation to support this group and take them to higher levels as they minister the Word of God. To the boys, I say there is a long road ahead of you. This music ministry will take you to many places," he said.

Splendid

Present during the launch were, among others, Pastor Skhumbuzo Shongwe and Pastor Jabulani Nongwane. Local gospel artists of note also came through to support the new group and also rendered splendid performances on the night. Groups present included Mduduzi Nezinceku Zamagawugawu aka Gawuzela, Apostle Maculuve, Gcina Masuku, Police Gospel Messengers, Police Male Voice, Linda Dlamini and the new look Come To Jesus, among others.

ACASWA leadership was also among the many guests to support the group and ensure the event flowed smoothly. Ntfombitanele Motsa-Dube directed proceedings of the all night show.

The Essence of Acappella unveils major talent

● it was a display of artistry and pure talent at Woodlands Ezulwini on Saturday night as Acappella groups in the country and South Africa's Reality 7 sang their lungs out on stage.

By Majaha Nkonyane

The sound of unadulterated voices blending in together filled the room as soon as the power came back after a two hour long blackout.

The MCs for the night Mzwakhe 'Tjovitjo' Khumalo and Nana Sambo kept everyone in the room entertained and would from time to time get everyone in the room in stitches with their impromptu humour on stage.

The event kicked off with Harmony delivering a power packed performance at 20:43, the sound of bass dominated the room as soon as the six member group started singing. Their 15 minute performance was accompanied by screams of excitement from the ladies in the room who could not hold back as they listened to the Mbabane Evangelical Church all male ensemble.

Right after their wonderful rendition, Adventist Youth Mass Choir also gave a rendition of two beautiful songs before Unitone took to the stage.

The full house of about 150 people gladly received the six member choir which had two female members. Their display of a unique style of singing which was coupled with beatboxing added a unique flavour in their rendition. "We would like to appreciate the people who came out to support this



FUNNY PEOPLE: Mzwakhe Tjovitjo Khumalo and Nana Sambo who were the MCs for the night interacting with the audience during the Essence of Acappella event held at Woodlands Ezulwini on Saturday night. (Pic: Majaha Nkonyane)

event, we are very grateful to all the people that braved the dark and stayed throughout the process of the power cut. "We thank God for the success of the event, the family and friends who supported this initiative. We would also like to thank the artists who gave it their all on stage, we are looking forward to a bigger and better event next year. Director of Hybrid Sound Sanele Lukhele said.

At 22:10 South Africa's Reality 7 took to the stage and the six member ensemble had everyone eating from the palm of their hands.

The sound of screams and ululating voices filled the room as the sound of strong voices hit the speakers.

It was as though the group was fuelled by the screaming audience at 22:32 as they sang 'Thela umoya ongewele.'

The choir went on to involve the audience in their rendition and they had the whole house singing along to their songs. Their rendition was flawless and clear and the sound provided by Hybrid made it even easier for them to render their music. The choir changed the atmosphere in the room at 23:08 as they sang a prayerful tune that got others in the hall into a mood of prayer. The choir gave it their all in the two hour rendition and were well received by the attendees.



GIFTED: Harmony delivering the best on stage during the show and they were a marvel to watch.



SING ALONG: Members of the audience singing along as Reality 7 rendered on stage.



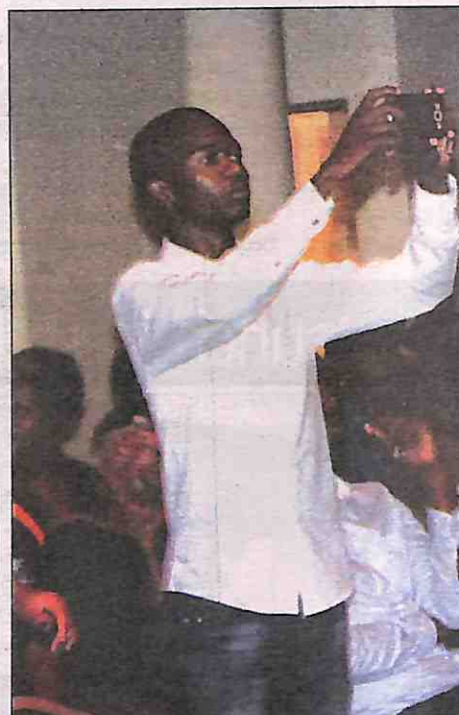
ALL SMILES: Reality 7 members pose for a picture on stage after their two hour performance.



POSE: Reality 7 members posing for a picture after their performance at Ezulwini.



IN THE ZONE: Reality 7 members on stage singing their lungs out during the show.



CAPTURED: Linda Dlamini capturing the moment during the event at Woodlands.



I CAN SING TOO: 'Tjovitjo' singing with Nqobile Sibeko during the event.



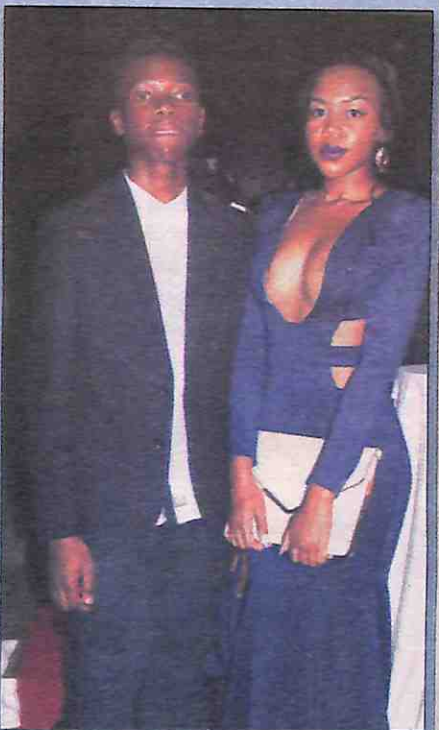
WOZA: A section of the audience dancing during the show.

UNIQUE: Unitone rendering a unique set that was accompanied by beatboxing.



ST. FRANCIS PROM IN PICTURES

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THE REDS: Zuke, Lara, Phephile and Sihlanguiso looking beautiful in red evening wear at St. Francis prom night at Happy Valley Hotel in Ezulwini on Friday night.



LAST KISS: These two were happy to be part of the prom night and the lady shared a baby kiss with her partner



WHITE AND GOLD: She decided to go for an angelic look that came with a cape.



THE BOSS LADY: Sihle Skhosana was a head turner with her outfit, she was the only lady in a suit.



THEM BOYS: St. Francis high school boys posing for a picture during their prom night.



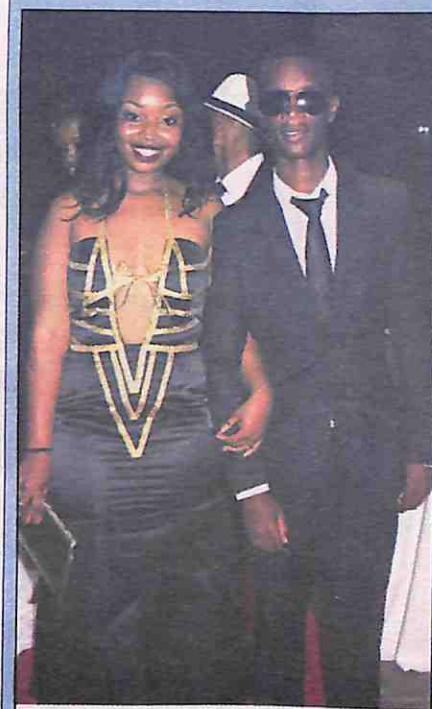
GORGEIOUS: These ladies took time to capture their arrival glad in red and black dresses.



SELFIE MOMENT: Sihle Skhosana (Centre) taking selfies with her friends.



SO ANGELIC: Tadzile Dlamini and Bonge Vilakati look stunning in their white and blue dresses.





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NEWS



HIGHLIGHTS



The Jail: 60 Days In
Today at 20:50 on Crime + Investigation (170)

The controversial and ground-breaking experiment, 'The Jail: 60 Days In' returns with a new even more explosive series.

The second series follows a fresh set of seven participants who enter the dangerous world of incarceration at the Clark County Jail in Jeffersonville, Indiana, in an effort to expose what really happens behind bars. Among the new inmates is Ashleigh, the wife of last series' participant Zac.

As a result of the facility's recent history of corruption,

Sheriff Jamey Noel has devised a programme where seven volunteers will live among the facility's general population for 60 days without officers, inmates, or staff knowing their secret. Around-the-clock cameras capture this unparalleled access in an effort to bring the problems to light. 'The Jail: 60 Days In' is a warts-and-all view of what life is like behind bars through the eyes of people who have never been charged with a crime or served time before.

Ready To Wear: Holiday
Tomorrow at 21:00 | Fashion One (178)

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Maliposa
Tomorrow at 21:00 on FOX Life (126)

"S1/E7 - 1/7". Maliposa deals with the story of a family in which women are brutalised

and exposed to gender discrimination.



HARRY POTTER FILMS SPECIAL

WHILE celebrating its big 3-0, M-Net continues to treat viewers to magical entertainment and how much more magical can you get than a channel dedicated to the Harry Potter films?

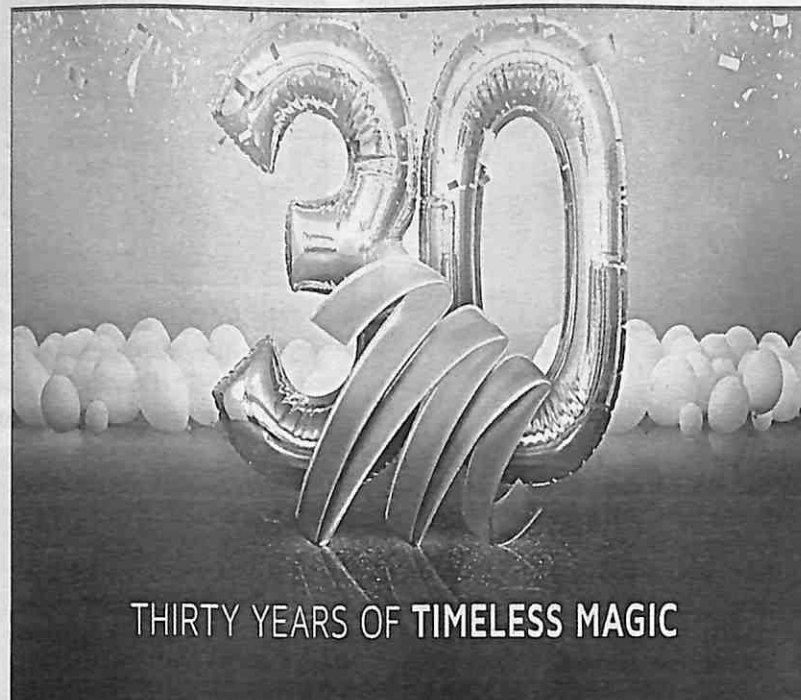
After the fun-filled M-Net 30th Birthday BlockParty channel drew to a close on DStv Premium at the end of October, the iconic eight-film Harry Potter series took over the entertainment on channel 109.

M-Net is treating viewers to a special M-Net Movies Harry Potter pop-up extravaganza from last Friday until Sunday and it will run for 17 hours per day from 06 00 until 23 00 CAT.

Leading up to the worldwide release of Warner Bros. 'Pictures' Fantastic Beasts' and 'Where to Find Them', an all-new adventure returning us to the wizarding world created by JK Rowling, all M-Net customers will be able to watch all eight Harry Potter films.

In addition to these eight films, the M-Net Harry Potter Pop-Up channel will be packed with specials and features around the making of this hugely successful movie franchise.

Every night at 20:00 viewers will be captivated by the magic of the Harry Potter stories and transported into the spellbinding world of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. The films will be screened in this



time-slot each day in chronological order. But, if you can't wait another day to watch the next film in the series, you can watch back-to-back screenings throughout the day.

"By creating this channel, it proves yet again that M-Net allows our viewers in Africa to stay connected to the latest entertainment trends and buzz across the globe," says Jan du Plessis, Director: M-Net Channels.

For more than a decade, Warner Bros.' Harry Potter films have captivated the hearts and imaginations of

children and adults all over the globe with enchanting tales of magic, adventure and friendship.

While the franchise turned these young stars into household names, veterans like Maggie Smith, Alan Rickman and Robbie Coltrane round out the storylines in these spectacular films.

For more information on M-Net's Harry Potter Pop-Up channel and the full schedule, go to www.mnet.tv. You can also join the conversation with @mnetmovies on twitter.

Maid In Manhattan

A Cinderella-style story with a Big Apple twist, 'Maid in Manhattan' is set to arrive to Telemundo (118) today at 16:20.

Inspired by the eponymous movie, the 167-episode telenovela presents Mexican singer and actress Litzy, who steps into the figurative glass shoes of Marisa Luján Villa in the lead role.

Before she becomes a maid in Manhattan, Marisa Lujan is a mom in Michoacan, Mexico, where things are starting to get dangerous. Fearing for the welfare of her son, Lalo, she packs their bags for the US and they make their way from California to New York. Then Marisa lands a job as a maid at a luxurious Manhattan hotel, where she works hard to build a life for her and her son while dreaming of a brighter future. But she



couldn't have ever dreamed up what happens next...

Marisa has a chance encounter with a high-profile guest at the hotel, Cristobal Parker - played by the enigmatic Eugenio Siller (If Only I Were You, Queen of Hearts). Luckily, she just so happens to be dressed in a guest's glamorous garb at the time, and she must keep her true identity as a hotel maid a secret from him. But

it's going to be harder than she thought, as Cristobal has fallen deeply in love with her and is desperate to see her again.

Expect a captivating tale of the labyrinth that leads to love, fraught with omissions, misgivings, doubt, and hard choices. It will have you in fits of laughter one moment, and dabbing at your eyes with a tissue the next.

Follow the steps of the fated couple, while getting to know the other exciting characters, including Marisa's mother (Ana Sobero), ex-husband (Paulo César Quevedo), her highly intelligent son (Jorge Eduardo García) and Sara Montero (Vanessa Villela), who will do anything to win Cristobal's affections.

'Maid in Manhattan' premieres today at 16:20 on Telemundo (118).

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International Celebrity News

Reese tie the knot

NEW YORK - Fresh off the Boat actress Chelsey Crisp and writer-producer Rhett Reese are now husband and wife. The two were married on Saturday in front of 225 guests in Paradise Valley, Arizona.

"We both grew up in Phoenix, so having all of our friends and family meet there for the wedding is unbelievably special to us," the couple tells PEOPLE exclusively. "Saying 'I do' in our hometown, with the



JUST MARRIED:
Chelsey Crisp
and Rhett Reese.

sun setting over Camelback mountain and everyone we love around us is a perfect way to start our life together."

Crisp, who wore a custom Allure gown by Lillian Lottie Couture, and Reese began dating four years ago after meeting at a wrap party for Spike TV's The Joe Schmo Show, in which she acted and he executive produced. They got engaged in 2015 over the Christmas holiday.

People

Trump rushed off stage by security during rally

RENO - Donald Trump was rushed off the stage during a rally in Reno, Nevada, on Saturday night, according to multiple reports.

In videos and tweets from the event, Trump can be seen looking out into the crowd before being rushed off the stage

by a group of Secret Service agents from his protective detail.



RUSHED OFF: Donald Trump.

the rally in handcuffs.

News 24

Kris Jenner's kids celebrate her 61st birthday

LOS ANGELES - Kris Jenner's children have paid tribute to her on her 61st birthday.

The momager celebrated her big day on Saturday, 5 November and daughter Khloe Kardashian was the first of her offspring to post a message.

She wrote: "Happy birthday

mama!! My greatest wish is to grow up and be as fantastic as a mother as you have been to us! Thank you for always being there for every single one of us! You are our angel! I love you mommy!"



BIRTHDAY GIRL: Kris Jenner.

Channel 24

Middleton, Hilton twinning in same dress

LOS ANGELES - Who would've thought Paris Hilton and Kate Middleton have the same sense of style!

It seems The Duchess of Cambridge even gets style inspiration from the 35-year-old socialite.

Paris attended amfAR's Inspiration Gala on Sunday, 27

October wearing a beautiful white gown, the very same beautiful white gown that Kate wore to a London film premiere on Thursday night. While the ladies paired the elegant dress, with lace and pleated details

made by Self Portrait, with different accessories, both looked stunning. *News 24*



SAME STYLE: Paris Hilton and Kate Middleton.

SA Celebrity News

Minnie Dlamini leaves SoccerZone

JOHANNESBURG - TV personality Minnie Dlamini has officially resigned as co-host of the popular soccer show SoccerZone on SABC 1.

The presenter has been with show for the last four years. "I have resigned from SABC Sport to focus on my other business ventures. I have loved my time with the SABC Sport family and will miss them dearly. It pains



RESIGNS: Minnie Dlamini.

me to realise that I won't be seeing my Thom Thom (Thomas Mlambo) and Dr Mnandi every Monday as they have become family. I need to grow and explore various opportunities in entertainment and business. I'm super excited about 2017 and working very hard to make it a success. I will be back on screen for Tropika Island of Treasure Seychelles in March 2017 on SABC3, be sure not to miss it."

wrote Minnie. *Move*

Skhumba swaps police job for full-time comedy

JOHANNESBURG - For those of you who didn't know, when Skhumba isn't making people roll with laughter, he works as a clerk for the SAPS.

But speaking to Sowetan in a recent interview the funnyman revealed that he has resigned

from his day job to give his full attention to comedy.

Skhumba resigned two months ago and his last day with the SAPS is on December 31. Skhumba who is a resident comedian on Kaya FM landed in hot water last month.



CHANGES JOBS: Skhumba.

Move

Khaya Mthethwa stalled Ilobolo

DURBAN - Award-winning singer Khaya Mthethwa and his alleged fiancée, actress Jessica Nkosi, are said to have called it quits.

This after the season 8 Idols winner had allegedly been delaying *Ilobolo* process.

A source claimed Jessica got tired of waiting and decided to leave. According to the source, Khaya had been dragging his feet. Our source said eventually Khaya's uncle decided to tell Jessica Khaya



SPLIT: Khaya Mthethwa.

can't get married. His uncle said they were waiting for Nomzamo Mbatha's family to return *Ilobolo* money Khaya had paid them, the source claimed.

"I think that was just a lame excuse," the source said.

Another source said the couple's relationship wasn't as rosy as it seemed. They constantly fought over the fact that Khaya and Nomzamo still talk, and that

Nomzamo still has the engagement ring. *Daily Sun*

Khuli Chana's film to be aired on SABC 1

JOHANNESBURG - Motswako rapper Khuli Chana is about to wear his heart on his sleeve for the whole of Mzansi to see. The rapper's film, *Picking Up the Pieces* is going to be aired for the first on SABC 1 on Sunday night, in the film Khuli opens up about his rapper career, his journey as a father and the 2013 case when he was shot at by



ON SCREEN: Khuli Chana.

police.

"I've allowed myself to be vulnerable and viewers will be able to connect with Khulani, the person." Says the rapper.

The film, produced by Khuli's girlfriend, Asanda Maku, is distributed by Seed Entertainment and also focuses on his journey to become one of Mzansi's most popular rappers. Catch Khuli's film *Picking Up the Pieces* tomorrow at 9pm and the repeat will be aired on 17 December at 9pm. *Move*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Sunday has a new plan of destruction for the Zungus. Bhubesini reels from a shocking departure. Jabu and Zama return from their vacation.



BACK: Zama.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Angelique fears that Daniella will tell Calvin the truth and realises she'll have to do something about it.

Tiffany puts Calvin in a tight spot. Lerato and Zukisa are reluctant about giving the money back.



FEARS: Angelique.

Muvhango

TODAY

Serithi comes face to face with Khomoto's gun and gets saved by unlikely heroes. Ndalamo reacts to the abuse allegations and gives KK an unexpected ultimatum. Vho-Mukondeleli and Thifhelimbilu get the shock of their lives when Teboho shows up at the house.



SAVED: Serithi.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY



WORRIED: Bongi.

Bongi is worried that Doc is trying to trap her for his own selfish reasons. Zinzi is broken that her parents' love has degraded to this marriage of convenience.

WALKING PAST A CLASS



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TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22 – JANUARY 19

Professional advice works in your best interest at this time. Some hint of a guide to help you with your business or your advancement in the workplace. This is a good time to make some changes and reach new levels of accomplishment.



Capricorn

AQUARIUS JANUARY 20 – FEBRUARY 18

You probably do not have to worry about your weight, but still—you might be interested in new trends and what people are doing to stay healthy. There is a lot of talk among co-workers and tips with suggestions are easy to find.



Aquarius

PISCES FEBRUARY 19 – MARCH 20

High-level differences of opinion or outlook represent an important area of change. Fresh insight comes to you through mass media, giving you a new perspective. You want to get things organised, and have the initiative to do it.



Pisces

ARIES MARCH 21 – APRIL 19

This is a good day. Situations are almost made to order and it is easy to see which path is the one to take.



Aries

TAURUS APRIL 20 – MAY 20

Travel, education and other ways to stretch your horizons open new doors of opportunity. You just have a couple of more weeks to work and then you can take your vacation and head for a more desirable landscape.



Taurus

GEMINI MAY 21 – JUNE 21

This is a rewarding day that makes up for all the stressful days. Taking care of business is a major theme where your emotional orientation is concerned and you are pleased to have the time and space to complete what you begin.



Gemini

CANCER JUNE 22 – JULY 22

Taking responsibility for your actions is the uppermost concern at this time. Make sure you can follow through on something before you volunteer for extra duty at work or you consider staying late to work.



Cancer

LEO JULY 23 – AUGUST 22

It takes much energy and drive for starting something or taking care of business; it's very physical too. If you do not have shoes that benefit you, it may be time to study on the options that are available and purchase shoes that will see you through the work day successfully.



Leo

VIRGO AUGUST 23 – SEPTEMBER 22

Material things and the whole concept of value take on more importance for you at this time and you concentrate on your work and aim for the results: financial security and enjoying the finer things in life, appreciating and creating things others long to have.



Virgo

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23 – OCTOBER 23

Sometimes you may feel as though life is moving too fast and then there comes a time when you discover you have not accomplished the things you thought you would accomplish at your age.



Libra

SCORPIO OCTOBER 24 – NOVEMBER 21

There is plenty of good luck to go around today. You tend to be productively involved with taxes, insurance, inheritance, pensions, investments, credit and jointly held resources.



Scorpio

SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22 – DECEMBER 21

This is the time of year in which you and your family might be planning a big garage sale for the weekend.



Sagittarius

BABY BLUES

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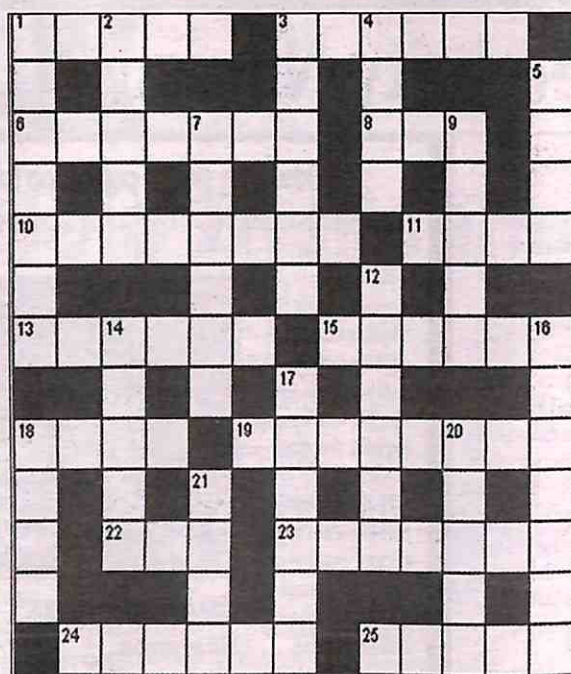
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PUZZLE CHOICE



Down

- Downy fruit (7)
- Shaped and dried dough (5)
- Game bird (6)
- Kitchen appliance (4)
- Open pastry with fruit filling (4)
- Sticky candy (6)
- Heated bread (5)
- Edible tuber (6)
- Sweetener (5)
- Cooked meat or fish coated in egg and breadcrumbs and fried (7)
- Thick soup (6)
- Cook slowly in liquid (4)
- Large edible ray (5)
- Vegetable (4)

Across

- Fruit (5)
- Retail food seller (6)
- Italian rice (7)
- Consume (5)
- Type of lobster (8)
- Used to season and preserve food (4)
- Sampled (6)
- Pestle and (6)
- Aromatic leaves (4)
- Thick syrup (8)
- Cereal grass (3)
- Pear-shaped tropical fruit (7)
- Type of cake (6)
- Very thin pancake (5)



NOT A HAPPY MAN

An angry wife was complaining about her husband spending all his free time in a bar, so one night he took her along with him. "What'll you have?" he asked. "Oh, I don't know.

The same as you I suppose," she replied. So, the husband ordered a couple of Jack Daniel's and threw his down in one

shot. His wife watched him, then took a sip from her glass and immediately spat it out.

"Yuck, that's TERRIBLE!" she spluttered.

"I don't know how you can drink this stuff!" "Well, there you go," cried the husband. "And you think I'm out enjoying myself every night!"

USELESS FACTS

- In every episode of Seinfeld there is a Superman somewhere.
- The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from and old English law which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than

- your thumb.
- Stewardesses is the longest word typed with only the left hand.
- The average chocolate bar has eight insects' legs in it.
- The average human eats eight spiders in their lifetime at night.

BRAinteasers QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Friday's brainteasers

- Imagine you are in a dark room. How do you get out?
Answer: Stop imagining.

- What invention lets you look right through a

wall?

Answer: A window.

Today's brainteasers

- What can you catch but not throw?

- What is at the end of a rainbow?

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Vuyiswa, Grade 4, Khanyisile Primary

My daughter was developing a negative attitude towards Maths because she felt like it was becoming difficult. She was not able to understand how to do certain sums.

I felt she needed special attention and from someone who would be patient with her. Her marks were between 90 & 100% in Grade 1 to 2, although they started dropping a bit in grade 3 to the 80's. It was the only subject that spoiled her overall aggregate.

She started hating the subject because she is a child that gets between 90 & 100% in all her subjects. Right now she is so happy, and she got close to 100% in her Maths exams. Also her attitude towards Maths has really changed. She now loves it more, and is always telling me she was explaining something on the board in class because the other kids did not understand.

A Parent



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PACQUIAO CLAIMS WBO WELTERWEIGHT TITLE

LAS VEGAS – Manny Pacquiao put on a dazzling display in his return to the ring after a brief retirement, scoring a unanimous decision over champion Jessie Vargas to claim the WBO welterweight title in Las Vegas on Saturday.

Despite giving away 10 years to his opponent, the 37-year-old Pacquiao fought with more intensity and energy, and dominated the American in the final rounds to close out an emphatic victory. The judges scored the bout 114-113, 118-109 and 118-109 in favour of Pacquiao, the only fighter to hold titles in eight divisions, with the Filipino improving to 59-6-2, while Vargas fell to 27-2. It was a master class taught by the first sitting senator to win a world boxing championship as Pacquiao temporarily left the ring to win election in the Philippines and serve in office before making a return to what he called his "passion". Pacquiao, whose previous bout was a unanimous decision over Timothy Bradley in April, showed quickly that



POUND FOR POUND: Manny Pacquiao of the Philippines lands a right to the face of Jessie Vargas during their WBO welterweight championship fight at the Thomas & Mack Centre on Saturday at Las Vegas.

he had not lost his skills, knocking Vargas down in the second round with a straight left to the champion's face. Vargas battled back and landed his dangerous right several times but

Pacquiao withstood the punishment and by the end of the bout, the American's face was swollen on one side and he had a cut over his right eyebrow. *Reuters*

Buffon becomes fourth player in Serie A history to make 600 appearances

ROME – Gianluigi Buffon has become the fourth player in Serie A history to make 600 appearances in Italy's top flight after starting Juventus' match at Chievo.

The 38-year-old joins former Milan

great Paolo Maldini, ex-Inter defender Javier Zanetti and ever-green Roma veteran Francesco Totti in the 600 club.



600 TIMES: Gianluigi Buffon.

Maldini leads the way with 647 appearances, while Totti (607) is likely to join Buffon in surpassing Zanetti's mark of 615 games during the current season.

He played 168 times for former employers Parma, with yesterday's match at the Stadio Marc'Antonio Bentegodi marking a 432nd outing in Juventus colours.

The match is Buffon's 23rd versus Chievo – he has only faced seven Serie A opponents with greater frequency – and comes hot on the heels of the Italy goalkeeper's last career landmark in midweek.

Wednesday's 1-1 Champions League draw against Lyon was his 100th in Europe's premier competition. In September, Buffon outstripped Gianluca Pagliuca (592) in becoming the goalkeeper with the most Serie A matches under his belt, while his 973 consecutive minutes without conceding between January and March this year represents another league record. *GOAL*

Ibrahimovic could be offered escape from Manchester United woes

MANCHESTER – Zlatan Ibrahimovic may be offered an escape from the nightmare that his time at Manchester United is rapidly turning into.

LA Galaxy are interested in signing the 35-year-old striker after his current one-year deal expires according to the Mirror.

Ibrahimovic is enduring one of the worst goal-scoring droughts of his career which coincides with United's stuttering form.

The striker may be tempted to spend the twilight of his career in the California surroundings where he would certainly be the prime attraction once more.

Galaxy have a well trodden path when it comes to signing aging superstars from Europe with David Beckham and Steven Gerrard making the move across the pond. Wayne Rooney is another one of

United's fading stars and news that Galaxy are interested in and news of the pursuit of Ibrahimovic may come as a blow to the England captain.

Rooney is also enduring the most difficult spell of his career so far but his escape route could be blocked by the two remaining years on his contract.

He is earning £300 000 per week which makes Ibrahimovic a more financially viable option for the American team.

Ibrahimovic does have the option to extend his year with United and could yet be determined to turn his fortunes around.

The man who called himself a God might be tempted by a move to pastures new where he would be seen as more of a deity than by his current Old Trafford faithful.

Daily Mail

Proteas set Aussies a record 539 to win

PERTH – South Africa have set Australia a world record 539 runs to win the first Test after captain Faf du Plessis called his team off the field shortly after lunch on the fourth day.

Du Plessis had waited for the dismissal of Vernon Philander for 73, when the all-rounder was clean bowled by Australian skipper Steve Smith's occasional leg-spinners.

South Africa added a further 150 runs to their overnight total in just over a session on Sunday morning, with Quinton de Kock also bringing up his fourth consecutive Test match half-century. The Proteas wicket-keeper was eventually out for 64 (5x4, 2x6) when he was caught at short cover off the under-pressure Mitchell Marsh's bowling.

Australia's torment, though, was not over yet with De Kock's

dismissal only bringing the confident Keshav Maharaj to the crease. The debutant has certainly not suffered from any first-game jitters here at the WACA as he stroked a breezy 41 off just 32 balls (2x4, 3x6). He was particularly severe on his spin-bowling counterpart Nathan Lyon, smashing the off-spinner for three sixes high over mid-wicket.

South Africa had 53 overs on Sunday and further 90 overs on Monday to dismiss the Aussies with a lot depending on Philander and Kagiso Rabada due to Dale Steyn's unavailability. Maharaj will also have to play a significant role with the ball and will hope to draw on the confidence gained while batting.

South Africa: 242 & 540/8 (Philander 73, De Kock 64, Maharaj 41*)

Australia: 244
IOL Sport

Cristiano Ronaldo to sign new five-year deal at Real Madrid

MADRID – Real Madrid are poised to announce a new contract for Cristiano Ronaldo that could keep him at the club until he is 36.

The new five-year deal could be announced in the next 24 hours with a presentation pending the player's international commitments with Portugal.

The 31-year-old will have been at the club for 12 years if he sees out his new deal which is not believed to include any major salary hikes but does keep him as the club's top earner just above Gareth Bale.

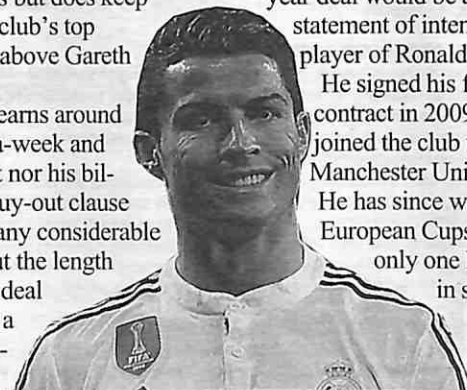
Ronaldo earns around £365 000-a-week and neither that nor his billion euro buy-out clause will show any considerable change. But the length of his new deal still shows a major commitment from the club. He

endured his worst start to a season during this campaign but the club's record goalscorer with 371 goals in 359 games has said many times he wants to finish his career in the Spanish capital and the club have given him what he wants.

Sources in Madrid say the club may yet make the final year of the new deal optional with both sides needing to agree on it before the start of the 2020-21 season but even a four plus one year deal would be a massive

statement of intent with a player of Ronaldo's age. He signed his first Madrid contract in 2009 when he joined the club from Manchester United. He has since won two European Cups but still only one league title in six years.

Daily Mail



NEW DEAL: Real Madrid Cristiano Ronaldo.

Andy Murray crowned world No 1 for the first time in his career



CROWNED: Andy Murray.

PARIS – Andy Murray was elevated to the world No 1 position on Saturday afternoon in the most anti-climactic fashion when Milos Raonic had to forfeit their semi-final at the Paris Masters.

Murray became the 26th man to reach the position since the modern rankings came in 43 years ago when the Canadian walked into a snap press conference to announce that he had a tear in his right quad muscle, sustained in the quarter finals.

It means that Murray is guaranteed to move a fractional five points ahead of Novak Djokovic when the new rankings come out today, regardless of what hap-

pened in yesterday's final, which will see him face giant American John Isner. At 29 years and 174 days Murray will be the oldest first time No 1 since John Newcombe in 1974, and the first British player of either sex to gain the status after a phenomenal run that has seen him go 59-5 in all matches since the Madrid Masters at the start of May. Raonic was due to be the last obstacle for the 29 year-old Scot to overtake Djokovic, whose reign at No 1 has lasted 122 weeks, and the Canadian is now a doubt for the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals that started a week yesterday.

"It feels a little bit strange how it's happened today and obviously

unfortunate that Milos is injured," said Murray on Saturday, who claimed his ascent to the top of the rankings has been due to hard work. "To get to this stage is about 12 months of tournaments. The last few months have been the best of my career and I'm very proud to get to this moment." Those 12 months have included a second Wimbledon title and a retention of his Olympic gold.

"I feel like getting to No 1 it wasn't about this week, or about last week. It's been many years of work to get here," added the Scot. "The most satisfying thing is it's been such a difficult thing to do in my career." *Daily Mail*



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NOT YET: José Mourinho and Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

IBRAHIMOVIC, MOURINHO FAIL TO LIVE UP TO TOP BILLING

MANCHESTER - Modesty and failure are not terms that spring to mind when describing either Sweden striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic or Portuguese coach José Mourinho.

When the two joined Manchester United at the start of the current season, Red Devils fans were not only looking forward to an entertaining few months ahead...they were also hoping for success. Ten games into the season, and there has been neither success nor

entertainment. Last Saturday's uninspiring 0-0 draw against Burnley at Old Trafford left United eight points behind the dominating trio of Manchester City, Arsenal and Liverpool, and seven points behind Chelsea. One of the reasons United has failed to live up to their preseason hype, is because striker Ibrahimovic has failed to find the goal-scoring form he has had with former clubs. He began strongly enough, scoring a goal

against Bournemouth and two against Southampton in his first two matches, giving United an excellent start to the season with six points from six games. Ibrahimovic is used to being the star forward, with the team's game moulded more towards his own, not the other way around. But with Paul Pogba and teenage sensation Marcus Rashford, United already have two top-notch strikers on the field.

City Press



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The SHGA is implemented by 8 NGOs and coordinated by Imbita Swaziland Women's Finance Trust. The National Coordinator (NC), employed by Imbita is responsible for building capacity of the promoting organizations, documenting and forwarding the learning to the involved stakeholders and scaling-up the SHGA in the country.

Imbita Swaziland Women's Finance Trust is seeking a highly motivated and competent individual to take up the position of the **SELF-HELP GROUP (SHG) NATIONAL CO-ORDINATOR (NC)**.

Position: Self-Help Group (SHG) National Co-ordinator.

Location: The SHG National Coordinator will be based at Imbita Swaziland Women's Finance Trust Offices in Manzini which is a National Coordination Office. The successful candidate will hence be an employee of Imbita Swaziland Women's Finance Trust.

Contract: 12 months

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

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- Fundraising and proposal writing skills.
- Strong networking and partnership building skills.
- Openness to learn new approaches.
- Highly proficient in MS Word, Excel, Access, Power-point and Outlook.
- A good team-player, self-driven, capable of meeting deadlines and able to work under minimum supervision.
- Willing to travel extensively within the areas of operation and to work extended periods in the field.
- Ability to interact effectively with local communities.
- A valid Driver's License with at least 5 years experience.

If you are interested in serving as a SHG National Coordinator and meet the requirements as described above, please submit your application and motivation letter, demonstrating why you qualify for the position, together with your current CV and names of three traceable referees, one of whom should be your most current supervisor.

Applications may be sent to imbita@realnet.co.sz, or:
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Closing date for the receipt of applications is 15 November, 2016. Imbita appreciates all candidates but please note that it will only enter into correspondence with shortlisted candidates.

CHELSEA CAN WIN PREMIER LEAGUE

LONDON - Chelsea's style of play is better suited to winning the Premier League than their rivals and they can win their next eight games, including a trip to Manchester City, according to Paul Scholes.

The former Manchester United and England midfielder was speaking as a pundit on BT Sport's coverage of Chelsea's 5-0 hammering of Everton, which takes Antonio Conte's men top of the table.

At half-time of their 3-0 defeat against Arsenal, the Italian switched to a 3-4-3 formation, and has maintained it since as Chelsea have gone on a scintillating run of form, winning five consecutive league games without conceding a goal, and scoring 16.

Scholes said: "I think their style of play is almost suited more to winning the title than a couple of the teams



above them. "Liverpool play a high energy game that is very good at the minute, but Tottenham did the same last season and blew up in March, April. Can Liverpool keep that up, I'm not too sure.

"The way Chelsea play is more or less counter-attacking football, what Leicester did last year, it is very much suited to winning the league.

"They obviously have the quality, they have the experience, and players who have won the league before,

you would have to give them a great chance."

After the international break, Chelsea must visit Middlesbrough, who helped them reach first place by surprisingly holding Manchester City to a 1-1 draw. Tough games against Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester City follow - sides who finished in the top four last campaign and who are among Chelsea's title competition this time - but Scholes has backed the Blues to win both games.

Daily Mail

Sunderland's factory visit works a treat

LONDON - Sunderland's David Moyes was rewarded for employing an old managerial ruse as his team finally achieved their first Premier League victory of the season at the 11th attempt on Saturday.

"We went to a factory this week, showing the players it is much better to be a footballer than working in a factory," he revealed after the 2-1 success away to Bournemouth.

Moyes and his struggling players visited Nissan's



REWARDED: David Moyes

Wearside car factory on Thursday and, evidently, it proved not a bad idea.

Previously criticised by some fans for a lack of commitment and character, the team showed both qualities in abundance as they won a match in which they had only 30 per cent of possession and survived the last half-hour with 10 men. It brought them level on points at the bottom with Swansea City, who were at home to Manchester United yesterday. "We've been getting closer," said Moyes. "We had Arsenal at 1-1 after 70 minutes, but we just didn't quite have it after that.

© Reuters



I want to be at Sundowns next season - Arendse

PRETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns' Wayne Arendse has expressed his desire to remain with Masandawana next season, despite the player being in the final months of his contract.

In an exclusive interview with Soccer Laduma, the 31-year-old revealed what he would still like to accomplish during his final footballing years, and looks to achieve all this while still donning the Ka Bo Yellow colours.

"I want to win everything I can and add a few Bafana Bafana caps here and there. I just want to improve, but the next step is the FIFA Club World Cup. I don't want to limit myself in terms of what I can win or achieve. We want to defend the CAF Champions League and that should be the mentality in South Africa as a whole," Arendse shared.

However, with Arendse still uncertain about his future at Sundowns, the defender has revealed that he still wants to offer his services to Masandawana in the coming season. *SoccerLaduma*



EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE:
Wayne Arendse.

Mhlengi Cele hitting a goal every 67 minutes

JOHANNESBURG - The name Mhlengi Cele may ring a few bells for some people, following a spell with Chippa United, but the Thanda Royal Zulu man is on fire in the National First Division.

Cele had an uninspiring spell at Chippa - netting just two goals in 30 games for the club - following his move from Thanda in 2014 - but now back on loan at the team where he made his name, the 29-year-old is well and truly finding his feet again. After scoring on his debut against Magesi back in August, Cele has gone on to score 12 goals in nine games for Amabhubesi, averaging a goal every 67 minutes and bagging two hat-tricks for the NFD league leaders.

Only Real Kings and Santos have been able to stop the in-form striker from scoring so far in the NFD this season, while he smashed four past Witbank Spurs and three past FC Cape Town. There will no doubt be a host of Absa Premiership clubs keeping tabs on Cele over the next two months, and should his incredible form continue then Thanda may be receiving a phone call from the Chilli Boys asking for his loan deal to be cut short. *Socceladuma*

PALACIOS PRAISES PIRATES CHARACTER

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates caretaker coach has praised the character shown by his side during Saturday's 2-1 victory over Highlands Park in the Telkom Knockout quarterfinals.

The Buccaneers secured their passage to the final four of the cup competition as an own goal from Augustine Mbara and Tendai Ndoro's 59th-minute goal handed Palacios' men a two-goal advantage, before Mthobeli Mvala pulled one back in the 65th minute. While he was disappointed to see his side concede against the newly-promoted outfit, Palacios was happy with the grit and



determination shown by his players. "We didn't need to concede the goal because we lost concentration. The character of the players was very important," Palacios said. "I'm happy, some of the players today showed more

character, and I'm happy because the way players promised the supporters.

He added: "We are getting there, sometime we have this football and sometimes it's too quick because we have no patience on the ball."

AILING TOVEY ON THE MEND

JOHANNESBURG - SAFA technical director Neil Tovey, who suffered a heart attack last month, has thanked South Africans from all walks of life for "the outpouring of support" he has received.

Tovey conveyed this message through Safa president Danny Jordaan, who visited him at his home in Mount

Edgecombe, Durban, last Wednesday.

Jordaan was accompanied by a delegation from Safa's KwaZulu-Natal region. Jordaan's spokesperson Dominic Chimhavi said the Safa president had been "pleasantly surprised by such a good and sudden turn of events after the initial fear". Jordaan had "witnessed a miracle in motion

on Wednesday. Tovey can now walk freely, talk freely, and looks in great shape for someone who suffered such a devastating ordeal". Tovey's heart attack was the third in the space of little more than a year. The former Bafana Bafana skipper had two heart attacks in February last year. "We had tea with Tovey and his wife Michelle. *Sport24*

Cale enjoying freedom under coach Igesund

JOHANNESBURG - Igesund - a four-time PSL winner - took charge of Highlands Inn last month as Allan Freese was redeployed to the development structures of the promoted outfit.

The former Bafana Bafana boss started his reign with a 2-0 win over Chippa United in the Telkom Knockout.

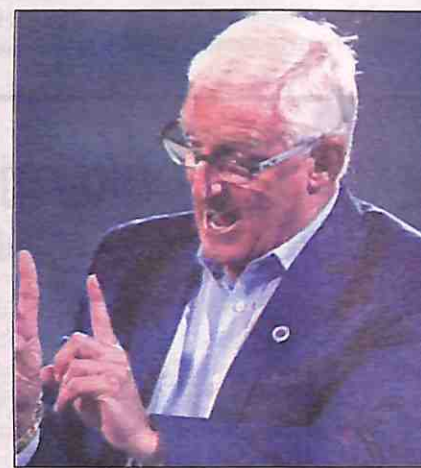
Successive league draws followed with Free State Stars and Maritzburg United before a 2-1 loss to Orlando Pirates in the TKO quarter-finals on Saturday.

"It's good to have coach Gordon here. I played under him when I was still a young boy," Cale told SuperSport TV after the defeat to Bucs at Orlando Stadium.

"The players are quite happy, the coach gives us our freedom to go out on the park and play good football.

"I am just a little bit disappointed, we could have won this game. In the first half we had six clear-cut chances, we didn't put them away.

"We are a professional side and if you are professional you must put those chances away. But yeah, I am happy for Pirates," added the 33-year-old.



BOSS: Gordon Igesund.

'SABOTAGE' TO BE PROBED

JOHANNESBURG - More heads are set to roll at Orlando Pirates following the sudden departure of coach Muhsin Ertugral a few days ago.

Ertugral resigned in a huff, following a humiliating 6-1 drubbing by SuperSport United in an Absa Premiership match at Mbombela Stadium in Nelspruit tomorrow evening.

The defeat signalled the

Buccaneers' worse loss in the Premier Soccer League (PSL) since 1996.

The Turk made clear his intention to resign on live television in the post-match interview.

True to his word, he submitted his resignation via email to Pirates chairperson Irvin "The Iron Duke" Khoza in the early hours of

Wednesday morning.

City Press has been informed by two highly placed sources within the club that, before

Ertugral's departure, a secret meeting was held between the coach and two high-ranking club officials at Melrose Arch in northern Johannesburg on October 29, the eve of the Soweto Derby.

Both sources refused to divulge the content of the conver-

sation and the purpose of the meeting.

According to the sources, the final straw for Ertugral occurred when a Pirates official stormed into the dressing room on Tuesday and "took over, giving players instructions that were contrary to the coach's game plan". "This led to the total collapse that was witnessed in the second half of the match, where we conceded six goals," said the sources. *Sport24*



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MAYWEATHER SPARKS TALK OF REMATCH WITH PACQUIAO

LAS VEGAS - Floyd

Mayweather made an unexpected appearance at the ringside for Manny Pacquiao's victory over Jessie Vargas, turning up just before the end of the preceding fight and intensifying speculation of a rematch with the Filipino.

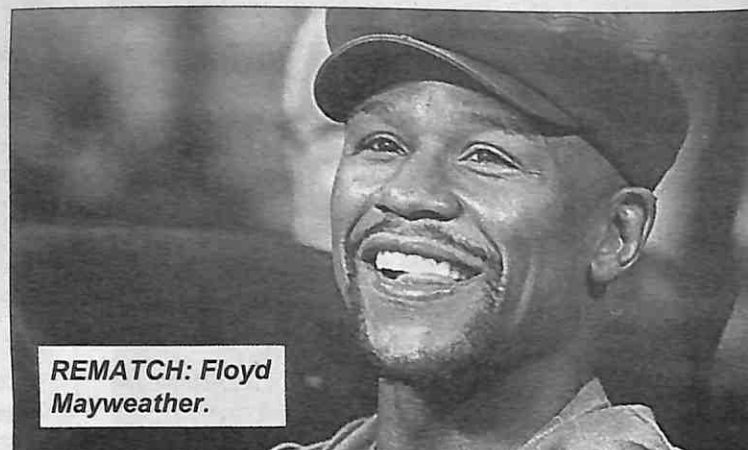
The Las Vegas fight fraternity could not recall Mr Money previously gracing a Pacquiao fight with his presence.

But then there is always the potential of another gigantic pay-night if he follows the Pacman out of retirement.

Their 2015 bout grossed more than \$600 million in pay-TV revenue, with Mayweather banking \$200 million and Pacquiao \$120 million.

Although the fight itself was a tedious disappointment, they could probably expect to make about half that much for doing it again.

There had been increasing sugges-



tions that Mayweather might be tempted if Pacquiao put on a knock-out show against Jessie Vargas, although the Filipino ultimately claimed victory by unanimous decision.

Reunion

It is unclear whether a reunion might take place in May or whether Mayweather might ask Pacquiao

to build interest further with another big performance then in preparation for a September spectacular.

When asked who he wants to fight next, with both Mayweather and unified light-welterweight champion Terence Crawford at ringside, Pacquiao said: "Next? I'm going back to the Philippines to work in the Senate." *Dailymail*



HEADER: Harry Kane with the header during the Tottenham Hotspurs game against Arsenal.

SPURS DENY ARSENAL TOP SPOT

LONDON - Arsenal missed the chance to go top of the Premier League after they drew 1-1 with North London rivals, Tottenham Hotspur at the Emirates Stadium.

Spurs nearly broke the deadlock after 21 minutes, but Harry Kane's close ranger header sailed inches wide of the upright.

The Gunners had to wait until 30 minutes for their first effort on target when Alexis Sanchez teed up Alexi Iwobi in the box. However, the Nigerian could only fire straight at Hugo Lloris.

The home side went agonisingly close after 39 minutes when Theo Walcott rattled the woodwork with a stinging effort from 25-yards out.

Arsenal eventually broke the deadlock three minutes before the break when Spurs defender Kevin Wimmer headed Mesut Ozil's free-kick into its own net.

Penalty

Spurs were awarded a penalty five minutes into the second half when Moussa Dembele was brought down by Laurent Koscielny. Harry Kane stepped up and converted from 12-yards out, 1-1.

Arsene Wenger opted for an attacking change after 64 minutes as Aaron Ramsey replaced Francis Coquelin. Spurs responded with a change of their own 10 minutes later, as Vincent Janssen replaced Kane as the visitors pushed for a winner. *AFP*

Southgate could reject offer of full-time England job

LONDON - England's interim manager Gareth Southgate has cast doubt on whether he will accept a full-time position if it is offered by his Football Association employers.

The former England Under-21 boss was put in charge for four matches after Sam Allardyce was sacked in September for behaving "inappropriately" when seeking a lucrative sideline role while talking to undercover reporters.

"I think when you are in the position I am in you need to be clear of what is being asked," Southgate told a Football Journalism degree class at the University of Derby.

"There is a big difference, for example, between being asked to take the team over the summer or to take the team for three years or take the team for a year and a half.

Easy

"I don't think it is as easy as saying, 'yes I would like the job'. I would also like to see how it is affecting my family and my health probably," said Southgate.

The former England defender has two more games in charge after having led the side to a 2-0 home win over Malta and a 0-0 draw against Slovenia in World Cup qualifying matches.

Reuters

IN-FORM BALE LEADS REAL TO COMFORTABLE WIN

MADRID - Gareth Bale continued his fine form in front of goal, as he netted a brace to inspire Real Madrid to a 3-0 win over Leganes yesterday afternoon.

Karim Benzema and Fabio Coentrao have dropped out, with Isco and Marcelo drafted in as their replacements.

After a very slow start to encounter, the first opening arrived after 21 minutes when Bale picked out Alvaro Morata, who headed over the crossbar from close range.

Los Blancos have eventually broken the deadlock after 38th minutes. Isco picked out Bale with a fine pass and the Welshman rounded the goalkeeper to slot into an empty net.

Bale then grabbed his and Real's



IN-FORM: Real Madrid's Gareth Bale.

second on the stroke of halftime as the forward poked home from six-yards out, after getting on the end of Toni Kroos' free-kick.

There was some positive news after the hour-mark, as Luka Modric made his return to action,

replacing Mateo Kovacic.

Leganes nearly pulled a goal back in the 72nd minute, as Szymanowski skipped past Dani Carvajal, before forcing Keylor Navas into a superb save from distance. *Dailymail*

LeBron James moves into the NBA top 10 all-time scorers

CLEVELAND - LeBron James scored 25 points, moving into 10th place on the NBA's career list, and added 14 assists and eight rebounds as the unbeaten Cleveland Cavaliers held off the winless 76ers 102-101 in their NBA match on Saturday night.

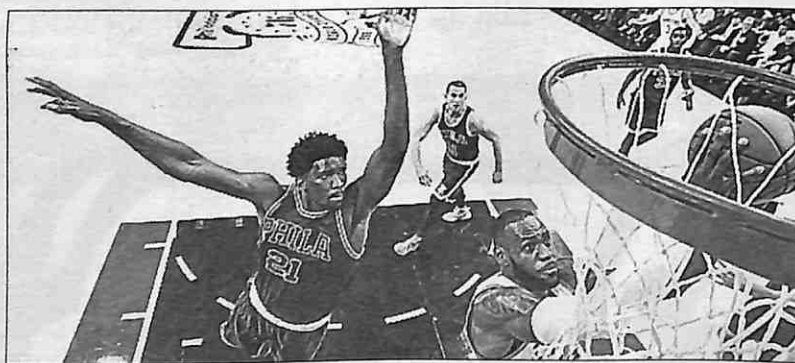
The Cavs were pushed to the limit by the 76ers, but James doesn't think that's such a bad thing.

"It's always great to have these kinds of games," James said. "We will clean it up. It's a great learning experience for us. I know we have room for improvement."

Kevin Love added 20 points and 11 rebounds for the reigning champion Cavaliers, who improved to 6-0.

Coach Tyronn Lue wasn't disappointed, either, that the result was so surprisingly close.

"We stayed poised," Lue said. "We



UNSTOPPABLE: Cleveland cavaliers' Lebron James driving for the basket.

were tested tonight. Overall, I'm pleased to come out with a win when we had some adversity."

Attempts

Joel Embiid scored 22 points, making all four of his 3-point attempts, but the 76ers dropped to 0-5.

James passed Hall of Famer

Hakeem Olajuwon by converting a fast-break layup midway through the first quarter. Olajuwon finished his career with 26 946 points. James now 26 970.

It looked to be an easy night for the Cavaliers at that point. But the 76ers nearly shocked them. *Daily Mail*

SAKHO DETERMINED TO PROVE REDS WORTH

LIVERPOOL - France international defender Mamadou Sakho vowed yesterday to carve out a future despite Liverpool coach Jurgen Klopp not using him this season.

"I'm still determined, I'm working hard," the former Paris Saint German star told French broadcaster TF1's Telefoot.

The 26-year-old has yet to feature for the Premier League title contenders this season and was speaking after playing in a reserve match.

Sakho was suspended last April after a positive doping

test before being cleared of wrongdoing in July, too late to have a chance of appearing at Euro 2016. An Achilles tendon strain then prevented him from regaining match fitness in the summer and he swiftly fell down the pecking order.

Reports

Media reports suggested a fallout with the club hierarchy and also that Sakho had turned down loans to Stoke City, West Bromwich Albion and Turkey's Besiktas. France coach Didier Deschamps told Telefoot that the player's "situation appears very complicated." *AFP*

Liverpool destroy Watford

LONDON - Liverpool will go into the international break top of the Premier League table after a resounding 6-1 victory over hapless Watford at Anfield yesterday.

The Reds, who clocked up the biggest home win of the Jurgen Klopp era, stormed to the top of the table for the first time since May 2014 on the back of another Anfield annihilation.

The Reds were last at the summit in the latter stages of the title race three seasons ago, when an irrepressible attack looked set to deliver a long-awaited league championship on Merseyside only for defensive fragilities to rob them of silverware.

Klopp's current team have all the forward flair of that Brendan Rodgers team, with Sadio Mane, Philippe Coutinho and Emre Can all scoring in the space of 16 first-half minutes here, and Roberto Firmino, Mane and Georginio Wijnaldum adding further goals after the interval.

And though Daryl Janmaat's consolation robbed them of a second clean sheet, this was an emphatic answer to those query-

...to soar top of the Premier League



CELEBRATION: Liverpool coach Jurgen-Klopp Celebrates with Roberto.

ing Liverpool's title credentials.

News of Arsenal's lunchtime draw with Tottenham brought cheers from the Anfield faithful prior to kick-off as they knew a home victory would now guarantee top spot.

Some early misplaced passes may have owed to nerves given

what was at stake but the hosts soon hit their stride.

They should have been ahead as early as the 16th minute when Coutinho's deep corner made its way through to Lucas, with the converted centre-back firing at Heurelho Gomes when one-on-one. The Hornets had another let off moments later when Coutinho stepped inside Janmaat and fired into the side netting in what would serve as a warning that the Dutchman would not heed later in the half.

The deadlock was broken in the 27th minute as another Reds corner provided a chance, Coutinho this time going short before flighting in a cross which Mane reached ahead of Janmaat to steer a flicked header beyond Gomes.

Three minutes later it was 2-0 as Coutinho's first touch once again opened up a chance that he would take. Klopp's side went from right to left and when Firmino fed Coutinho, the Brazilian side-stepped Janmaat and drilled an attempt between Younes Kaboul's legs and past

Gomes.

The Hornets keeper injured himself in trying to make the save so Costel Pantilimon came on to try and stop the rout that was unfolding.

Even at six foot, eight inches the goalkeeper could only watch as Adam Lallana's 43rd-minute cross was nodded in by Can, one of four Liverpool players in the box awaiting the delivery.

The second half followed a similar pattern as Liverpool increased their lead and the fourth goal again stemmed from a set piece.

Coutinho's free-kick came to Jordan Henderson out on the left and he played in Lallana to cross for Firmino, who was left with the simple task of applying the finish in front of goal.

Four-nil soon became five thanks to some brilliant work from Firmino. He chased down Henderson's pass into the box and beat Jose Holebas to the ball, then held it up long enough to spot Mane's run, with the Senegalese the grateful recipient of an assist threaded between two defenders. **TEAMTALK**

LOGS

Bundesliga	P	W	D	L	GS	GA	+/-	Pts
1 FC Bayern Munch	10	7	3	0	24	6	+18	24
2 Rasen Ballsport	10	7	3	0	20	7	+13	24
3 Hoffenheim	10	5	5	0	18	11	+7	20
4 Hertha BSC	10	6	2	2	17	10	+7	20
5 Borussia Dortmund	10	5	3	2	25	12	+13	18
6 Koln	10	5	3	2	16	7	+9	18
7 Eintracht Frankfurt	10	5	3	2	14	8	+6	18
8 Bayer Leverkusen	10	5	1	4	16	15	+1	16
9 SC Freiburg	10	5	0	5	13	16	-3	15
10 Mainz 05	10	4	2	4	17	18	-1	14
11 Borussia M'gladba	10	3	3	4	10	15	-5	12
12 Schalke 04	10	3	2	5	13	12	+1	11
13 FC Augsburg	10	3	2	5	10	14	-4	11
14 VfL Wolfsburg	10	2	3	5	9	13	-4	9
15 Darmstadt 98	10	2	2	6	10	20	-10	8
16 Werder Bremen	10	2	1	7	12	27	-15	7
17 FC Ingolstadt 04	10	0	2	8	7	21	-14	2
18 Hamburger SV	10	0	2	8	4	23	-19	2

Premier League	P	W	D	L	GS	GA	+/-	Pts
1 Liverpool FC	11	8	2	1	30	14	+16	26
2 Chelsea FC	11	8	1	2	26	9	+17	25
3 Manchester City	11	7	3	1	25	10	+15	24
4 Arsenal FC	11	7	3	1	24	11	+13	24
5 Tottenham Hotspur	11	5	6	0	15	6	+9	21
6 Manchester United	11	5	3	3	16	13	+3	18
7 Everton FC	11	5	3	3	15	13	+2	18
8 Watford FC	11	4	3	4	15	19	-4	15
9 Burnley FC	11	4	2	5	11	15	-4	14
10 Southampton FC	11	3	4	4	12	12	+0	13
11 West Bromwich Albion	11	3	4	4	12	15	-3	13
12 Stoke City FC	11	3	4	4	13	18	-5	13
13 AFC Bournemouth	11	3	3	5	13	16	-3	12
14 Leicester City FC	11	3	3	5	13	18	-5	12
15 Middlesbrough FC	11	2	5	4	10	12	-2	11
16 Crystal Palace FC	11	3	2	6	16	19	-3	11
17 West Ham United	11	3	2	6	11	20	-9	11
18 Hull City AFC	11	3	1	7	10	24	-14	10
19 Swansea City	11	1	2	8	10	21	-11	5
20 Sunderland AFC	11	1	2	8	9	21	-12	5

Spanish La Liga LOGS	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Real Madrid	10	7	3	0	0	0	0	24
2 Barcelona	10	7	1	2	0	0	0	22
3 Atlético Madrid	11	6	3	2	0	0	0	21
4 Sevilla	10	6	3	1	0	0	0	21
5 Villarreal	10	5	4	1	0	0	0	19
6 Real Sociedad	11	6	1	4	0	0	0	19
7 Las Palmas	11	4	4	3	0	0	0	16
8 Athletic Club	10	5	1	4	0	0	0	16
9 Málaga	11	4	3	4	0	0	0	15
10 Eibar	11	4	3	4	0	0	0	15
11 Celta de Vigo	10	4	2	4	0	0	0	14
12 Deportivo Alavés	11	3	4	4	0	0	0	13
13 Espanyol	10	2	5	3	0	0	0	11
14 Real Betis	10	3	2	5	0	0	0	11
15 Valencia	10	3	1	6	0	0	0	10
16 Deportivo La Cor	11	2	4	5	0	0	0	10
17 Leganés	10	3	1	6	0	0	0	10
18 Sporting Gijón	11	2	3	6	0	0	0	9
19 Osasuna	11	1	4	6	0	0	0	7
20 Granada	11	0	4	7	0	0	0	4

Absa Premiership LOGS	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Bidvest Wits	6	5	1	0	0	0	0	16
2 Supersport United	8	4	3	1	0	0	0	15
3 Kaizer Chiefs	8	4	3	1	0	0	0	15
4 Golden Arrows	8	4	2	2	0	0	0	14
5 Cape Town City FC	8	4	2	2	0	0	0	14
6 Orlando Pirates	7	2	4	1	0	0	0	10
7 Polokwane City	8	2	4	2	0	0	0	10
8 Chippa United	7	2	3	2	0	0	0	9
9 Platinum Stars	7	2	3	2	0	0	0	9
10 Baroka FC	8	2	3	3	0	0	0	9
11 Maritzburg United	8	1	4	3	0	0	0	7
12 Highlands Park	7	1	3	3	0	0	0	6
13 Bloemfontein Celtic	7	1	2	4	0	0	0	5
14 Free State Stars	8	0	5	3	0	0	0	5
15 Mamelodi Sundow	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	4
16 Ajax Cape Town	8	0	3	5	0	0	0	3

Serie A								
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GS	GA	+/- Pts
1	Juventus FC	12	10	0	2	25	9	+16 30
2	AC Milan	12	8	1	3	19	15	+4 25
3	AS Roma	11	7	2	2	26	12	+14 23
4	SS Lazio	12	6	4	2	23	13	+10 22
5	Atalanta Bergama	12	7	1	4	19	13	+6 22
6	SSC Napoli	12	6	3	3	21	13	+8 21
7	Torino FC	12	5	4	3	27	16	+11 19
8	ACF Fiorentina	11	4	5	2	14	11	+3 17
9	FC Internazionale	12	5	2	5	16	14	+2 17
10	Genoa CFC	11	4	4	3	13	11	+2 16
11	Cagliari Calcio	12	5	1	6	20	29	-9 16
12	AC Chievo	12	4	3	5	12	14	-2 15
13	Udinese Calcio	12	4	3	5	16	19	-3 15
14	UC Sampdoria	12	4	3	5	13	17	-4 15
15	Bologna FC	11	3	4	4	11	15	-4 13
16	US Sassuolo	12	4	1	7	14	22	-8 13
17	Empoli FC	12	2	4	6	6	13	-7 10
18	Delfino Pescara	12	1	4	7	9	20	-11 7
19	US Città di Palermo	12	1	3	8	9	23	-14 6
20	FC Crotone	12	1	2	9	10	24	-14 5

Zlatan at the double as Red Devils take win

MANCHESTER - Zlatan Ibrahimovic netted two milestone goals as Manchester United ended their four-match winless run in the Premier League with a comfortable 3-1 victory at Swansea City.

After Paul Pogba had opened the scoring with a sweetly struck half-volley, Ibrahimovic scored the Premier League's 25 000th goal before making it 3-0 with the 400th of his club career.

The nature of the victory will have pleased Manager Jose Mourinho, who watched from the stands as he served a one-match touchline ban, although Mike van der Hoorn's late consolation robbed David de Gea of a clean sheet.

Swansea boss Bob Bradley, by contrast, remains without a win in charge of the Welsh club, who were poor throughout and scored with their only effort on target.

The result lifts United to sixth, while Van der Hoorn's header keeps Swansea off the foot of the table on goal difference.

Wayne Rooney was included in a United starting XI that also featured the unfamiliar backline of Matteo Darmian, Marcos Rojo, Phil Jones and Ashley Young, and it was the England captain who had the first sight of goal, curling just wide after beating Angel Rangel on the edge of the box.

GOAL



AT THE DOUBLE: Zlatan Ibrahimovic celebrating with Wayne Rooney. (Goal)

Free State Stars stun Chiefs in TKO

DURBAN - Free State Stars advanced to the 2016 Telkom Knockout Cup semifinals after beating Kaizer Chiefs 6-5 on penalties yesterday afternoon.

Amakhosi had to fight back to hold Ea Lla Koto to a 2-2 stalemate in the quarterfinal clash played at the Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban.

Stars made their intentions clear four minutes into the game when Danny Venter's long range effort was pushed away by Chiefs goalkeeper Itumeleng Khune.

However, the Amakhosi captain was beaten six minutes later by Bokang Thlone who cut inside and curled in his great effort to make it 1-0 to Stars.

Chiefs then piled the pressure on the Stars defence, but they were denied by Thela

Ngobeni in the Ea Lla Koto goal-posts twice before the break.

New Amakhosi forward Mitchell Katsvairo broke clear in the 25th minute, but Ngobeni pulled off a brilliant save to deny the Zimbabwean attacker.

Ngobeni, who is a former Chiefs shot-stopper, was having a great first-half as he also denied three Amakhosi attackers on the half-hour mark. The home side were seeing a lot of the ball and pushing more men forward.

However, Stars stood firm at the back until the referee blew the halftime whistle.

Ngobeni continued his brilliance seven minutes into the second-half as he pushed Sphiwe Tshabalala's header over the crossbar from close range.

In the 59th minute, Tshabalala's beautiful cross found Katsvairo in the Stars box, but once again Ngobeni produced a magnificent save to deny Chiefs a goal.

With his side trailing 1-0, Chiefs head coach Steve Komphela introduced Edmore Chirambadare for Bernard Parker with 20 minutes left on the clock.

Khune was called into action in the 80th minute following a quick counter attack by Stars, but the shot-stopper parried away Venter's shot from range.

Nevertheless, Chiefs did snatch a late equaliser three minutes later through Chirambadare whose powerful shot beat Ngobeni to make it 1-1 and the match went into extra-time.

SUPERSPORT

RESULTS

Yesterday	Thanda Royal Zulu	2 - 1	Pretoria University FC
2016 CAF Confed Cup	Premier League 2016/2017		
TP Mazembe	Leicester City	1 - 2	West Bromwich Albion
4 - 1	Swansea City	1 - 3	Manchester United
Bundesliga 2016/2017	Hull City	2 - 1	Southampton
Schalke 04	Liverpool	6 - 1	Watford
3 - 1	Werder Bremen		
RB Leipzig	3 - 1	Mainz 05	
FA Cup 2016/2017	Primeira Liga 2016/2017		
Blackpool	2 - 0	Kidderminster Harriers	
Sheffield United	6 - 0	Leyton Orient	
Hartlepool United	3 - 0	Stamford	
St. Albans City	3 - 5	Carlisle United	
Boreham Wood	2 - 2	Notts County	
Maidstone United	1 - 1	Rochdale	
Morecambe	1 - 1	Coventry City	
Alfreton Town	1 - 1	Newport County	
Taunton Town	2 - 2	Barrow	
Ligue 1 2016/2017			
Metz	0 - 0	Saint-Etienne	
Caen	1 - 0	Nice	
National First Division			
Real Kings	2 - 0	Amazulu FC	

(Stars won 6 - 5 on penalties)

THE SPORTS BUZZ



David Litchfield - Mbabane Highlanders
 "WE are disappointed with the loss. Green Mamba took advantage of us because we have been out of action for sometime."

We knew they would attack us from the onset and indeed they scored crucial goals which were of course a result of lapses in concentration. We came back strong in the second half but we missed a number of chances. We surely have to work on our finishing and hopefully when we face Sea Birds we will get three points. To the 'Black Bull' die hard supporters, they must be patient with us, all is not lost we will bounce back to our winnings way. Like I said, we are still in the rebuilding process and I believe the team will be okay. We are playing against Sea Birds in our next match. We will approach this match with caution but at the same time aim for the maximum points.

Thami Phakathi - Green Mamba

"IT was a good game and a total of five goals were scored. We managed to win the game 4-1 and bagged maximum points."

We thank our players, technical staff and MC for the good work. We also thank Highlanders for giving us a good game, playing a side of Highlanders' calibre is always a challenge considering a number of factors. We have put the victory aside now and we are focusing on our clash against Tambuti with keen interest. We are not going to underestimate them as they are also a good team. Necessary preparations will be made to ensure we walk away with maximum points as we desperately continue to search for points. Banele Dlamini got a knock in the knee but we are certain he will recover on time for the next clash against Tambuti FC. We just have to maintain this performance and collect maximum points in the remaining games of the first round.

CAPITAL city giants Mbabane Highlanders were thrashed 1-4 by Correctional Services side Green Mamba.

The team was fresh from a two-game break after the PLS suspended two of their fixtures. It was indeed a rude welcome back to action. The team's General Manager David Litchfield on Friday was quoted saying 'Rome was not built on one day' and indeed his words rang true after Saturday's performance. Sought for comment after the 1-4 humiliation, the GM blamed it on lapses in concentration as they have not been in action.

"We are disappointed with the result but like we said we are on the verge of rebuilding this team, supporters must bear with us, the results will come. All is not lost."

Other matches saw Manzini Sundowns beat Moneni Pirates in a five-goal thriller at Mavuso Sports Centre while the match between Royal Leopard and Sea Birds was called off due to faulty flood lights.

ALL IS NOT LOST



ROYAL LEOPARD 1-1 MANZINI SEA BIRDS (GAME ABANDONED)



Frank Hurube - Royal Leopard

"WE were close to winning this game unfortunately the lights went off."

The boys played very well compared to the performance they displayed against Green Mamba. In this game it was evident

they were hungry to score goals. The match was stopped when we had just engaged the next gear and by that time we were all over the opposition. We will now have to go for a replay and we will come with

a different game plan altogether.

They are a good team but we need the three points more than anything. We want to improve our position on the league as we have a league to

defend. We will do our best to win this match even if we play midweek. I can safely say they were saved by the faulty lights. We will take one game at a time and now we are looking forward to the next match.

SIFISO MASUKU - MANZINI SEA BIRDS

"THIS was a good game and I am very happy with the way we played, it shows we wanted to come home with something but unfortunately we had to stop the match due to the faulty floodlights."

I personally believe we had an upper hand over Leopard in this match.

From the look of things we

were going to win this one and get all three points. We are now focusing on the Wednesday game against Mbabane Highlanders.

We know very well they are not doing well these days but that will count for nothing on the day.

We will go there for a win and judging from the performance we displayed on

Saturday against Leopards, we will definitely get the desired result after 90 minutes. We are at the basement of the log and we have to move away from that position.

This is not where we should be as we want to finish the league on a high. We won't do any favours for Highlanders and winning this game would mean leapfrogging them.



MONENI PIRATES 2-3 MANZINI SUNDOWNS



Thami Dlamini - Moneni Pirates

"Lack of concentration and committing school boy errors cost us this match. This is just how I can describe our performance against Manzini Sundowns. I still don't believe we lost this match as we played better than Sundowns on the day. We

could have scored a lot of goals but things did not go our way. We now need to go back to the drawing board and see where we are not doing right. We are all disappointed with this result and we have to bounce back and start winning games. I believe in the players and we will be a different team against Highlanders. We

have to win the remaining games to improve our position on the log standings. Mine would be to urge our fans to continue rallying behind the team as we need them more now that the team is not doing well. We will soon get there and it's only a matter of time. We will regroup and come back strong in our next match.

Muzi Matsenjwa - Sundowns

"We once again thank the players for their never-die spirit. What a fantastic victory against Moneni! The game lived up to the standards of a real derby and supporters enjoyed good football. The team played

well but once again lost resilience at the back when Paito Dube was injured. That allowed Pirates to play and finally equalise. Darren wrapped it up late when the game was destined for a stalemate. He is on top form with five goals in the campaign. We thank the supporters, who came in their

numbers. The team is up against Red Lions in the final game of round one. We will prepare well for this match as we want to finish the first round on a high note. We want to collect as many points as possible and see where it takes us at the end of the season.

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**TAMBUTI
MBABANE SWALLOWS**

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**Nathie Dlamini -
Tambuti**

"THIS result is not a true reflection of the game as we created a number of chances but failed to utilise them.

Credit must go to the Swallows goalkeeper, who made numerous saves. Swallows, on the other hand, took their opportunities and at the end of the day they were the winners. We will go back to the drawing board and rectify these mistakes and hopefully in our next game we will come back a better side. The players failed to play their normal game but we will try and do better in our next match."

**Sibusiso Manana -
Mbabane Swallows**

"I would like to thank the supporters, who came in their numbers to watch the team in action.

It was not an easy match but we managed to pump in the needed goals. We strive to please our supporters at all times and I am happy we maintained our unbeaten run in the league. The main focus though is winning the league. We want this league and we will take each game as it comes and aim for maximum points. The players fought hard and I am happy with the outcome. We are now looking forward to the next match as we take it one game at a time. Our intent is to get three points from the very first match and so far we have managed to do that."

MALANTI CHIEFS 2-1 AMALANDA

Lungile Dube - Malanti Chiefs

"I would like to thank our visitors Amalanda for giving us a good game. I also wish to congratulate our players Zweli and Charles for scoring the goals that helped us collect the maximum points. The entire team worked hard for the positive result. To our supporters,

thank you for attending and always being at their best behaviour. Our focus now is on the next game which is an away match against Bad boys. *Khala Mbavu!!!*

Bonginkhosi Mamba - Amalanda

"We played very well, especially in the first half but all hell broke loose in the second half as we con-

ceded a second goal. It was a communication breakdown between the goalkeeper and the defenders. Otherwise, all is not lost. Another factor that contributed to our loss is the slippery ground as it made it difficult for our players to play their normal game. Our target is to finish the league in the top four."



Y. BUFFALOES 1-1 MANZINI WANDERERS

**Sandie Gwebu - Young
Buffaloes**

"WE played very well considering we were one man down from the 23rd minute until the end of the game.

Phiwa had a good game today and he spiced his performance with scoring the solitary goal that earned us a point.

I want to commend the players and the technical bench for the splendid display on the day. We are starting to play entertaining football and this is the Buffaloes that can compete for trophies. The scorching heat somehow affected the players but they tried to stick to the game plan. We will take the point and go forward. We have to collect maximum points in our next game. We want to cement our second position and end the first round well."

**Senzo Dlamini - Manzini
Wanderers**

"THE competition is increasingly becoming tough.

We should have wrapped up the game effortlessly taking into account Buffaloes were a man down. However, they put up a brave fight. I must say a point is better than nothing. This is football for you. We could not take advantage of the numerical numbers inside the field of play. We are slowly but surely getting there. Patently we missed the services of Kola upfront. Kola was nabbed by the abominable yellow card rule thus he was serving the mandatory one game suspension. I can safely say we will end the first round on a high with the return of both Kola and defender Sihle Mkhonta. Mkhonta also fell victim to the yellow card rule. A great deal of credit goes to the 12th player - our supporters."



SIKHALO 3-1 WARRIORS

**Wandile Magongo - Sikhalo
Se-Africa**

"WE are very much on track as we won 3-1 against City Warriors.

This is after we had lost four games and mainly it was because the team was disorganised in many aspects. Players were not attending training, we had no coach, there were lot of internal

problems but we have sorted them as now we have a new coach who started drilling the team last week. The players are now attending training and are responding very well to Frank Maziya's tactics and we are happy. I want to applaud the players and technical bench for their splendid display."

HUB SUNDOWNS 0-1 MATSAPHA UNITED

**Celucolo'Dino' Dlamini -
Matsapha United**

"WE played well even though we were a bit slow today but importantly we got three points.

We are still at the summit of the log and that alone gives us courage to work even harder. I also want to thank the board of directors for attending the game. It really motivated the players. Once again, we salute

the supporters for coming out in their numbers to rally behind the team. It is encouraging to see the ever increasing number of our fans. We promise to make them happy. Our next game is against Tycoons. We will prepare for them accordingly. We might have already won the first round top finisher incentive but that does not mean we should now relax. Our main target is to get promotion to the elite league at the end of the season."

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● Manchester City are ready to make a £70m bid for Atletico Madrid forward Antoine Griezmann, 25, but Manchester United and Chelsea are also interested in the France international. (*Sunday Mirror*)

● French champions Paris St-Germain want to sign Manchester City striker Sergio Aguero, 28. (*Sunday Express*)

● Arsenal are considering a move for 21-year-old Atletico Madrid defender Jose Gimenez. The Uruguay international could cost the Gunners £54m. (*Sun on Sunday*)

● Wayne Rooney, 31, is determined to remain at Manchester United until the end of his contract in 2019, and the England captain believes he can secure a starting spot under Jose Mourinho. (*Observer*)

● Liverpool have made Borussia Dortmund's American winger Christian Pulisic, 18, a January transfer target. (*Sunday Mirror*)

● West Ham striker Andy Carroll is attracting interest from two Chinese clubs, who are prepared to pay the 27-year-old £300 000 a week. (*Sunday Express*)

● Southampton Manager Claude Puel says the club's 25-year-old defender Virgil van Dijk can become "one of the best in the world". (*Southampton Echo*)

● Manchester United boss Jose Mourinho has made signing £30m-rated Van Dijk a priority as he looks to strengthen his defence. (*Sunday People*)

● Chelsea hope to convince 15-year-old French striker Louis Guebbels to leave Lyon and join their academy. (*Sun on Sunday*)

● Everton Manager Ronald Koeman believes he 'needs more players' with the 'mentality' of Idrissa Gueye, after his side lost 5-0 at Chelsea in the 27-year-old Senegal midfielder's absence. (*Liverpool Echo*)

● Spanish giants Barcelona could move for ex-Stoke midfielder Steven N'Zonzi, to act as back-up to Spanish midfielder Sergio Busquets, 28. The 27-year-old French player is currently at Sevilla. (*Mundo Deportivo - in Spanish*)

● Real Madrid's 17-year-old midfielder Martin Odegaard could be on his way to Rennes in January, after the French club failed to take the Norway international on loan in the summer. (*Quest France, via AS*)

● Leicester City Manager Claudio Ranieri is confident striker Jamie Vardy, 29, will end his goal drought. Vardy, who scored 19 times last season, has been goalless for two months. (*Sunday Times*)



PRESENTATION: Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala presenting the trophy to Tibu Investment tournament team's category winners Stones during the prize presentation held at The George Hotel. Also in the pic is the sponsor Sifiso Dlamini, Deputy Senate President Ngumuyayona Gamedze and MRPA executive members. (Pic: Sibusiso Masilela).

'CRUISER' PROMISES TO HELP IN DEVELOPMENT OF POOL

Stories by Sibusiso Masilela

POOL - MINISTER of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala has pledged his support to the development of pool in the country.

Ngcamphalala said government would ensure pool becomes one of the formidable sporting codes in the country.

He said this during the E6 000 Tibu Investment tournaments played at The George Hotel yesterday. "I will personally make sure the sport gets the necessary support but its association (BAS) should be recognised by the Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council. We will then give them all the necessary support and ensure the country competes effectively during international competitions," he said. Ngcamphalala then hailed the

Tibu Investment pledges continued support

POOL - TIBU Investment Director Sifiso Dlamini has promised to continue sponsoring and helping in the development of pool in the country.

Dlamini, speaking during the finals and prize presentation of the inaugural edition at The George

Hotel, said they would again sponsor the tournament next year. "We are very happy with our partnership with the pool association and promise to sponsor the competition next year. We are happy with how the tournament progressed this year. We are also grateful to the Minister of Sports,

standard of play displayed during the singles final between Elvis Van Aardt and Flag Nxumalo. "I am very happy with the level of competitiveness witnessed during the final and we further congratulate all the winners in the different categories of the tournament. We are grateful to the sponsor, Tibu Investment, for supporting the sport and hope they will continue doing so in many years to come," the minister said. Ngcamphalala further pledged a

sum of E1 000 towards the development of pool in the country.

Meanwhile, Billiards Association of Swaziland (BAS) interim Chairman Muntu Dlamini said they were already waiting for a formal response from the Sports and Recreation Council. "We have already submitted all the necessary documentation to SNSRC and hope to get a formal response very soon. We are also humbled and honoured by the presence of the minister, which is

Culture and Youth Affairs 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala for supporting the sport and further congratulate all the winners today," he said. Also present during the event was Deputy Senate President Ngom'uyayona Gamedze, who called for the revival of the sport in the country.

a sign of the revival of the Sport. We are confident government will provide us with playing facilities to encourage youngsters to take part in the sport. We are currently using pubs to host our games where school going players are not allowed," Dlamini said.

Dlamini also thanked Tibu Investment for supporting the sport. Stones were crowned champions in the teams' section. For their achievement, they took home E2 500 and a trophy.

Taekwondo National Champs next month

By Sibusiso Masilela

TAEKWONDO - THE Swaziland Taekwondo Association will next month host the National Championships at a venue yet to be announced.

The annual event will see junior artists from the different local clubs graded under the black belt category.

STA Secretary Sandile Mchunu confirmed the event and further encouraged teams to start their preparations.

"Teams are advised to start preparing for the national champs where we will be selecting players, who will form part of the junior national teams to compete in next year's international competitions."

He said players stood a good chance to be selected.

"We want to assemble the best possible team to help the country compete effectively in international competitions such as the annual Korean Peace Cup where junior players take part," he said.

Mchunu further said they were working around the clock to finalise the travelling logistics of the junior national team to take part in the World Junior Championships to be held in Canada in two weeks time.

"We are still working on several logistics, including the announcement of the travelling squad. Hopefully everything will be concluded by the end of next week and we will notify the nation with new developments," he said.

'Bull' Under-17 edge Leopard

By Sibusiso Masilela

**Mbabane Highlanders..... (0)1
Royal Leopard..... (0)0**

SOCCER - A Simanga Dlamini second half strike handed Mbabane Highlanders a hard fought 1-0 victory over Royal Leopard during the E200 000 Esibayeni Lodge Under-17 League match played at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

The youngster earned the 'Black Bull' the maximum points in the 79th minute after receiving a pass from Thabiso Sibandze to fire a hard shot past Leopard goalkeeper Sisekelo Maseko. This was the only goal of the match played under the scorching sun of 28 degrees Celsius. The development league

resumed yesterday after a three-week break to allow the youngsters focus on their academic commitments.

Both teams struggled to break the deadlock in the first stanza as both teams resorted to meaningless passing football until the breather. Despite losing the match, Royal Leopard had their moments which could have at least earned them a draw.

The blue and white ensemble's nippy winger Sanele Dlamini had his goal ruled offside in the 62th minute after combining well with Sandziso Tsabedze inside but his efforts were in vain.

Meanwhile, log leaders Manzini Wanderers, extended their lead at the summit of log standing after recording a 3-0 victory over rivals Red Lions during the second match, also played at the same venue.

10 MEN 'BUFFS' HOLD WESLIANS TO A STALEMATE

By Sanele Jele

Young Buffaloes..... (1)1
Manzini Wanderers..... (0)1

SOCCER – HUB giants
Manzini Wanderers were held to a 1-1 draw after failing to take advantage of a 10-men Young Buffaloes.

This was during an MTN Premier League match played at Somhlolo National Stadium in front over 2 000 football lovers. Wanderers captain Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya netted a 74 minutes close range header to cancel out Phiwayinkhosi Dlamini's early strike in the first stanza.

After the draw, Wanderers remain third on the log with 16 points and the army side cementing their second position with 17 points. Mbabane Swallows, on the other hand, extended their lead to 10 points after beating rookies Tambuti 3-0 in the second match at the same venue yesterday.

'Buff's were one man down after striker Nhlanhla Kunene



was red carded for rough tackling midfielder Sifiso Matse in the 23rd minute. The game itself started on a high note with both teams trying to break the deadlock. It was until the 27th minute when Phiwayinkhosi Dlamini's header hit the bar before rattling the net.

He received a high flying cross from Linda Tsabedze to beating goalkeeper Mbongeni Motsa between the poles.

After 'Buff's took the lead, the game was evenly balanced with both teams threatening to strike but both goalkeepers were superb

as they made great saves. The maroon and white ensemble almost leveled matters in the 35th minute via the boot of midfielder Sifiso Matse. The player took a long range strike but Buffaloes goalkeeper Nhlanhla Gwebu was up to the challenge.

Phiwa Dlamini, who had a good game on the day failed to add his tally when he was set for goal by Ndumiso Dlamini in the 40th minutes but his shot was thwarted off by the ever alert Motsa. The game went for a breather with the Dominic Kunene led charges on the driver's seat.

TEAMS

Buffaloes - Nhlanhla, Linda, Wandile, Samkeliso, Siboniso, Nkosingiphile, Ndumiso (Ndoda), Nhlanhla, Sandile, Phiwayinkhosi
Wanderers - Mbongeni, Menzi, Ayanda, Frank, Tafandzwa, Lwazi, Njabulo (Nkosiyazi), Sifiso, Mfanafuthi, Zabo (Ali), Tawana

The second half saw the visitors coming back recharged as they threatened to get an early equaliser but poor finishing by Zimbabwean striker Zabo Danny let them down.

Wanderers skipper 'Shana' scored the equalising goal in the 74th minute. He headed home to level matters after a series of corner kicks to ease the pressure from the frustrated 'Weslians' supporters.

The Clement Mdluli-led charges had a couple of chances to snatch maximum points but it was not to be as Gwebu ensured the score line remained at 1-1 until the final whistle.

Wanderers missed Kola

By Sanele Jele

SOCCER - MANZINI Wanderers interim coach Clement Mdluli said they missed the services of goal poacher Aladeon Kola, who was serving a one game suspension.

Mdluli made these remarks during a post match interview after watching his side play to a 1-all draw with Young Buffaloes at Somhlolo National Stadium.

"We could have easily won this match and Buffaloes were lucky to get a point. We created a number of clear cut chances but failed to convert them into goals. The players did their best but they could not get the winning goal. This is where we missed the services of Kola, who was serving a one match suspension after he was nabbed by the yellow card rule," said Mdluli.

He said he would go back to the drawing board to prepare for their clash against Mbabane Highlanders.

"It will not be an easy game but we will go out for a kill against 'Landers. We won't underestimate them just because they have problems," he added.

Meanwhile, Buffaloes coach Dominic Kunene was full of praises for his charges. He said the players showed character after they were one man down.

"Phiwa had to drop back into the defensive midfielder position to help ease off the pressure from the defenders as we were one man down. The plan worked well as we managed to hold them to a 1-all draw. We are happy with the single point. We will keep fighting and see where we end in the first round."

He said he was happy with the overall performance.

"Basically we played well today (yesterday) and the credit must go to the players, who put up a brave fight until the end of the game," said Kunene.

He said they would now prepare for the next match.

"Our next match is against Manzini Sea Birds. It will not be an easy one as they are also fighting to move away from the relegation zone, so we will be cautious when we play them," he added.



MISSED: Aladeon Kola.

We need to maintain winning momentum – 'Koki'

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – Mbabane Swallows
mentor Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati
says his team needs to continue
winning matches in order to
keep their league title dreams
alive.

Despite watching his side record their ninth straight win at the expense of Tambuti FC yesterday at the Somhlolo National Stadium, Vilakati said they would not be carried away by their good league run. "We just have to keep winning and again guard against complacency. Loosing at this stage of the league can psychologically disturb the players. We have to continue working hard and collect three points from every match we play."

Vilakati said they wanted to finish the first round on a high note. Coming to today's match, the



coach said they started a bit slow as the players were relaxed. We then gained momentum towards the end of the first half and I am happy with the overall performance of my team," he said. Vilakati said they would now and

again rotate the players. "As you can see, we introduced youngsters in Sizolwethu Shabalala and Richard Mccressh in the second half. This was meant to give them game time. We do not want to put them under

pressure and will give them time to settle in."

He said he was happy with the depth in the team.

"We have experienced and young players in the team. These players blend well and I must say I was happy with the two young players we introduced in the second half." He said they would continue working hard.

Meanwhile, Tambuti coach Alou Badara said they were let down by lack of experience.

"We tried our best but conceded soft goals. The first goal killed the spirit of the players and they started panicking. Soon after the goal, the players failed to play their normal game."

The coach said they should have at least scored a goal if they utilised the chances they created. "We lacked the killer instinct and we have to correct it at training as we prepare for the next match," he said.

WE ARE HEADED FOR THE ELITE LEAGUE - MANDLAZI

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER – AMBITIOUS
Matsapha United head coach
Mathews Mandlazi is beaming
with confidence and strongly
believes his side will maintain

their top spot to the very end.

Matsapha recorded their eighth straight victory in the campaign following their 2-0 victory over Hub Sundowns at Manzini Club yesterday. Mandlazi expressed his delight and thanked the players for showing determination and courage through-

out the match. He said their aim was to get three points in every match.

"It is not just the win I am delighted about, but the fact that we are maintaining a clean sheet and not conceding. Praise should go to the players, they know what the mandate is and they understand what is

expected of them.

We are sure going to maintain the lead at the top and this means winning the two remaining fixtures in the first round," he said. Meanwhile, Hub Sundowns head coach Van Rooyen Magagula said the team had good quality players but poor deci-

sion in the last third cost them the match.

"If you can't score goals, then you can't win matches, it's that simple. We are still building a solid team and results will come.

It's only a matter of time," he said. Hub Sundowns suffered their fifth defeat of the season and they are currently occupying second position from the basement with a mere six points from nine games.

RESULTS

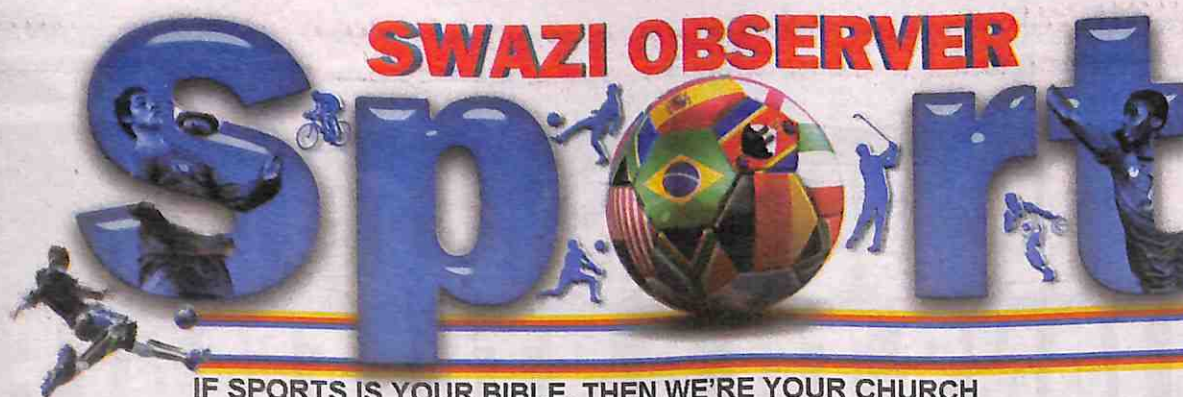
PREMIER LEAGUE

Leicester City	1 - 2	West Bromwich Albion
Swansea City	1 - 3	Manchester United
Hull City	2 - 1	Southampton
Liverpool	6 - 1	Watford

TELKOM KNOCKOUT

Kaizer Chiefs	2 - 2	Free State Stars
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(FS Stars won 6-5 on penalties)



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THEY ARE SIMPLY UNSTOPPABLE AS...

SWALLOWS MAKE IT NINE IN A ROW



By Sibusiso Masilela

Tambuti.....(0)0
Mbabane Swallows.....(3)3

SOCCER - HIGH flying
Mbabane Swallows stretched
their winning run in the MTN
Premier League to nine con-
secutive matches as they
claimed a 3-0 win over
Tambuti at Somhlolo National
Stadium yesterday.

Captain Tony 'TT' Tsabedze, striker Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa and winger Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko were all on target as the 'Beautiful Birds' went 10 points clear at the top of the league table with a game in hand.

Tambuti have lost six points in a space of a week following their loss to Manzini Wanderers on Wednesday night.

As expected, Swallows started

the match like a house on fire with their striking pair of Sandile Hlatshwako and 'Sikhali' asking the early questions within the opening five minutes of the affair.

Hlatshwako was the first to offer any form of an attacking threat at goal when he ran onto space in the seventh minute and headed the ball just narrowly wide of goal.

Former Swallows goalkeeper and now Tambuti shot-stopper Thokozani Mkhulisi, pulled some great saves to keep his team in the match.

Despite trying their best to contain the much fancied opposition, Tambuti player Roy Mamba killed their momentum 10 minutes before halftime, when he handled a 'Samba Jive' cross inside the box to concede a penalty kick.

Skipper 'TT' stood up to give the visitors the lead after sending

Mkhulisi the opposite direction. 'Sikhali' doubled the score line in favour of the uncrowned 'first round kings' at the stroke of halftime after tapping, home a sublime 'Samba Jive' cross.

The match went to the break with Swallows leading 2-0

Exciting

Swallows continued where they left off in the second half as 'Samba Jive' increased the tally to three goals. The exciting winger took defenders before unleashing a ground shot to beat the helpless Mkhulisi with ease between the posts.

Tambuti player Mpendulo Ngidi wasted a great chance when he ran in towards the box, but couldn't choose which foot to shoot from and wasted the opportunity at testing Sandile 'Nkomishi' Ginindza properly. This was after he received a good pass from Ishmael Zwane. The green and white ensemble

again tested 'Nkomishi', who made a double save to deny both Roy Mamba and Ugochukw Ohakwe, who tried to finish from a rebound. Swallows then introduced development products Sizolwethu Shabalala and Richard McCreesh and Ghanaian striker Mike Mohammed in the place of Banele 'Pupu' Sikhondze, Wonder and Sandile Hlatshwako to maintain their rhythm until the final whistle.

TEAMS:

Tambuti - Mkhulisi, Machawe, Mandla (Colani), Siboniso, Sanele, Bhengkinkhosi (Ugo), Ngidi, Ismael (Salakahle), Zwakele, Roy, Talent
Swallows - 'Nkomishi', Mabila, Palma, Siphamanndla, Maphosa, 'D4D', 'Samba Jive' (Sizolwethu), 'Pupu' (Richard), 'Sikhali', Sandile (Mike), Tony.

RESULTS

Saturday			
Sea Birds	1 - 1	Royal Leopard	(match abandoned)
Moneri Pirates	2 - 3	Manzini Sundowns	
Mbabane Highlanders	1 - 4	Green Mamba	
Young Buffaloes	1 - 1	Manzini Wanderers	
Tambuti	0 - 3	Mbabane Swallows	

LOG

Position	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Mbabane Swallows	9	9	0	0	21	3	18	27
Young Buffaloes	10	4	5	1	11	6	5	17
Manzini Wanderers	10	4	4	2	14	8	6	16
Manzini Sundowns	10	4	3	3	12	13	-1	15
Royal Leopard	9	4	2	3	12	9	3	14
Green Mamba	10	3	3	4	10	7	3	12
Midas City	9	2	5	2	8	8	0	11
Moneri Pirates	9	2	3	4	9	15	-6	9
Tambuti	10	3	0	7	8	18	-10	9
Red Lions	8	2	2	4	8	14	-6	8
Mb. Highlanders	8	1	3	4	8	12	-4	6
Sea Birds	8	1	2	5	7	14	-7	5

MATSAPHA UNITED BEAT HUB, CLOSER TO E50 000 CARROT

By Sabelo Majola

Hub Sundowns.....(0)0
Matsapha United.....(1)2

SOCCER - MTN National First
Division sensational side
Matsapha United, did not just
extend their lead at the top of
the log table but also got one
step closer to clinching the E50
000 first round incentive after
defeating Hub Sundowns 2-0 at
Manzini Club yesterday.
It was experience that gave

Matsapha an edge over the hosts, who gave the visitors a run for their money with captivating football.

It took half an hour for Matsapha to break the deadlock through Futhi Gama whose superb free kick a few yards from goal came from Ndumiso Dlamini's gloves and hit the back of the net.

The lone goal separated the two teams as the match went for the breather, following unsuccessful attempts by Sundowns to find an equaliser.

Former Manzini Wanderers for-

ward Sidumo Shongwe doubled the score line for Matsapha nine minutes into the second half, breaking from the defence and directing the ball to the far end of the poles to beat Ndumiso for the second time.

Unleashed

Hub Sundowns' real scoring chance came in the closing stage of the game when Clement Sibandze found space inside the box and unleashed a hard shot but Mcolisi Dlamini did well to deny him what could have been a wonderful goal. Sibandze replaced

Khanyakwezwe Shabalala, who picked an injury after colliding with a Sundowns player.

Matsapha claimed their eighth straight victory of the season in front of their newly-unveiled board of directors and their vibrant supporters, who seem to increase with each game. With only two games remaining before the curtain closes in the campaign to mark the end of the first round, Matsapha are one win away from clinching the E50 000 first round incentive won by Tambuti last season.

TEAMS:

Hub Sundowns -

Ndumiso, Nkosinathi, Wonder, Moses, Colane, Sikolwethu, Clement, Xolani, Michael, Mfanfikile, Sanele

Matsapha United -

Khanyakwezwe, Sbonelo, Futhi, Sifiso, Jimoh, Menzi, Vusumuzi, Mthobisi, John, Mike Sdumo