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Some marriages don't last two years - PM

By SifisoNhlabatsi
Malkerns

PRIME Minister Sibusiso Dlamini congratulated Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jinnoh Nkambule on his 30th wedding anniversary with his wife Thulisile.

Dlamini, who is currently embroiled in a divorce battle with his wife of two years Joy, said it was a great achievement for the Nkambules to remain in the institution of marriage for this long.

As if poking fun on his own circumstances, the premier said a lot of people hardly survived two years of marriage.

The prime minister said some peo-

ple fail to live with their spouses for even two years sending the people who had attended the closing ceremony of the Trade Fair into fits of laughter.

Aware

The prime minister said he was aware that Nkambule has been with his better half for about 30 years now which according to him is a great achievement because some fail

to live for such periods with their female counterparts.

Nkambule speaking during the same event as he was the director of proceedings during the day apologised to those who were not invited to the event which marked his 30th anniversary, son's 21st birthday and his wife's birthday at Malkerns over the past week-end.

He stated that he wasn't even

aware that his family was planning such an event adding that he was caught by surprise.

Mesmerised

During the event the prime minister together with the Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David Cruiser Ngcamphalala doled out E2 500 for Njabulweni and Ngwane Park children who mesmerised the crowd with their music skills.

PUBLIC ORDER BILL SAYS NO TO POLITICAL PARTIES

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini
Lobamba

THE portfolio committee of the prime minister's office says the Public Order Bill, 2016, does not legitimise political parties and it has no intention of allowing political parties to exist.

The committee, led by appointed MP Thuli Dladla, responding to concerns from stakeholders, said even the national constitution did not provide for political parties.

The portfolio committee's report said the constitution, instead of providing for political parties only made reference to political associations or organisations.

The concern raised to the PM's portfolio committee was in a form of a question relating to the definition of 'gathering' provided for in the Bill. The concern was whether the Bill would not provide a leeway of allowing political parties or was this law legitimising political parties.

The Public Order Bill, currently being piloted in parliament, is reportedly aimed at balancing the core societal interest of the public order on one hand, and freedom of assembly

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SPECIFICALLY, THE BILL SEEKS TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT PUBLIC ORDER, PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC MORALS

- Give effect to the fundamental rights of freedom or peaceful assembly, and freedom of expression as embodied in the constitution of the Kingdom of Swaziland;
- Provide for notification and consultation in respect of public gatherings;
- Provide for regulation and where necessary, prohibition of public gatherings and public events;
- Delimit and regulate the powers of

the police during public gatherings; ■ Define and proscribe certain public order offences; and provide for incidental matters.

The members of the portfolio committee are: Phesheya Hlatshwayo, MP Mphaya Simelane, Princess Ncengcenge, Mbalekelwa Ndwandwe, Mbongiseni Malinga, Gundwane Gamedze, Titus Thwala, Owen Nxumalo and Sikhumbuzo Dlamini.

and expression, on the other.

MP Dladla's committee reported that government believed the best possible balance between those competing interests had been achieved.

Dladla said a law of this nature was always not easy to come up with in view of the fact that it must ensure in its content and spirit that while granting others their rights, it should also ensure reasonable limitation to the exercise of those rights in order to protect the rights of others.



BOSS LADY: MP Thuli Dladla.

Sections of Bill unconstitutional - CANGO

The Coordinating Assembly of Non-Governmental Organisations (CANGO) says there can be no question of prohibiting public gatherings as this contravenes the country's constitution.

The organisation said such an act amounted to a contravention of Section 25 of the country's Constitution and could not hold to be 'reasonably justifiable in a democratic society'.

The organisation, making its submissions to the prime minister's portfolio committee on the Public Order Bill, said the section purporting: "To give effect to fundamental rights or freedom of peaceful assembly and freedom of expression embodied in the Constitution of the Kingdom of Swaziland:" in the Memorandum of Objectives and Reasons in the Bill should be deleted.

CANGO argued that the Constitution itself was sufficient for the effect of these rights and there was no need for any legisla-



tion to be enacted for this purpose, more so because the constitution was the supreme law of the land.

CANGO further argued that it was wrong for government to make the Public Order Bill, 2016: "To provide for the regulation and prohibition of public gatherings and public events". Their argument is that the Urban Government Act has sufficient provisions to regulate notification and consultations and, should there be a need, the said Act may be amended accordingly. On

the part whereby the Bill purportedly seeks: "To delimit and regulate the powers of the police during gatherings", CANGO argued that such and other regulations pertaining to police conduct fell within the Police Act. They noted though that this object was necessary, particularly in view of that the police had over the years allegedly used undue and unnecessary force to disrupt, disperse and stop public gatherings. To give effect to that, CANGO recommended an amendment of the existing law and policies and not coming up with the Public Order Bill, 2016.

The organisation also decried that a section of the Bill granted the minister, in this case Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini, wide powers in formulating the Code of Good Practice without consultations.

The organisation said the Code should be formulated through a process of consultation and consensus with various stakeholders including the public.

PM says Public Order Act of 1963 violated constitution

PRIME Minister Sibusiso Dlamini says the Public Order Act of 1963, has been found to be inconsistent with the country's constitution because it infringed on the rights to freedom of assembly, expression and association.

Making his preamble to the portfolio committee that sought public submissions of the amendment of the Act, the prime minister said the supervisory structures of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) had also drawn to the country's attention that the existing Act was not compliant with ILO Conventions, particularly Conversion 87 and 8 which related to the right to freedom of association and the right to organise and conduct collective bargaining. The prime minister reported that, subsequently, an ILO consultant was duly commissioned to review the country's legislation that impacted on ILO Convention 87 on the Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise.

In his report of 2011, the consultant recommended that: "the Public Order Act should be replaced by a new legislation that clearly delineates a clear procedure for apply for the holding of public gatherings. This legislation should be consistent with the relevant constitutional provisions, protecting rights such as freedom of association, and should clearly delineate the functions of local authorities, the courts and the police."

Following that recommendation by the ILO consultant, government



through the portfolio committee, has been meeting various stakeholders trying to come up with a piece of legislation that would conform to the requirements of the ILO conventions.

It is hoped that this would help the country to gain its lost AGOA controlled market in the United States of America.

Some legislators said the drafters of the Bill, however, have made it so difficult for organisations seeking to stage protest marches such that they would be forced to do so outside the country.

Both in the House of Assembly and Senate, they noted that it was near impossible to obtain a compliance certificate.

A compliance certificate would be issued by a local authority to a group of people in excess of 15 or organisations who had, within seven days given notice to the authority that they want to have a gathering. The certificate would be issued after the applicant has satisfied all the required conditions and after every stakeholder or interested party has agreed on the sought gathering.

CHIEFS CAN OBJECT GATHERINGS IN THEIR CHIEFDOMS

THE prime minister's portfolio committee says chiefs can object the holding of public gatherings within their chiefdoms.

The portfolio committee made the statement in response to a concern by stakeholders during the consultations conducted on the Bill.

On a question relating to the Bill providing for a local authority but not explicitly mentioning chiefs, several chiefs in Senate raised concern, questioning why their role was not stated in the Bill yet they regarded themselves as local authorities.

The chiefs, however, did not want to be mentioned under the general term, 'local authority'

but wanted to be clearly mentioned in the law as chiefs.

Omitted

The committee stated that chiefs were deliberately omitted to protect them by not including them in the notification process to obtain the compliance certificate by people or organisations seeking to stage gatherings or protests marches.

The responsibility was given to regional administrators although chiefs retained the right to object to the public gatherings within their chiefdoms.

The portfolio committee's report stated that the police national commissioner should make it his priority to protect the chiefs in this regard.

ZWELI IS NEW SNAT SECRETARY GENERAL

Mndzebele beat Lucky Malaza for the position. He amassed 179 votes against Malaza's 115

COVER STORY

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

ZWELI Mndzebele is the new Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) secretary general.

He replaces Muzi Mhlanga whose term had come to an end.

The elections for the vacant positions within SNAT were held at Esibayeni Lodge on Sunday afternoon.

Mndzebele beat Lucky Malaza for the position. He amassed 179 votes against Malaza's 115.

The elections took place during the 74/ 7 Biennial Regional Conference which saw over 300 SNAT members attending the conference including delegates from outside the country.

The theme of the conference was based on the role of the teachers' trade unions in driving the 2030 sus-

THE ELECTIONS RESULTS

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tainable development goals.

During this conference the different branches of SNAT made some recommendations which were to be discussed.

Among the issues which were put forward was the matter of teachers who continue to benefit from SNAT even after joining other unions like SWAPA whilst at the same time having difficulty in allowing teachers in their schools to attend SNAT activities.

Making his remarks during the event, SNAT President Freedom Dlamini touched base on the issue of

HODs who have been staging marches to deliver petitions on their ill-fated *dvuladvula*.

The president felt as SNAT they were betrayed by government who went behind their backs to change the agreement with the consultant.

Dlamini added that the attendance of such high profiled guests during the conference confirms the solidarity that exists within the teaching fraternity.

He further stated that through the conference they will be able to discuss a way forward as an organisation.

No stationary for UNISWA students

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

HARDLY a week after commencing their academic year, University of Swaziland (UNISWA) students cannot buy books.

UNISWA students usually get all their books and stationery from the book shop in order to be able to go on with their lessons.

The government, through the ministry of labour and social security, usually pays for the books and stationery expenses for government sponsored students.

UNISWA Students Representative Council (SRC) President Brian Sangweni confirmed the sad state of affairs currently faced by the students.

"It is true that students cannot get books and stationery at the bookshop," Sangweni said.

He said this made the situation diffi-

cult for the students, more especially because they accessed almost all their learning tools at the bookshop.

Sangweni stated that they tried to engage the university on this issue. They did this in an effort to find a long lasting solution to the problem so that the learning processes could be easy for the students in the university.

When asked why they engaged the university instead of the ministry of labour and social security, Sangweni said they did so because there was an arrangement in place between the university and the ministry.

He said the university would fork out money to the bookshop as payment for the books and stationery costs for the students. Sangweni said the ministry would then pay the money to the university. Sangweni said the university promised them that the issue would be solved by tomorrow.

UNISWA Registrar Dr. Salebona

Simelane confirmed the current state of affairs, when contacted for comment.

"I have not been at work for the past week, but it has come to my attention that the students cannot access their books and stationery at the bookshop because their credit is not showing," Dr Simelane said. Dr Simelane promised the students that their problem would be resolved as soon as possible.

He said the university was trying by all means possible to solve the matter within the next three days.



now, we have sorted almost all the 8 000 students, even though some of them will not say they are sorted right now," she said.

She went on to say when they had problems they should then go to the offices with the deans.

However, the minister said if students felt that their problems were rather making them restless, they should visit the offices of the ministry of labour and social security to seek clarity.

But she stressed that issues of scholarships should be handled by the deans. The minister emphasised that the deans should then communicate information to the students, to keep them informed on what was happening.

Govt now sponsors Gwamile VOCTIM

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

GWAMILE VOCTIM has now been listed as one of the institutions that will be fully sponsored by the government.

The acronym VOCTIM stands for Vocational Training Institute Matsapha.

The vocational training institute will join the likes of the University of Swaziland (UNISWA), Swaziland College of Technology (SCOT), Limkokwing University of Creative Technology (LUCT), Southern Africa Nazarene University (SANU), Swaziland Christian University (SCU), William Pitcher Teacher Training College, Ngwane Teacher Training College, and Good Shepherd Nursing College.

This was disclosed on Monday by Minister for Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula during the labour programme that usually airs on Mondays on the Swaziland Broadcasting and Information Services (SBIS).

The scholarship programme is under the ministry of labour and social security, under the department of national employment services. Magagula said government roped in Gwamile VOCTIM because it wanted to make sure that it improved production on vocational training.

"The aim of the government now, going forward, is to produce graduates who will be job creators, not job seekers," Magagula said. Magagula did state that there were other institutions like Limkokwing that did the same thing as Gwamile. She said roping in Gwamile was meant to add on what the other institutions were doing.

Magagula said the addition of the college was in line with what government wanted to achieve in terms of development.

She said people should look at



MORE: Minister for Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula.

the budget of the government if they wanted to enhance their chances of being granted the scholarship.

She said the health and education sectors took a bigger portion of the budget of the nation.

"Right now, government wants to prioritise health and education, followed by agriculture.

Government wants its people to be educated and be healthy," she said.

The minister said it was actually in the plans of government to help all Swazi students.

However, for now, the government prioritised health and education. She said government wanted to ensure that the nation was educated and healthy so that it could be able to produce food through agriculture.

Then the social sciences would then make sure that people would be able to manage the products that would be produced by the people who would be educated and healthy.

Magagula said the scholarship selection board was now at the stage whereby the selection of the students was done. The only thing that was left for them was to send the list of the students back to the institutions mentioned above.

These are the students that would be funded by the government in the form of scholarships.

Government sponsors 11 000 students

GOVERNMENT, through the ministry of labour and social security, sponsors 11 000 students.

This was disclosed on Monday by Minister for Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula.

She said this during the labour programme that is broadcast on Mondays on the Swaziland Broadcasting and Information Services (SBIS).

Magagula said this in reference to some situations whereby students take time to receive their allowances. This usually happens almost every year. Magagula admitted that the problems were there. She stated that such would happen because the communication of information to the students would be poor.

"In any given institution, we usually make use of the structures that are in place to transmit information among all the people in those institutions. When students have problems, they should inform Deans of Student Affairs," Magagula said.

She said this was done because the ministry was communicating with the institutions on matters pertaining to the welfare of the students. She said at any given time, they had over 11 000 students. Usually, the minister said, they had cases of about 3 000 students.

"These are the students who are usually experiencing the delays in getting their allowances. It is unfortunate that to people, it is thought that all the students are affected. Right

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CTA compound goes up in flames

Stories by MbonoMdluli
and Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

THE Mbabane city was on Monday covered in smoke as the compound of the Central Transport Administration (CTA) went up in flames.

The situation was so serious that more than three motor vehicles were almost burnt by the raging fire.

The cars were rescued by fire fighters who were called to the scene to put out the turbulent fire.

It is worth noting though that one of the three cars, a Ford Bantam, was rescued by members of the public, who pushed it away from the scene where it was in danger of being burnt.

Supreme

Confusion reigned supreme after the fire fighters arrived at the scene. As they were putting out fire behind the garage, other parts of the compound would be up in flames, with no fire fighter in sight to put out the fire.

This happened three times, as three vehicles almost got burnt. These included the above-mentioned Ford Bantam, a Toyota Hilux belonging to government, and another black sedan.

The cars could not be removed because their owners were nowhere in sight during the incident. The Toyota Hilux belonging to government could not be moved because its keys seemed to have been misplaced. This forced the fire fighters to reinforce their



ON FIRE: This Ford Bantam was almost burnt, but it was later rescued by members of the public. (Pics: Mbono Mdluli).



HARD AT WORK: A fire fighter putting out fire at the scene.

resources at the scene as more fire engines were eventually seen at the scene. At first, there was only one truck, but after sometime, they were about four. At this time, people were heard shouting on top of their voices, calling upon the fire fighters to put out the

fire that had a potential of burning the cars and some tanks that are restoring fuel within the CTA.

Some cars had to be driven out of the compound to prevent the fire, which was fast approaching the parking area of the CTA.

Fire Services arrive late at scene

SWAZILAND National Fire Services personnel were blamed for arriving late at the scene of the incident on Monday.

Some people even blamed the fire fighters for taking about an hour to arrive at the scene. The fire fighters came under heavy criticism for arriving after such a long time at the scene. According to some CTA employees interviewed during the incident, they said it took the fire fighters more than an hour to come to the scene. "The fire could have been controlled if they had responded early," an employee said.

He said they had to risk their lives and remove some of the cars from the scene, even stating how dangerous it was since some of the cars had already caught some fire underneath.

"The fire started from that mountain on the other side of the river. We called the firefighting personnel to help but they came after an hour while they are right in town. How do you expect them to help those in distant places?, one member of the public was heard commenting.

Another person, believed to be working at the CTA said the fire personnel were called, but they said they had no trucks at the moment. He said the fire engines had gone to attend similar incidents in some places. As a result they brought a smaller fire engine which failed to rescue the situation as the fire was huge. Royal Swaziland Police were applauded by some employees of the CTA for responding timely to the scene to control traffic along the CTA street.



LATE: A fire engine arriving at the scene.



JOB WELL DONE: A fire fighter making sure that the sedan is safe from the fire.



AMAZED: Members of the public watching as the incident unfolded.

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Cop stabber arrested, slapped with 3 counts

Stories by Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

THE man who was reported to have stabbed an on-duty police officer has since been arrested and slapped with three counts.

Sebenele Maziya appeared before Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso, where he was represented by Kush Vilakati Attorneys.

On the first count, the accused was charged with assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

He is said to have wrongfully and unlawfully assaulted Constable Lihle Shabangu by stabbing him with a knife on the left shoulder.

The incident is said to have happened last Tuesday near the Siteki Police Station.

● **Sebenele Maziya appeared before Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso where he was represented by Kush Vilakati Attorneys.**

On the second count, the accused was charged with obstructing the course of justice, in that he wrongfully and unlawfully obstructed the officer from his duty, by insulting him and further accusing him of not being capable to investigate criminal activities properly.

The officer who was in the company of his colleagues is said to have been on his way to investigate a case of a house breaking, when he was confronted by the accused person.

This incident is said to have caused the officer to abandon his duty and go seek medical attention after he was stabbed by the accused.

On the third count, the accused is charged with contravening section 43(1) of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act 7 of

1938.

He is said to have resisted arrest by the same officer, whom he eventually stabbed. During his appearance before the court, he was not asked to plead to the charges.

He successfully applied for bail which was fixed at E1 000.

Meanwhile, information gathered was that the accused person had numerous grievances against the police.

He is said to have been at loggerheads with the same officer for a long time, as he

accused him of frustrating every case which he would report to the police.

One particular case was that of a six-year-old boy who was reported to have been accidentally shot by his grandfather while in the forest for hunting.

The boy was a son to the accused person in the stabbing case.

Maziya had accused the police of failing to conduct proper investigations on the events which led to the said accidental shooting.

Maziya also accused the stabbed officer of causing a break-up between him and his girlfriend earlier in the year.

The eventual stabbing incident is said to have therefore been a result of the numerous grudges which the accused had against the police and the particular officer.



Arrested boarding master also a pastor

THE suspended boarding master of Mpaka High School, who was arrested for allegedly having illicit bedroom games with a pupil, is also said to be a pastor.

Mabuya Mark Dlamini was arrested in 2014 and charged with rape.

According to the charge sheet, the accused person is alleged to have wrongfully, unlawfully and intentionally had sexual intercourse with a pupil of the school, while employed as a boarding master.

The crime is said to have been committed at the school's boarding facility.

The matter was back in court for trial on Monday.

During the trial, the complainant narrated how the accused person known as a respected man of God, would at times preach to them.

She stated that on this fateful day, he had promised to come and pray for her after she was left alone at the boarding facility, which was a few metres away from the boarding master's house.

Attacked

She said the accused gave her a cellphone so that she could call him during the night, in case she was attacked by anything, in which case, he could come to check on her. The complainant said, however, she had a nightmare which terrified her such that she called the boarding master to come and pray for her while it was already after midnight.

She said however, the accused started fondling her after arriving at the room in which she was sleeping.

The accused is said to have further proceeded and committed the said offence without the consent of the complainant.

The complainant said the accused then asked her not to tell anyone about the incident, promising to provide her with whatever she would ask for.

The complainant said however, she reported the incident to her aunt the following day. She was subsequently taken for a medical check-up after the matter was reported to the police. Of note is that the accused person also mentioned on several occasions before the court that he was a respected preacher.

Apparently, he has pleaded not guilty to the charge. The matter was then postponed to November 9, for continuation of trial.

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'Doors Are Open' saga: Swazi pastors now wanted out of SA

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

FOLLOWING the recent reports of controversial Pastor Mandla Mhlanga, who is famously known in the country as 'Doors are Open', offering to pray for people's successes and other social problems at a fee of E250 up to a maximum of E5 000, some Swazi pastors based in South Africa are now facing rejection from their congregations.

A pastor who wanted to remain anonymous said since the reports was published by South African Publication ILANGA newspaper

last week, his congregation has lost faith in him and was questioning his authenticity.

He said his congregants were now accusing him of being after their hard earned money and saying he was not concerned about salvation just like his countryman Mhlanga.

Salvage

"Trying to salvage the situation, I together with other pastors went to try and calm things in his church in Nondabuya in Jozini, but we were met with insults and threats by the community.

The community members said they did not want anymore Swazi pastors in their community, saying we are corrupt, hungry, poverty

stricken and using the gospel of Jesus to defraud them of their monies.

This did not sit well with us since some of us are committed men of God, committed to the gospel and to have someone tainting our name in that manner is not good," he said.

The pastor said the angry community said Swazi pastors must come and collect Pastor 'Doors are open' from South Africa so he can do his shenanigans in Swaziland, not in South Africa.

He further said they had learnt that a handful of congregants had already left the church save for a few. He, however, said some of his congregants defended Mhlanga

relentlessly saying everything that was published by the ILANGA Times was not true while others were baying for his blood.

He said what surprised them was that the congregants that defended Mhlanga were young women in the church.

He further revealed that amongst the young women who were fighting for Mhlanga's innocence was one young woman who is said to be betrothed to Mhlanga.

Engaged

"They got engaged last year and Mhlanga was set to pay the bride price but nothing has happened ever since," he said.

The sources further revealed that

when the rumours about Mhlanga's shenanigans started, the community set his church 'a tent' alight trying to get rid of him in the area but he did not budge.

Mhlanga stands accused of making money from unsuspecting church members and members of the public by offering to pray for their successes and other social problems at a fee of E250, up to a maximum of E5 000.

Alleged

It is alleged by the South African newspaper that Mhlanga also sells a lucky juice costing E50, which he tells his congregation to drink and further use to bath so that they can have good luck in whatever they do.

Mhlanga is also alleged to be selling branded T-shirts with his name on them at a fee of R250, the T-shirts according to the reports are said to bring luck on whoever wears them. Among the series of allegations brought against the pastor is that when he goes to different places where he offers prayer services where he charges E5 000.

Philani Maswati comes through for Lundzi resident

Stories by Samukelisiwe Ginindza
Lundzi

PHILANI Maswati came through for Lundzi resident, Gogo Doreen Dlamini nee Phakathi.

She recently appeared in the Sunday Observer as someone who was in dire need of her grandchild's school fees.

Lundzi is under the Minister of Housing and Urban Development Phiwayinkhosi Mabuza constituency.

On Sunday, Philani Maswati together with this publication's journalists paid the old woman a visit and showered her with nice things.

It is said because she was in desperate need of the school fees, she would camp by the roadside daily, hoping to meet her MP (Phiwayinkhosi Mabuza).

Philani Maswati had constructed Gogo Doreen a two-roomed house in a space of two months and on Sunday, it



THANK YOU VERY MUCH: Gogo Doreen Dlamini-Phakathi thanked the Swazi Observer, MP Mabuza and Philani Maswati for what they have done for her.

was finally officially handed over to her and her nine grandchildren.

The old woman who was overwhelmed by joy said she could now rest in peace as not only did she get the school fees but a house as well. "It's a

small heaven, I am in ecstasy and short of words," she said.

Even though the house she has been occupying before had a leaking roof, she never minded that but needed to get her grandchildren education.

The two room house has put a smile on her and her grandchildren especially since she saw how caring her community could be, as they came in their numbers to support.

"I am so grateful to Her Majesty Indlovukazi for caring for the elderly, may it not end with me as we all deserve to be happy," she added.

She then thanked her MP Mhlambanyatsi and Minister of Housing and Urban Development Phiwayinkhosi Mabuza for presenting her with a pot and candles.

Passed

"My grandchildren all passed with flying colours and now with the house, life is getting better," she added.

Help the needy - Philani Chair

PHILANI Maswati Chairman Lutfo Dlamini got the Lundzi community to help the needy with the little they have.

He was speaking during the official house handover to Gogo Doreen Dlamini nee Phakathi on Sunday at Lundzi.

"Helping the needy is more like helping God because when he appreciates you, He blesses you abundantly," he mentioned.

MORE GARDENS FOR LUNDZI FOLKS

SOME of the elderly people who came to witness the handover of the house to Gogo Doreen Dlamini nee Phakathi were also 'blessed' with 10 gardens for their respective homes.

Philani Maswati Chairman Lutfo



Dlamini said the vegetable gardens project would ensure that the destitute elderly do not spend money buying food, especially vegetables. "They can even sell the vegetables to buy a few other necessities like candles and rice," he said.

BANK ACCOUNT FOR GOGO'S FUND

GOGO Doreen Dlamini nee Phakathi also received money to open a bank account from the offerings of the day.

To start up her account the people who were present offered E500 to go

towards her fund, which is still to be created.

"Philani Maswati will then add E1 000 towards this fund and she will be assisted to open an account at any bank," Lutfo said.

SADC SUMMIT A SUCCESS - ZUMA

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

SOUTH Africa President Jacob Zuma has described the recent Southern African Development Community (SADC) Heads of State and Government Summit as a success.

Zuma revealed this last Wednesday when he concluded his visit to the country for the SADC Summit of Heads of State and Government.

According to News24, Zuma said there were positive discussions and decisions that came out of the summit.

"The summit was a success as we dealt with a number of important issues that affect the region, in particular, issues around industrialisation, energy and infrastructure development," said Zuma.

Zuma further said: "As leaders we have further reiterated that the time to implement Harare decisions on industrialisation and creating a vibrant economy has come to ensure that we develop our economy, create jobs and fight poverty in our region."

The president further said the summit received progress reports on various political and security matters, including those relating to Lesotho and the Democratic Republic of Congo. "We have all committed ourselves to swiftly implement the recommendations as presented in the



MSHOLOZI: South Africa President Jacob Zuma.

reports to ensure peace, unity and stability in affected areas.

The summit noted that the region remained "generally stable" from a political and security perspective," he revealed.

According to News24, the presidency said South Africa was elected as the next incoming chair of SADC and would host the summit in August next year and that the country had accepted the honour.

He was accompanied by Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa, International Relations and Co-operation Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane, Defence and Military Veterans Minister Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula, Trade and Industry Minister Rob Davies and State Security Minister David Mahlobo.

Gogo also gets a garden, toilet

GOGO Doreen Dlamini nee Phakathi was also 'blessed' with a vegetable garden and a pit latrine.

It is said the old woman almost fell into a dilapidated pit latrine, hurting her right leg in the process, a while ago.

"Her Majesty Indlovukazi does not want elderly people to suffer, which is why she also urged that a garden be added to this home to ensure that the family has food and their suffering stops," Philani Maswati Chairman Lutfo Dlamini said.

He then urged the whole community of Lundzi to help the 68-year-old woman water the garden. "We would like to emphasise on being organic to cut costs, this garden only uses fertiliser from cow and goats dung and she should start harvesting in a month's time," Lutfo added.



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THRILLER TAIWAN CULTURAL DANCES IN MANZINI NEXT WEDNESDAY!

In a development that is proof of the strong relations that exist between the Kingdom of Swaziland and the Republic of China on Taiwan, the Taiwanese Embassy in Swaziland and the Municipal Council of Manzini have organised an exciting cultural exchange which will be staged at 1pm, at the Old Trade Fair next Wednesday.

All Manzini citizens, young and old, are invited to come and satiate their entertainment appetite on this exciting day free of charge.

Of course, it is true that not everyone will be able to attend because the event will be staged on a working day and during working hours but you may encourage your friends, relatives and family members who will be free to come and watch this spectacular event.

The show will end at 4pm and refreshments will be served.

Talented

The purpose of the event is to allow talented university students from Taiwan to participate in international exchange activities and broaden their horizons whilst demonstrating the vitality and creativity of Taiwan's youth as well as highlighting the positive role that Taiwan plays in the international community. A team of about 30 youth ambassadors will next week touch down on Manzini from



COME ONE COME ALL: Some of the Taiwan Youth Ambassadors that will be performing at the Old Trade Fair next Wednesday, 1pm. You are invited to come watch the spectacle free of charge.

Taiwan for purposes of this event which is also aimed at raising awareness of Taiwan's contributions to humanitarian causes and sustainable development in Swaziland.

A number of Swazi cultural dances will also be showcased during the event so that our visitors from Taiwan can also experience the amazing traditional performances of the Swazi nation.

The event will be staged under the theme "Dynamic Youth, Friendly Taiwan" and the City of



Manzini has been selected to benefit from this international spectacle amongst seventeen other cities in sixteen countries in the Asia-Pacific, North America, Latin America, Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

Scintillating

It is hoped that after these scintillating cultural exchange visit, the people of Manzini will have a better understanding of Taiwan and the Taiwan Youth Ambassadors will have a better understanding of Swaziland.

...SUMMARY OF TAIWANESE PERFORMANCES DURING THE EVENT

Title	Dynamic Youth, Friendly Taiwan
Opening	The Dazzling Pearl-Taiwan
Indigenous culture	Nasi, Life as an Endless Journey
Holo and Hakka culture	The Blossoming Peach Marriage Ceremony of the Southern Min Dance of the Immortal Guardians
Beauty of Chinese	Spirit Rhythm Flow
Cultural Creativity	Dynamic Youth
Closing	Friend Taiwan Love & Peace



YOU DID WELL MANZINI: Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini handing over the Trade Fair exhibition excellence award to Manzini Public Relations Officer Mathokoza Thwala.

...MANZINI COUNCIL GETS TRADE FAIR EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Municipal Council of Manzini takes this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation to all those who visited its exhibition stand during the 2016 Swaziland International Trade Fair.

The interaction with stakeholders was so exciting and constructive. Indeed, Council got a feel on how her stakeholders feel about service delivery as well as the development that is taking place in the city.

Most exciting were the suggestions on what Council needs to do in order to ensure that the vibrant City of Manzini transforms to first world status by 2022. Council would like to assure stakeholders that the interaction which happened at the exhibition stand was not in vain but fruits thereof will be witnessed in due course.

The even sweeter news is the amount of rates money that was collected at the exhibition stand during the course of the fair.

Of course mentioning the actual figure that was collected is not so important dear reader as you are too busy to read insignificant material. However, Council wishes to thank all the ratepayers who

took time to make use of Council's innovation of bringing the 'Rates Hall' closer to the people by allowing payment of rates at the exhibition stand.

Next year, the people-centred Council will bring more services to the stand so that those who hardly get time to visit the civic offices for service can get assistance right at the Trade Fair.

We are also excited to note that the people of Manzini were well behaved for the entire duration of the fair as no reports to the contrary have been received from the police. We encourage all Manzini citizens to keep up this good spirit even beyond the fair so that our beloved city can continue to be considered the most preferred destination for tourism and investment.

Oops!...lest I forget, as Council we are also happy to report that at the end of the fair we were recognised and awarded for stand excellence and an ability to articulate Council's efforts towards infrastructure development and industrialisation in-line with the Trade Fair theme.

A big thank you to the judges for this rare recognition.

Next time we shall do even much better!

...ABOUT THE TAIWANESE PERFORMANCE

The performance, entitled Dynamic Youth, Friendly Taiwan, is divided into six acts and runs 90 minutes.

It opens with the "The Dazzling Pearl, Taiwan" featuring aerial photography of the Republic of China on Taiwan's most famous scenic spots.

Also featured will be a historical timeline of Taiwan that highlights the nation's economic success and democratic transition over the years, as well as the depth and splendor of the nation's culture and history.

All of this will be creatively presented in a form of exciting dance and music. The second act is titled "Nasi, Life as an Endless Journey."

It features the traditions of Taiwan's indigenous Paiwan group, including their myth of the hundred-pace snake.

The third act introduces the Holo and Hakka cultures, which are major pillars of Taiwan's culture. Here the Taiwanese youth ambassadors will perform a Holo tea-picking song, a raucous Holo marriage ceremony, and a religious ceremony. Featured are the traditional culture, architecture, handicrafts (such as Hakka oil-paper umbrellas and traditional carvings), folk beliefs, clothing, food, and totems of these cultures. Also interpreted in dance are the Yanshui Beehive



ELECTRIFYING PERFORMANCE: This highlights one of the scenes that will be witnessed during the action-packed performance by the Taiwanese next Wednesday. Do attend the free-of-charge event and be thrilled.

Firecracker celebration, a Ma Zu pilgrimage, floating paper lanterns, and a temple festival. The author of this article has watched these performances on video and they are so electrifying.

Brings

The fourth act brings out the beauty of traditional Chinese culture through the performance of traditional opera, martial arts, tai chi, folk arts, tea ceremony, calligraphy, and Chinese musical instruments. The fifth act draws attention to Taiwan's cultural creativity in an energetic dance performance

that depicts Taiwan's achievements in sports and high-technology.

Showing compassion that doesn't stop at borders is a clear message that Taiwan has conveyed to the international community for many years. In the sixth and final act, the youth ambassadors will depict the release of a sky lantern, symbolising goodwill and luck.

Do make time to come and watch these performances; believe it or not - you will not regret the time spent at the Old Trade Fair.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HIS MAJESTY

Limkokwing University Swaziland wishes to convey its heartfelt congratulations to His Majesty King Mswati III for the outstandingly successful SADC Summit that the Kingdom of Eswatini has hosted.

Limkokwing University Worldwide is delighted to have been actively working with His Majesty's Government in preparing for the 36th SADC Summit.

The University has been responsible for conceptualising the design and branding of the Summit. This has included in particular the outdoor designs and pageantry, the Summit theme song and video together with a range of collectables and ensuring that the Heads of State and their delegations felt the warmth of a true Swazi welcome.

In this work, the University has been guided by its founder President Tan Sri Limkokwing the world renowned innovative design guru who has been responsible for much of the successful notice branding of Malaysia over the last decades.

Further, the University is delighted to note that His Majesty's proposal to establish the SADC University of Transformation, which Limkokwing University has been discussing with His Majesty, has been endorsed by all Heads of State.

We look forward to playing an active part in working with his Majesty as Chair of SADC, delivering upon this exciting new transformational milestone in the regions development.



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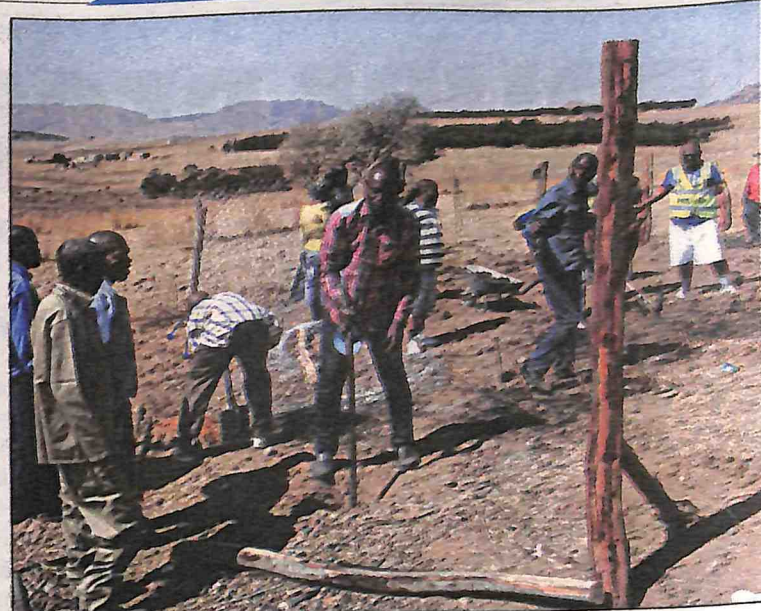
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PHILANI MASWATI BUILDS HOUSE FOR GOGO

HELPING HAND: The new house and garden for Gogo Doreen Dlamini-Phakathi, of Matseni, in Lundzi which was constructed by the Philani Maswati Charity Organisation. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



HARD AT WORK: Philani Maswati Charity Organisation and Matseni community members in Lundzi working hard during the preparation of Gogo Doreen Dlamini-Phakathi's garden and hand over of the new house.



IT'S TOO BIG: Mhlambanyatsi MP, who is also Minister of Housing Phwayikhosi Mabuza and his wife Zodwa presenting pots and other items to Gogo, while Philani Maswati Charity Organisation Chairman Lutfo Dlamini gestures.



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Tender Reference 52 of 2016/2017

The Royal Swaziland Police Service now invites sealed Tenders for the Supply and Delivery of Police Uniform.

The invitation to Tender document can be obtained at the Police Headquarters, Mbabane, Swaziland for the price of E300 (Three Hundred Emalangen), which against receipt should be paid at Mbabane Revenue Office (payment is non refundable) Account No.054110121990. A pre-tender meeting will be held at the Police Headquarters on 14/09/2016 at 0900hrs at the Conference Room (4th Floor).

Tenders must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, which must be marked as follows: "The Secretary to the National Tender Board", Treasury Building, Mhlambanyatsi Road, MBABANE. Further the envelope must be marked with the following information: Royal Swaziland Police 'Tender No. 52 of 2016/ 2017, Supply and Delivery of Police Uniform', Do not open before 0900hrs on the 07/10/2016.

Tenders must be delivered to the office of the National Tender Board, Treasury Building, Mhlambanyatsi Road, Mbabane, Swaziland by 07/10/2016 at 0900hrs and deposited in the Treasury Tender Box.

Tenders received in time by the latest date and time of submission will be opened at the Treasury Building at 0900hrs 07/10/2016. Tenders not deposited in the Treasury Tender Box, as well as late, telegraphic, electronic and faxed tenders will not be considered. Tenderers may attend the opening procedure.

The documents specified in the "instructions to Tenderers, including copies of current Tax Clearance Certificates (for Government Tenders), Trading Licence, Form J, Form C, Labour Compliance Certificate and Tender Security of E10 000.00 must be included in the Tender. The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. For further information or to collect the tender documents contact: Finance Department, Police Headquarters, P.O Box 49 Mbabane

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The Public Service Pensions Fund invites the following deceased members' families to meetings to be held at the following scheduled times and dates at the Pensions Building, along Mhlambanyatsi Road. Family members are requested to bring certified copies of the following: proof of identity, death certificate, birth certificates, marriage certificate(s) and any other relevant documents.

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The following deceased members' families are invited to attend a meeting on the following dates:

MONDAY 12 September 2016					
	Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1.	Shabangu Siphon Thulani	Education	8909824	28.06.2016	09h00
2.	Masuku Lazarous M.M	Natural Resources	3137804	03.07.2016	09h45
3.	Matsebula Malungisa D	Agriculture	8294120	06.07.2016	10h30
4.	Dlamini Bhekuyise M	Agriculture	4892513	15.07.2016	11h15
5.	Tsabadze Makhundu	Defence	8569600	10.07.2016	12h00

TUESDAY 13 September 2016					
	Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1.	Simelane Henson D	Police	7105766	05.07.2016	09h00
2.	Masango Subusiso R	Correctional	3555303	17.07.2016	09h45
3.	Nkosi Gqizicakala	Economic Planning	39860990	08.07.2016	10h30
4.	Dlamini Sifiso Siboniso	Fire	2420590	23.07.2016	11h15
5.	Nxumalo Thulisile	Health	5289615	11.07.2016	12h00

WEDNESDAY 14 September 2016					
	Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1.	Shiba Musa Lawgear	Education	2142276	19.07.2016	09h00
2.	Mkhabela Isaac	Education	6263078	04.07.2016	09h45
3.	Nkumane Cebile	Education	9267758	05.07.2016	10h30
4.	Mtseftwa Nondumiso	Education	2618019	08.07.2016	11h15
5.	Mkhabela Mhleleleki	Education	3476659	20.07.2016	12h00

Thursday 15 September 2016					
	Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1.	Sibandze Bheki Thomas	Natural Resources	6256625	20.07.2016	09h00
2.	Dlamini Thulile	Justice	3678363	05.07.2016	09h45
3.	Mamba Mathokoza	Defence	7107476	27.07.2016	10h30
4.	Fakudze Doreen	Police	8303895	21.07.2016	11h15
5.	Manyatsi Ruth	Education	6273307	10.06.2016	12h00

Friday 16 September 2016					
	Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1.	Makhanya Thandazile	Education	3524563	03.08.2016	09h00
2.	Thwala Nomkhosi P	Defence	39801722	07.08.2016	09h45
3.	Zwane Veli L	Police	101947235	16.07.2016	10h30
4.	Mkhonta Duduzile	Defence	9449433	28.07.2016	11h15
5.	Vilakati Muzi	Defence	5103122	03.08.2016	12h00

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POLICE RECRUITS TO PASS OUT SOON - COMMISSIONER

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

POLICE recruits are expected to pass out either this month or next month.

The recruits are those who were admitted to the police college last year. It had initially been reported that the recruits were to spend a period of two years while undergoing vigorous training exercise at Police College in Matsapha.

However, National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula assured them that they would pass out this year. He said this during a press conference at the police headquarters, where he was thanking Imbali from the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) for

showing a good behaviour during the recently-ended Umhlanga ceremony.

Many of the maidens who took part at the ceremony are still undergoing training at the police college.

"It has come to our attention that many of you are now asking yourselves if you will be able to pass out this year. Some are said to be very anxious as they look forward to pass out and be deployed to your working stations. I must say that you will pass out this year, probably this month or next month, depending on the month the authorities will approve," Magagula said.

However, this is contrary to the previous intake which took two full years at the college before they passed out. Initially, the police had said it would now take two full

...this means the new recruits will only train for less than a year at the college, unlike the previous group which trained for two full years.

years for recruits to pass out at the college as they had changed the syllabus.

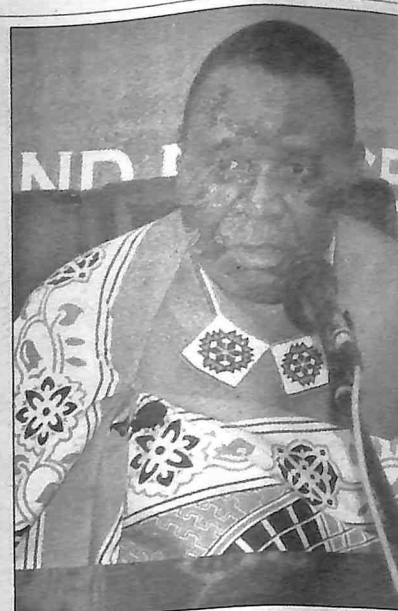
His pronouncement was met with excitement from the maidens as they clapped hands with passion, while shouting in jubilation, saying "Thank you, Sir!" They did this to show that they were happy and relieved to hear such good news.

However, Magagula warned the girls that they would have to make sure that they took care of themselves because failure to do so would result in them being dismissed.

She told the maidens that rowdy

behaviour from them would mean they were selfish and ill-disciplined because they would have prevented other Swazis who could not get admission into the police service. "This means you prevented many other Swazis who wanted to work diligently for the country and that would be very painful to them," he said.

The national commissioner said it was painful for him to dismiss police officers for bad behaviour. He wished that the recruits would all pass out to maintain the number of police they wanted from the start. "You came here wanting to



BOSS: Police National Commissioner Isaac Magagula praising Imbali from RSP at Police Headquarters in Mbabane. (Courtesy Pics)

cooperate with the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) in safeguarding civilian life and property. We expect you to do just that. If you are to cooperate with us by committing crimes, you will have to leave us in peace," he said.

'Police looking after Imbali on behalf of chiefs'

THE Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) cooperates with princes and chiefs, who are in charge of chiefdoms across the country.

National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula said this during a press conference at the police headquarters in Mbabane.

The commissioner had called the press conference to thank Imbali from the RSP for showing good behaviour during the recently-ended Umhlanga ceremony.

Magagula said they did not dispute the fact that the people working in the police service were from various chiefdoms in the country.

"As the police service, we find it our responsibility to take care of you because you spend most of your time with us.

If we do not take care of you, we would be failing in our duty as the police service. By so doing, we cooperate with the princes and chiefs who are in charge of your chiefdoms," Magagula said.

The national commissioner said the Imbali would then be taken care of by the chiefs when they were in their respective chiefdoms.

Magagula said the idea behind the formation of the culture wing within the police service was to understand the way in which Swazis were doing things.

This would enable them, as a police service organisation, to serve the Swazis with a better understanding of their way of life.

"This is a way of communicating with the nation, so that there

can be a better understanding between our organisation and the society it serves. This is what happens even if you want to penetrate a certain group of people participating in a war. You have to know their language, if you want to penetrate them to find how they operate," he said.

Magagula's statement comes after there were submissions made during the people's parliament, commonly known as Sibaya last month, where some speakers expressed their concern over the fact that regiments from the security forces were taking part in national cultural ceremonies as regiments from their work places, thus gaining unfair advantage.

Go

The speakers felt that the regiments from the security forces should go to their respective chiefdoms and participate there during such ceremonies.

They said this would enable the regiments to depart from their chiefdoms, where they come from and not from their workplaces.

Magagula thanked the Imbali for representing the police service well, during the Umhlanga ceremony and told them that they expected an even better performance during the Shiselweni Umhlanga ceremony.

He told them that they should use their brains to come up with even better songs that were relevant to the times of today. Failure to do so, according to the national commissioner, would mean the end of thinking capacity for the Imbali.



REMARKS: Police College Commander Assistant Commissioner, Vusi Masuku, getting ready to make his remarks at the event.



GUEST: Princess Gcamani getting ready to speak during the event.



IMBALI: Welile Dlamini speaking on behalf of the maidens during the event.

TRADITIONAL REGALIA MADE BY POLICE

THE traditional regalia that was worn by the Imbali from the police service was made by other police officers within the organisation.

This was disclosed by Head of the Police Culture Wing Superintendent Princess Gcamani, during a press conference at the police headquarters on Monday.

Princess Gcamani was the one who was in charge of the maidens during the Umhlanga ceremony. The princess thanked National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula for allowing the existence of the wing, which proved to play a vital role within the service.

"The maidens showed that they were excited to be part of the reed dance ceremony. We thank the police women who produce the traditional regalia currently worn by the maidens. Some people might think that this was made outside the police service, but it was made within the service by policewomen, who are with us here," Princess Gcamani said.

She went on to tell Magagula that the culture wing from the service



FOR THE LOVE OF THE CULTURE: The maidens getting ready to sing a cultural song titled "Sicela Kuthula ku SADC".

should not fade because it was helpful to the maidens. She said it taught them about the way of life of Swazis whom they were expected to serve as police officers.

Princess Gcamani's words were echoed by Police College Commander Assistant Commissioner Vusi Masuku, who said they would make sure that the maidens were at their very best during the Shiselweni Umhlanga ceremony.

"We will also make sure that we prepare the *tingatja* regiments

because the Incwala ceremony will be approaching after the Shiselweni Reed Dance ceremony," Masuku said.

Welile Dlamini, who spoke on behalf of the maidens, also promised that they would do their best in Shiselweni. She said other maidens had not been able to heed to the call of the commissioner because they were also busy with work commitments at the trade fair in Manzini.

Dlamini promised, however, to relay the national commissioner's message of thanks to all of them.

Cops called as 5 kombis burgled in one night

Stories by Pshesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A Mbabane businessman had to call the police after a suspect robber locked himself inside one of his kombis and 'sjambokked' anyone coming near him.

Ndumiso Mamba, a kombi owner from Makholokholo, did not believe his eyes when he found five of his Toyota Quantums broken into.

The dashboards of these Quantums had been ripped off as it is said the suspect wanted to steal radios from all the parked kombis.

Agreement

Mamba alleged that he had an agreement with Sikhatsi Dlamini of Mbabane Express Car Wash, to park his 11 kombis at his car wash every night.

However, things allegedly did not go according to plan on May 23 when Mamba together with one of his drivers left a nearby restaurant to park two of the kombis at the car wash only to find that those that had parked

● The dashboards of these Quantums had been damaged as it is said the suspect wanted to steal radios from all the parked kombis

earlier had been broken into.

This incident allegedly unfolded itself out at around 10pm.

After noticing something sinister in one of his kombis, Mamba said he knew something was wrong thus he went to check the other kombis. Indeed his fears were confirmed as five of the kombis had been broken into and the robber was found in one of the kombis allegedly continuing with his wicked deed.

Evidence

While leading evidence as the first witness in the case before Mbabane Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati, Mamba said getting the robber out of his kombi proved a tall order as he not only locked all the doors but also allegedly 'sjambokked' the businessman together with his driver, Sikhombisa Dlamini.

They were later joined by the security guard providing security at the car wash but that did not help as it is said Themba Dlamini, the suspect robber, was

violent and did not show any signs of backing down.

"Sikhombisa told me there was someone in a grey Quantum and after proper inspection we noted that he gained entry through the windows.

But getting himself out of the Quantum did not come easy as he took a sjambok inside the kombi and whipped us each time we tried opening the quantum.

Jumped

This went on for minutes and we had to call the police. We finally managed to open the door but he jumped out and ran away," Mamba alleged in court.

Mamba went on to say the suspect robber also produced a knife and used it as he tried to escape from them but they managed to overpower him and waited for the police to arrest him.

"In all the five kombis, he stripped off the dashboards and tried to take out the radios but he could not. I believe we found him while he was busy trying to

steal the car radios and our arrival disturbed him. When we talked to the security guard, he told us that the suspect might have arrived a few minutes earlier as he did not notice anything sinister while patrolling," the businessman said.

The suspect robber, pleaded guilty to breaking into the five kombis and further damaging each dashboard which is said to be worth E2 600. The businessman confirmed that each of the damaged dashboards set him back by E2 600.

Fateful

Another kombi owner, Richard Simelane from PTS, confirmed the incident while leading evidence in court as he said his kombi was parked at the car wash too, and on this fateful night he received a call from Dlamini alerting him that their kombis had been broken into.

The accused person was charged with 10 counts of breaking into the five kombis and further damaging property while inside the five kombis. He was remanded back to custody until Friday while his trial will proceed on October 18.



YOUR WORSHIP: Mbabane Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati.

Magistrate tells offender to pay back the money

MBABANE Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati told Mxolisi Simelane to pay back a sum of E6 714 he allegedly swindled from a woman.

When appearing in court for his trial, Simelane produced only E600 and explained that he was finding it hard putting together the exact figure he swindled from the unsuspecting woman.

"You have been sentenced; so keeping you in custody will not help me or the complainant as she wants her money back. She is only interested in getting her money back, so I order you to make means and make sure you pay her back," Vilakati said.

Vilakati added that the E600 was too little and told the conman to at least try to contribute E1 000 every month until he pays off the debt or better still pay the whole amount at once.

"When you come back on September 29, I am expecting something much better than the E600. You are now left with E6 114," he said. The defendant said he would abide by the court's decision, thus the complainant accepted the E600 offered by the accused person.

PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE DETAINS ANOTHER WOMAN

PRINCIPAL Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi continued with her stance against suspects who either do not keep time in court or do not show up at all.

A woman who said she was coming from Ekupheleni felt Nhlabatsi's wrath as she was also detained following two suspects last week.

A warrant of arrest had already been issued when the woman emerged in court and complained about lack of transport from Ekupheleni to town.

Broke

She added that she had left home at around 7:30 am but the bus she was using broke down which resulted in her

being late.

"I do not want to hear your stories, please wait inside the guard's room with other suspects as I do not understand why you decided not to keep time when you knew very well you were appearing in court today," Nhlabatsi said, when ordering the woman to go inside the guard's room.



PRESIDING: Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi.

Man organises 'side chick' for his brother-in-law

By Pshesheya Kunene
Mbabane

NCOBILE Mkhabela (21) was allegedly infuriated when her half-brother organised a 'side chick' for her boyfriend.

Tenants, residing at the Masango homestead situated at Msunduza, allegedly had a tough time getting their sleep on the night of August 26 when Mkhabela discovered that her boyfriend was with a woman in her brother's house in the same compound.

Apparently, Mkhabela and her boyfriend, Mzwakhe were in the process of working on their relationship after going through a rough patch, the complainant



HEARD CASE: Mbabane National Court President Chief Lembelele.

said. Mkhabela said on the day of her assault, the man of her dreams had apologised and told her he

wanted to fix things. However, things went from bad to worse on the night as it is said, Mihla Masango organised a female friend for his brother-in-law, something that got Mkhabela seething with fury.

While appearing at the Mbabane National Court before President Chief Lembelele, Masango pleaded guilty to the offence of common assault laid against him by his half-sister. He stated that he did hit her twice with claps on her face but refuted kicking her until she fell down.

"She came at night while drunk and demanded to see her boyfriend, I told her to come back in the morning as I hate being woken up while asleep.

All I knew was that the two had

separated and that is why Mzwakhe was with a woman in one of the rooms in the house," Masango said during mitigation.

He added that her half-sister did not show any respect to him and the tenants residing at the homestead as she allegedly made a lot of noise while shouting and insulting him.

"I beat her out of anger as she told me I was homeless and had nothing as the house belongs to my grandmother. I never kicked her but tried to reason with her to stop making noise and she tried hitting me with a beer bottle," he added. However, Mkhabela insisted with her allegations and Masango was sentenced to pay a fine of E400 or face imprisonment for six months.

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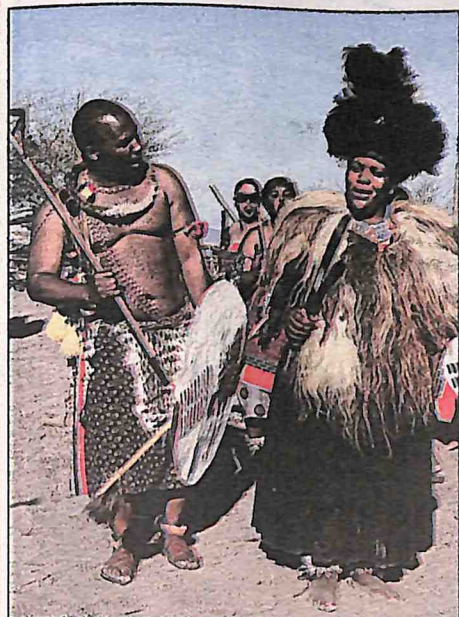
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ENDLESS LOVE: Manzini Businessman Musa Simelane traditionally wed the love of his life Thandeka Dlamini during a colourful ceremony which was attended by scores of well wishers this past weekend at their home in Nhlambeni. (courtesy pics)



BEST FOOT FORWARD: Blushing bride Thandeka Dlamini being appreciated by well wishers.



FOOD APLENTY: The beast which was served to guests being slaughtered on Saturday morning.



KWASA MALAWU: Khayeni Khumalo leading the bridal party to the Simelane residence.



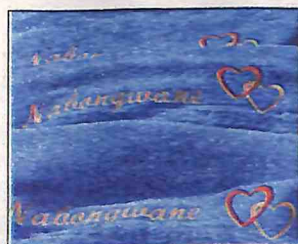
ALL IS WELL: The bride presenting the groom with gifts which comprised a bed with accompanying bedding as well as a foot-stool and crockery.



DADDY: Simelane with his daughter Busisiwe during the proceedings.



TINGAJA: The couple's sons Mlungisi and Linda Simelane.



LOVE' N CLEANLINESS: Simelane also got custom-made towels as part of his umhlambiso.



IN SUPPORT: Musa Simelane (C) flanked by relatives and friends before the start of the ceremony.



WELL WISHERS: Scores of well wishers braved the hot Nhlambeni sun in order to witness the traditional wedding.



MATSAPHA
Municipality

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Matsapha Town Council extends an invitation to the Matsapha citizenry, development partners and all other relevant and interested stakeholders to its **ANNUAL MEETINGS** scheduled on the dates and venues listed below;

Date	Venue	Time
Sunday 04/09/2016	Matsapha Town Council Meeting Hall	2:30pm
Monday 12/09/2016	Matsapha Town Council Meeting Hall	09:00am
Monday 12/09/2016	Matsapha Town Council Meeting Hall	5:30pm

AGENDA:

1. Presentation of Audited Accounts for financial year ended 31 March 2016;
2. Receiving submissions from the community.

We look forward to seeing you in these meetings, as we continue to build our town together.

MS. GCINIWE FAKUDZE
TOWN CLERK

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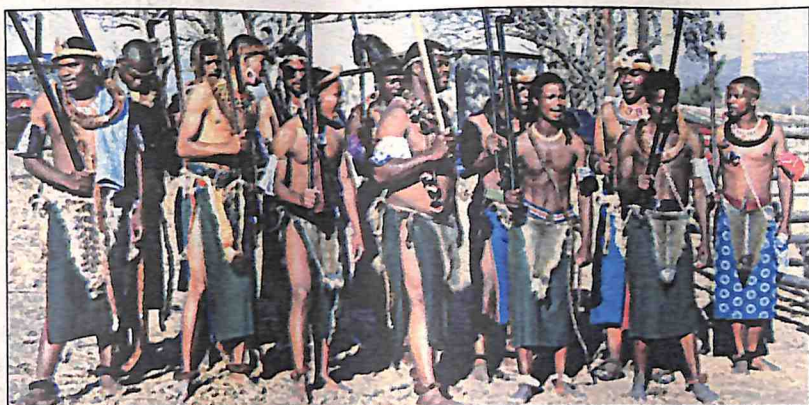
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TRADITIONAL WEDDING



HAPPY WITNESSES: The couple's children Phayo, Fu, Lulama, Pitsane and Mlulamsi posing after witnessing their parents' wedding.

K'COUSIN: The groom's cousins from the Tsabedze clan were unique in their matching gear.



NGICEL'INKHONTO: Thandeka singing in earnest during her solo dance.

BABE TALA: Father to the groom Obed Simelane seated with Umyeni Mhlatshwa Nhlabatsi.



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Striking Plantation workers vow to continue with protest

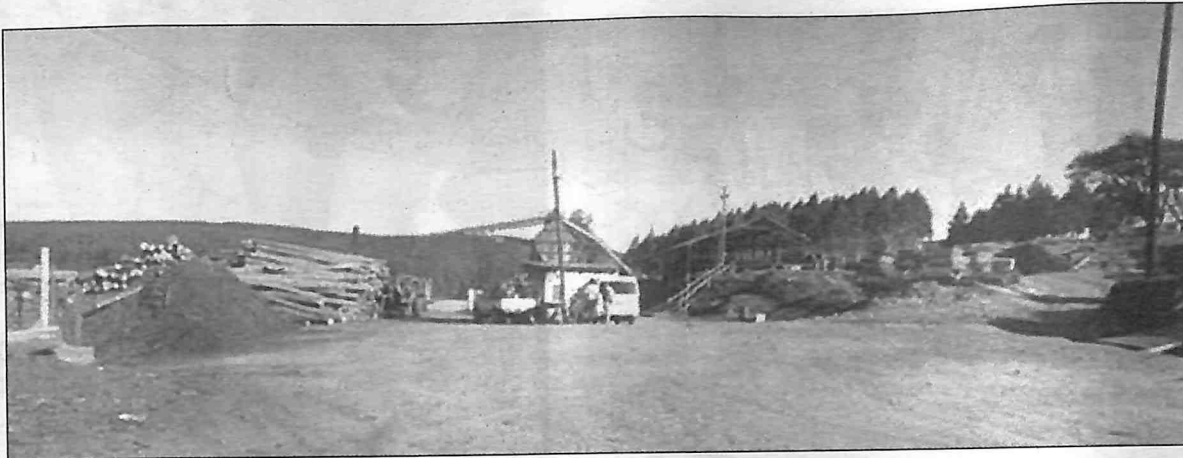
THE striking workers of Swaziland Plantations Limited are declining in numbers as only 300 are still protesting after their clash with the police.

The protest action started off with 460 workers.

"We will continue with the strike and the police will have to arrest us all," a worker said.

The workers delivered firm and defiant messages that they would continue to engage in the strike. The protest action has been going on for over 24 days now.

Swaziland Agriculture & Plantations Workers Union (SAPAWU) Chairperson Sibusiso Masuku said only 300 workers had remained in the strike. He was addressing the 300 remaining striking plantation workers who congregated at the Plantation sports



NO ONE IN SIGHT: Since Wednesday last week there have been no demonstrating workers at the entrance of the company.

ground instead of their usual meeting area at the gate of the plantation in fear of a repeat of Wednesday's

attack by police.

Masuku is still nursing a head injury that he suffered at the hands of police on Wednesday.

Masuku whilst addressing his fellow striking Plantation Forest Company employees said, "what happened last week Wednesday

was unfair to us, we held our strike in its usual place outside the Plantation, unfortunately police were called to disperse us. We will not stop our strike because it is a legal one, we may have dwindled in number but we will continue, the police will have to arrest all of us."

Addressing

Also addressing the remaining striking Plantation workers was shop steward of the Swaziland Agriculture and Plantations Workers Union (SAPAWU) Victor Shongwe who said the remaining plantation workers should be careful and try not to wear their customary red t-shirts until a designated time.

Shongwe said the workers should wait until they were given the go ahead from the secretary general of the Swaziland Agriculture and Plantations Workers Union (SAPAWU) Manqoba Dlamini to continue the strike action.

At that point they would congregate at the Plantation Forest Company entrance where they have been demonstrating for the past 24 days.

Police fire teargas at protesting Plantation workers

PLANTATION workers have complained that though they had embarked on a legal strike, police fired at them with teargas.

About six plantation workers were arrested after a policeman that had come to man the strike was injured. The police officers dressed in full gear, fired teargas canisters at about 200 unarmed striking plantation company workers resulting in two female workers being injured and rushed to the Pigg's Peak government hospital for treatment.

The incident happened last week Wednesday afternoon outside the Plantation Forest Company. The riot police were joined by a helicopter that was being used to douse the flames that resulted after Plantation workers allegedly started lighting fires in the neighbouring forests.

Swaziland Agriculture and Plantations Workers Union (SAPAWU) Chairman Sibusiso Masuku said the violent police came out of nowhere and started firing teargas canisters at the unarmed, unsuspecting Plantation workers who were striking for the seventeenth day.

"It was an unprovoked attack by the police who ambushed us, two of our female colleagues are injured and have been admitted at the Pigg's Peak hospital, one was injured in the leg by a tear-



WAR ZONE: Riot police outside the plantation forestry Company firing teargas at striking Plantation workers last week Wednesday.

gas canister fired by the riot police," Masuku said.

Masuku stated that the police fired the first teargas canister at him injuring his forehead.

"The first teargas canister was fired directly at me and the policeman who fired it told me that he wanted to injure me because I was the leader of the workers on strike.

Struck

After the shot was fired and I was struck in the head, the rest of the striking workers then ran at the policeman who fired the shot injuring him in the forehead that is when the rest of the riot police started firing more teargas canis-

ters into the crowd of the workers. We then ran into the surrounding forests but were chased by the police who made six arrests. A helicopter was also called by the police to look for us as we ran for protection in the surrounding forests," he said.

SAPAWU Shop Steward Victor Shongwe said after the plantation workers had disbanded, the police then started chasing them out of their houses which are behind the plantation sports ground with teargas canisters.

"After we ran away from the police and their guns, they started invading our quarters, firing teargas inside our houses, it was ter-

rible. We had to run away from them, but why did they follow us because we were unarmed?" Shongwe said.

According to Acting Police Information and Communications Officer Phindile Vilakati, she said a male policeman was injured in the head with a rock as the plantation workers became violent.

"Police were called to disperse the plantation workers who were becoming violent. Unfortunately, a male officer was injured in the head as a result, we are waiting for more information on his condition," Vilakati said.

Pigg's Peak Town Council to add park to cemetery, upgrade road

THE Pigg's Peak Town Council wants to construct a car park and upgrade the gravel road leading to the town's cemetery.

Town Clerk Mzwandile Ndzinisa said the town council had a budget in place to rehabilitate the gravel road leading to the cemetery. He added that the construction of the new car park would also commence as soon as possible.

The small town of Pigg's Peak has a formal cemetery located adjacent to the Pigg's Peak landfill site past the Gobolondlo Hall three kilometres away from the Pigg's Peak correctional facility.

"People have complained that the cemetery has no parking, ablution facilities or a proper entrance.

We intend giving the town a facelift, we are currently planning for a proper car park for the cemetery and we will also upgrade the road leading to the cemetery," the town clerk said. Ndzinisa stated that the current wall fence at the cemetery was in good condition and there was no need for the council to have a new one.

"The town council does not need to add a new wall fence to the cemetery, the current wall fence serves its purpose of keeping livestock out of the cemetery we have had no complaints from residents about the wall fence. If we do add a new wall fence it will be purely for cosmetic reasons," he said. The rehabilitation of the road to the cemetery would begin soon.



THE AFTERMATH: Kwasa Farmers have felt the effects of the current drought, with the Mbuluzi River, which is their source for irrigation for their sugarcane fields, running dry. (Pic Nozipho Sibiya)

SUGAR ASSOCIATION FEELS BRUNT OF EL NINO

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

KWASA Farmers Association has abandoned over 20 hectares of sugarcane fields, due to the prevailing drought and financial difficulties.

In the past few months, the farm has been reported to be in a financial crisis and has been turned into grazing land for animal owners in that area.

Some of the people were cutting the cane for consumption purposes.

According to some of the people who were found grazing their cattle in the area, the association members have abandoned the fields and thus will not harvest this financial year.

"People travel as far as from Madlangemphisi and

● In July, the Association retrenched over 20 workers in a space of two months.

Luve to fetch cane here," a resident Sifiso Tsabedze said. He said due to the prevalent drought in that area, the fields have been abandoned with the sugarcane and people come with trucks and cars to fetch the cane. "Some even sell the sugar cane along the road for motorist and other passerby." According to the Chairman of the association Ellen Masuku, SwaziBank stopped funding them as the bank claimed they were in arrears.

She said they were left with no option but to wait, and then residents decided to force their animals in.

In July, the Association retrenched over 20 workers in a space of two months.

The shareholders of the troubled Kwasa Farmers Association tried to have a special meeting with SwaziBank board members to discuss their financial woes, however it is reported that the Bank with a heart did not come to their rescue. It was also alleged that the six shareholders were also at loggerheads over the matter as they blame each other for misusing funds.

Also a water pump was left hanging at the Mbuluzi River since the association has not paid electricity.

Family members hacked, assaulted by 'sick' sibling

By Phešheya Kunene
Magistrate's Court

A family in Mdzangwini has been left shattered after a family member turned against them, hacking them with a spade, further using a knobkerrie to assault them.

Thabo Makhubu (22) has been charged for allegedly assaulting, with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, two of his family members.

Assaulted

Makhubu, who is currently taking medication at National Psychiatric Referral Hospital since February, was said to have intentionally assaulted his sister, Nelisiwe Gamedze by hitting her with a knobkerrie three times on her head with intent to cause her grievous bodily harm. This incident allegedly occurred on May 6 in Fonteyn.

The other count was that on the following day, being May 7, Makhubu allegedly continued with his terrifying

reign of terror as he wrongfully, unlawfully and intentionally assaulted his aunt, Lindiwe Shongwe, by hacking her several times on the head and hands with a spade.

After being arrested for committing these crimes, Makhubu appeared in court, where the correctional services were ordered to refer the offender for assessment at the psychiatric centre.

The examination report proved that he was a regular patient at the hospital and was responding well to medication, as he appeared to be sound.

Reported

When Makhubu appearing before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati last week, he told the court that he was struggling to raise the E500 bail, hence he was still in custody.

His trial could not proceed as the complainant was reported not to have been ready to face the accused person in court.

"I am worried about the

accused person as justice must be served and the court will not be able to do so if the complainants do not show up to court saying they are not ready.

The accused person was of the idea that the trial will proceed," Vilakati said, while postponing the matter.

When Vilakati asked the prosecutor, if the complainant had recovered from injuries, he was told that she had been released from hospital and was recovering well.

Remanded

Makhubu was remanded back to custody, with Vilakati urging the accused person to make means for the E500 bail.

Speaking to a family member about the accused person, it was mentioned that he normally does this.

"We are shattered and angered with what he has done.

He was admitted at the psychiatric centre and we thought he was recovering," the family member said.



PUBLIC NOTICE

RE: LOWER USUTHU SMALLHOLDER IRRIGATION PROJECT (LUSIP)

A public notice is hereby published in terms of section 52 of the Environmental Management Act, 2002. SWADE has prepared a Strategic Environmental Assessment for The Lower Usuthu Small Holder Irrigation Project (LUSIP).

The purpose of the study was to identify environmental impacts that are likely to emerge as a result of the LUSIP development so that measures are taken to mitigate negative environmental impacts and enhance positive ones. Copies of these reports are available in the following places:

1. Swaziland Environment Authority offices- RHUS Office Park, Mbabane.
2. Manzini National Library
3. Siphofaneni Inkhundla Center
4. Illovo Office in Big Bend
5. Nisela Safaris Reception
6. Nkilongo Inkhundla Center
7. Sithobela Inkhundla Center
8. Lubuli Inkhundla Center

Interested and Affected parties are requested to submit comments and/or objections as per the Environmental Audit, Assessment and Review Regulations, 2000. Written submissions should be directed to the Director, Swaziland Environment Authority, P. O. Box 2602, Mbabane.

Fax: 2404 1719

The deadline for submission of comments is **30th September 2016***

*20 days from last week of publication of notice.

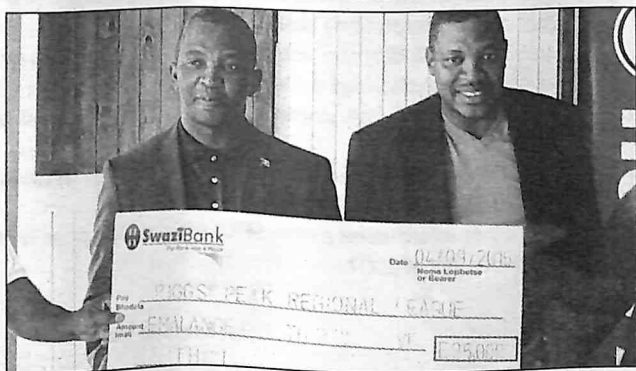
'Buy Cash' continues to pamper Pigg's Peak folks

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

HAVING many girlfriends is a first sign of poverty, according to renowned businessman and Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Jabulani 'Buy cash' Mabuza.

Mabuza is also the Pigg's Peak Member of Parliament Mabuza. He was speaking at the Highlands Inn during the launch of the Buy Cash Pigg's Peak regional league on Sunday. He pledged a sponsorship of E35 000 in front of 100 invited guests towards the league. Mabuza stated that the first sign of a young man's poverty was having many girlfriends.

"Young men need to do simple mathematics and understand that if you are single you budget enough money for 30 days. If you have one girlfriend the money you were going to spend over 30 days has to be divided by 2 people,



ALL YOURS: Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs, as well as, Pigg's Peak Member of Parliament Jabulani 'Buy Cash' Mabuza alongside Chairman of the Hhohho Regional Football League Comfort Shongwe presenting a cheque of E35 000 to the Hhohho regional football league.

meaning your original budget will only last 15 days. If you have more girlfriends it means your budget becomes less and less meaning you are well on your way to living in poverty," he said. Mabuza said the old way of thinking that having many girlfriends was a blessing was false.

"The old way of thinking is false and untrue because if you

are getting paid only E1500 and you have to divide it with so many girlfriends what will you have left. Young men need to have only one girlfriend to truly prosper," he said. The Minister was joined by Chairman of the Hhohho Regional Football League Comfort Shongwe, as well as chairman of the Pigg's Peak league Richard Magongo.

By Manqoba Makhubu
Manzini

DR ZIZWE WINS VEHICLE WORTH E130 000, AS SITF 2016 CLOSES

A start up company, Exquisite Embroidery won the brand new-generation of the Suzuki Super Carry ultra-compact bakkie, worth E130 000, as the Swaziland International Trade Fair (SITF) 2016 drew to a close.

According to the company's Director Dr. Zizwe Cindzi, the company was registered in 2014 and started operating last year. The 48th edition of the Swaziland International Trade Fair (SITF) marked their inaugural trade fair participation.

"Watch the space, this is the turning point for our company," said Cindzi.

When he was announced the winner, after a draw conducted by Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini, Cindzi seemed caught in a moment of sheer disbelief, with his hands on his head, and a completely surprised face, he slowly walked towards the prime minister, and it was only when he held the key in his hands that he seemed to believe that he would be driving home in the brand new Suzuki Super Carry bakkie.

"It was unbelievable, it never even crossed my mind," he said during an interview.



CONGRATS: E130 000 Suzuki Bakkie winner, Dr. Zizwe Cindzi, receiving the keys from Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini during the official closing of the SITF. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi).

The company's co-director, who is also Cindzi's spouse, Dr. Jabu Cindzi said this would be their first business car, since they had been using their family car for business errands.

"We would really like to thank the sponsors and hosts of the

SITF. This will make a huge difference for our business. We hope that such initiatives may continue and impact as many people as possible," she said.

Reserved

SIPA Domestic Trade Manager Siphesihle Nkabinde said the draw



THERE YOU GO: Cindzi and the PM next to the vehicle.

was solely reserved for small and medium enterprises.

Compact

According to vehicle Carson Auto Swaziland, the car, a new-generation of the Suzuki Super Carry ultra-compact bakkies possesses a cab-over design and large

load deck. It has an impressive payload of 750 kg, together with a class-best load bay width of 1.49 m, while a 175 mm ground clearance allows the compact bakkie to traverse challenging terrain.

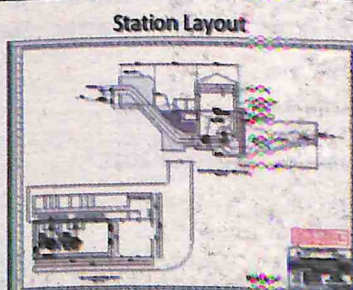
It was dubbed, 'Gets Work Done.'



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION IS HEREBY GIVEN BY MIDDLE LUSUTFU HYDROPOWER (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED FOR A GENERATION LICENCE FROM THE SWAZILAND ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY (SERA) ESTABLISHED IN TERMS OF THE ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY ACT OF 2007

Applicant:	Middle Lusutfu Hydropower (Proprietary) Limited
Country of Registration:	Swaziland
Registration Number:	R7/44440
Postal Address:	PO Box 4469 Mbabane H100 Swaziland
Business Address:	4th Floor, Public Service Pension Fund Building Mhlambanyatsi Road Mbabane Swaziland
Technology	12 MW Hydro Power Station
Type of Application:	New
Type of Licence:	Generation Licence
Site Location:	The Lower Magudzuza Hydro Power Scheme will be established on the Lusutfu river, predominantly on the remaining extent of the Farm No. 8, in the Manzini district, with the western flank of the project weir located on Crown Land Farm No. 1153 that is used by the Gebeni Community, and with backwater impacts to Farm No. 1153 and Swazi Nation Land Farms No. 1038 and No. 1037 as used by the Gebeni and Nhlambeni Communities. Transmission lines associated with the project will also traverse Portion 45 of the Consolidated Farm Peebles Block (South) No. 8 in the Manzini district. The nearest town is Sidvokodvo.
Site Coordinates:	Latitude: 26°39'13"S Longitude: 31°23'40"E



National Satellite View



Any person wishing to object against this Application may within a period of 30 days after the date of publication of this advisement lodge a written objection against such Application with the SERA in a form determined by the Board and in compliance with the relevant requirements of the Authority which are available on request.

In accordance with the requirements of SERA the following information will be available to any interested person wishing to inspect complete information in respect thereto at the physical address of SERA, 1st Floor RHUS Office Park, Karl Grant Street, Mbabane, Kingdom of Swaziland:

1. Map showing the proposed location where Middle Lusutfu Hydropower (Pty) Ltd ("MLH") intends to erect or alter plant.
2. Description of the technical design including a single-line diagram of the proposed plant and its surrounding electrical system.
3. Description including the site layout of the area within which MLH intends to carry out activities authorised under the licence.
4. Calculation of the net present value of the proposed plant and any alternative plants.
5. Other information regarding the plant and design deemed necessary by SERA.
6. Desired licence period: 26.5 Years
7. Such other information as the SERA may require or as is required in terms of the Electricity Act of 2007.

Local Satellite View





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IT's natural for leaders to welcome being deployed to higher office in the form of a promotion.

When such elevations happen, they are marked with big thanks-giving ceremonies.

But most often, it's not easy for leaders to accept another 'promotion' when nature deploys them to a perceived lower office. Again, that resistance is natural as human beings have no shock absorbers and wear no bullet-proof vests against eventualities!

A teacher with 20 years on the job celebrated when he was made head of a school. After years in the seat of power, he got demoted to the office of deputy headteacher. Such a deployment can be obviously humiliating but they have to be welcomed with both hands especially if you cannot change anything. All you need to do is welcome your new office and give it your best shot.

I know the world perceives it as degrading but a disgrace in my dictionary (macfordism) only takes seven days at its extreme worse and 72 hours at its extreme best. I have said it before in this very column and I am saying it once again, that perception is a management issue. What you sell is what people buy! When you want them to feel sorry for you, I promise you, they will laugh out loud (LOL) for such free comedy.

Truly, Truly, I say to you, people don't care about fallen heroes! *Batsi besingekho ebusheni bakho yehhe!* (We were not part of your glitz and glamour) They say, 'God forgives but we don't!' So all you have to do is remove the dust from your buttocks and rise again. Because you can rise again, it's in your DNA to rise! Just welcome your new office and as Riri say, 'Work! Work! Work!'

I am critically aware that from being a Minister/MP/CEO/MD/Director/Manager, etc, you are now hanging up to dry with all friends grinning at you with loose white teeth! But I still say it loud,

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enjoy your new job of basking in the sun and don't despair. Even if your new job is waking up early in the morning and looking for a job. Enjoy it!

Because only a 'Write off' can write off a leader, unless you became one by default, then you deserve life's red card! A real leader understands that a fall is delayed success! All he does, is put up a programme with well laid out plans and installs anti virus, megabytes and a big memory card. For obvious reasons, he needs a memory card-just to remember all the people, if you know what I mean.

FROM MP TO INDVUNA YENKHUNDLA/BUCOPHO

The essence of this article is for leaders to understand issues of deployment. In our next door neighbour, South Africa, you find ex-ministers deployed to executive mayors. This looks like a demotion of the highest order but

many have no problem.

It's true there are those who have turned down the lower posts but I want to advise politicians to think smart. You were once a minister or MP, you went for elections and lost. The question is what are your prospects as a politician going forward?

Have you done a SWOT analysis on how you lost? And looking at the present situation what are your

chances of winning in case you try once again? My advice is, be an apache and put your ear on the ground and if you hear eerie sounds and noises about you, then rethink your prospects and I repeat, think smart! Don't be a victim of stereotypes but have a degree of flexibility! Most politicians fail because they are not flexible even amidst glaring signals and end up in a barbaric march to catastrophe! What a trip!

INDVUNA YENKHUNDLA

Forget that you were once a minister or MP (that's history) but look at the odds against you as you go for the higher office. If your successor is still popular than you, instead of locking horns with him, why don't you partner and settle for the lower office of Indvuna.

You can even go lower than that and try *Bucopho*. It's unfair, is it not? But show me one fair thing in life and I will show you tears in the sea! But even that position won't be easy as the incumbent still hangs on it.

But politics has always been a contested terrain, not an easy game for sissies. It's all risk system! It's like winning or losing a bet. A luxury for those who play the game!

LOWER

From being a minister or MP, to an Indvuna Yenkhundla/Bucopho sounds

lower. Really? But you have reached dizzy heights and the vicious tumble beat of politics have reduced you to a grotesque guinea pig.

And there's a high possibility that you will be unemployed till 2018. And if you goof in 2018, you will be unemployed again for another 5 years. So be SMART! And you have nothing to lose but everything to gain. So you have to be wiser and strategic.

Bury the hatchet with old foes and train your eyes into the future. This is politics and it is the only game on earth where you shake hand with the devil. So enemies have to embrace and don't ask me what will happen to the present establishment-those in the Tinkhundla as we talk! The answer is, I don't know but all I am trying to do, is open the eyes of politicians to the real world.

DVULADVULA

Moreover, the new salary structure of Indvuna Yenkhundla and Bucopho is not bad for a person who has been sitting at home, for the past five years, enjoying a forced sabbatical leave! Maybe my understanding of life is above sea-level. Maybe I see things that people do not see! Really I don't see this as a humiliation, it is not at all. Especially to a person who got a hot clap from politics' gravitational pull. So I see no humiliation at all. To me it's just a response to a call of life. Life is calling you and you are responding to the call. And you respond well with wisdom because you are smart.

Who said you are supposed to be in high office all your life? You were once there but it doesn't mean you have a chance to be there all the time.

As time changes, so are people, so don't be predictable. I know of former MPs who keep on losing elections. My question is why don't they try other offices in the *inkhundla*? Maybe they will have a chance than losing four times in one office! And that, to me, is a full, undiscounted price of dishonesty on oneself!

ELEVATION IN HUMILITY

The bible says those who humble themselves will be rewarded. And this is political strategic humility! Who knows what will happen as you sit in the lower office? Oh! I know what will happen. One, you will be seen from a different perspective, that, really, your interest is not in the pangs that come with the high office but you want to serve the people. Two, that by humbling yourself and taking a lower office, you stand a chance, going forward, to be lifted, by the very same people.

LOSS

I know exactly what you are thinking. You are saying, 'I lost as an MP and what about if the strategy backfires and I lose again-now losing to a lower office?' I respect you for thinking about that, but if you lose, so what? Life is about winning and losing! And who said you were going to win in the higher office anyway?

At least you lost while on a strategic endeavor to win. Its life! A coach who puts his best team, best strategy, then lose in the end, gets the benefit of the doubt. The worse coach, is one with no strategy but relies on faded echoes of a dead past.

So you know how you stand in your constituency and if you are at a slanting position, *awuwuwa kahle umoya*, start bridging the gap of hate (wounds and scars of elections aside) and reach out. And If there is no bad blood, all the better, go for it! Remember its either you go 'big' or go 'home!'

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1971 - "The Beverly Hillbillies" was seen for the final time on CBS-TV.

1977 - The Panama Canal treaties were signed by U.S. President Carter and General Omar Torrijos Herrera. The treaties called for the U.S. to turn over control of the canal's waterway to Panama in the year 2000.

1979 - ESPN, the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network, made its debut on cable TV.

1983 - In Ireland, voters approved a constitutional amendment that banned abortion.

1984 - American Express Co. issued the first of its Platinum charge cards.

1986 - Dan Marino of the Miami Dolphins threw his 100th career touchdown pass, in only his 44th NFL game, which set a NFL record.

1986 - President Augusto Pinochet survived an assassination attempt made by guerrillas.

1986 - Desmond Tutu was the first black to be installed to lead the Anglican Church in southern Africa.

1987 - Erich Honecker became the first East German head of state to visit West Germany.

1989 - Legislation was approved by the U.S. Senate that prohibited discrimination against the handicapped in employment, public accommodations, transportation and communications.

1995 - U.S. Senator Bob Packwood announced that he would resign after 27 years in the Senate.

1998 - Mark McGwire set a new major league baseball record for most home runs hit in a single season. The previous record was 61 set in 1961.

1999 - Viacom Inc. announced that it had plans to buy CBS Corp.

2001 - Barry Bonds (San Francisco Giants) became the only the fifth player in major league baseball history to hit 60 home runs in a season. (California)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



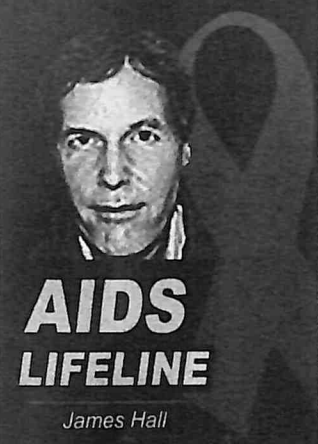
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FAKE AIDS CURES PLAGUE THE DESPERATE



LIKE a skin rash that comes back or a pest that returns, medical charlatans continue to promote 'cures' for AIDS.

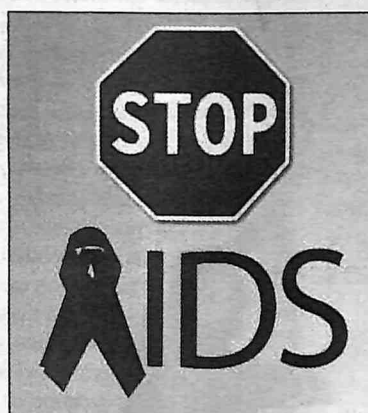
Of course, these hucksters are more than willing to share their medical miracles with one and all — provided of course that they receive payment.

AIDS LIFELINE again calls on our nations' authorities to consider this: The vultures who prey on the final hopes of desperate people should face prosecution for fraud. It is simply too easy for anyone, particularly it seems for individuals arriving from foreign lands and with unverifiable claims to be experts in traditions medicines, to throw together some herbs, get testimonials from persons who say they feel better after drinking the stuff and claim they have cured AIDS.

No scientific evidence is ever presented. In fact, modern medicine is attacked for not producing an AIDS cure yet.

People living with HIV and AIDS can indeed have good days and bad days in terms of their health, and like anyone can feel a physical boost from drinking a vitamin-laced beverage or a Red Bull. This does not mean they are

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cured of HIV.

Sadly, truly desperate people are the ones who turn to such tonics. This is not medicine but faith healing in which the faith of a person does the healing. Positive attitude is not enough to stop a virus, unfortunately.

Effectiveness

All medicines must be approved by the Ministry of Health to ensure their effectiveness and safety. There is no conspiracy to keep AIDS cures away from patients, but there is a conspiracy to use fake AIDS cures as a way to rob ill people of money they truly need to finance legitimate health care and proper nutrition.

One of the key problems that result from fakery is that false AIDS cures take people's lives. Those patients who purchase these 'cures' do so out of faith and ignorance, and thus become heavily invested in their success. Indeed, many of the people who take these

fake medicines become so psychologically enslaved to the belief in their effectiveness that they begin to feel better.

Every illness waxes and wanes like the cycles of the moon. Even with a normal flu there are times when the patient feels better, before again feeling worse. Those moments when the symptoms of flu are relaxed do not represent an end to the illness.

Similarly, the stages of HIV are not continuous, but occur in a halting manner. The first onslaught of HIV produces worrisome and painful symptoms in the patient. These pass, however, to the relief of the sufferer. However, this does not mean the patient is free of HIV.

Dislodged

Once in a person's system, the virus cannot be dislodged although it can be contained through the use of anti-retroviral drugs (ARVs) taken as part of antiretroviral therapy (ART).

Some people who invest in fake AIDS medicines take the concoctions at a time when their HIV symptoms are declining. They feel better, although this state of relief has nothing to do with an end to HIV. It certainly has nothing to do with the medical quackery they have subjected themselves to. Nevertheless, it is from these same people from whom we hear glowing testimonies about the effectiveness of a nonconventional

AIDS 'cure.' The patients proclaim they have been cured, and the seller of the concoctions readily use these testimonies as proof that they have achieved what the world's medical sciences have thus far failed to accomplish. They say they have conquered HIV and ended AIDS. They must share this miracle with one and all, provided that one and all come up with sufficient cash to pay for the stuff.

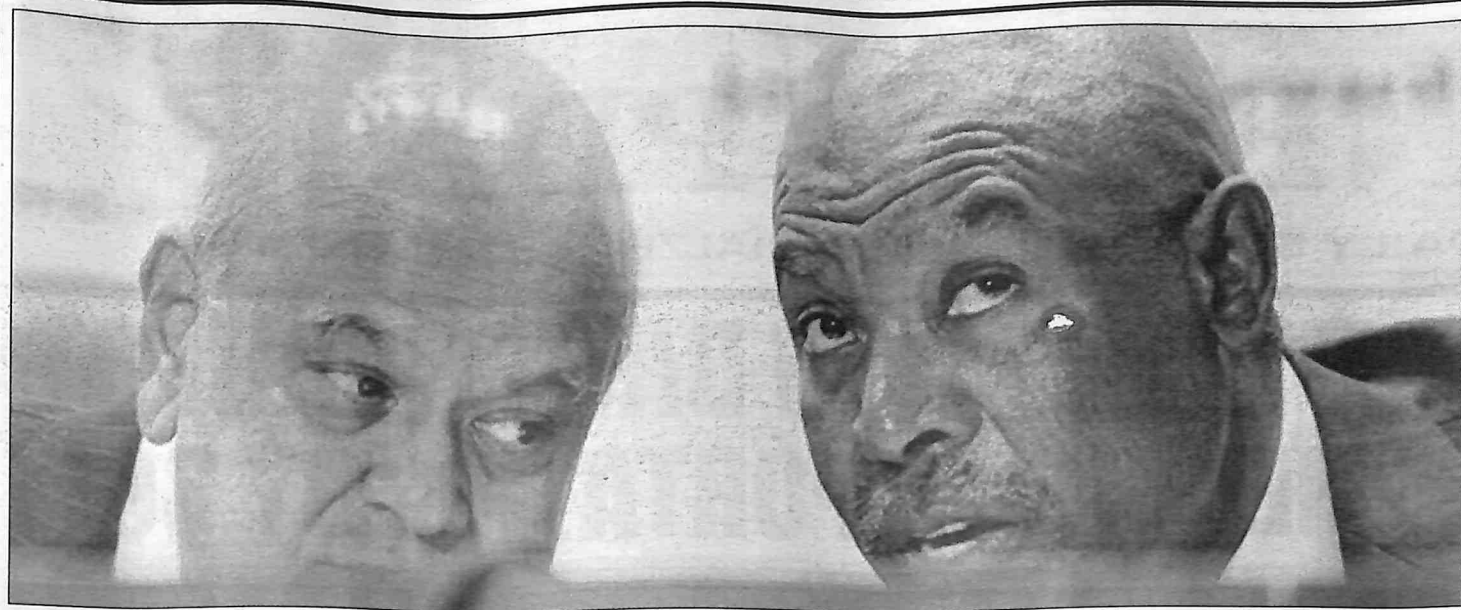
As for the person who makes the claim that what they are paying for cures them, sadly they are doubly troubled. Firstly, their symptoms return, only worse because they have not been undergoing legitimate HIV therapy. Where ARVs would have helped them if consumed in a timely manner, this was not done and the course of the disease would have advanced in the person. This advance might possibly be fatal.

Unconventional

The true test for any testimony that declares success for an unconventional medicine is whether the patient's 'cure' can be scientifically validated. For HIV it is simple. The person need only take a blood test to determine the amount of HIV virus in his or her body.

People who take fake medicines will not turn to science for two reasons. The first is they have lost faith in science because after 30 years there is no AIDS cure. Secondly, they feel loyal to their fake medicine, because the effectiveness of that medicine is a matter of faith to them. It would seem a betrayal to them to then ask science to validate what they believe to be true.

Unfortunately for them, the only betrayal that has occurred has been against their personal health and the safety and security of their loved ones.



It's hard to get rid of the governor of a central bank



By Jannie Rossouw,
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With the continued harassment of South Africa's Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan, it has become patently clear that no institution will be spared in the wave of state capture that is sweeping through the country.

The finance ministry has been at the centre of this wave for nearly a year. The latest move against Gordhan comes against a backdrop of efforts to wrestle control of this particular portfolio. The most spectacular was President Jacob Zuma's decision in December 2015 to fire, then Finance Minister, Nhlanhla Nene and replace him with someone more agreeable to his plans.

That plan backfired. President Zuma had no option but to reappoint Gordhan, the previous Minister of Finance. But Gordhan is now back in the firing line after refusing to give ground to Zuma on some crucial issues. Rumours persist that the finance minister is about to be fired or charged – possibly even arrested – by the elite police unit, the Hawks.

Is the governor of the SA reserve bank next? This consideration comes on the back of political attacks directed at the country's central bank by senior members of the governing African National Congress (ANC) aligned with Zuma.

The Deputy Secretary General of the ANC Jessie Duarte has raised questions about the central bank's role. She is suggest-

ing that the bank serves partisan interests because it has private shareholders.

It has also emerged that Mosebenzi Zwane, the Minister of Mineral Resources, tabled a working paper to the Cabinet recommending that the power to issue banking licences should be taken away from the SA Reserve Bank and given to the minister of finance.

But can the governor be removed as easily as a minister of finance? My reading of the SA reserve bank Act is that the answer is no. The current legislation makes no provision for the President to dismiss the central bank governor.

Holding central bankers to account

Central banks' governors need security of tenure once appointed. Security of tenure allows them the opportunity to conduct monetary policy in the interests of the whole country without fear of dismissal.

Imagine a scenario in which a central bank governor was dismissed every time he or she took a monetary policy decision that the government disliked – for example by raising interest rates. This would render the job unworkable.

Because of this, the appointment of central bank governors has been designed to ensure that they can get on with their mandate without political interference.

The governor of the SA reserve bank is appointed by the president of the Republic after consultation with the minister of finance and the Board of the South African reserve bank. Appointments are for an initial five years. Once the first term is served, the president can reappoint the governor for an unlimited number of further terms, each for a maximum period of five years.

So much for the appointment.

What about getting rid of a governor?

The SA reserve bank Act lists conduct that will render the governor unsuitable to complete any term of appointment. Other than on these grounds, no provision is made for the dismissal of the governor.

So how would a governor would be removed if he or she was considered to be unsuitable for office? This is open to some debate, but it seems that there might be at least two possibilities:

- The government (including Parliament) or any other party can take legal action to have the governor declared unfit to hold office. The governor and his deputies serve as directors of the central bank. As such they are bound by rules which demand that they remain fit and proper to serve. The act sets out in some detail what fit and proper entails. It includes avoiding conflicts of interest between personal interests and the interests of the central bank and not working for a bank. If the incumbent falls short of any of these requirements, there is recourse to taking legal action against them.

- Parliament can amend the South African Reserve Bank Act to give the president power to dismiss the governor.

My understanding is therefore that the president cannot simply remove the governor of the SA reserve bank. It would require – at a minimum – legal action or a parliamentary process.

Central banks with shareholders

Duarte's main point of contention is that South Africa's central bank has private shareholders, which means that it cannot act independently. This is not true.

South Africa isn't the only country with a central bank owned by private shareholders. While most central banks in the

world are publicly owned, there are a handful that aren't. These include Belgium, Greece, Japan, Switzerland and Turkey. In the case of the US and Italy, only shareholding by commercial banks is allowed.

In none of these instances is there evidence that private ownership affects the institutions' independence. In fact, it can be argued that a private ownership structure adds to the transparency and accountability of central banks. For example, the SA reserve bank publishes a comprehensive annual report for distribution to shareholders. In addition it has to hold an annual ordinary general meeting of shareholders at which the governor responds to questions about the business of the central bank and the conduct of monetary policy.

The link that Duarte tries to make between the central bank's shareholding and its approach to exchange rate policy simply does not exist. The SA reserve bank made this point clearly in a statement it issued shortly after Duarte's salvo. This points out that shareholders play no role in the formulation and implementation of monetary policy.

On its approach to exchange rate policy, South Africa's central bank takes a stance similar to most central banks in the world: namely, that any attempt to influence the value of a currency by intervening in the market is futile. China is an exception to this rule. It has a controlled economy and has substantial foreign currency reserves with which to support the yuan in the open market. The SA reserve bank serves the best interests of all South Africans. The governor's security of tenure supports the efforts of the central bank to contain inflation. At the same time a structure of private shareholders in the central bank helps to improve monetary policy transparency.

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Wit & Wisdom

● We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future - George Bernard Shaw

● For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; and for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone - Audrey Hepburn

● The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing. - Socrates

● The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. - Lao Tzu

● Talent is God given. Be humble. Fame is man-given. Be grateful. Conceit is self-given. Be careful. - John Wooden

● If you're trying to achieve, there will be roadblocks. I've had them; everybody has had them. But obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it - Michael Jordan

● Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching - Satchel Paige

● It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see. - Henry David Thoreau

● If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there. - Lewis Carroll

● Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

● Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment. - Jim Rohn

● It's the little details that are vital. Little things make big things happen. - John Wooden

● Whatever you do in life, surround yourself with smart people who'll argue with you. - John Wooden

● A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination. - Nelson Mandela

● By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest. - Confucius

● The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails. - William Arthur Ward

● Think big thoughts but relish small pleasures. - H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

● A man must be big enough to admit his mistakes, smart enough to profit from them, and strong enough to correct them. - John C. Maxwell

● We are what our thoughts have made us; so take care about what you think. Words are secondary. Thoughts live; they travel far. - Swami Vivekananda

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First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	7.4%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.5%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7%
Central Bank	
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Replacement	E11.05 per litre
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Moving Forward

OLD MUTUAL JV DAIRY PROJECT TO REDUCE IMPORTATION BY 30%

Stories by Manqoba Makhubu

OLD Mutual Swaziland is currently producing over 8000 litres of milk a day in its E90 million Joint Venture (JV) dairy project.

Old Mutual has partnered with the Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF) and the Public Service Pensions Fund (PSPF) on the project.

Old Mutual and its strategic partners are on course to fully invest about E90 million towards production of dairy products, through a project expected to create 80 jobs on direct production and more through the value chain.

Old Mutual Chief Executive Officer Muzi Bell said the project was expected to produce at least 60 percent of locally consumed dairy products per annum, which would bring down the country's dairy imports by 30 percent.

Bell was speaking during a Southern African Development Community (SADC) Council of Ministers lunch hosted by the company in Marquee at Lozitha on August 27 during the recently concluded SADC Summit.

Through a video presentation, the company showcased country



SMILING FOR GOOD NEWS: SADC Council of Ministers Chairman Prince Hlangusemphi and Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini react during Old Mutual's video presentation. (Courtesy pic)

projects for Swaziland, Malawi, Zimbabwe and Namibia.

According to Bell the country was importing about 90 percent of its dairy consumption before the project started.

He said the project was unique in many ways, "firstly, it has the most technically advanced milking system in Africa, second in the Southern hemisphere, bought from Germany, secondly, it produces almost all the cattle feed itself and thirdly, it now can sustain itself in terms of water

through a newly constructed dam that could supply water for up to two years in cases of shortages or drought."

He said at full scale, 3 500 cattle would be kept at the farm, phased in over a three-year period, with future plans to produce various dairy products in-house within a year, thus making Swazi Milk a competitive dairy supplier.

"All this will be done while keeping in mind that we have to protect and improve local dairy farmers," he said.

Bell said they would also employ specialised experts in agriculture and establish an internship programme with the University of Swaziland and train students on large scale dairy farming.

He said the dairy project would be rolled out in two phases.

The investment of the completed first phase was worth of E38 million, which catered for various purposes that included preparing the farms, irrigation systems, construction of the milking plant, staff housing and a dam.

Bell said the second phase which was on a larger piece of land would also be converted with fixed dairy farm improvements to the tune of E47million.

He said the milking cattle were supplied separately through a joint venture with the farm operator, Swazi Milk.

"Construction of this project started October 2015, and is now fully operational with over 700 genetically superior cattle. Most of them are imported, but from them we already have locally born.

"These new locally born cattle and many more expected will be next in-line for milking, meaning less needs to import in future. As we speak we produce just over 8000 litres of milk a day."

SITF ALONGSIDE SADC SUMMIT WAS IDEAL - PM

PRIME Minister Sibusiso Dlamini says hosting this year's Swaziland International Trade Fair (SITF) alongside the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Summit made the event a special occasion.

"This has enabled us to present the profile of our economy to the eminent representatives of our fellow SADC member states, at the same time as engaging with the many other visitors to our Trade Fair who are attending in the normal course of business activities," he said.

The prime minister was speaking during the official closing of the 48TH edition of the SITF held on Monday. This year the theme of the SITF was, 'Development Unusual: Swaziland International Trade Fair paves way for SADC's Industrialisation and Infrastructure Development for Regional Prosperity.'

The prime minister said the theme on its own has attracted particular interest, hence the turnout



IDEAL: Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini making his official remarks during the closing of the SITF 2016 at Mavuso International Trade Centre (Pic: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)

was excellent, not only from other countries, but also from domestic companies.

"We have seen considerable domestic interests and support."

In his address, the prime minister noted that exhibitors increased by 18 percent to 253, while outdoor exhibitors increased from seven to 13, almost 100 percent.

Some of the exhibitors came from within SADC, Asia, and other parts of the world.

He said this was a fair reflection

on the perceived benefit of having one's goods and services on display.

The prime minister also commended the Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority (SIPA) for making entry to the exhibition free, saying that has opened gates to many who would not otherwise be able to attend.

"I believe that to be very important. The primary objective of this exhibition is not to make money for government, but to exhibit

what in our economy we produce, what we grow and the services we provide. And we want to present this information to as many companies as possible and to a wide range of individual visitors," he said.

He extended his appreciation to all exhibitors for the attractive and informative exhibition displays.

"I believe that our visitors were very impressed, not only by the variety and quality of the goods and services on display, but also by the ingenuity and resourcefulness that exists among the many companies, institutions and individual entrepreneurs exhibiting at this trade fair."

Also present during the event were Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati, who represented Minister of Commerce, Industry, and Trade Gideon Dlamini, Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Jabulani Mabuza, Minister of Sports, Culture, and Youth Affairs David Ngcamphalala, and SIPA Board Chairperson Sandile Simelane.

Global developer engaged to automate SSX trading platform

By Linda Dlamini

THE Swaziland Stock Exchange (SSX) has contracted the services of Escrow Systems (Pty) Ltd, a proficient global developer and provider of financial services as well as capital markets solutions to automate the Swaziland Stock Exchange trading platform.

Swaziland Stock Exchange (SSX) Manager Joyce Dlamini said the automation would see the exchange moving from a manual system to joining other modern markets.

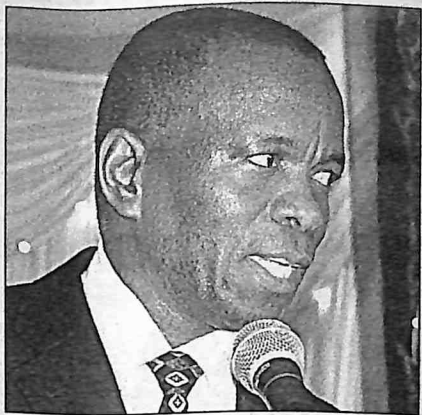
"Escrow Systems' Automated Trading System (ATS) will handle online order placement for a wide range of securities which includes government and company's debt, equities, real estate investment trusts (REITs), and exchange traded funds (ETFs), commercial paper, global depository receipts, foreign currency and derivative instruments."

Dlamini said the automated trading system would help reduce the tedious work and complexity of manual trading on the local course.

"We are pleased to partner with Escrow Systems to provide investors and participants with a streamlined and accurate way of handling online order placement and settlement," she said.

She further thanked the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) Chief Executive Officer, Sandile Dlamini for his guidance and standing by her ever since she joined the SSX last year July, especially in this automation project, the FSRA Board Chairman Stephen Simelane and the entire Board of the FSRA.

Dlamini said in today's rapidly changing and expanding financial markets, which include money and capital markets, Escrow Systems' leading



FSRA Chief Executive Officer, Sandile Dlamini.

expertise stands out, providing exchange with the specialised automation they needed to effectively manage trading.

"This project also seeks to meet market requirements, keep pace with functional and technological developments in the securities industry and comply with international standards," Dlamini added.

Escrow Group Commercial Director of Garikayi Munema said the automation of the Swaziland Stock Exchange will elevate the SSX to be in-line with global trends and would enable the exchange to introduce a wide range of innovative products that speak to both local and international investors.

Munema said the ATS solution would also allow retail investors and company secretariat to use native applications like Android and IOS apps to enquire about their portfolios in the comfort of their homes or offices through an online investor page.

"Company secretariat will be able to download company schedules as well as upload publications such as annual reports and corporate announcements. The USSD application will enable retail investors to receive notifications

of their transactions directly from the system. This USSD connectivity will be facilitated by MTN Swaziland," he said.

FSRA CEO Sandile Dlamini said this was a flagship project in the capital market development process of Swaziland, "as the exchange is a national asset, we hope that more companies, both big and SMEs, will now look up to the exchange to raise the needed capital to spur their business start-ups, developments and expansions."

"I am also confident that the SSX will now operate a fair, efficient and transparent platform and as its regulator, Escrow System will supply us with a surveillance system which will enable us to monitor, real-time, every activity happening on the market to curb insider trading and other market misconduct to protect investors," he added.

Dlamini emphasised that information dissemination would also improve as the SSX would be connected to Market Data Vendors, like Reuters and Bloomberg. "The overhauled website will be more interactive with what will be happening on the market real-time as well. Advances in telecommunication and information technology, that have spurred the global explosion of these ATSS, have also given exchanges new abilities and characteristics very different from those of traditional exchanges as well as from each other.

On the other hand, an Internet arrangement has the potential to reach every investor in the world. Furthermore, an ATS operation can evolve as technology continues to advance, thus changing the relative competitive positions within the financial industry and raising new, as well as different regulatory issues," he concluded.

BOTSWANA TAGS SWAZI COMPANIES IN COAL VALUE CHAIN

Stories by Linda Dlamini

SWAZI investors have been afforded an opportunity to partner with Botswana-based companies in the coal value chain.

Botswana Trade Project Manager Julius Dipopego said, in Botswana there were numerous sectors which would benefit from increasing value chain linkages. "Botswana has a confirmed 212 billion tonnes of unexploited coal. Currently only one mine, called Morupule, produces around 3 million tonnes per annum. The demand of coal-for-energy has increased significantly nationally, regionally and internationally therefore beneficiation in this industry would be a good investment for any investor," he said.

He was speaking during the recently concluded Swaziland International Trade Fair (SITF) business seminars.

Dipopego said the coal could be used to generate electricity for exports to other Southern African Development Community (SADC) member countries.

"The coal could to produce liquid fuels from coal, using the Fischer Tropsch and MTG processes as well as also the production of gas from coal for power generation which would also be possible," he said.

Dipopego said given the immense benefits to gain from developing coal beneficiation, Swazi investors in this sector would enjoy sustainable profits.

"Another sector that has growth opportunities for Swazi investors to benefit from is that of leather.

Botswana has a national herd size of 2.5-3.3 million cattle annually which yields 200 000-300 000 hides annually.

These hides could be used to manufacture leather products as there is a demand for such products," he said.

The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) under the COMESA-Leather and Leather products Institute Swaziland Leather Chain Strategy 2016-2025 report said the leather industry is a multibillion emalangen industry.

"Swaziland is missing out on over E938 million per year from exports of finished leather products, due to the absence of a proper leather value chain.

This could significantly contribute to the Kingdom of Swaziland earning potential," reads the report as part.

The report said, while the livestock base of the country is small in comparison to other neighboring countries, the quality and size of the hides and skins were superior, "the hides and skins are estimated to be earning an average of E16 per kilogram."

Entrepreneurs long for implementation of COMESA Yellow Card Scheme

SWAZI business owners have encouraged government to implement the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) Yellow Card Scheme.

Ministry of Commerce Industry and Trade Deputy Director of Trade, Lungile Dlamini, said the yellow card was essentially a regional third party motor vehicle insurance scheme that provides third party legal liability cover and compensation for medical expenses resulting from road traffic accidents, caused by visiting motorists.

"Besides offering third party liability protection to the insured or the driver, whilst in a foreign country, the COMESA yellow card scheme also offers emergency medical cover to the driver and passengers of a foreign motor vehicle involved in the traffic accident.

The third party liability cover is limited to the statute provisions for the road traffic third party liability award limits of that country being visited and in which the incident has happened from," she explained.

She said Swaziland was not part of the scheme yet, and

therefore this could be considered a barrier to trade, as it means people have to buy insurance every time they enter another country within the regional bloc.

The COMESA Yellow Card Scheme is currently operational in twelve COMESA member Countries and one non-COMESA member country. The countries in which the COMESA Yellow Card is recognised, as a valid insurance cover, are; Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

"It is also widely used by non-COMESA motorists, particularly from SADC countries visiting or transiting through the COMESA member countries," she said.

Business owners, attending the business seminars expressed their wish for Swaziland to join the scheme.

"We do business in Mozambique and it is very cumbersome to have to buy insurance so that we can travel to that country," said one businessman who was only identified as Simelane.

Old Mutual seeks to become Africa's financial services champion

By Manqoba Makhubu

OLD Mutual Swaziland Chief Executive Officer Muzi Bell says Old Mutual has made great strides in responsible socio-economic development across the region.

The company boasts presence in six Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries which are Swaziland, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia, and Malawi. "Our ambition is to become Africa's financial services champion, we do not view Africa as the next frontier; we believe the time for Africa is now," said Bell.

Bell was speaking during a Southern African Development Community (SADC) Council of Ministers lunch, hosted by the company in Marquee at Lozitha, on August 27 during the recently concluded SADC Summit.

He said, enabling positive futures for their customers was anchored by almost two centuries of their heritage, strength and expertise, since 1845 when Old Mutual was founded.

"We are on the continent for the long haul and supporting infrastructure development in Africa is a key priority." He said they have made great

strides in responsible socio-economic development across the region through green economic growth projects in sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, affordable housing, and education.

"These funds provide measurable socio-economic impacts, promoting opportunities such as job creation, local ownership and enterprise."

Adding, Bell said their African Infrastructure Investment Managers (AIIM) Fund was recognised as one of the continent's market leaders in infrastructure investing, scooping the African Investor Infrastructure Fund of the year award in 2016.

"First in South Africa, we launched the Old Mutual Responsible Investment Equity Index Fund giving investors access to funds with responsible Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG) profiles," said Bell.

In Malawi, Bell said together with other strategic partners they financed The Gateway prestigious shopping mall situated in Lilongwe, the capital city of Malawi.

The Gateway is the largest shopping center in Malawi and houses 62 tenants with room for further expansion. Tenants are local and regional and include Shoprite, Pep and Food Lovers

Market. In Zimbabwe, Old Mutual has contributed towards building 15 000 low cost houses to reduce the accommodation backlog, installed a five MegaLitre Water Reservoir Tank, working on a 1.6 MegaWatt Kupinga Renewable Energy project to support renewable Green energy, and construction of dams to support agriculture.

"Old Mutual Property is the largest property developer in Zimbabwe, having constructed various malls such as Eastgate in Harare, internationally known for its award winning eco-friendly design," said Bell.

The company's alternative investment project in Namibia is in Otavi Township, situated North of Windhoek. Bell said the township offers both single and general residential property together with light industrial plots for off take for individual and commercial buyers.

The township houses Grootfontein Mall which has major South African retailers including Clicks, OK Furniture, and Pick n Pay.

"The Grootfontein Shopping Centre has been operational since December 2014 and has a Gross lettable area of 7.345m2, a major benefit enjoyed by Otavi is its proximity to large farming enterprises and towns in the region."

SIPA to sign MoU with Vietnam Trade

...They scooped second position in foreign government Stand Excellence Awards

Stories by Manqoba Makhubu

THE Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority (SIPA) will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Vietnam Trade.

SIPA signed a letter of intent, paving way for the MoU with Vietnam Trade in June 7, 2016, during a business luncheon at the Vietnam Embassy in the Republic of South Africa.

The entity was also part of the participants of this year's trade fair and they were participating for the first time according to its representative Karen Phan Thi Nhung.

The signing of the MoU was mentioned by the Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini in his address during the official closing of the 48th edition of the Swaziland International Trade Fair (SITF) held on Monday.

The company also scooped second position of this year's SITF



VIETNAMESE COFFEE: Hlobi Nkambule, Phetsile Dlamini, and Faith Dlamini tasting coffee at the Vietnam Trade stand while Karen Phan Thi Nhung looks on. (Pic: Manqoba Makhubu).

Stand Excellence Awards.

In a statement released by SIPA after the signing of the letter of intent, the entity said the MoU seeks to establish a framework of cooperation, investment, and peer

learning between the two organisations. SIPA said the objectives of the MoU would include the promotion and facilitation of bilateral investments and trade, bilaterally providing focal points on

business interests from both countries, and mutual participation in events, workshops, and conferences.

The collaborative framework was also envisaged to increase

access to wider markets of the Association of the South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) with a combined estimate population of 620 million in which Vietnam is the third largest. "Swazi companies through SIPA can also utilise Vietrade to explore trade opportunities for their products in Vietnam," said SIPA.

On the same account, Vietnam Trade representative Karen Phan Thi Nhung said they were looking to source some products in Swaziland and sell them in Vietnam and bring some Vietnamese products into Swaziland. She said their main commodities were rice, coffee, and other consumables.

The prime minister applauded SIPA for the responsible coordination of the trade fair and for their excellent achievement in interacting intensively with potential investors which he termed, 'two balls in the hat.' "We need that investment from outside the country just as we need more from domestic sources," he said.

Nedbank best in financial institutions category

NEDBANK has been adjudged 'the best' under the financial institutions category of the 48th edition of the Swaziland International Trade Fair (SITF) Stand Excellence Awards.

First National Bank came second, while Swaziland Building Society (SBS) came third.

Under non-banking institutions, Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation (SRIC) topped the category followed by Old Mutual, and then Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF). MTN led the hi-tech category. Other outstanding organisations included the Swaziland Post and Telecommunications Corporation (SPTC) under parastatals, home affairs in government ministries, energy department in government departments, Matsapha City Council under municipalities, Limkokwing University under education, and Swaziland Railway under outdoor exhibitors.

Other notable businesses were Tee and Jay who scooped the first prize in the furniture and home improvement category. Swaziland Water and Agricultural Enterprise (SWADE) came tops in agriculture, while Taiwan was outstanding under foreign governments.

The awards were presented to the top three for 18 categories with media excluded. Over 60 awards were presented. In his address, Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini thanked the exhibitors for the 'attractive and informative displays.' "I believe that our visitor have been very impressed, not only by the variety of and quality of goods and services on display, but also for the ingenuity and resourcefulness that exists among the many companies, institutions and individ-



BEST MUNICIPALITY: Matsapha Town board CEO Gcniwe Fakudze chatting with Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Jabulani Mabuza and Minister of Sports, Culture, and Youth Affairs David Ngcamphalala after receiving the municipality award.



TOP BANKING INSTITUTION: Nedbank Marketing Consultant Veli Dlamini accepting the bank's award from Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini.

ual entrepreneurs exhibiting at this Trade Fair," he said during his offi-

cial closing remarks of the SITF. Meanwhile, Acting Minister of

Commerce, Industry and Trade Moses Vilakati said all the exhibitors were winners, "It's only unfortunate

that they are positions. However, those who didn't win should learn from those who won and improve."

STAND EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Government Ministries

1. Home Affairs
2. Ministry of Tinkhundla Administration and Development
3. Ministry of Public Works and

Transport

- Government Departments
1. Energy Department
 2. His Majesty Correctional Services (HMCS)
 3. Royal Swaziland Police Services (RSP)

Parastatals

1. Swaziland Posts and Telecommunications Corporation (SPTC)
2. Royal Science and Technology Park
3. Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority (SERA)

Non-governmental Organisations

1. National Emergency Response Council on HIV/AIDS (NERCHA)
2. AIDS Health Care Foundation
3. Woman in Law

Foreign Exhibitors

1. Back to Back (South Africa)
2. Wizard Novelties
3. Zimbabwe Small Enterprises

SADC Exhibitors

1. Botswana
2. Namibia
3. South Africa

Foreign Governments

1. Taiwan
2. Vietnam Trade
3. Ghana High Commission

Agriculture

1. SWADE
2. Swazi Trac
3. Feedmaster

Manufacturing and Processing

1. SMS General Suppliers
2. Waterman Swaziland
3. Total Swaziland Construction and Building

1. Swazi Wire
2. Electric Current
3. Electric Source

Furniture and Home Improvement

1. Tee and Jay
2. Nutri Stahl Cookware
3. Pan Africa Traders

Education

1. Limkokwing University of Creative of Technology
2. Amadi University
3. University of Swaziland (UNISWA)

Hi-Tech Enterprises

1. MTN Swaziland
2. Leadtek Solution
3. Angelique International

Health and Beauty

1. Edamark
2. Silowama Investment
3. Dynapharm

Financial Institutions

1. Nedbank
2. First National Bank
3. Swaziland Building Society

Non-Banking Institutions

1. Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation (SRIC)
2. Old Mutual
3. Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF)

Outdoor Exhibitors

1. Swaziland Railway
2. Ecolobri
3. Swaziland Beverages

Media Awards (in no particular order)

1. Swazi Observer
2. Times of Swaziland
3. Swaziland Information Broadcasting Services (SBIS)
4. Swazi TV
5. Voice of the Church (VOC)
6. Independent News
7. Business Express
8. Swaziland Shopping

World News

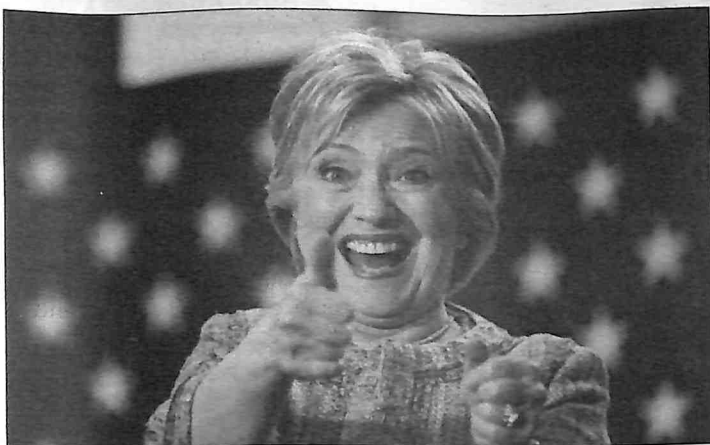
CLINTON AMPED UP FOR FINAL CAMPAIGN

CLEVELAND - Hillary Clinton launched the home stretch of her US presidential bid Monday aiming to solidify her various advantages over rival Donald Trump, with both candidates converging on working-class Ohio for separate Labour Day events.

The Democratic nominee maintains an edge over Republican flag bearer Trump in national polls, has dramatically more expansive ground operations in several swing states, and trounced Trump in fundraising in August.

But Trump's unconventional White House bid, including his campaign's apparent imperviousness to criticism about his harsh rhetoric, assures a tight contest for the next 64 days until the election.

Clinton debuted her new campaign plane, with the slogan "Stronger Together" emblazoned in big blue letters on the side, that will carry her through to the



AMPED: Hillary Clinton.

November 8 election, and it hosted guests whom she has been reluctant to travel with until now: reporters.

Criticism

Under extensive criticism from her rival and journalists for not holding a full press conference in more than eight months, Clinton

welcomed reporters on her plane and briefly entertained questions before taking off from New York.

"I am so happy to have all of you with me. I've been just waiting for this moment," said Clinton, perhaps in gentle jest, to three dozen media members in the back of her plane. **AFP**

Italian navy recovers six dead migrants

ITALY - The Italian navy announced Monday it had recovered the bodies of six migrants in search and rescue operations which saved nearly 500 people.

Two patrol boats "recovered nearly 500 people during six rescue operations, including one involving an inflatable boat which was only just about floating, and from which some migrants had fallen into the sea," it said in a statement.

"Six bodies were recovered so far. Search and rescue operations for survivors are continuing," added the navy, which has deployed significant resources off the Libyan coast.

A huge wave of migrants arrived in Italy at the end of August, when some 14,000 people were rescued in the space of five days. According to UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) figures 117,590 migrants arrived in Italy between the start of 2015 and September 1, around the same level as last year. **AFP**

Muslim moms in headscarves barred from entering nursery school

MARSEILLE - Two Muslim mothers wearing headscarves were accosted and prevented from entering a nursery school on the French island of Corsica on Monday by two other parents, officials said.

The incident happened as parents were dropping off their children at the start of the school day in Bonifacio, on the island's southern tip.

The two women, wearing traditional headscarves, "were stopped by two men, two brothers, who thought it wasn't right that their children are not allowed to wear emblems of their religion at school and yet these women could enter with their veils," said local prosecutor Eric Bouillard, confirming a report in the Corse-Matin newspaper.

Bonifacio mayor Jean-Charles Orsucci said his education official "had intervened to allow normal entry to the school".

Police and a schools inspector were also sent to the scene "and the situation calmed down. There was no violence, no threats, and therefore no laws broken," said Bouillard.

Symbols

While religious symbols are banned for pupils and teachers in French schools, there is no such constraint on parents. The incident is the latest example of intercommunal tensions in France. A burkini ban by local authorities in a string of resorts in southern France divided opinion and ended up in the courts. **AFP**



ON FIRE: Thousands of tourists have fled a Spanish wildfire with flames closing in on their holiday villas - amid claims the blaze was started by a group of teenagers. Holidaymakers, many of them British, left their homes and hotels for shelter as the flames burned through the province of Alicante on Sunday night and into Monday morning (above). (Dailymail)

Philippines' leader expresses regret over Obama 'whore' slur

VIENTIANE - Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte expressed regret yesterday for a tirade against Barack Obama in which he called the US leader a "son of a whore".

"While the immediate cause was my strong comments to certain press questions that elicited concern and distress we also regret it came across as a personal attack on the US president," a statement released by Duterte said.

The US and Philippine leaders were due to meet late yesterday in the Lao capital of Vientiane at a gathering organised by the Association of Southeast Asian

Nations.

But Obama pulled out of holding a bilateral meeting after Duterte launched a tirade against him ahead of the visit during a Monday press conference.

Tongued

The acid-tongued former prosecutor on Monday warned he would not be lectured by Obama over concerns about a brutal war on crime that has claimed more than 2 400 lives in the Philippines.

"You must be respectful. Do not just throw away questions and statements. Son of a whore, I will curse you in that forum," Duterte told reporters when asked about

his message for Obama.

Duterte's statement yesterday in Laos struck a much more conciliatory tone, saying both sides would hold face-to-face talks "at a later date".

"Our primary intention to chart an independent foreign policy while promoting closer ties with all nations especially the US with which we have a long standing partnership," the statement said.

"We look forward to ironing out differences arising out of national priority perceptions and working in mutually responsible ways for both countries," it added. **AFP**



OOPS: Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte.

BRIEFS

School hit by blast, one dead

NARATHIWAT - A four-year-old girl was among two people killed after a bomb hidden in a motorcycle was detonated outside a school in Thailand's insurgency-plagued south, authorities said yesterday. The device, packed in the fuel tank of the parked motorcycle, struck as pupils and teachers filed into the school in Tak Bai district of Narathiwat province for the start of the day. Two people killed were including a kindergarten girl and one adult - who may be her father," a policeman in Tak Bai told AFP, requesting anonymity.

Reuters

No to independence push - China

HONG KONG - In a statement late on Monday, China said that it would not tolerate any talk of independence "inside or outside" the legislature. We firmly oppose any activity relating to Hong Kong independence in any form, inside or outside the Legislative Council, and firmly support the Hong Kong government to impose punishment in accordance with the law," state news agency Xinhua cited a spokesperson of the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office of the State Council - China's cabinet - as saying. It said some candidates had used the election as a platform to "openly promote" independence, adding that that went against China's constitution, as well as Hong Kong's own mini-constitution, known as the Basic Law.

Reuters

Annan booed on peace mission

SITTWE - Hundreds of Buddhist hardliners booed former United Nations (UN) Chief Kofi Annan as he arrived in Myanmar's troubled Rakhine state yesterday to probe religious conflict that has displaced tens of thousands of Muslim Rohingya. Annan has been asked by the leader of Myanmar's new government, Aung San Suu Kyi, to find ways to heal wounds in the bitterly divided and poor western state. Rakhine, which borders Bangladesh, has been scarred since 2012 by bouts of communal violence between ethnic Rakhine Buddhists and a minority Muslim population.

AFP

Erdogan proposes 'no fly zone'

ISTANBUL - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Monday he proposed setting up a no-fly zone in northern Syria to the US and Russia, after Ankara-backed fighters pushed the Islamic State group from the border area. "We are working for this region to be declared no-fly zone," Erdogan said at the G20 meeting in China, referring to the land extending from Jarabulus to Azaz in northern Syria seized from ISIS jihadists. "This is my proposal to Mr Putin and Mr Obama," he said.

AFP

Sri Lanka certified malaria free

COLOMBO - The World Health Organization has certified Sri Lanka as a malaria-free nation, in what it called a "truly remarkable" achievement. WHO regional director Poonam Khetrpal Singh said in a statement on Monday that Sri Lanka was among the most malaria-affected countries in the mid-20th century. WHO said Sri Lanka began an anti-malaria campaign that successfully targeted the mosquito-borne parasite that causes the disease, not just mosquitoes. Health education and effective surveillance also helped the campaign. It said no locally transmitted cases of malaria have been recorded in the country for 3½ years.

AP

Focus on SA scene

EFF COUNCILLORS INSTRUCTED TO HAND OVER HALF THEIR SALARIES

JOHANNESBURG – EFF councillors have to hand over half their salaries for the next three months to recover money spent during the local government elections, party leader Julius Malema said on Monday.

Those who refused were stealing from the organisation and would be dealt with decisively, he told reporters. He was briefing media on resolutions the party's leadership took over the weekend.

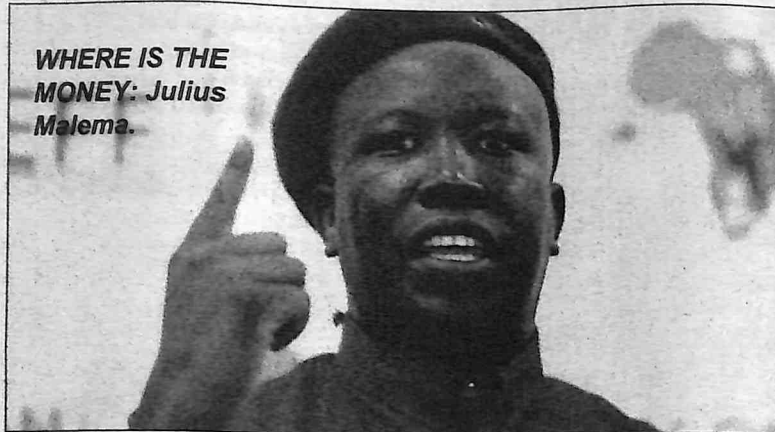
The EFF's 826 councillors needed to repay the party for campaigning for the elections.

"You had your faces on the posters, you had T-shirts, and you had all types of support. Where do you think that money came from?"

He wanted to demonstrate to the country that the EFF was not funded by outsiders.

"Our party is supported and

WHERE IS THE MONEY: Julius Malema.



financed by its own members," he said.

Expelled

The party already expelled its Mpumalanga provincial secretary after he refused to comply.

"When we went to deduct the money from his account, he went back to the bank and reversed that

transaction. It is an open clear defiance of the organisation," he said.

Owed

The party would release the names of those who still owed the party money next week.

The party's MPs had to tithe 15% of their salaries to the organisation.

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Zuma arrives in China to attend Investing in Africa Forum

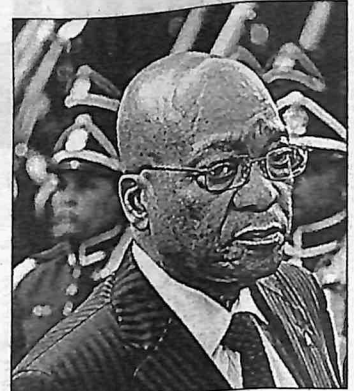
JOHANNESBURG - President Jacob Zuma arrived in the Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China, on Monday to attend the second Investing in Africa Forum (IAF), the Presidency said.

The IAF takes place today and tomorrow and was initiated by the China Development Bank with the Chinese Government in 2015.

The Presidency said that the meeting had become an important platform that brings leaders from business, government and international organisations together to discuss and explore opportunities for investment in Africa.

Discussions

"This year's discussions at the forum will focus on investment opportunities in areas such as agriculture and agribusiness, infrastructure development, manufacturing, trade, tourism and renewable energy. Partnerships between China and South Africa in vocational training and skills



LANDED: The President Jacob Zuma.

development will also be discussed," the Presidency said in a statement.

On 29 August 2016, the Guangdong Province signed a memorandum of understanding with the KwaZulu-Natal province to ensure closer cooperation between the two in areas such as tourism, agriculture, ports, education and cultural exchanges, the Presidency said.

Africa News Agency

Racist estate agent back in court

JOHANNESBURG – An estate agent who was filmed making a racist tirade against black police officers is expected to appear in the Randburg District Court yesterday.

Vicki Momberg is facing a charge of crimen injuria.

When she became the victim of a smash-and-grab robbery in Northriding, Johannesburg, in February, Momberg refused help from a black police officer and was filmed complaining about the "calibre of blacks" in the city.

"This happens all the time, all the time. The kaffirs here in Joburg are terrible. I'm so sick of it," she is heard shouting in a video broadcast by eNCA.

A white and a black police officer arrive on the scene. The white officer objects to her comments and warns her to stop.

"The calibre of blacks in this town vary from the calibre of

blacks in Durban. They're opinionated, they're arrogant, and they're just plain and simple useless. I am happy for a white person to assist me, or a coloured person, or an Indian person. I do not want a black person to assist me," she shouts. "Let me tell you something. This is the type of police force we have got. We got a low calibre people working. If I see a black person, I will drive them over. If I have a gun, I will shoot everyone," she tells the officer before driving off.

Approached

One of the officers approached the SA Human Rights Commission. She is the second estate agent to face racism-related charges this year. In June, the Umzinto Equality Court fined Penny Sparrow R150 000 for calling black beachgoers celebrating New Year's Day in Durban monkeys. *News24*

EFF to 'rescue' SAA from embattled chairperson Myeni

JOHANNESBURG – The EFF intends to "rescue" SAA from its board chairperson Dudu Myeni, party leader Julius Malema said on Monday.

"We are tabling a motion in Parliament to discuss the state of South African Airways. We believe that SAA is in crisis because of Zuma's friend and we need to rescue that state enterprise.

"The EFF will be debating this matter," Malema told reporters. He was briefing media on resolutions the party's leadership took over the weekend.

Myeni reportedly had close ties with President Jacob Zuma.

Malema said Myeni's failure to produce the national carriers' financial statements was a demonstration of her incompetence.

He said the party welcomed the



EMBATTLED: SAA chairperson Dudu Myeni.

DA's announcement on Monday that it would challenge Myeni's re-appointment by Cabinet in court. Cabinet last Friday announced that it had approved her re-appointment for another year.

Failed

"She failed for such a long time to present financials. That was sup-

posed to be evidence enough to demonstrate that there is a crisis. Who is going to give you R16bn if you don't present financials?" Malema asked.

The airline was seeking to raise R16bn, according to an advert published in the Sunday Times two weeks ago. *News24*



VINDICATED: Independent Police Investigative Directorate head Robert McBride.

CONCOURT RULES FOR MCBRIDE

JOHANNESBURG - The police minister's decision to suspend Independent Police Investigative Directorate head Robert McBride was invalid, the Constitutional Court ruled yesterday.

McBride was suspended in March 2015 for allegedly altering a report by Ipid on former Hawks boss Anwa Dramat and Hawks Gauteng head Shadrack Sibiba. They were accused of illegally deporting a group of Zimbabweans wanted for murder. It started with an urgent application to stop Police Minister Nathi Nhleko from suspending him. It was found not to be urgent, and struck off the roll.

McBride secured a hold on his disciplinary hearing, pending the outcome of this court challenge. The dispute over whether Nhleko could suspend McBride went all the way to the Constitutional Court, which heard the matter on May 17.

Application

That hearing was an application for confirmation of a High Court order that declared certain provisions of the Ipid Act 1 of 2011; the Public Service Act, 1994; and the Regulations for the Operation of the Independent Police Investigative Directorate, 2011, inconsistent with the Constitution and invalid.

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JOBURG TO FINE WATER WASTERS UP TO R1 500

JOHANNESBURG - Johannesburg Water announced yesterday that it is to clamp down harder on residents who ignore increasingly necessary water restrictions.

The water utility said that 40% of water in Gauteng was used on gardens. By watering only during the stipulated hours residents

could cut consumption by 15%.

Offenders

Johannesburg Water said it had asked the Johannesburg Metro Police Department to be on the lookout for water offenders. It also appealed to residents to report any instances in which the restrictions were not being adhered to. *eNCA*

US PRESIDENTIAL BID:

DONALD TRUMP RIDICULES OBAMA'S CHAOTIC ARRIVAL

- Trump ridicules Obama's chaotic arrival and snub in China and claims he would have stormed off if he were 'disrespected' in the same way
- Obama arrived in Hangzhou for the Group of 20 summit on Saturday
- Chinese officials approved a rolling staircase provided by the US military, only to reverse their decision once Obama arrived
- Obama ended up using built-in airstair reserved for high-security landings
- A former ambassador to China said the incident was a deliberate snub

WASHINGTON DC - While Obama tried to smooth over a rocky start to his trip in China, Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump fanned the flames and said he would not have tolerated such 'disrespect'.

Obama arrived in Hangzhou on Saturday for the Group of 20 summit, but tensions over the use of a rolling staircase mounted before the president unceremoniously descended from Air Force One's built-in steps.

On the tarmac, a Chinese official yelled at White House staff and members of the press on the tarmac, screaming: 'This is our country! This is our airport!'

At a meeting with labour leaders in Cleveland, Ohio, on Monday, Trump said: "If that were me, I'd say: 'You know what, folks, I respect you a lot, let's close the doors, let's get out of here.'"

While Obama tried to smooth over a rocky start to his trip in China, Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump insulted the president and fanned the flames on Twitter "President Obama & Putin fail to reach deal on Syria - so what else is new? Obama is not a natural deal maker. Only makes bad deals!"

Earlier Obama had expressed his hope that a deal would be reached with Syria, but any chance of that happening appeared to fall away quickly on Sunday.

The Hangzhou arrival of Obama on Saturday was farcical, with the President being forced to use the Air Force One's built-in steps after officials had trouble negotiating the use of a rolling staircase.

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Outlets

Bill Bishop, an expert on China who lived in the country for 10 years, agreed with Guajardo and told the Guardian: "This clearly plays very much into the [idea]: Look, we can make the American president go out of the ass of the plane."

But many Chinese news outlets painted a different picture, pointing to the arrogance shown by the Americans in the situation.

Regardless of the intentions behind the chaos, tensions were high on the tarmac as well after a Chinese official shouted at members of the White House press corp.

Trips

Reporters accompanying Obama on his trips are usually brought under the wing of the Boeing 747 to watch him disembark.

On Saturday, the reporters were corralled behind a blue rope installed by Chinese security, but one official deemed it was still 'too close' and yelled: "This is our country!"

Even the US National Security Adviser Susan Rice was also told off

before a Secret Service agent ushered her forward.

About four hours later, the DIA issued an apology and said the offending tweet was 'mistakenly posted'

The president tried to smooth things over when he addressed the incident, saying: "It can cause some friction. It's not the first time it has happened. It doesn't just happen in China."

"It happens in other countries where we travel."

I think that this time, though, the seams were showing a little more.

We think it's important that the press have access to the work that we are doing, that they have the ability to answer questions.

And we don't leave our ideals and values behind when we take those trips."

Even the American Defense Intelligence Agency weighed in, linking to a NYTimes article about the incident and tweeting "Classy as always China" to its 83,000 followers before it was deleted.

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BRIEFS

At least 23 dead in prison fire

ADDIS ABABA — A state-affiliated broadcaster in Ethiopia is reporting that 23 people have died in a prison fire. The Kilinto prison on the outskirts of the capital, Addis Ababa, is where many opposition figures and journalists are held. Fana Broadcasting Corporate cites a government statement as saying 21 inmates died from stampede and suffocation.

AP

PM suggest election recount

PARIS - French Prime Minister Manuel Valls said yesterday a recount should be held of the votes in Gabon's disputed presidential election. "It would be wise to do a recount," Valls told French radio station RTL, but he said his first priority was ensuring the safety of the 14 000 French nationals who live in the central African nation where violence has flared following Ali Bongo's re-election.

AP

Moz refugee numbers on the rise

HARARE - At least 2 600 people have fled unrest in Mozambique and are now living in makeshift camps in Chipinge district of south-eastern Zimbabwe where food is running short, a newspaper reports. The latest figure is a sharp increase on the early August tally of 712 Mozambicans who are reported to have fled into Zimbabwe in recent months to escape alleged attacks by opposition Renamo fighters. According to the Manica Post newspaper, conditions are often grim for those arriving in Chipinge, with water and food shortages at a camp in Mutoki Village.

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Five charged over murder

ANTANANARIVO - Five people were charged and remanded in custody over the murder in August of two young French volunteers on an island off Madagascar, a police official has said. "Five people, including a French national, were charged with murder. Four other suspects have been released," said Elien Rajaonson, who heads the police criminal investigation division. All nine of the original suspects were brought before a judge in Tamatave, the capital of the island of Sainte Marie.

On August 21, the bodies of the two French citizens, a man and a woman in their 20s, were found on a beach of the island of Sainte Marie with head injuries.

AFP

Nigeria arrests kidnap kingpin

LAGOS - Nigeria's secret service said it had arrested a man allegedly behind the abduction of seven contractors in the restive oil-rich south following a spate of hostage-for-ransom crimes. Three Australian contractors working for Lafarge Cement Company near the southern city of Calabar were kidnapped in June along with two Nigerians, a New Zealander and a South African. Their Nigerian driver was killed in the attack and a fourth Australian escaped. The kidnapped men were later released with Nigerian police saying at the time that no ransom was paid. "On August 22, one Samuel Asuquo, a kidnap kingpin was arrested by the Service at Nasarawa Bakoko village in Cross River State," the Department of State Service said in a statement.

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PRESIDENT DOS SANTOS FIRES FINANCE MINISTER

LUANDA - Angolan President José Eduardo dos Santos fired Finance Minister Armando Manuel on Monday, two months after the government broke off talks with the IMF over emergency funding.

In a cabinet reshuffle, Dos Santos also replaced his agriculture minister and dropped the powerful chief of staff in the presidency, Edeltrudes da Costa, who was implicated in a recent land eviction.

A statement said Manuel, who was appointed in 2013 and whose term had been due to run to 2017, would be replaced by capital markets commission head Augusto Archer de Sousa



FIRED: Angolan Finance Minister Armando Manuel.

Hose, more commonly known as Archer Manguera.

Over the last two years, Manuel had presided over an

economic slump caused by a sharp drop in oil prices that sapped dollar inflows, hampered the kwanza and prompt-

ed heavy government borrowing.

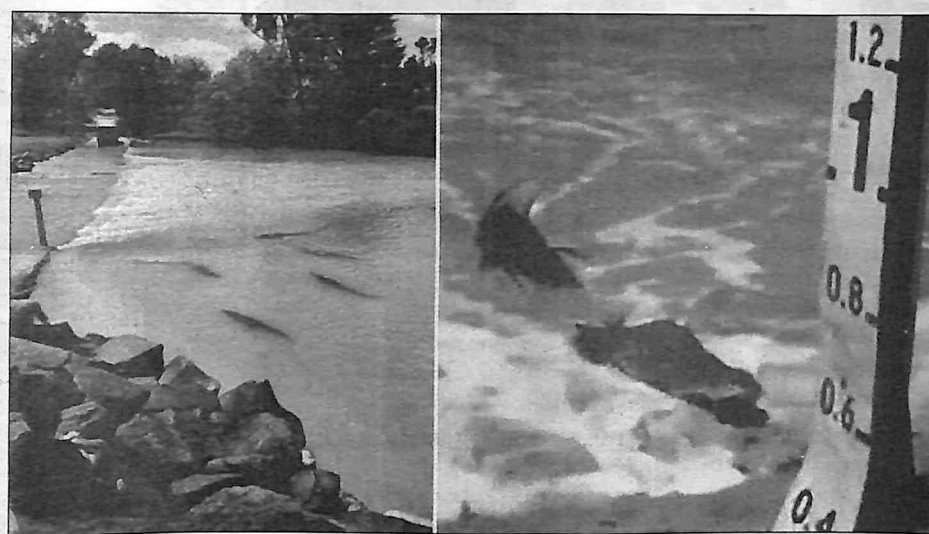
The kwanza slid more than 30 percent against the dollar in 2015, and in January the central bank allowed for another 15 percent weakening to 155 against the dollar.

The currency was bid at 165/dollar on Monday, according to Thomson Reuters data. On the black market, it has been trading as low as 600.

Soar

The weaker currency has seen inflation soar to 35 percent from 10 percent a year ago, forcing the central bank to hike interest rates by 675 basis points since June 2015.

Reuters



RISKY: Kristi Moseley and her son Eli were at the notorious crocodile-haven Cahills Crossing on the fringe of the Kakadu National Park on Sunday. Moseley said she counted 21 saltwater crocodiles ranging from three to four metres in length lying in wait beside the shallow bridge (pictured). While the water was too deep for most vehicles to safely travel through, footage shows one driver cruising across before coming across a huge saltwater crocodile perched almost level with the crossing. (Dailymail)

Zimbabwe protest-ban challenge postponed

HARARE - Harare High Court Justice Priscilla Chigumba on Monday postponed to today the case in which opposition political parties and Harare residents filed an urgent chamber application challenging a police ban on all demonstrations in Harare's central business district for two weeks.

Tendai Biti, who is representing the applicants, told African News Agency the postponement was not a bad thing as it was done to allow them to prepare adequately their heads of argument.

Matter

"Yes the matter was postponed because the judge felt that this was a very important matter that raised a lot of important issues, so she asked us to prepare our heads of argument. The postponement is not a problem for me at all," Biti said. Political parties under the banner of the National Electoral Reform Agenda (NERA), together with other political parties and some residents, are challenging Statutory Instrument (SI) 101 A of 2016, which was gazetted last Friday, banning all demonstrations in Harare. *Africa News Agency*

GABON JUSTICE MINISTER RESIGNS

LIBREVILLE - Gabon's justice minister resigned on Monday, in the first high-level defection after days of violence following incumbent Ali Bongo's disputed re-election, as the opposition leader called for a general strike to "topple the tyrant".

Despite Jean Ping's appeal for an economic blockage, the centre of the capital Libreville was its usual bustling self on Monday as France said several of its dual citizens were "unaccounted for" following clashes and mass arrests. After being shuttered for days over the post-election violence, banks and shops were re-opened in the seaside city and taxis were returning to the streets. *AFP*

Cape Verde opposition leader resigns after poll defeat

PRAIA - Cape Verde's opposition leader Janira Hoppfer Almada submitted her resignation on Monday, a day after the liberal Movement for Democracy (MFD) clinched a landslide victory in municipal elections.

The MFD won 19 of 22 constituencies, according to official results published on Monday, while the main opposition African Party for the Independence of Cape Verde (PAICV) took two, in a vote widely seen as a key

indicator for a presidential election next month.

The MFD only ousted the PAICV from power after 15 years in a general election in March, but has long enjoyed a majority in the municipalities.

Sights

Its sights are now set on October 2, when MFD candidate Jorge Carlos Fonseca hopes to win a second term in power. The PAICV is yet to pick a presidential contender after the bruising March campaign. Residents

punished the PAICV at the polls for not doing more to help those displaced by a volcanic eruption in November 2014, when thousands were forced from their homes.

Unemployment

High youth unemployment and weariness with the ruling party were also seen as threats to the PAICV, which ruled Cape Verde as a single party before winning the first multi-party elections in 1991 and again four years later.

AFP

FUN EXTRAVAGANZA AT GOSPEL SUNDAY



HANDS UP: gospel music lovers raise their hands as they dance along the renditions at the SITF Gospel Sunday. (Pics: Nomfundo Sifundza)



YES: Upcoming gospel artist Mathuba Gumedze deep in worship as he performs.



NAE NAE: Banele Dlamini (3rd from right) joins her back up singers as they do the 'nae nae' dance.



ZAZIKHONA IN DANCE: Phetsile Masilela dancing to her hit 'Zazikhona Izinto'.



CLAP: Thobekile demonstrates to the audience how she wants them to clap hands as they dance along to the song 'Wonderful day'. **RIGHT - PHAKAMA:** Sfiso Ncwane started his performance right after alighting from his branded car. The singer was also using a gold microphone emblazoned with his name.



JOVIAL: Tswane Gospel Choir get down as they perform their third song.

SHONA: Sfiso Ncwane joined Shongwe Nekhuphuka on stage. Ncwane said he loved and respected Shongwe, hence he was humbled to perform before him and to also join him on stage.



IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR: Mduduzi Simelane and his wife LaZwide lead their group in song.



SMILE: Nduduzo Matse smiles for the camera whilst Apostle Vusumuzi Maculuvu looks on.

HOTSTIX 'BRINGS THE HOUSE DOWN' AT HOUSE ON FIRE



BRINGING THE HOUSE DOWN: Hotstix performing at House on Fire during the second edition of the Total Gold Series on Friday. (Pics: Phumelele Mkhonta)



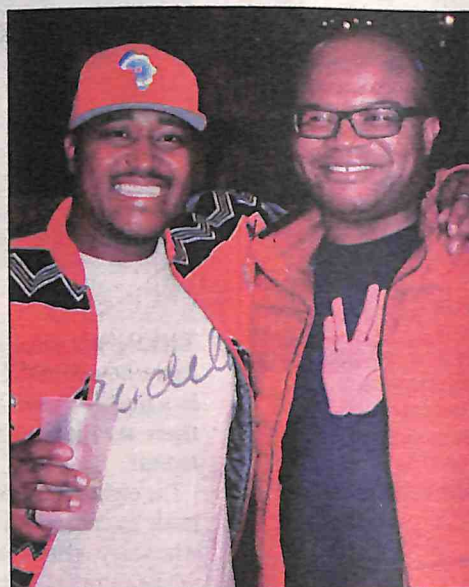
THE MAIN MEN: House on Fire's Jiggs Thorne and Khuli-Neto Dlamini.



SURPRISE SURPRISE: Afro-jazz musician Mbongiseni 'Bholoja' Ngubane gave a surprise performance with the legendary Hotstix Mabuse.



THE PERFECT TRIO: South African pedi-traditional vocalist and guitarist Paseka, local jazz guru Itallo and bass-guitarist Bheki performing 'Bhekiwe'.



TWO BY TWO: DJ Ntombz caught having fun with a friend on the dance floor while Mandla 'Cheeks' Nxumalo and wife enjoy Itallo's set.



SELFIE MOMENT: A fan taking a selfie with the man of the night.



THE CROWD: A section of the crowd dancing to Hotstix's rendition.



SIDLU'KOTINI: The MC's for the night, Khuli-Neto Dlamini and Lindokuhle Mthupha looking stunning in their Zubani Wear.



NEW SPONSORS ON BOARD: The Hankey Bannister team also graced the event, looking stylish while at it.



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HIGHLIGHTS

VICTORIA TONIGHT 20:00 | ITV CHOICE (123)

By acclaimed novelist **Daisy Goodwin**, this lavish costume drama is the start of a landmark account of the life of one of history's greatest monarchs. With cinematic production values and an ensemble cast of award-winning talent, including: **Rufus Sewell** (*Dark City*, *The Illusionist*, *The Holiday*), **Tom Hughes** (*About Time*) and **Jenna Coleman** (*Captain America*, *Me Before You*) as the eponymous **Victoria**, the series draws on real-life events and the Queen's own exhaustive

diaries to paint a vivid portrait of her transformation from an impulsive 18 year-old to her early years as wife, mother and head of a global empire. A saga of interlocking circles, stretching from the upper echelons of the royal court to the below-stairs staff, this is a story of passionate affairs, power struggles and unrequited love, at the centre of which stands the new Queen - a strong, complex and willful woman who must, somehow, become an enduring icon.

JANE THE VIRGIN TONIGHT 20:30 | VUZU (116)

S2/E1 - Chapter Twenty-Three'. Jane discovers Mateo's abduction and chaos ensues. They all learn Sin Rostro is involved and

demanding a ransom. Rogelio tweets about Mateo's kidnapping, making the Villanueva family paparazzi targets.

CAPETOWN TONIGHT 20:050 | UNIVERSE CHANNEL (117)

The thrilling six episode mini-series based on a novel by award-winning writer **Deon Meyer** comes to Universal Channel. **TrondEsen Seim** stars as police captain Mat Joubert, who is struggling to get over the brutal death of his wife Lara, killed while working undercover.

Assigned slick new partner Sanctus Snook (Boris Kodjoe), Mat returns to work and is immediately plunged into a businessmen and beautiful Eastern European models. But as Mat tries to exorcise the ghosts of his past he finds himself reliving the nightmare of his wife's killing.

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IDOLS XII: SUNDAY'S PERFORMANCES



THERE are some women who know how to make an entrance in a packed room – and then there are the *Idols SA* 2016 ladies!

The eight female powerhouses made an entrance to remember when they opened Season 12's live voting shows at Pretoria's State Theatre with a sexy, yet classy, delivery of Rihanna's *Work*. Looking relaxed in black skinny pants, white shirts and Aztec printed ponchos, they owned the stage and held the audience spellbound during the opening sequence. Talk about a memorable first impression!

Hot

As if Pretoria was not hot enough, Durban's Afrotainment crew brought their own heat on stage; culminating in the Queen of Gqom, Babes Wodumo, performing her runaway chart topper *Wololo*. If anyone was in any doubt that *Idols SA* always bring the blaze, the first 20 minutes completely obliterated that!

The evening's theme was Hits of the Last Decade and soon enough, the eight ladies came on stage to introduce themselves to Mzansi and seduce *Idols* faithfuls into falling in love and voting for them.

Valentine kicked things off with Beyoncé's *Halo*. Considering she was belting out a favourite on Queen Bey's birthday, Valentine had a lot riding on the performance. It paid off. Gareth said she stood out among the other roses, Somizi wanted her to find her Sasha Fierce "Matlakala", Unathi called the performance emotive and Randall congratulated her on choosing the perfect song to open the Top 16.

Things were off to a great start at the State Theatre.

Lucia followed with Adele's *Send My Love (To Your New Lover)*. Somizi said she has a great range and called her a future seasoned vocalist, Unathi warned that SA can be unforgiving and ruthless at this stage so Lucia needs to be on point with her delivery, Randall said it was safe and good but needed to be memorable, and Gareth agreed with him.

Bringing things home was Sgherded, who was a ball of dancing energy on stage while performing *Deep in the Bottom* by Black Coffee feat. Monique Bingham. Unathi complimented her on her interpretation both vocally and performance-wise, Randall said the performance was good but the voice quite flat, Gareth thought the song choice might not have been so great at this "critical" stage and Somizi said he got lost somewhere along Sgherded's performance.

Spirit

Coming in with a fighter spirit was Luke, performing *Yoga* by Jhanelle Mone feat. Jadena. Randall called the song choice "ambitious" but that Luke fell short, Gareth concurred with his fellow judge, Somizi felt she was restricted by the heels and uncomfortable, while Unathi thought nerves got the better of her.

Noma slowed things down with a deeply moving rendition of Rihanna's *Stay* feat. Mikky Ekko. The goosebump-o-metre in the theatre went off the charts as she got a standing ovation. Gareth asked her to trust the musicians she way playing with, Somizi said not only is she gifted but has a beautiful soul as well, Unathi called the performance absolutely perfect and could barely contain her emotions, and Randall could not fault her but

asked Noma to be more aware of her mic technique.

The lady with the intense facial expressions, Siyakha, brought the energy back up with local hit *Valelisa* by Trademark and Zinhle Ngidi. Somizi, who is unashamedly her biggest fan on the judges' panel, said she was the girl to watch. Unathi called her voice incredible but felt distracted by her dancing, Randall believe she had done a better job of standing out than other contestants and Gareth said it was impossible to take his eyes off her.

Effortless

Amanda was effortless in her performance of Ariana Grande's *Dangerous Woman*. Unathi called her a dangerous woman, Randall gushed that it was the right song, she had presence and was emotive enough, Gareth called it his performance of the night, and Somizi was left speechless.

Nosihe closed up the show with Beyoncé's *XO*. Randall said her nerves got the better of her and in turn, she gave an average performance.

Gareth said the song was a grade or two below expectation, Somizi said she was going to need Mzansi to forgive her so that they can keep her in. Unathi was certain that she was going to stay because Mzansi loves her despite her average week. So who made a good impression? Who did Mzansi fall in love with at first sight?

Well, we have a little time to wait because next week we have the eight guys who make up the Top 16 take their turn to seduce South Africa for votes. Don't miss it!

***Idols SA* Season 12 is on Mzansi Magic (161) on Sundays at 17:30.**

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International
Celebrity News

BEYONCE POSTPONES CONCERT FOR VOCAL REST

NEW JERSEY - Beyoncé needs to zip it.

MetLife Stadium announced Monday that the "Hold Up" singer will no longer be performing today in East Rutherford, New Jersey, "as a result of strict doctor's orders for vocal rest."

Today's show has been rescheduled for October 7.

"There are no changes to any additional dates at this time and performances in St. Louis,

Los Angeles, Santa Clara, Houston, New Orleans, Atlanta, Philadelphia & Nashville are expected to proceed as scheduled," MetLife Stadium said in a statement. "Live Nation and Parkwood Entertainment apologize for any inconvenience."

Beyoncé has not yet commented on the postponement.

VOCAL REST:
Beyoncé Knowles.

eOnline

GWEN STEFANI, BLAKE SHELTON COZY UP

LOS ANGELES - Gwen Stefani and

videos of animals running by their car!

Blake Shelton have taken their love to Oklahoma for the holiday weekend.

The "Hollaback Girl" songstress posted a cute photo of her and her boyfriend on Instagram Sunday, looking particularly cozy in what appears to be similar

Hawaiian shirts. The couple has been spending a fair amount of time outdoors, as she Snapchatted a couple of



COZY: Gwen Stefani and Blake Shelton.

voice than usual thanks to the filter, asked in the video.

eOnline

KENDALL, HARRY STYLES REKINDLE ROMANCE

LOS ANGELES - Harry Styles and

was beaming all night. They're trying to

rekindled their romance.

The on/off pair - who were first linked in 2013 and enjoyed a Caribbean getaway together earlier this year - have started dating again and were spotted on a dinner date at

Ysabel in Los Angeles last week. A source told PEOPLE: "They're rekindling their old romance and Kendall's so excited and happy about it. She's always cared about Harry. 'Kendall



ROMANCE: Kendall Jenner and Harry Styles.

Kendall is hot and was sort of just waiting for a chance to spend more time with her again." *Dailymail*

KIM K REVEALS PATCHES OF HAIR LOSS

LOS ANGELES - Kim Kardashian's

son Saint in December.

locks usually look oh so thick, bouncy and picture perfect.

But when she gave her glam squad the day off on Monday, the 35-year-old's hair extensions appeared to have taken a toll.

Patches of hair loss could be seen on the side of Kim's head as she arrived back to her New York City apartment from the gym. It seems Kim may have been relying on weaves to cover up hair loss after welcoming her



HAIR LOSS:
Kim
Kardashian.

But the extensions have likely caused further damage by pulling on her roots, resulting in what is known as Traction Alopecia. It is common for women to lose more hair than usual after giving birth, and Kim's 70lbs weight loss over the past nine months may have also caused her locks to thin. Kim has previously revealed that she only washes her hair twice a

week. *Dailymail*

SA Celebrity News

AKA: THE EVOLUTION OF SA'S KANYE WEST

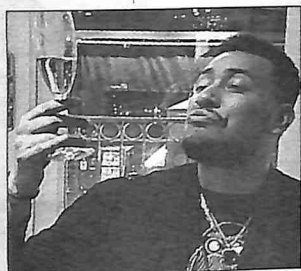
JOHANNESBURG - His rival Cassper

watching a South African Kanye West

Nyovest may have once claimed to be the Kanye West of South Africa, but it seems that AKA is the one starting to resemble the US rapper more with every passing day.

The South African rapper has never hidden the fact that he is inspired by Kanye West and has often made references to the rapper.

But watching AKA in recent months is, at times, a lot like



KANYE WEST?:
AKA.

gear. *Timeslive*

being formed. Here's just four striking similarities between the two. An age when every artist in the country is releasing their own branded merchandise, AKA has decided to drop his latest line of clothing very much inspired by Kanye West's tour

BABES WODUMO IN SA'S SEXIEST LIST

JOHANNESBURG - It has just been

women and six men who sizzle with

revealed that Babes Wodumo and The People's Bae are in the running for Sowetan's coveted 2017 Mzansi's Sexiest celebrity title.

Sowetan Live has shortlisted the Top 24 celebrities who have been heating up our screens with their sexy bods this year. The list comprises Top 12 Men and Top 12 Women.

However, only 12 of them - six



SA's SEXIEST:
Babes Wodumo.

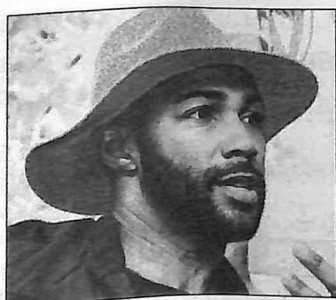
The calendar will be made available to the public in December. *Timeslive*

sexiness will make it to the local publication's 2017 calendar. How does it work? Readers are given the opportunity to vote for their favourite and deserving celebrities on www.sowetanlive.co.za. This vote will also determine who takes the Mzansi's Sexiest Celebrity crown.

'GHOST' IN THE FLESH IN SA

PLETTENBERG BAY - Goodbye

Pearl Thusi, hello "Ghost". The SA Breweries' Castle Lite brand yesterday announced that Thusi would no longer rule as president of the Republic of Extra Cold in Plettenberg Bay this summer, and introduced a new campaign featuring US actor Omari Hardwick. The brand is the latest local product to bank on an international celebrity to create local demand. Acting Castle Lite general manager Vaughn Croeser said the product needed a change. "We have partnered with more than 40 local acts in the past four years, building amazing stages and doing amazing concerts. But we also collaborate with the likes of Timbaland, Nas and Wiz Khalifa. So



POWER: Omari Hardwick.

when we bring all of this together and take the best of local and global talent, it shows what we can do; it brings people closer to their heroes and it's inspiring." *Timeslive*

PEARL THUSI HOMESICK AFTER MOVE TO NEW YORK

JOHANNESBURG - After her recent

I didn't get to see a lot of people but I

move to New York to pursue her international acting career, KwaZulu Natal actress and TV presenter Pearl Thusi has been feeling a little home sick.

The star of US drama series *Quantico* is missing her daughter as well as her supposed fiancé, Robert Marawa. "I came home for a short visit because I missed the kid, my partner and all my other loved ones immensely.



HOMESICK: Pearl Thusi.

to know how much they still love and support me. *Drum*

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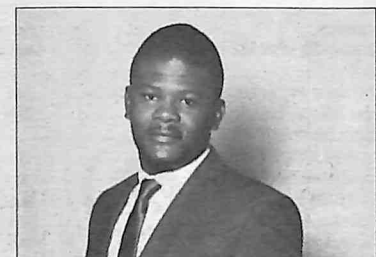


AWKWARD: Fezile.

Thandi goes into labour, but there are complications. Zama goes to her mother with her plan to get her independence. Mbodla and Sunday both deliver crucial messages to Sihle. Kaone and Fezile are awkward around each other.

ISIDINGO

TODAY



STRUGGLING: Sechaba.

Obakeng is trying all he can to prove he's a Zamdela and not like his father. The wedding preparations continue but the couple doesn't look ready for it. Nkadmeng points at Sechaba but is he the problem?

Muvhango

TODAY



ODDS: Vusi.

Someone makes a surprise return in the Mojalefa house. Vusi and Thandaza are at odds with each other. Mulalo stone-walls Teboho.



TODAY



OVERWHELMED: Niki.

Doc fights with Bongi over getting a personal manager. Niki gets overwhelmed with handling Zer011 without Suffocate, and David steps in. Emmanuel licks his wounds over losing Sindiswa.



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn
December 22 – January 19

You may be looking through some of your company's old files to find the dates of certain complaints to see where some technical problem keeps happening. You may spend a bit of time finding the key that helps you find answers. Don't give up; you are on the right track.



Aquarius
January 20 – February 18

You are a winner because you never consider failing. This can be rough, however, because if there are no possibilities, such as failing, it may be difficult to stretch and grow. In the workplace you strive to see both sides of an issue and you may use your noon break to figure out resolutions to opposing views.



Pisces
February 19 – March 20

This is a day for thinking and ideas. You may feel like talking a bit more than usual, exploring new ideas or getting happily lost in a conversation. There will be an urge to communicate. Also, perhaps a short trip or a special phone call is in order. Your high degree of mental concentration makes you an excellent student and if you are not involved in any sort of educational achievement, you may want to become involved now.



Aries
March 21 – April 19

Your career may be tied more to your appearance and how you come across to others. You may find that success comes by concentrating on your outward manner—the way others see you. There is intellectual creativity and expressing yourself with a flair that comes to mean more to you at this time.



Taurus
April 20 – May 20

You should find this day an easy one that runs fairly smooth. Ideas and interaction with authority figures or older people may be current, but on a level that shares information, not to criticize work. Working with—rather than against—the flow should be easy to do. You are disciplined, work hard and are good at getting others to work with and for you.



Gemini
May 21 – June 21

You are able to tend to whatever business is persistent, as well as help the public with answers to questions. You have the choice and the ability to change a negative into a positive—do not push. Do not become lost in someone else's emotional tussle. Sensitive, psychological material coming to your attention is presented to you in a disguise.



Cancer
June 22 – July 22

You seem to pull answers out of a hat. You have the ability to guide and lead others through the many hassles of life. You could be very much in demand as a counselor. You are good at solving problems and can teach others some of your own findings. This is a real time to concentrate on your career. Your organizational abilities and sense of responsibility will be what proves successful.



Leo
July 23 – August 22

The positive pictures that you can create in your mind give you a nice supply of good energy this day. You could practice using positive thoughts in the future when you have feelings of doubt. Real power is always hidden—finding it means delving into the secret places where you are bound to look now. You seem compelled to deal with the great mysteries in life.



Virgo
August 23 – September 22

You decide not to challenge authorities—instead you work up a presentation that will do just as well and better prove your point. You may have learned about some important information lately. Resourceful ideas hold the key to realizing your ambitions.



Libra
September 23 – October 23

Your ambitions and goals are central to your character. Today you will be considering your goals and how close you are to reaching them. You will get the green light to proceed with a plan in the workplace. Much of your personal life hinges on pursuit of your own growth and success—now is the time for some big progress.



Scorpio
October 24 – November 21

You decide not to challenge authorities—instead you work up a presentation that will do just as well and better prove your point. You may have learned about some important information lately. Resourceful ideas hold the key to realizing your ambitions.



Sagittarius
November 22 – December 21

You may be picking out a home or actually purchasing real estate soon. Financial gain and material wellbeing are among the brighter prospects before you now, as you focus in on how much things really mean to you. There may be a tendency to emphasize the material too much, which could lead to the feeling that the things you own, own you instead.



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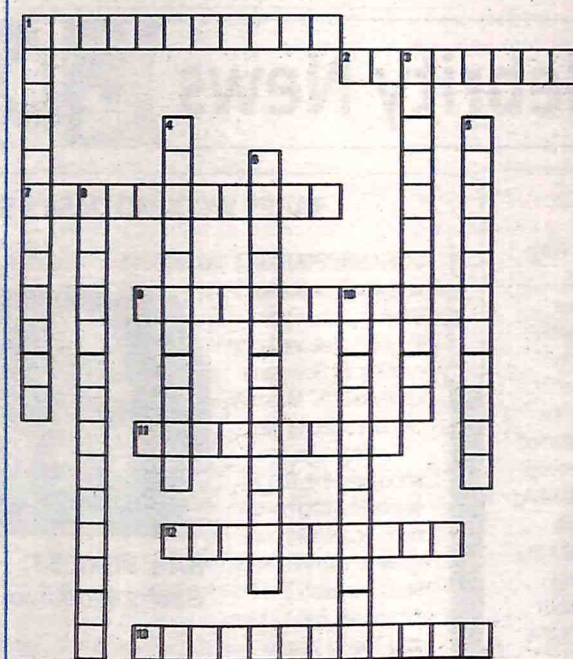
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MOVIE CROSSWORD MENU



ACROSS

- Kyle Pratt in the 2005 movie, Flightplan (5,6)
- Dr Robert Langdon in the 2006 movie, The Da Vinci Code (3,5)
- Director of the 2000 movie, Gladiator (6,5)
- Tess Ocean in the 2004 movie, Ocean's Twelve (5,7)
- Director of the 2002 movie, Road to Perdition (3,6)
- Michael Jennings in the 2003 movie, Paycheck (3,7)
- 2003 movie, Open Range actor, producer and director (5,7)

DOWN

- Edna Turnblad in the 2007 movie, Hairspray (4,8)
- Susan Orlean in the 2002 movie, Adaptation (5,6)
- Bonnie Parker in the 1967 movie, Bonnie and Clyde (4,7)
- Bobby Darin in the 2004 movie, Beyond the Sea (5,6)
- Lucius Fox in the 2005 movie, Batman Begins (6,7)
- Bill in the 2003 movie, Kill Bill: Vol.1 (5,9)
- Hartigan in the 2005 movie, Sin City (5,6)



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USELESS FACTS

- Shakespeare spelled his OWN name several different ways.
- The first contraceptive was crocodile dung used by the ancient Egyptians.
- A signature is called a John Hancock because he signed the Declaration of Independence. Only two people signed the declaration of independence on July 4. The last person signed two years later.
- Arnold Schonberg suffered from triskaidecaphobia, the fear of the number 13. He died at 13 minutes from midnight on Friday the 13th.
- Mozart wrote the nursery rhyme 'twinkle, twinkle, little star' at the age of four.
- Weatherman Willard Scott was the first original Ronald McDonald.

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- Why did the boy throw a bucket out the window?
Answer: He wanted to see the waterfall.
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Answer: He wanted to see the butterfly.

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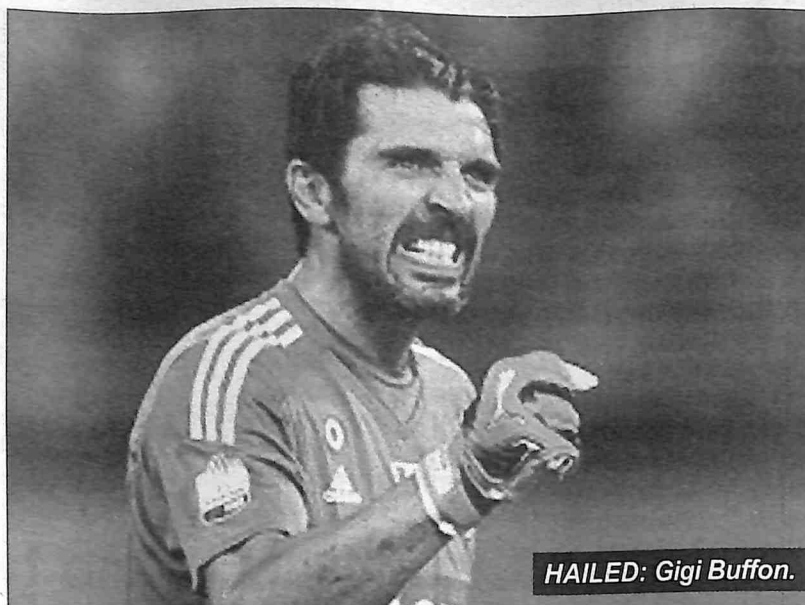
BUFFON GESTURE HAILED BY FRENCH PRESIDENT

ROME - French president Francois Hollande has sent a message of gratitude to the charismatic captain of Italy's football team, who hushed fans booing the visitors' national anthem ahead of their friendly match last Thursday.

The Italian prime minister Matteo Renzi revealed the matter in his weekly letter to the nation on Monday, saying Hollande had spoken to him on the sidelines of the current G20 meeting in China.

"At today's (Monday) meeting Francois Hollande thanked me for Gigi Buffon's gesture of goodwill in silencing the whistling during 'La Marseillaise' and instead galvanising fans at the Bari stadium to applaud," Renzi wrote.

"Sportspeople can make a big impact in transmitting educative messages: the team captain Buffon proved this. I believe the whole of Italy can be proud of him," Renzi added. Ahead of the friendly international between the two nations at the



HAILED: Gigi Buffon.

Saint Nicolas stadium in Bari the opening bars of the French national anthem were booed.

But the veteran goalkeeper Buffon, who commands great respect in Italy for his powerful leadership of the national team, began instead to

applaud 'La Marseillaise' and was very quickly followed by the rest of the Italy team before the gesture also swept through the tribunes.

France went on to win the match 3-1.

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Terry sparks memories of Ferguson

MANCHESTER - It's the picture that only serves to remind Manchester United fans what might have been.

A young John Terry, floppy haired and bright eyed, sits beside Sir Alex Ferguson during the Scot's ultimately unsuccessful attempt to lure the future England captain to Old Trafford.

It's 1994-95. United are trying to defend the double and Ferguson - then just plain 'Alex' from Glasgow - is already looking to build his next generation of Red Devils stars.

At the age of 14, Terry - then a holding midfielder - had already been identified as a possible option.

Ferguson invited the Barking-born boy with a United-supporting father up to Manchester to train during the schools holidays as he tried to convince him to sign.

Ultimately he was unsuccessful, Terry chose Chelsea and the rest - four Premier League titles, five FA Cups, three League Cups, the Champions League and 78 England caps - is history.

But that fortnight in the north west stuck with Terry, who was

evidently impressed by the personal touch applied by Ferguson.

Speaking in an interview with The Observer in 2006, he remembered the whole episode vividly.

"I was Man United growing up," he said. "You know what it's like when you're a boy, you want to support the team that's winning everything. And my dad and granddad were Man United fans."

"But my first day at Chelsea I knew that was the club I wanted to be at. I just loved it. But Man United also approached me."

"I met Alex Ferguson - great to meet. During the school holidays I would go up to Manchester and train with their boys for two weeks, play a few games and come home."

"But one thing that was really special about Man United was that Alex Ferguson took time out and invited me to one of their games and to have lunch with their players."

"So there we are - me, my mum and dad, my brother. He made me feel so special, autographs, my photo done with the Premiership trophy. *Daily Mail*



DOWN MEMORY LANE: Terry and Ferguson pictured together at a charity event in London in 2014.

CSA working on finding new T20 sponsor

CAPE TOWN - Cricket South Africa (CSA) remain hopeful that they will secure a new sponsor for this season's domestic T20 competition.

This comes after the tournament's previous sponsor, RAM Hand-to-Hand Couriers, and CSA could not agree new terms for a renewed deal in 2016.

RAM had been the title sponsor of the tournament since 2013, but Executive Director (Legal & Commercial) Alan Da Costa told Sport24 back in January that the company was considering its future dealings with the competition due to the match fixing scandal that erupted at the beginning of the year.

"We are hopeful that CSA is taking every measure to comprehensively investigate the allegations and enforce a 'Zero Tolerance' approach," Da Costa said at the time.

"However no one ever wants their brand associated with any dishonest activities and we are seriously considering the outcome of the matter before renewing our sponsorship."

The scandal first saw Gulam Bodi banned for 20 years before further bans were handed out to Thami Tsolekile (12 years), Jean Symes (7 years), Pumelela Matshikwe (10 years) and Ethy Mbhalati (10 years).

Just how much of a role the whole mess played in the negotiations between RAM and CSA is unclear, but CSA's commercial leg is working tirelessly to secure a new sponsor before the tournament begins.

An official from CSA told Sport24 that the organisation was doing all it could and that there was sufficient time to find a replacement sponsor.

The competition begins on November 12.

Should nothing materialise before then, it would not be the first time that a domestic competition has taken place without a title sponsor.

Before the introduction of Momentum in 2012, the One Day Cup endured a sponsor-less season in 2011/12 following MTN's partnership with the tournament.

But the T20 competition is considered the most lucrative commercially for South African domestic cricket, and securing a sponsor will surely be a matter of urgency considering the possible expansion of the tournament.

CSA has announced its intentions to carry out a "re-positioning" of the tournament, with a possible extension to eight teams and a move towards a more global product the vision for 2017/18.

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Le Clos wins 200m butterfly at FINA World Cup

JOHANNESBURG - South African Chad le Clos claimed victory in the men's 200m butterfly at the FINA/airweave Swimming World Cup series 2016 in Moscow on Saturday.

Le Clos (RSA) captured gold in 1:49.10. Germany's Philip Heintz took silver (1:52.52), while Hao Yun (CHN) claimed the third place (1:52.61).

"I'm very happy. It was a good day for me, with two wins. I got some good results. After the first event I was a little bit tired. But despite this it was a good time for me. Now I need to rest and prepare for tomorrow's event. I like this swimming pool. After the Olympic Games, I'm happy to visit Moscow," Le Clos said.

Over in Berlin leg of the FINA World Cup, meanwhile, fellow SA swimmer Cameron van der Burg took first place in the 100m breaststroke.

Africa News Agency



Djokovic, Murray close in on US Open final duel

NEW YORK - Andy Murray will contests his sixth US Open quarter-final today looking to maintain his stranglehold over Kei Nishikori and take a step closer to a dream title showdown with Novak Djokovic.

Murray won the first of his three career majors at the US Open in 2012 and will be the favourite to make a fourth semi-final at the season's last Grand Slam.

The world number two has a 7-1 record against Nishikori whose only win over the Briton came at the World Tour Finals in 2014. This year, Murray came out on top in five sets to help steer Britain past Japan in the Davis Cup before cantering to a straight sets win in the Olympics semi-finals.

All in all, Murray is on a 26-1 run since losing the French Open final to Djokovic in June, collecting the Queen's Club,

Wimbledon and Olympic titles on the way.

But he won't under-estimate the threat posed by Nishikori, who made the final in New York in 2014 having knocked out Djokovic in the semi-finals.

"He played some good stuff at the Olympics and won the bronze," said Murray who reached the quarter-final with a brutal dismissal of Grigor Dimitrov where he lost just five games.

"I played a really good match against Kei in Rio and I'll need to do that again if I want to beat him because he's one of the best players in the world, plays extremely well on hard court."

Djokovic was targeting a 10th successive semi-final appearance yesterday when he faced long-time rival Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, one of three Frenchmen in the last-eight.

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CHELSEA SET TO CONTINUE PURSUIT OF THIAGO MAIA

LONDON - Chelsea will revive their interest in Santos midfielder Thiago Maia in January.

The 19-year-old was discussed by Chelsea in late July prior to his participation in the Olympics with Brazil but his club, Santos were reluctant to sell before the end of their season.

Chelsea are willing to offer around £15million for the defensive midfielder when the Brazilian season finishes in December.

Maia is highly prized by Santos and has a contract until 2019.

Free agent Martin Caceres has been offered to Chelsea but the former Juventus defender's injury record, plus the arrival of David Luiz and Marcos Alonso, means

he may be more likely to stay in Italy at this stage with Roma and Inter Milan showing an interest.

Chelsea have also made enquiries about Hoffenheim defender Niklas Sule ahead of a possible bid next summer.

The Blues will welcome back Andreas Christensen from Borussia

Monchengladbach but need to strengthen with John Terry turning 36 in December and Branislav Ivanovic turning 33 in February.

Sule has made 76

Bundesliga appearances for Hoffenheim and made his debut for the senior Germany team in the 2-0 win against Finland last Wednesday.

WANTED:
Thiago Maia.
(AP)



Balotelli, Carragher in war of words

LIVERPOOL - Liverpool legend Jamie Carragher and former Reds striker Mario Balotelli are involved in a war of words on Twitter about the forward's standing as a player in the world game.

Liverpool let the Italy international join Nice on a free transfer, despite spending £16 million to sign him from AC Milan around two years ago.

The former Manchester

City star scored just one Premier League goal in his first season at Anfield and was loaned out to Milan for the 2015/16 season. However, his loss of form was also evident in Milan as he scored just one league goal in 20 appearances. He returned to Liverpool for pre-season, but coach Jurgen Klopp made it clear he had no future on Merseyside. Subsequently, the forward was allowed to join Nice on a free transfer

on deadline day. Nonetheless, after the news was announced, Carragher was quick to give the Italian a critical parting shot. He said: "Balotelli on a free is still paying over the odds by Nice."

However, the 26-year-old fired back a response to the former Liverpool defender, who has long been a critic of the striker, saying, "Carragher, bad player, wonderful hater."

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Rose wants to end his career at Spurs

LONDON - Tottenham left-back Danny Rose has underlined his intentions to remain with the Premier League club for the rest of his career.

The England international, who learnt his trade at Leeds United before switching to Spurs as a teenager, has been with the side since 2007.

Speaking to the club's website, he said: "I'm 26 now

and starting to think about if I want to finish my career here and I'd love to do that.

"There won't be many players able to say that they've been at a club for X amount of years."

Rose admits he would love to follow in the footsteps of Ledley King, who also came up through the ranks at

Tottenham - before injuries curtailed his playing days.

"Ledley is a legend.

When you see him with the players, some will ask 'what was he like?' and there really are no words to describe how Ledley was as a player and as a man."

He added: "He was quiet, but a leader. *Sport24*



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Registered Swazi contractors are invited to submit tenders for the following packages which involve the construction of units for the Ministry of Health.

Tenders are to be purchased from SNHB revenue office, ground floor Dlan'ubeka House at a non-refundable cost of E3000.00 each.

Tender documents must be returned to the SNHB and be deposited to the designated tender box at the SNHB reception, 3rd

TENDER NO.	PACKAGE NAME & LOCATION	SALE DATE	SITE INSPECTION DATE & TIME	TENDER SUBMISSION DATE & TIME	MARKING ON TENDER ENVELOPE	PROJECT CATEGORY
Tender NO.30 of 2016/2017	'HH3' Dvokolwako, Mkhuzweni & Mangweni	7 th September 2016 to 9 th September 2016	19 th September 2016 10.00 am At Dvokolwako Health Centre	30 th September 2016, at 10.00 am	Tender NO. 30 of 2016/2017- Institutional Housing Project Package 'HH3' (Dvokolwako, Mkhuzweni & Mangweni)	B2 or higher
Tender NO.31 of 2016/2017	'HS2' Moti, Mfshane & Kaphunga	7 th September 2016 to 9 th September 2016	20 th September 2016 10.00am At Moti Clinic	7 th October 2016, at 10.00 am	Tender NO.31 of 2016/2017- Institutional Housing Project Package 'HS2' (Moti, Mfshane & Kaphunga)	B3 or higher

Tenders are to be addressed to:

The Secretary
The Tender Committee
Swaziland National Housing Board
P.O. Box 798
MBABANE

Preliminary Conditions of Tender

- The Board is under no obligation to select the lowest or any tender.
- Informal and/or any undue influence on the tendering process by bidders is discouraged and may result in disqualification.
- Bidders are required to submit the following:
 - Valid Trading Licence
 - Tax Clearance
 - Form J
 - Company profile
 - SNHP Compliance Certificate.
 - Coloured copies of Directors' IDs
 - Copy of SNHB receipt
 - Audited financial statements
 - Proof of registration with the Construction Industry Council

Preference in the award of contract will be given to Swazi contractors who fulfill all the requirements of tender and demonstrate a record of technical competence and financial capability.

For further information contact The Director Institutional Housing Tel: 2405 5000

For: Swaziland National Housing Board

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Swaziland Environment Authority

PUBLIC NOTICE

RE: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF GREATER MHOBODLENI, MANZINI

A public notice is hereby published in terms of section 52 of the Environmental Management Act, 2002. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development has prepared an Environmental Impact Assessment Report and formulated a Comprehensive Mitigation Plan for the Proposed Development of Greater Mhobodleni, Manzini.

The purpose of the study was to identify environmental impacts that are likely to emerge as a result of the proposed development so that measures are taken to mitigate negative environmental impacts and enhance positive ones. Copies of the reports are available in the following places:

- Swaziland Environmental Authority Offices – RHUS Office Park, Mbabane
- Mbabane National Library
- Malkerns Town Board
- Matsapha Town Council
- Ezulwini Town Council
- Manzini National Library
- Kwaluseni Inkhundla Center
- Mthongwaneni Inkhundla Center

Interested and affected parties are requested to submit comments and/or objections as per the Environmental Audit, Assessment and Review Regulations, 2000. Written submissions should be directed to the Executive Director, Swaziland Environmental Authority, P.O. Box 2602, Mbabane. Fax: 2404 1719.

The deadline for submissions is **30th September 2016***

*20 days from last week of publication of notice.

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ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP

SPANISH CONTINGENT GEARED UP FOR MANCHESTER DERBY

MANCHESTER - Manchester United midfielder Juan Mata has revealed that there is a rivalry developing in the Spanish national team ahead of the Manchester derby on Saturday.

Mata, along with Spain goalkeeper David de Gea, is expected to line up against Spanish teammates David Silva and Nolito when United take on City at Old Trafford this weekend.

Although they are preparing for a World Cup qualifier against Liechtenstein next Monday, Mata concedes the four players have already started to grill each other ahead of the big match.

Record

Both Manchester clubs have a 100 per cent record after the first three Premier League fixtures of the season and it will also

be the first clash in England's top flight between Jose Mourinho and Pep

Guardiola, who had been involved in a fierce rivalry when managing Real Madrid and Barcelona respectively.

Mata said on his club's official website: "All of us are fully aware that this is a very special game, yet we have to understand that these are three points and don't get too crazy."

"Both teams have started the Premier League well and the expectations are high, as everybody can imagine."

"David de Gea and me have been joking with Nolito and Silva in the last few days."

Sport24

RIVALRY: Manchester United's Juan Mata and Manchester City's David Silva. (AP)



Guardiola brings in ex-Espanyol forward as new club doctor

MANCHESTER - Pep Guardiola's complete overhaul of Manchester City continues apace with the addition of new head of the club's medical staff.

The appointment takes Guardiola's desire for everyone to be comfortable on the ball to a new level because Dr Eduardo Mauri is a former first division player with Espanyol. Mauri, whose father also played professionally, was a forward at Espanyol making his debut in 1980. He played 61 games over six seasons scoring eight goals before

retiring when he was 29 so that he could train to become a doctor.

Mauri should leave his position in charge of the sports medicine department at Barcelona's Quiron Hospital to take up his new role at City next week.

Mundo Deportivo reported yesterday that the 55-year-old Mauri has already made several trips to the Etihad Campus accompanied by famed Barca surgeon Dr Ramon Cugat who has treated numerous Barcelona players in the last two decades. *Daily Mail*

Sheffield Wednesday sign Urby Emanuelson

SHEFFIELD - Sheffield Wednesday have confirmed the signing of former Ajax, Milan and Fulham midfielder Urby Emanuelson.

The 30-year-old free agent can play anywhere down the left side, as a full back, wing back or winger.

He has 16 caps for Holland and is

in line to figure against Wigan Athletic on Saturday. He will wear the number 26 shirt.

Debut

Emanuelson began his career with Ajax in his native Holland, making his debut in 2005 at the age of 18, before leaving for Italian giants Milan six years later.

Daily Mail

4Children

Coordinating Comprehensive Care for Children

Job Opportunity: 4Children Swaziland Technical Advisor II

Initiated in September 2014, The Comprehensive, Coordinated Care for Children Project (4Children) is a five year USAID funded consortium led by Catholic Relief Services with partners Intra Health, Maestral, Pact, Plan and West at. 4Children is designed to improve health and well being outcomes for OVC affected by HIV and AIDS and other adversities. 4Children helps countries to identify practical and appropriate policies, programs and services that reduce the risk of HIV and maltreatment and promote child well-being. It promotes approaches that address the unique needs of each child and family, including strengthening front line social service workforce and case management systems. 4Children is implementing a USAID/ PEPFAR Project in Swaziland to strengthen case management system and child sensitive prevention and response services to violence aimed at reducing exposure and increasing response of vulnerable children to violent behaviors associated with HIV risk.

Job Responsibilities:

The Technical Advisor II will work closely with and be based at the Department of Social Welfare to achieve the project objectives, effectively coordinate, manage and monitor and evaluate the case management systems strengthening and child sensitive prevention and response services to violence. S/he is responsible for overall technically sound and high quality program and partnerships with DSW, USG, World Education/ Bantwana and Pact/ Swaziland including ensuring all partners adhere to PEPFAR / USAID program requirements and process and results are documented in a timely manner. S/he will support ongoing coordination with World Education / Bantwana, Pact / Swaziland and DSW with regular collaboration with and support from regional and international technical experts and the 4Children HQ team. The Technical Advisor II will bring technical expertise and experience in child welfare case management system strengthening, prevention and response to violence against children and OVC Programming. The Technical Advisor II will report to the Senior Technical Advisor for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in the CRS Southern Africa Regional Office and receive technical guidance from the 4Children Capacity Building Technical Director.

Qualifications and Skills:

1. Swazi national or professionals from the Southern or Eastern African regions are strongly encouraged to apply.
2. Master's Degree in social work or bachelor degree with relevant experience.
3. At least a minimum of 5 years in a management position with proven project management, people management and relationship building experience.
4. Experience in effective case management systems strengthening and management of child sensitive prevention and response programs to violence. Understanding of HIV related outcomes.
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11. Proficiency in Microsoft Office suite, including Word, Excel and Outlook required

To apply, please visit www.crs.org

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORT

THE COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY TO INVESTIGATE THE TRAIN ACCIDENT OF THE 17TH DECEMBER, 2015 AT MPAKA RAILWAY STATION

In terms of Legal Notice No. 121 of 2016, the Public is hereby notified that hearing of the Commission of Enquiry appointed by the Honourable Minister for Public Works and Transport, in terms of Section 44 of the Swaziland Railway Act 15 of 1962 will start on the 05th September, 2016 at The George Hotel in Manzini. Hearing days are Mondays and Thursdays starting at 0900hrs to 1600hrs.

Any members of the Public who are interested in making submissions are invited to attend on the specified days and times.

Members of the Public who wish to make submissions must register with the Secretary of the Commission.

Contact Number : 78016157

Email: commission.mpakarail@gmail.com

COMMISSIONER DLAMINI HLOBISILE
SECRETARY

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Pelembé reveals what went wrong at Golden Arrows

Downs aim to cool Shakes v Pitso row

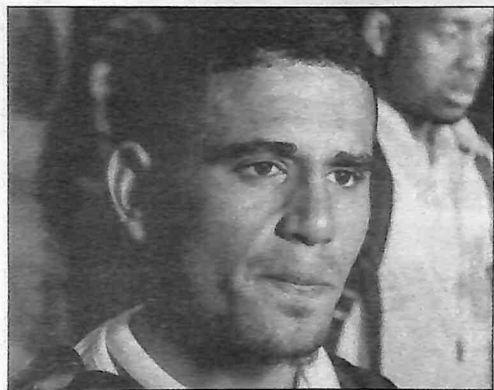
Mamelodi Sundowns have gone on the defensive in an effort to try and cool a potential row between coach Pitso Mosimane and Bafana Bafana boss Ephraim 'Shakes' Mashaba.

It comes after Mosimane had said last week he did not understand why Mashaba had not given Sundowns players time off from international duty this week because of Sundowns' upcoming African Champions League commitments.

Mashaba replied that Mosimane had not asked for his players not to be considered for the game against Mauritania and Egypt and looked peeved that the issue was being played out in the media. On Monday, Sundowns sought to put some spin on their coach's comments.

"My statement was never for Bra Shakes (Mashaba) not to use Sundowns players, but rather about player and load management. We have even sent a letter to SAFA, stating our position" said a statement quoting Mosimane. "Currently Sundowns is in two crucial semifinals; the CAF Champions League and MTN 8, while the Absa Premiership is also there in the mix. We have been going non-stop since the league last year and we are very careful with regards to preserving our players."

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APPROACHING: Mamelodi Sundowns midfielder Keagan Dolly.

'Dolly move to Europe imminent'

PRETORIA - The agent of Mamelodi Sundowns midfielder Keagan Dolly says his client will secure a move to Europe in the New Year, amidst reported interest from Olympiacos.

The 23 year-old has reportedly attracted interest from the Greek giants after a string of impressive performances for the reigning Premiership champions. Dolly was instrumental in leading Sundowns to the Premiership and Telkom Knockout cup double, as well as securing a spot in the CAF Champions League semi-finals. "Yes, Olympiacos is one of the options for Dolly," Keagan Wasserfall told KickOff. "There seems to be contractual issues with Sundowns and we're busy sorting out these things. But I can tell you that Dolly will definitely leave for Europe in the New Year." Dolly was sidelined by a hamstring injury for Bafana Bafana's 1-1 draw with Mauritania last Friday, but could feature in the friendly against Egypt on Tuesday.

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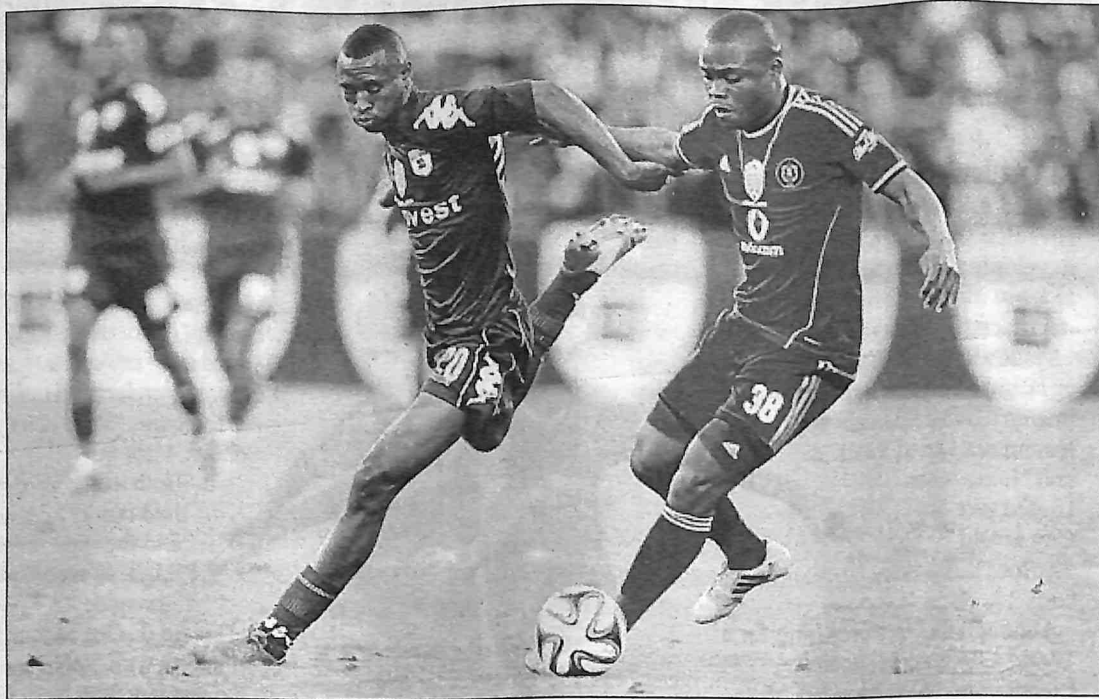
JOHANNESBURG - Arrows CEO Gordon Masondo recently told Kickoff website that the Mozambican was unable to win over Clinton Larsen's technical team during a trial in Durban.

However, Pelembé takes a different view and says Abafana Bes'thende's management claimed they could not agree terms with Pirates.

"It's not about that [failing to impress] because coach Larsen knew me from Celtic, so I had nothing to prove to him because he knew me enough."

They [Arrows management] told me there was no agreement between them and Pirates, but now I'm free," the 28-year-old told KickOff.com.

Kickoff



Ex-Ajax man signs for Al-Khabourah

CAPE TOWN - Former Ajax Cape Town winger Noah Sadaoui has signed a deal with Omani outfit Al-Khabourah.

After parting ways with Ajax last year, the Moroccan-born attacker jetted back to his hometown in America, where he plied his trade for a local club in Miami until Al-Khabourah discovered the player's services. "I was training and playing with my club in America, Miami United. I was the only player who didn't accept a professional contract. If a team wanted me at a higher level, I could leave at any time," Sadaoui told the Siya crew. "Seven days ago, I saw one of my old teammates. I spoke with



him and he introduced me to his agent. I sent my videos and it was shockingly so quick. The next day, a team

was interested and was looking at me for a trial. I flew out that day and the next day I played. I did pretty well. "I won man of the match. I've been looking for a great opportunity for so long. After that game, I spoke with the club and they were very interested in signing me. We sat down and we made a deal. "I want to score as many goals as possible. Last year they lost out on the final, hopefully this year with my help they can win it," the 22-year-old concluded. The player, who was mentored by Ajax coach Roger De Sa, won the 2015 MTN8 competition with the Urban Warriors, scoring three goals in his last three games for the club. *Soccerladuma*

Mokoena excited by youthful Ajax team

CAPE TOWN - Newly-signed Ajax Cape Town midfielder Lebohang Mokoena says he can't wait to get playing again and also revealed his excitement at being part of a youthful team.

'Cheeseboy', as the player is affectionately known, completed a deadline day transfer to the Ikamva-based outfit, and the well-travelled midfielder has revealed that he will be looking to guide some of the young players in the team. "The club's I come from are a lot different to Ajax Cape Town, but for me it's really nice to have a feeling of being in a different environment," he told the club's website. "The team is full of youth, the club's own



youth players, that is very good to see. It's important for us to share our experience with these younger guys. Some of them will also move to other clubs or abroad so we have to share as much as we can. I can't wait to get the ball rolling and play again."

Having graduated from the Orlando Pirates academy at the age of 16, Mokoena says that the current set-up at Ajax

reminds him of his younger days, in addition to praising the facilities at Ikamva - the club's training base.

"Being here takes me back to the days when I was a young player," he added. "I also come from a youth structure, so to see the facilities that the team has got available for the youth is overwhelming. "It shows the effort that the club is putting in to nurture talent. This helps the club not to go into the market too much and it also helps the team stay in the direction that they want to go. "If you've got your youth system in place like Ajax Cape Town has, you'll have players coming through for generations to come," he concluded. *Sport24*

Mangena urges Parker to hang up his boots

JOHANNESBURG - Mike Mangena believes that Kaizer Chiefs forward Bernard Parker's best years are behind him, and suggested that he should hang up his boots.

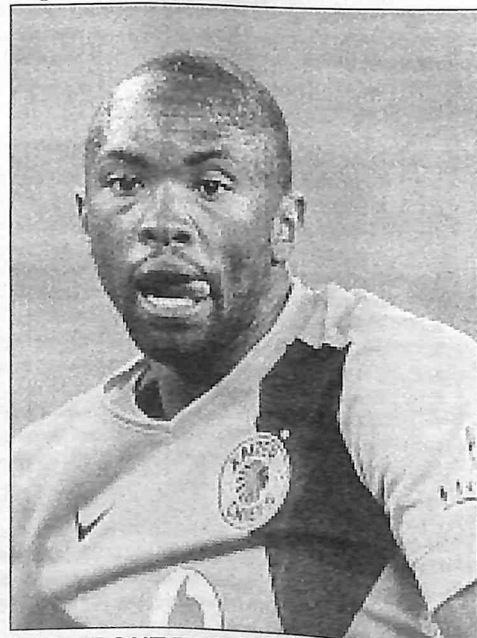
Parker is 30-years-old. The football analyst brought his former team under the spotlight and revealed that Chiefs need to critically analyse the former FC Twente man - as Mangena believes he has no place in Steve Komphela's team.

"They need to look at Bernard Parker. Parker has done it, he's had a fantastic career, he's done well," he told Soccer Laduma. "But it's time to say: 'Hey, let me hang up those boots.'"

"I'm not one to tell him what to do, but the coach needs to play the youngsters now, because I don't see Bernard Parker making any difference as a player," he concluded.

Parker has come under continuous scrutiny from large sectors of the Amakhosi fraternity for increased lack of goals since his arrival at the Naturena based outfit in 2011.

Sport24



IT'S ABOUT TIME: Kaizer Chiefs, Bernard Parker

'Ertugral will restore Gabuza's confidence at Bucs'

JOHANNESBURG - Former Orlando Pirates striker Andries Sebola said it's just a matter of time before striker Thamsanqa Gabuza regains his confidence.

Following Gabuza's penalty miss against Mauritania on Friday in the Afcon 2017 qualifier in Nelspruit, Sebola believes that his confidence is down.

"I think the man needs to work

himself up to be in the starting line-up. He is not a bad player, but I think now his confidence will be down after missing the penalty," Sebola told Goal.

"So I think he has to work hard. I think Muhsin needs him so that when Ndoro is injured or suspended he can come in and do the job."

Sebola believes that the key to Gabuza bouncing back lies with

Pirates coach Ertugral.

"Muhsin knows he can do better and he will help him to regain his confidence. So it's not a matter of him being a bad player - he is a good player," he said.

"It's just a matter of getting his confidence back because it's still down. He needs to work more on his confidence."

Goal



I WANT TO MAKE EVERY PLAYER BETTER - BOUCHER

JOHANNESBURG - "I want to make every player in the Titans squad 10% better. If I didn't think I could take every player forward, I would not have accepted the job as Titans coach," said Mark Boucher.

Boucher, successor of Rob Walter as the man at the helm of the Titans, said he learned from a number of coaches who all had their own philosophy on how to make South Africa a world-class unit. He played in 147 Tests and 291 One Day Internationals under the tutelage of Bob Woolmer, Graham Ford, Eric Simons, Ray Jennings, Mickey Arthur and Gary Kirsten.

Yet, he also learned from humble beginnings in East London while Pieter Strydom was the captain and Richard Pybus the coach. He said those players at Border were not necessarily individually the best, but as a unit they punched above their weight and played as a family who wanted to achieve silver-ware for one another. They constantly challenged for titles and pushed big teams to the brink because of their work-ethic and cohesion.

Boucher said he thrived under the coaching regime of Jennings, but was similarly at ease when Kirsten was at the helm. Those were different extremes, but he enjoyed both experiences.

"I enjoyed Ray. He hit base with me," Boucher said.



MIRACLE WORKER: Guy Boucher.

"During my playing days, I was quite feisty, but the freak accident (Boucher lost the lens, iris and pupil of his left eye after a ball hit his eye in a warm-up game prior to the test series in the United Kingdom in 2012) changed my personality quite a bit.

"It opened up my eyes," he said.

"In my dealings with Paddy Upton and Gary, I learned that each player is different. Not every player is comfortable with an up-front (confrontational) approach.

"You need to manage each player differently."

Micro-management of players in order to get the best out of them is

important because some players might thrive if they are get the hair-dryer treatment, but others would rather need encouragement and a pat on the back, rather than a kick.

Boucher also learned from different captains.

Graeme Smith was a tough task master who led from the front with enormous pride and determination and demanded high standards from his players. The former South African wicketkeeper-batsman, who claimed 998 dismissals during his legendary career, said it is important to create an environment in which each player can thrive.

Sport24

'Ronaldo could join Barca'

MADRID - There are a few double agents, who switched between bitter rivals FC Barcelona and Real Madrid, and one of them has now insisted Cristiano Ronaldo could join the Catalan giants.

Luis Figo became one of the most controversial players in the game when he famously left the Camp Nou for €60 million (R979 million) to join Real in 2000. The Portuguese joined Barcelona's bitter rivals for a then record fee after Los Blancos activated his buyout clause and Barcelona's hands were tied.

The 2001 FIFA World Player of the Year admits he was expecting Barcelona to improve his contract in order to prevent the move, but it didn't happen.

"The first reason was the recognition from the president

of Real Madrid," he told Portuguese publication Record.

"So things were getting more serious and I received the offer, I reported it (to Barcelona) and thought I wanted to improve the contract."

Figo was then asked whether his countryman Ronaldo could follow a similar path and responded it's possible if Barcelona would pay his €1.5 billion (R24.5 billion) buyout clause.

"We are in a free market. If there is a termination clause (in Ronaldo's contract), anything can happen," he added.

The law in Spain requests for every La Liga player to have a buyout clause and while Ronaldo's is reportedly set at €1.5 billion, Lionel Messi's release clause is worth €250 million (R4.1 billion).

SoccerLaduma

McIlroy ends title drought

NORTON - Rory McIlroy shot a superb six-under-par 65 to end his 16-month PGA Tour title drought with victory in the Deutsche Bank Championship in Norton, Massachusetts, on Monday.

The Northern Ireland star laid the foundations for a two-stroke victory over England's Paul Casey with a bewitching front nine performance, sinking five birdies to be five under at the turn.

Two more birdies and a bogey on the back nine at TPC Boston sealed a deserved win for the 27-year-old, whose last win on the PGA Tour came at the Wells Fargo Championship in May 2015.

The win earned McIlroy another \$1.53 million and will see him move up to third in the next set of world rankings. It also catapulted him from 38th to fourth place in the standings for the lucrative FedExCup post-season series. The win completed a remarkable turnaround for McIlroy, who had got off to a disastrous start in his opening round on Friday to be four over par after his first three holes.

"It's amazing in this game how things can change so quickly," McIlroy said.

"From three holes in - four over par - there were a lot of things going through my mind, and one of them was not winning this tournament," he added. © AFP



Senzo Meyiwa killing allegedly related to match-fixing - PI



JOHANNESBURG - The former Orlando Pirates and Bafana Bafana captain Senzo Meyiwa was gunned down at his former girlfriend and singer Kelly Khumalo's home in Vosloorus.

And, experienced private investigator Brad Nathanson, who's currently handling the case, believes Meyiwa's killing was related to match-fixing and not robbery, as initially suggested.

"I don't believe that man died as a result of home invasion or a robbery, housebreaking or whatever it is they want you to believe," Nathanson told Sunday Independent.

"I think this has something (to do) with match-fixing.

"That is my belief. Who (would) rob that man anyway? He was a national hero and for me what comes

to my mind is match-fixing, and it's the first thing that comes to my mind.

"I don't know what level this investigation was taken to. But, as an investigator of 36 years experience, I am very, very surprised no arrest has been made.

"It's unbelievable for me. I can't imagine what Meyiwa's family might be going through knowing this man has died and he had such an amazing career and life ahead of him."

Meyiwa's killers are yet to be arrested, but Nathanson is confident of concluding the case, saying all it requires is money and time.

"You can quote me on this one, any case can be solved. All it requires are two things.

"One is money and another is time," he concluded.

Goal

COULD IT BE TRUE?: The late Senzo Meyiwa.



KING'S GOLF CUP



BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati III and Emakhosikati LaMatsebula, LaNgangaza, LaMagongo and LaNkambule during the singing of the national anthem at the King's Golf Cup Dinner at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre on Saturday night. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



THE BEST: His Majesty pictured with the winners from the different categories.



THANK YOU: Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini sharing a light moment with Bafana Hlophe as he hands him his prize.



PRESENT: A section of the guests and gold union leadership following proceedings of the event.



REWARDED: Local Golfer James Pennington who came second playing in the Amateur category received his prize from the Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini who was joined by committee members Dan Zikalala, Minister Jabulani Mabuza and George Falcomer.



MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Minister of Tourism Jabulani Mabuza directing proceedings of the night.



ROYALTY: Emakhosikati LaMatsebula, LaNgangaza, LaMagongo and LaNkambule also attended the event.



SHOWING SUPPORT: Members of the Royal family also came through to support the King during the ceremony.



MY VIEW: Sponsors' Representative Meshack Kunene making his remarks.



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EMALANGENI: Mfanyana and Sicelo were dressed up for the dinner.



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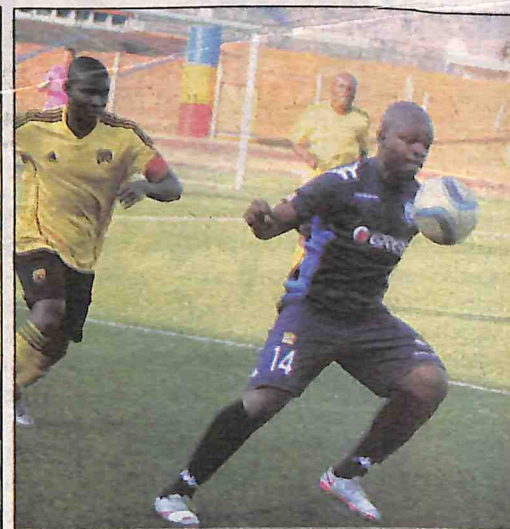
MTN NATIONAL FIRST DIVISION PICTURES



COMPETITIVE: Matsapha United's Mthobisi Mdluli and Malanti Chiefs' Thembumenzi Mayisela fighting for the ball, during their game at Somhlolo National Stadium, on Sunday. The match ended in a goalless draw. (Pics: Sabelo Majola)



GETTING READY: Malanti Chiefs players during a warm-up session before the game.



BALL SHIELDING: Matsapha's Msimisi Ncanywa controlling the ball, while Siyabonga Nkambule chases on.



ALL SET: Matsapha United players in a group photo with their technical bench.



LET'S GO: Malanti Chiefs players before their game.



MAN DOWN: Matsapha's Futhi Gama dribbling past Nkambule.



MAKE WAY: Malanti's Sicelo Mkhwanazi trying to negotiate his way past Njabulo Gamedze.

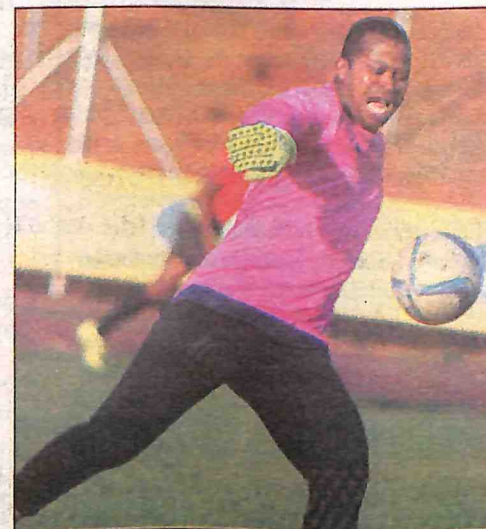


MOTIVATING: Malanti Chiefs Head Coach Benjamin Chilongo and his assistant Bong'musa Mdluli issuing instructions.



LOVE IT: A section of the spectators captured at the Royal Box.

SHOT: Malanti Chiefs goalkeeper Mpendulo Dlamini distributing the ball.



football talk

all your latest world football news

● Midfielder Yaya Toure, 33, will consider signing a pre-contract deal with another European club in January after being left out of Manchester City's Champions League squad. (*Independent*)

● Real Madrid's France defender Raphael Varane, 23, has revealed he turned down a transfer to Manchester United this summer. (*Canal+ via Talksport*)

● Chelsea, Paris St-Germain and Inter Milan want to sign Benfica's Sweden defender Victor Lindelof, 22, in January. (*Football Italia*)

● AC Milan will give Italy international goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma, 17, a new contract to repel interest from Manchester United, Chelsea and Real Madrid. (*Sporting Mediaset - in Italian*)



● Everton's Belgium striker Romelu Lukaku, 23, turned down Italian champions Juventus to stay at Goodison Park during the summer transfer window. (*Het Newsblad - in Flemish*)

● Meanwhile, the Toffees are set to offer midfielder Ross Barkley, 22 a new long-term deal. (*Daily Mail*)

● Barcelona legend Xavi believes Leicester's Algeria forward Riyad Mahrez, 25, is good enough to play for the Spanish giants. (*Daily Mirror*)

● Portugal international Jose Fonte, 32, says he remains committed to Southampton. Manchester United tried to sign the defender in the summer. (*Daily Mirror*)

● Liverpool forward Sadio Mane, 24, will be fit for Saturday's Premier League match against Leicester despite getting injured on international duty. (*Sun*)

● Agent Mino Raiola, who works with new Manchester United signings Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Paul Pogba among others, says a player will soon be transferred for £200m. (*Talksport*)

● Barcelona forward Lionel Messi, 29, has been told to "lighten his training load" because of a hamstring injury. (*Barcelona's website*)

● Manchester City loanee Jason Denayer, 21, is in line for his first start for Sunderland in Tuesday's Checktrade Trophy game against Rochdale, while midfielder Jan Kirchhoff, 25, is set to return from injury in the game. (*Sunderland Echo*)

● Leicester manager Claudio Ranieri has approached Eduardo Macia to replace former head of recruitment Steve Walsh, who joined Everton in July. (*Daily Telegraph*)

● Sheffield Wednesday are set to sign former Netherlands left-back Urby Emanuelson, 30. (*The Star*)



CAS, AFFILIATES DONATE 16 TANKS TO SHISELWENI

By Sabelo Majola

CYCLING - THE Cycling Association of Swaziland (CAS) in collaboration with its partners, Total Swaziland, Kukhanya and Eclipse have donated 16 water tanks at Shiselweni.

The association is helping government with the water relief programme and their target area was Shiselweni.

CAS president Mandla Simelane said they collaborated with their affiliates, who sponsored the Shiselweni races and they used proceeds from the races to buy the tanks.

Total sponsors the Total National Road championships held at Nhlangano, while Kukhanya sponsors the



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Kukhanya Shiselweni Road Classic race that is held at Lavumisa.

Meeting

The association met with Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini on Monday at Mavuso Trade Centre during the official closing of the Swaziland International Trade

Fair to engage the head of government on the initiative.

"We have bought 16 tanks, which are already at Nhlangano waiting to be disseminated to different areas in the region and that would be the responsibility of the Regional Administrator.

We thought it would be good

for us to assist government in fighting the current drought situation that has seriously hit the country."

The association and its affiliates have been involved in many charity programmes that have changed people's lives for the better.

'Buy Cash' pumps in E35 000 for Piggs Peak Regional League

By Sanele Jele

SOCCER - MINISTER of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Jabulani 'Buy Cash' Mabuza has pumped in E35 000 for the Piggs Peak Hhohho Regional League.

This was during the launch of sponsorship at 'Buy Cash' offices in Piggs Peak on Sunday.

The sponsorship shows an increment of E5 000 from last year's package.

The launch was attended by the minister, teams and other football stakeholders.

Speaking during the launch, the minister said he was happy to partner with the Piggs Peaks Regional League.

The 'marriage' has been going on for the past five years.

"It is all about unearthing new talent and developing football at the grassroots level.

Future

These are our future national team players. It has been good so far and we plead for the teams' cooperation throughout the season," said Mabuza.

Northern Regional Hhohho League Chairman Richard Magongo thanked the minister

for the continued support.

"We appreciate what the Minister has been doing for the past five years and we would like to assure him that we will run the league professionally. This I say because the teams will be enrolling for NFAS sponsored courses based on the new laws of the games and other administrative courses.

Courses

These courses will enhance our league and make it more competitive.

We urge the teams' officials to attend these courses without fail," said Magongo.



SPONSOR: Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Jabulani 'Buy Cash' Mabuza.

Chess team off to slow start in World Chess Olympiad

By Sanele Jele

CHESS - THE local chess team seems to be struggling to make an impact in the World Chess Olympiad held in Baku, Azerbaijan, as they got off to a rough start.

The first round saw the local side losing 0-4 to South Africa as they also lost the second round to Honduras with the same score margin.

The going is tough for the Thobela Mhone captained team as they have yet to taste victory.

Their poor run continued in the third round as they again lost 0-4 to the Bahamas.

Interviewed yesterday, one of the senior players, Lunga Mavuso, said the competition was high as all the teams were higher ranked than them.

"We are hoping to play well against the Maldives, the past three games have been the toughest for us. This is a learning curve for the team because in every game we learn new tricks," he said.

The 42nd World Chess Olympiad games started on September 1 and will run until the 14th.

More than 180 teams are taking part in the open section, and more than 140 teams are battling it out in the women's section.

Favorites for the open tournament include the likes of Russia, USA, China, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, France and Poland.

In the women's section, are China, Russia, Ukraine, Georgia, India, USA and Hungary.

Both tournaments are played according to the Swiss system of 11 rounds. The winners are deter-



The results:

South Africa (RSA)	4	Swaziland (SWZ)	0
Swaziland (SWZ)	0	Honduras (HON)	4
Bahamas (BAH)	4	Swaziland (SWZ)	0

Playing today

Swaziland (SWZ)	Maldives (MDV)
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mined by the number of match points scored. There are four

main and one reserve participants in each team.

Sihlangu back home, FA happy with performance

Stories by Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - THE National Football Association of Swaziland has commended Sihlangu for their effort in the recently ended AFCON 2017 qualifiers.

FA CEO Frederick Mngomezulu said the nation's pride did put up a good fight in the competition, despite failing to qualify for the finals of the 2017 AFCON.

This was said during a media



SPEAKS OUT: Sihlangu Head Coach Harries Bulunga.

briefing held at the Technical Centre on Monday, upon the squad's return from Malawi. "We would like to thank the players for their hard work throughout the qualifiers, even though we didn't make it through to the finals, to be held in Gabon.

Your efforts have not gone unnoticed, since June last year, where the journey started. You should not blame yourself for what has happened by focusing on future competitions," he said.

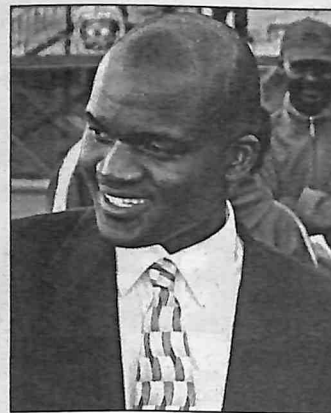
He said the players should keep their heads up as they tried

their best. Mngomezulu further thanked the government, stakeholders and the entire team for their support during the qualifiers.

"We are happy that the team travelled well and returned home healthy and safe."

Meanwhile, AS Vita striker, Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo, sneaked out of the country on Monday night to join the Congolese giants.

Sihlangu will now shift its focus to next year's COSAFA Cup and the 2019 CHAN qualifiers.



HAPPY: FA CEO Frederick Mngomezulu.

'D4D' a missing link – 'Madze'

SOCCER - SIHLANGU Head Coach Harries 'Madze' Bulunga has noted that suspended midfielder Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu was a missing link, in the belly of the park, in their 0-1 loss to Malawi on Sunday.

Even though stating that all the players were important in the team, Bulunga said Ndlovu had been the mainstay for the squad for the past 15 matches.

"We hugely missed 'D4D', who has been a vital cog in the midfield. We tried our best

despite conceding an early goal, as we piled pressure on them but we couldn't score the needed goals.

The players fought throughout the match but we ended up losing."

Focus

He said losing the match was a bitter pill to Swallows but would try and focus on other tournaments.

"The pitch was bumpy but we tried our best to familiarise ourselves with it unfortunately we were unsuccessful," he said.

Bulunga further said they would do a postmortem and map a way forward.

Team squad captain Tony 'TT' Tsabedze said the AFCON qualifiers were a good learning experience for the team.

"It was good exposure for us playing in the AFCON qualifiers where we learned a lot of things. Stage fright somehow affected us ahead of the Malawi match due to its magnitude. We, however, settled in well during the course of the match, but unfortunately we lost," he said.

FAM HINTS OF PERMANENT ROLE FOR RAMADHAN

By Sanele Jele

SOCCER - THE Football Association of Malawi (FAM) has given a hint to hire Burundian Nswazirimo Ramadhan as national football team coach on permanent basis, to replace the country's soccer legend Ernest Mtawali.

FAM General Secretary Suzgo Nyirenda disclosed that the body's technical committee would meet to assess his performance.

But Nyirenda seems to be satisfied with the hard fought 1-0 win over Swaziland on Sunday, under

the tutelage of the former Bullets coach.

"The technical sub-committee would meet to see who will be recruited as national team coach. But having won, they have an advantage for him to be recommended for the position. But I can't say that he has the job."

Ramadhan himself confessed, warming up to the job saying he has what it takes to handle the hot seat. He is also a fan favourite and the victory-starved supporters showered him support, carrying placards saying "Ramadhan the tactician, we believe in you."

It will also be cost effective, as the government of Malawi has put

its foot down not to engage an expatriate coach, as Ramadhan works with conditions suited for local. Getting a monthly salary of about US\$30,000 is still a better deal than the five times less what he used to earn at Malawi flagship league champions Nyasa Bullets.

Ramadhan took charge of the team against Swaziland on Sunday at Kamuzu Stadium after the dismissal of Mtawali as head coach. Malawi scrapped a 1-0 deserved win through a Gerald Phiri 8th minute free kick, which ensured the Flames their first win in nine Africa Cup of Nations qualifying games.

"I would like to thank the govern-

ment of Malawi, Football Association for offering me this chance," he said.

He also commended the supporters for turning out in large numbers to watch the formality match, regardless of the outcome it would not have had any impact on the teams chance to qualify.

His undertone also showed that he underrated his predecessor Mtawali who was his boss.

The Burundian said he was delighted to see that the same players, used in the campaign had delivered on his future, the former Bullets coach who is fluent in Malawi's national local language said it was not for him to decide.

Kingsley fails to impress at Black Leopards

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - MATSAPHA United winger Kingsley Makghatho has failed to impress South African National First Division side Black Leopards, where he attended trials two weeks ago.

The ex-Mbabane Highlanders player failed to impress the Jairos Tapera-led technical bench, after training with the Venda based side with the hope of winning a contract.

Black Leopards Chief Executive Officer, Kenneth Makhanya, confirmed the latest development when quizzed about the matter.

"Kingsley came two weeks ago to attend trials but he was not successful," he said.

Meanwhile, his Matsapha United counterpart Celucolo 'Dino' Dlamini said he was yet to get a briefing on the player when sought for comment.

"International transfers are handled by the board of directors, who are yet to give me feedback over the player's trials," he said.

Makghatho had previously tried his luck with ABSA Premiership rookies Baroka FC, where he also failed to win a contract.

He is the fourth local based player to try his luck at Leopards after the likes of Justice Figureito, Mlamuli 'Mlaba' Nkambule and Phinda 'Phindix' Dlamini, who spent the pre-season with the David Thidiela owned side during their training camp held in the country in July. Makghatho is expected to make his debut for the star-studded Matsapha United, together with Congolese playmaker Michael Dombo in their next league match this weekend.

Togo, Uganda finish as best runners-up

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - THE two best runner-up spots, that Sihlangu was hoping to feature in, as their gateway to Gabon AFCON finals were handed to Togo and Uganda.

Swaziland lost 0-1 to Malawi on Sunday, a result that shattered the dream of qualifying, for the first time, to participate in

the Africa Cup of Nations. Togo thrashed minnows Djibouti 5-0, to finish second in Group A, with 11 points and secure qualification ahead of Benin, who they were level on points with but had a better goal difference.

This is Togo's first qualification to the AFCON, since 2013, when they reached the quarterfinals.

Uganda took the other spot

after triumphing 1-0 over Comoros to qualify for Gabon for the first time since 1978.

Their last appearance ended in a runners-up spot when they lost to Ghana in the final.

Zimbabwe, who lost 0-1 to Guinea on Sunday, had already booked their place for Gabon before their last match.

They finished at the top of Group L with 11 points, ahead of Sihlangu, who finished sec-

ond with eight points.

Guinea-Bissau will be the only newcomer at next year's finals, whilst Senegal was the only team to have won all six matches. Other countries who qualified include Burkina Faso, Cameroon and Senegal.

The 16 countries for AFCON 2017 in Gabon:

Algeria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, DR Congo, Egypt, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Morocco, Senegal, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

Mabila co-opted into PLS executive

By Sanele Jele

SOCCER – FORMER Manzini Wanderers Managing Director, Mduduzi 'Tsotsi' Mabila, has retained his position after he was co-opted into the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) executive committee.

It is said that the co-option is awaiting approval from the PLS chairman Victor Gamedze.

A reliable source yesterday revealed that Mabila was co-opted by the executive.

"Mabila has been co-opted as PLS executive member and this means he is retaining his previous position in the committee. He was co-opted by the executive and they have been waiting for the chairman to approve it," said the source.

Committee

Contacted for comment, PLS Chairman Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze confirmed that Mabila had been co-opted into the executive committee.

At first he was not in a position to comment as he said they wanted to advise the clubs first.

"Where did you get that? We are still communicating with the clubs and then you can call me tomorrow (today)," Gamedze said.

He later said it was true that Mabila had been co-opted to the PLS executive committee.

"Mabila has been co-opted into the executive because we believe he brings a wealth of experience and expertise into the executive. We came to this decision after considering that he previously served in the same role in the PLS."

Gamedze said Mabila would be the only one to fill the vacant positions in the executive.

"Mabila fully supports the vision of the PLS executive and also carries his duties diligently. We saw it proper to co-opt him."

He said they were currently communicating this development to teams.

Experience

"I am sure his wealth of experience will come in handy as we seek to grow the PLS brand and we are happy that he has agreed to come on board."

Mabila has served in successive PLS executives. He has been widely regarded as a far stronger candidate with better credentials for the position.

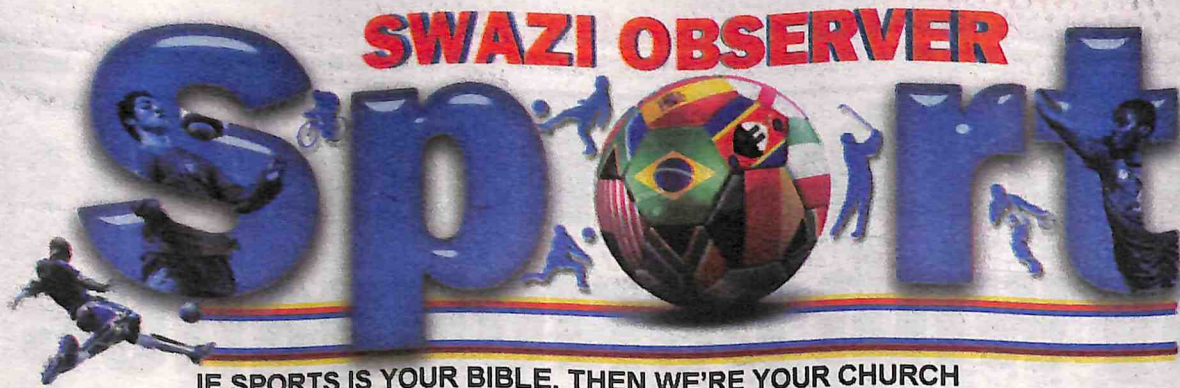
Sought for comment, Mabila thanked the PLS for putting its trust in him.

"I commit myself to putting the interests of football first, strengthening its governance and promoting further development of inclusion in football," he said briefly.

Meanwhile, the new PLS executive cruised through, after elected unopposed, during the AGM. Those elected into the positions were Chairman Victor Gamedze, Peter Touch Magagula, Sicelo Mkhonta and Manzini Sundowns Chairman Mark Carmichael.

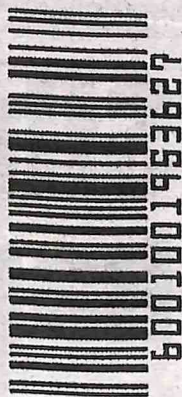
The executive Committee:

Victor Gamedze (Chairman)
Sicelo Mkhonta
Mark Carmichael
Peter Magagula
Mduduzi Mabila



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CASTLE CHALLENGE SEMI-FINALS SECOND LEG THIS WEEKEND

By Sanele Jele

SOCCER – THE Castle Premier Challenge semi-finals second legs will be played this weekend at Somhlolo National Stadium, likely on Saturday and Sunday.

Capital city giants Mbabane Highlanders and Mbabane Swallows will lock horns in yet another Mbabane derby on Sunday, while Royal Leopard have a date with Young Buffaloes on Saturday, according to a fixture released by the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS).

The two Mbabane teams, the 'Beautiful Birds' and the 'Black Bull', played to a 1-1 draw in the first leg of the semi-finals.

Swallows scored first in the second half, through Congolese player, Papi Tsitsimbi, who scored a stunning goal from a tight angle, from the right flank. His shot went past Sidumo Vilakati, much to the delight of throngs of 'Birds' fans.

Landers responded through defender Baimba Kamara, who connected with Sibandze's corner kick, heading it home to beat Sandile 'Nkomishi' Ginindza; a goal that sparked debate throughout the match as the match, officials made contradicting decisions, with the Swallows faithful stating that the ball did not cross the goal line.

The goal, however, put the

- Games will be played on Saturday and Sunday
- Full fixture to be released today

FIXTURE:

Saturday:		
Royal Leopard	vs	Young Buffaloes
Sunday:		
Mbabane Highlanders	vs	Mbabane Swallows

black and white ensemble at an advantage, as it is an away goal for the side.

Counterparts

Police side Royal Leopard also have 'one foot in it' after beating army counterparts Young Buffaloes 1-0.

The blue and white ensemble who are now one match away

from their second consecutive final, grabbed the advantage, through a Barry Steenkamp header in the first half of the gruelling affair.

The former Sihlangu star connected with a timely header, a Lungelo Tsabedze corner kick shot 20 minutes into the game.

The lukewarm encounter



between the security forces was physical as both teams resorted to less entertaining football for more than 2 000 fans that watched the match. 'Birds' entered this stage after eliminating Midas City 3-1 in the first round of the Castle Premier Challenge to qualify for the semi-final, while police side Royal Leopard purged Manzini Sundowns 2-1. Confirming the latest development was The MC Chairman Peter 'Touch' Magagula.

"On Saturday, Royal Leopard take on Young Buffaloes in a return leg at Somhlolo National Stadium. On Sunday we will have the Mbabane derby where Mbabane Highlanders will welcome Mbabane Swallows at the same venue."

One can only hope that this decision to move one of the semi-finals to Saturday and the other on Sunday was necessitated by the fact that the teams end up fighting for the dressing rooms during the double headers.

We saw teams' official come near to blows over the dressing rooms during the SPTC Charity Cup and again in the quarter-finals of the Castle Premier Challenge.

This move by the PLS will discourage a repeat of that as only two teams will play of Saturday and Sunday, which mean there will be no 'circus' fighting over dressing rooms.

Stuart Baxter blasts SFCA

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - SUPERSPORT United and former Kaizer Chiefs mentor Stuart Baxter has blasted the Swaziland Football Coaches Association (SFCA), following the cancellation of the seminar which was scheduled for the past weekend at the National Football Association of Swaziland Technical Centre.

In a press statement sent to this publication, the English-born mentor expressed his disappointment in the Anthony Mdluli-led executive, saying they lacked professionalism

during the negotiations of the three-day seminar, which was called off last Friday.

"I was prepared to help Swazi football to grow and compete with the rest of the world, but the executive led by the Chairman let us down.

The services were free, under the leadership of Mdluli and I won't come until they leave office," reads part of the statement.

He said he would not honour future invitation under the current executive.

Sought for comment, SFCA Secretary Aaron 'Katalala'

Mavimbela denied that Baxter was going to offer free services to local coaches.

"I cannot agree with Baxter saying he was going to come here for free as his local representative told us to pay E11 200 for his expenses. Unfortunately, we couldn't raise that amount on time since we are still working on our membership registration process. It was impossible for us to raise the money from nowhere," he said.

When asked about Baxter's statement that he would not honour invitation of the current executive, Mavimbela said they were open to seek other international experts when necessary.

"We are not puzzled by his statement because we can go for other

international coaches from other countries. If we want to organise other seminars, we can always engage our members for recommendations," he said.

A source close to matter also revealed that two local business people had pledged to assist the association and cater for some costs of the seminar.

"There were two individuals (names deliberately withheld), who offered to cater for Baxter's accommodation costs but the issue was not handled well by the negotiating parties," the source said.

Baxter won the two ABSA Premierships with Kaizer Chiefs and recently won the 2016 Nedbank Cup with his current side SuperSport United.