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TEARS AT SIBAYA

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Five teachers assault, bundle pupil in car boot

...they accused her of stealing E70 belonging to the deputy principal

Stories by Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

TEACHERS at Loyiwe Primary are said to have done the unthinkable when they assaulted a 14-year-old schoolgirl and further bundled her into a car boot after suspecting her of stealing E70 belonging to the deputy principal.

The incident which has left parents fuming is said to have happened last Tuesday while the school principal was away.

Five teachers are said to have ganged up and assaulted the Grade VII pupil with open hands, sticks and broken chairs.

The inhumane assault came after a report that a sum of E70 had been stolen from a handbag belonging to the deputy principal. It was alleged that the money disappeared after about 17 Grade VII pupils had entered into an office, where the handbag was kept. Apparently, the pupils had gone to the office to collect some text books and mathematics instruments.

The 17 pupils therefore became the prime suspects in the theft.

The teachers are said to have first gone to the suspected class and started beating all the pupils who had gone to the office. However, none of the pupils admitted to the theft. This was around 9am.

According to a source close to the matter, the pupil, *Angel was then singled out a few minutes later and accused of being responsible for the disappearance of the money.

Teachers

She was taken to one of the offices where the teachers took turns in assaulting her with sticks and open hands.

It is alleged that the teachers further banged the pupil against desks as they tried to force her to admit to the crime. However, the pupil who was reduced to a punching bag did not admit to stealing the money as she insisted that she did not even see the said handbag. When asked by this reporter during an interview, Angel disclosed that the teachers went on and held her upside-down while continuing with the

assault. She said one of the teachers further bundled her into the boot of his car and drove around the school. This was until one of the teachers briefly came back to his senses and stopped his colleagues from continuing with the assault.

Confirmed

The pupil's grandmother, Mariette Myeni also confirmed the traumatic incident, adding that the child sustained serious injuries from the assault. She stated that the child also started menstruating for the first time in her life after the assault.

Myeni said she has already reported the matter to the police.

When sought for comment, school Principal Simangele Nxumalo confirmed the matter but said it was still under investigations. Nxumalo said they were yet to engage the implicated teachers in a discussion about the incident with the school committee.

She said she was yet to report the matter to the Regional Education Office. "It is true that we had this unfortunate incident on Tuesday, and the administration is yet to engage the implicated teachers," said Nxumalo.

PARENTS THREATEN TO ATTACK TEACHERS

FUMING residents of Magwanyana, an area where Loyiwe Primary School is located, have threatened to attack the teachers who are said to have assaulted a Grade VII pupil.

The residents, whose children also attend the same school, allege that the school has already had too many cases of abusing children since the beginning of the year.

Some of the residents have alleged that on numerous occasions they had to approach the principal concerning the conduct of the teachers.

They say, however, more cases of abuse of children continue unabated at the school.

A similar incident was reported last term whereby a female teacher was said to have slapped a Grade VI pupil several times and further called her names after

accusing her of chewing gum during choral practice.

This is the same school where pupils were recently reported to be fed with boiled maize (*emancobo*) early this term.

Incident

In the recent incident where five teachers are alleged to have assaulted a Grade VII pupil for stealing E70 belonging to the deputy principal, it has been claimed that the teachers were drunk when they committed the offence.

It is said the teachers had imbibed in alcohol as early as 9am as the principal was away.

The parents also allege that the principal is usually not at work.

"We will be visiting the abusive teachers anytime from now as it is evident that the principal is failing to control them," said one of the angry parents.

...implicated teacher attempts suicide

ONE of the five teachers at Loyiwe Primary implicated in the shocking incident is reported to have attempted suicide after the incident.

The teacher is said attempted suicide by taking an undisclosed number of weevil tablets yesterday morning while at the teachers' quarters.

Presumably, this was after the teacher looked at the possibility of losing his job if he could eventually be found guilty of abusing the child.

Other teachers had to break into his house after he had locked himself in and was heard groaning in pain after taking the tablets. Police and paramedics were called to the scene, and the teacher was rushed to hospital.

According to sources close to the matter, the incident was reported to the police but they only visited the child the following day to record statements.

It was alleged that the teachers were drunk when committing the unthinkable offence abusing.

Zion Bishop, Jericho Priest fight over corpse

Stories by Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

CONGREGANTS and members of the community were left shell-shocked when a renowned bishop of a Zionist church manhandled a Jericho priest in a fight over a funeral service at Malindza.

Bishop Simanga David Mthlane of Inkazimulo Church in Zion is alleged to have manhandled Pastor Moses Mbhamali in full view of their followers and mourners.

The incident which adds to a number of other shameful occurrences in the Christian fraternity took place last weekend.

Mthlane is said to have further threatened to kill Mbhamali as they argued over who should lead a funeral service of a member of the community who is said to have been a member of Mbhamali's church.

Mthlane has over 10 church branches across the country while Mbhamali is a leader of a Jericho church at Lonhlopheko.

Mbhamali has since taken the bishop to court after reporting him to the police for death threats and assault. The two men of God appeared before Court President Ndondlo Tsabedze last week.

When the charge sheet was read to him, Mthlane pleaded not guilty to the charge. When presenting his evidence in chief, Mbhamali told the court how the bishop manhandled him at the cemetery in the presence of shocked mourners.

This was just after the burial of a member of Mbhamali's church. Apparently, Mbhamali said he had to come to the homestead with the intention to officiate in the funeral service by virtue of being the spiritual father of the deceased. He said, however, he opted to take a break to rest in his car while the vigil service was in progress as he felt tired and sleepy.

Upon his return to the tent a few hours later, with the intent to start the morning service before proceeding to the cemetery,

...mourners left shell-shocked as the two men of God manhandle each other over who should officiate in a funeral

Mbhamali said he was shocked to find that Mthlane had already taken charge of the service.

He said the accused had already taken the coffin to the exit point of the tent, already leading the mourners to the cemetery.

Mbhamali alleged that it was upon this moment that a misunderstanding between the two men of God started. At the cemetery, he claimed the burial continued while both leaders simultaneously issued orders to the mourners.

Threatening

Mbhamali alleged that after the burial, the bishop came straight to him and manhandled him while also threatening to kill him.

"Wangibamba ngetinkonzo esifubeni wangibuta kutsi ngiyamati yini yena kahle. Waphindze wafaka lesinye sanalla ekhikhini atsembisa kukhokha silamato atsi utongibulala khona nyalo," said Mbhamali during his evidence.

This translates to: "He grabbed me by the gowns on the chest and asked if I knew him well. He also put one of his hands in the pockets, threatening to withdraw a weapon which he said he would use to kill me".

When asked by the court if he had witnesses to assist him prove the assault, Mbhamali said he had almost all the mourners as his witnesses. Unfortunately, only one attended the hearing and was already inside the court when the matter was proceeding.

The court ruled that his evidence could not be admissible because he had already heard the contents of the matter.

The matter was then postponed to tomorrow where the complainant is expected to bring to court some of his witnesses.

...Bishop says Jericho Priest 'stole' his wife

BISHOP Simanga David Mthlane, who is being accused of assaulting Jericho Priest Moses Mbhamali over who should officiate in a funeral service of a church member, gave a different version of what actually caused the misunderstanding between the men of God.

Mthlane said his misunderstanding with Mbhamali was as a result of an alleged illicit love relationship between the complainant and his (Mthlane) wife. The bishop said this when he was given time to cross-examine the complainant before court.

Without denying that he manhandled the complainant, Mthlane alleged that the com-

plainant 'stole' his wife a few months ago and she had never returned to their matrimonial home since then.

Mthlane alleged that he only blocked the complainant's way and questioned him about the said relationship with his wife.

Occasions

On numerous occasions, the court directed Mthlane to talk about the alleged assault which he is accused of and refrain from bringing up issues which happened months ago.

Mthlane eventually opted to stop cross-examining the complainant as he insisted that their misunderstanding was over a woman and not the incident about who should officiate in the burial of a church member.

By Nozipho Sibiyi
Mbabane

AFTER a warm weekend, temperatures are expected to drop slightly his week becoming mild to warm in the lowveld throughout the week, the meteorology department has predicted.

According to forecasters, temperatures will be mild to warm while chances of rain remain low.

Mbabane's maximum

Temperatures to drop slightly this week

Today it will be sunny, fine and mild but warm becoming partly cloudy with cloudy intervals over the eastern part.

Mbabane	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big Bend
11/18	12/19	12/21	13/20	14/23	15/24

Tomorrow there will be morning fog patches, otherwise partly becoming fine and mild but warm in the Lowveld.

6/19	7/20	8/22	9/21	8/24	7/25
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On Wednesday, it will be fine and mild warm in the Lowveld.

5/20	6/21	7/23	8/22	7/25	6/26
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While on Thursday, there will be morning frost at places, otherwise sunny and mild but warm in the Highveld.

3/21	4/22	5/24	6/23	5/26	4/27
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temperatures as of today to Thursday would be 18, 19, 20 and 21 degrees respec-

tively. People should expect a cloudy and mild to warm weather from

today till Thursday with a few afternoon drizzles expected at places.

TEARS AT SIBAYA

...as a woman relays painful and heartbreaking ordeal of an uncle who forged a death certificate for her ailing mother to claim an estate and later raped her younger sister who is living with disability.

Stories by Gugu Simelane
Ludzidzini

HALF of the women at Sibaya were left in tears on Saturday after a young woman from Shiselweni relayed a painful and heartbreaking ordeal affecting her family to His Majesty King Mswati III and a crowd of about 5 000 people.

The young woman said His Majesty was her last hope in sorting out the problem she is currently facing with her family.

"*Namuhla ngitokhipha tibi tendlu la Sibayeni, hhayi ngobe ngitsandza kepha sengehulekile kusitakala*", which can loosely be translated to: "Today, I am here to hang my family's dirty laundry to the King and people's at the people's parliament, not because I enjoy it but because I have tried other forums but have failed."

The young woman from Shiselweni, under Chief Mavundla, relayed her sob story until she could not hold emotions and broke down. The sombreness of her plight sent half of the women at Sibaya into tears as they related to the painful incident. Mandisa* disclosed that her uncle, who is a principal in one of the high schools in Shiselweni, has violated her family in every way possible.

Mandisa sent shockwaves within the Sibaya by naming her uncle in front of the King.

"I am here to report to His Majesty that my uncle forged a death certificate for my ailing mother and took all her estate while she is still alive. I have all the proof

COVER STORY



IN TEARS: The woman who appealed for the King's help in a family matter.

that he has made withdrawals of large amounts of monies, but not even a cent from that money has benefitted my mother, me, or my younger sister," she said. Mandisa further said her uncle did not only fraudulently acquire her mother's estate, but went on to rape her younger sister who is living with disability. She said she reported the matter to the police in the region Shiselweni region, but was referred to Mafutseni Police Station.

She went to Mafutseni Police Station with hope that her fraudster and rapist uncle would be charged and arrested for his crime, but was disappointed when the police treated her with disdain. "The Mafutseni police kicked me out, saying I was mad and 'ngises'stejini' (puberty stage)," she said.

Mandisa further said the Swazi Observer tried helping her, by publishing an article concerning her family's plight, but no one came forth to help her. "Your Majesty, my King you are my only hope now, which is why I came here. My family has suffered long enough, in the hands of my wicked uncle. I know now that I have come to you, all will be well," she said.

Mandisa further revealed that her mother is terminally ill, with a wound that is covered by worms. She said driven by the hope that once she reveals her plight to the King, her problems would be solved, she risked everything by locking her ailing mother back home for two days so she could go to Sibaya and report the matter. "I am currently accommodated in Manzini for the last two days so I could be amongst the first in the queue to get a chance to speak," she said, while sobbing. Mandisa left the platform and went back, where she was sitting still sobbing. A number of women were seen going to where Mandisa was sitting to comfort her. By then, a number of women inside the cattle byre were already crying. Ludzidzini Governor Timothy Velabo TV Mtetwa then issued a warning against women weeping at the cattle byre.

"*Akulaleleke bakaNgwane naku lokungakatayeleki, akukhalwa lasibayeni. Azange sekuke kwenteke nalaba labahlaba inyandzaleyo lapha esibayeni. Umuntfu usuke asuka lena laphetfwe khona, abengakhali ngani khona atokhala lana? Nemagama ebanfu labese ayagagulwa lana, akwentiwa loko*", he said.

NB: *Not her real name

King not 'Inkhosi' but 'Ingwenyama' - TV

LUDZIDZINI Governor Timothy TV Mtetwa had a hard time correcting speakers who were making their submissions who kept referring to His Majesty the King as 'Inkhosi' instead of 'Ingwenyama'.

This was during the third day of the ongoing people's parliament that was held in Saturday.

"*Mbangazitha akasiyo 'Inkhosi' kepha YiNgwenyama*," said Mtetwa. Though Mtetwa kept correcting a number of speakers on the correct way to address His Majesty the King, it became apparent that some of them were used to referring to the King as 'Inkhosi' as they kept faulting back to the word. However, this



HAVING A HARD TIME: Ludzidzini Governor Timothy TV Mtetwa.

did not deter Mtetwa from interrupting and correcting them all over again.

Free treatment for people with disabilities

MBUYISENI Mtsetfwa asked for His Majesty King Mswati III to pass a law that allows people living with disabilities to be treated free of charge in health facilities.

Mtsetfwa said they asked for the same treatment that the elderly were currently receiving.

He said as the elderly were not employed, so were most people with disabilities. "We do not have money to go hospitals to receive the appropriate medical attention we deserve, so we are asking you, Your Majesty, to consider passing a law that will favour us as your people," he said.

MPs use us to get vote - Bagcugcuteli

MEMBERS of Parliament (MPs) have been accused of using 'bagcugcuteli' to gain votes.

Community health motivators said they now see through the MPs. Jabulisa Dlamini, from Mbabane East, said they worked tooth and nail and were not compensated for their efforts.

She said, as community workers of Mbabane East, they worked so hard even in the establishment of

a clientele for the Baylor Clinic in Mbabane, but they had nothing to show for it as they were only compensated with E20.

Other speakers decried that MPs were only vibrant in the communities before being voted to Parliament, but once they had won the votes they disappeared to the cities and never come back to help in developing the communities that voted them until the next elections.

Review criminal record law

PHINDILE Dlamini of Ngonini has asked the His Majesty King Mswati III to look into the criminal records law.

Dlamini said Swazis were being punished twice as they served their jail sentence, as well as become redundant, as they cannot find any employment once released from jail. She said she has a son who accidentally went to prison after being misled by friends into crime and had since served time in prison, but cannot be employed by any company because before employment they require a criminal record report commonly known as 'fingerprints records'. "Even if he looks for a job in the security guards industry he is turned back just because of his past criminal charge. He committed a minor crime, but now he is paying for it dearly because he cannot even be employed," she said. Dlamini said the only employment that her son can now acquire is being a shop assistant in the shops, owned by Asian nationals, only because they do not require the criminal record report.

TUCOSWA TURNS OTHER COUNTRIES AGAINST SD

THE Trade Unions Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) has been accused of lobbying workers' representatives from other countries to vote against Swaziland being removed from the Special Paragraph in Geneva, Switzerland in June this year.

David Millin, Legal Advisor to the Kings' Office, said when the Swazi team arrived there they could not believe it when TUCOSWA started lobbying other workers' representative to be against Swaziland's removal under the Special Paragraph. This caught the attention of Sibaya who were first against Millin's submissions, because he was carrying a folder and they suspected that he would bore them with speeches, as the ministers

had done. All lot of people seemed shocked at what Millin submitted concerning TUCOSWA lobbying for the country to remain under the Special Paragraph. Millin described TUCOSWA as an unpleasant organisation, saying they were not concerned with the consequence of being placed under the Special Paragraph.

"Being placed under the Special Paragraph means that a lot of investors will shy away from Swaziland, as it is viewed as a country that is infringing its workers' rights," he said.

Millin said he was happy that the International Labour Organisation (ILO) had removed the country from the Special Paragraph, despite TUCOSWA's intentions.

Lidlelantfongeni must be used as surety in banks

A number of people employed in the security guards industry and construction sector want banks to accept their provident fund "Lidlelantfongeni" as surety when

seeking loans.

Qedigugu Zwane, who is in the construction industry, said it would be great to have banks accept the provident fund as surety when they seek for loans.

"This is money that the bank can take as surety, we do not earn much and getting bank loans is scarce as a labourer in the construction industry, yet we all have the provident fund," he said.

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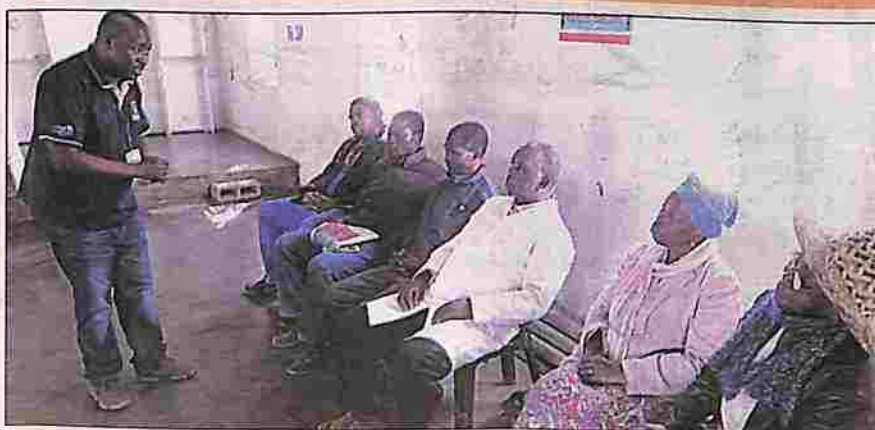
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GOOD LUCK: Elections and Boundaries Commission Commissioner Ncumbi Maziya in a conversation with MP Nominees for the Nkhamba Inkhundla. This was during the Primary By-Elections voting at Jubukweni yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



MY VOTE COUNTS: Sibonangaye Mthupha voting for his preferred candidate.



DECISION TIME: Voters looking for their favourite candidates before casting their votes.



PRIMARY BY-ELECTIONS

MANZINI



MY VOTE: Voters casting their votes during the Manzini Primary By-Elections yesterday. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)



NCEDZA MNTFWANAMI: This man was captured being assisted with his voting papers.



NEVER TOO OLD TO VOTE: George Lukhele casting his vote during the Ludzeludze Indvuna YeNkhundla Primary By-Elections.

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PRIMARY BY-ELECTIONS

MDZIMBA



NOMINEES: The nominees Themba Magagula, Thobile Khumalo, Themba Dlamini and Samuel Mamba monitoring the voting process.



PLEASE CHECK: One of the voters checking for his name on the voter's roll.

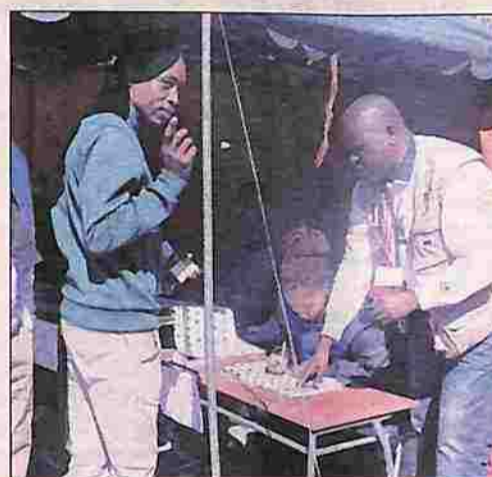


MAINTAINING ORDER: Presiding Officer Petros Zwane ensuring that all was in order.

NKHABA, MALANTI, LUVINJELWENI



QUEUEING: Voters in line to elect their candidates during the Primary By-Elections held yesterday at Old Nkhaba Inkhundla Centre (Pics: Mbono Mdluli)



ASSISTING: EBC Commissioner Ncumbi Maziya (R) assisting a voter at Mnyokane Primary School.



IT'S IN: Election Candidate Sabelo Margin Dlamini casting his vote.



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO MEMBERSHIP OF SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

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In Swaziland the first SOS Children's Village was built in Sidwashini, Mbabane in 1989. It is after the model for the world-wide implementation of Hermann Gmeiner's (Founder) concept which has grown into several different programmes and approaches to ensure the holistic development of disadvantaged children in a caring family. Hermann Gmeiner's concept is based on four principles: Mother (each child has a caring parent), Brothers and Sisters (family ties grows naturally), House (each family creates its own home), and Village (the SOS family is a part of community).

Our vision is: "Every child belongs to a family and grows with love, respect and security". To bring this vision to life, we invite individuals to become Members of SOS Children's Villages Swaziland. Interested individuals may obtain further information from the National Director, Ms. Dudu Dlamini. Email address: dudu.dlamini@sos.org.sz

Expression of interest must be sent to the address below or email above within the month of August, 2016.

The Chairperson
Dr. Irma Allen
P.O. Box 4657
Mbabane H100
Swaziland.

A loving home for every child



Swaziland Railway Conference

Theme:

Transformation of the Local Railway Sector to Achieve Economic Growth

Objectives:

- Sharing of the initiatives that have been or will be undertaken to enhance economic growth.
- Providing information on business opportunities available in the railway value chain
- Exchange of experience and presentation of good practices in relation to measures aimed at further improving efficiency, safety and security on the railway locally and in the region
- Bringing together all railway stakeholders and creating a network among players and exchange of best pragmatic examples.

Venue: Royal Villas

Date: 17th – 18th August 2016

There will be a keynote speaker of international stature from regional stakeholders

RSVP and Payment:

A participation fee of E300.00 to cater for all stationery and refreshments is payable on registration prior or on the first day of the conference. To Register and pay please Contact Elsie Ntombela and Gertie Dlamini on 2404 2486 or email Elsie.Ntombela@swazirail.co.sz or Gertie.Dlamini@swazirail.co.sz



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Voters snub Primary by-elections for Charity Cup

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

NOMINEES of the Primary by-elections were left sweating after the electorate snubbed going to the polls yesterday and instead attended the Swazi Telecom Charity Cup tournament at Somhlolo National Stadium.

Nominees for Ludzeldudze Indvuna YeNkhundla and Manzini Mzimnene Bucopho were not pleased with the manner in which the Elections and Boundary Commission (EBC) had conducted the ongoing elections.

The people who are contesting for the primary elections felt it was poor planning, on the part of the EBC, on setting the date for the elections.

Jester Khumalo, who is one of the candidates for the Ludzeldudze Indvuna YeNkhundla position, stated that the poor attendance of the voters was because the elections were held on a Sunday, when everyone was in church and most of the people had gone to watch soccer at Somhlolo National Stadium. Khumalo, who is also Indvuna YeLutsango, said it would



SNUBBED: The EBC officers assisting voters during the Primary by-elections in Manzini.

have been better if the elections were held on a Saturday. She added that most traditional events, such as *umt-simba* (traditional wedding), take place on Sundays, which is something that added to the poor attendance for the primary by-elections. Ben Dlamini, who is also one of the candidates, said he was very disappointed by the EBC for allowing the elections to be held on a Sunday. Dlamini said this was really not fair on the candidates, as the day coincided with the Charity Cup. He said the EBC should have held an

urgent meeting and consulted with the candidates, as to which day was more suitable for the elections, as the country was busy with the people's parliament. He added that the primary elections should have been stopped or postponed to another date, preferably next weekend. He said worth noting was that transport is also scarce on Sundays, adding that even though government provided free transport, there were those who could not access it, hence they had to rely on public transport.

Women must support each other - Lutsango Indvuna

INDVUNA YeLutsango, Jester Khumalo, who is also among the candidates vying for the Indvuna YeNkhundla position at Ludzeldudze, says the days when a woman was not considered for leadership positions had long gone.

Khumalo said, as a woman, she grew up believing that women can also be leaders as opposed to men. She said she is the leading example of that, as from a tender age she was Indvuna YeMhali and she also grew up to be Indvuna YeLutsango.

She said leading people is not something that scares her. She said the good thing was that government gives the Swazi nation a fair chance, when it comes to gender balance. "As women, government has given us a fair chance and we now have a 50/50 chance," she emphasised.

Khumalo, who was put in the spotlight at Sibaya for her comments in which she suggested that men should be banned from the Buganu Ceremony, contin-



WOMEN POWER: Lutsango Lwabomake leader, Jester Khumalo, is also one of the candidates.

ued with her feminist parade and stated that it was high time women forgot about men and voted for each other.

She said the problem with women was that they do not support each other.

Sibongile Dlamini, who is also one of the candidates, said the good thing about electing women into leadership positions is that they are transparent.

EBC's Ncumbi happy with voters' turnout

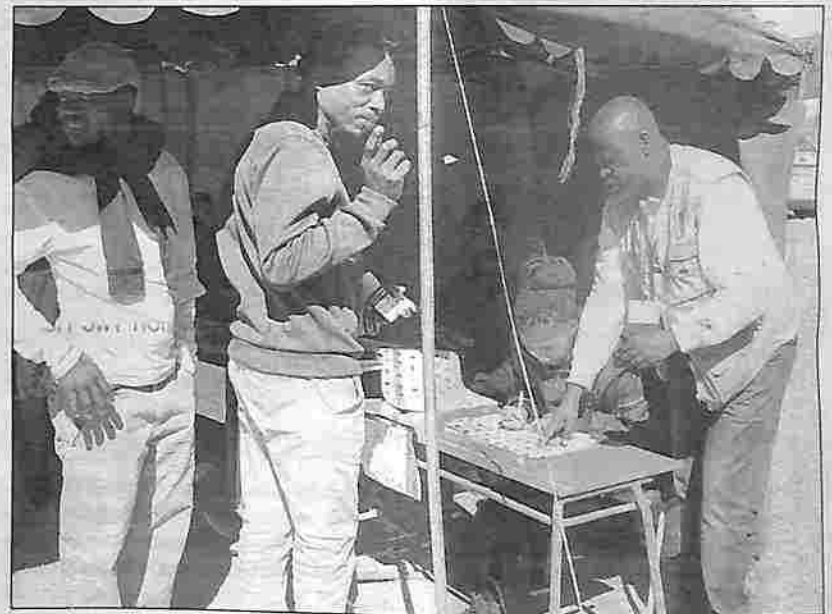
Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Nkhamba

ELECTIONS and Boundaries Commission (EBC) Commissioner, Ncumbi Maziya, said he was happy


with the response shown by Swazis, as they went to vote in their polling stations.

Yesterday, the EBC conducted by-elections at three constituencies (tinkhundla), which included Nkhamba, Ludzeldudze and Lubulini. Maziya was overseeing

the elections process in Nkhamba, where the electorate was voting for a Member of Parliament (MP) for Nkhamba Inkhundla. Maziya is the EBC commissioner in the Hhohho region. He said he was happy with the turn up of the people of Nkhamba. "The event started since morning in all the polling stations. The turnout is positive in all the chiefdoms under Nkhamba Inkhundla. We can now see why they have been asking for the polling staff to be added. At Luvinjelweni, people who have voted are already 2 900," Maziya said. The voting exercise was closed at 5pm. The counting of the number of votes for each candidate began an hour after the closure of the voting exercise.



HAPPY: EBC Commissioner, Ncumbi Maziya (R), assisting a voter at Mnyokane Primary School.



SITEKI TOWN COUNCIL

PUBLIC NOTICE

OVERGROWN PLOTS

With this notice, the Town Council of Siteki hereby informs owner(s) of vacant plots within the urban area of Siteki which are unmaintained that they are in contravention of the Public Health Act No5 of 1969 section 8, section 11 (d), (n) and (t). These overgrown plots encourage: the invasion of rodents, illegal dumping, harboring of criminals and promotion of crime and, degradation of the town's aesthetics

Owners of these overgrown plots are advised to clear these properties within 30 days from the 5th day of August 2016, and further clear them regularly to prevent the accompanying environmental health defects. Failure to abide by this request will leave the local authority with no alternative, but to hire a contractor to clear the plots on your behalf and claim you all costs incurred as a result including any collection costs and over and above charge you 20% above these costs. Continued failure will result in legal action against these property owners.

STHEMBILE V. SIMELANE
TOWN CLERK

Give people food at Tinkhundla - Ncumbi

ELECTIONS and Boundaries Commission (EBC) Commissioner, Ncumbi Maziya, has advised parliamentarians to provide food at the Tinkhundla centres.

Maziya said this was to help them attract their electorate, so that they would be able to talk about the legislations that they were enacting in parliament. He said this in response to rumours circulating in Nkhamba that some of the elections candidates wanted to campaign, when the time had not come.

When the news team from the Swazi Observer arrived at the old Nkhamba Constituency centre, Maziya was found talking to the candidates about the campaign during elections. He told them that it was illegal for any candidate to campaign before primary elections were over. He said anyone found campaigning before the primary elections were concluded would be disqualified.



THERE: Elections Official Wonderboy Dlamini assisting a voter on the processes of voting for a candidate of her choice.

"You will only be allowed to start campaigning only after primary elections are over. You will then stop campaigning 24 hours before the start of the sec-

ondary elections. If you are found campaigning less than 24 hours before the elections, you will be disqualified," Maziya said. Interviewed later, Maziya said the winners of the primary by-elections would then campaign up until September 1, 2016. He said that would be 24 hours before the secondary elections on September 3.

He reminded the would-be legislators that they had to declare the amount of money they would use during the campaigns. He told them, though that proper campaigning did not involve buying food parcels for the voters, adding that theirs was to enact legislations that would govern the country.

"They usually tell us that they use the food during this time because the voters do not go to Tinkhundla Centres to discuss the laws. But what we can advise is that they should then provide the food at the Tinkhundla Centres to make sure that people do show up," he said.



Submission of Income Tax Returns (Individuals and Companies)

In terms of Section 33 of the Income Tax Order (1975) as amended, The Commissioner General of the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) hereby notifies all concerned and/or cited persons in this notice to submit Income Tax Returns for the year of assessment ended 30th June 2016.

1. Person(s) Liable to Submit Income Tax Returns

The following persons are required to submit Income Tax Returns for the abovementioned year of assessment:

- Every person, (other than a company or a trust) who received any gross income sourced in Swaziland and was not ordinarily resident in Swaziland during the year of assessment;
- A pensioner who was ordinarily resident in Swaziland, who has multiple sources of income;
- The Public Officer of any company, in respect of such company which derived gross income during the stated year of assessment;
- A recognized representative of a trust fund in respect of such trust income;
- An employee who has two or more sources of income e.g. from Part-Time employment and or remuneration from a different employer;
- An employee or a director who derived business or property income, in addition to his/her employment income;
- An employee that has had more than one employer or has changed employers during the year;
- A director who receives fees from a company;
- A member of a clergy (e.g. pastor, priest, priestess, minister, apostle etc.) and a church executive;
- A Member of Parliament, board member of a statutory or similar body, a partner in a partnership, and locally recruited personnel working in embassies, consulates, missions and or international organizations;
- A person who derives income from providing professional independent services and their agents;
- A person who receives interest or dividends from funds invested in Commercial Banks, Building Societies, and Investment houses;
- Any person whose income is E1 200 000 (One Million Two Hundred Thousand Emalangeni) and above; and
- Any other person who may be required by the Commissioner General in writing to submit a return of income in respect of the current year of assessment.

2. Persons not required to submit Income Tax Returns

- A person, in continuous employment with a single employer, whose gross income during the year of assessment consisted ONLY of remuneration; save for persons whose income was E1 200 000 (One Million Two Hundred Thousand Emalangeni) and above.
- The employee's income tax deducted was payable in terms of the prescribed tax deductions tables and subject to the Final Deduction System (FDS); save for persons whose income was E1 200 000 (One Million Two Hundred Thousand Emalangeni) and above.
- Such person did not derive any other income, or if the additional income derived consisted of a dividend which has been subjected to a final withholding tax.

3. Deadline for Submission of Income Tax Returns

Taxpayers are expected to submit their returns within the following periods:

- For individuals and taxpayers whose year-end is 30 June, the returns must be submitted by 31 October 2016;
- For taxpayers whose year-end is different from 30 June, they must submit within 120 days after their financial year end.

4. Pay As You Earn (PAYE) Tax Returns

All employers including those who do not have employees that fall within the Pay As You Earn (PAYE) tax bracket MUST submit an Annual Employees' Return, PAYE 15 and PAYE 16 for reconciliation purposes on or before 30th September 2016. It must be noted that employers' receipts are no longer required.

5. Self-Assessed Returns

All taxpayers who are required to self-assess, i.e. companies registered for VAT, High Net Worth Individuals and VIPs are hereby reminded that their Income Tax Returns are required to be submitted together with payments. The deadline for the payments is 31 October 2016.

6. Payment Methods

Taxpayer are encouraged to make all payments via Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) i.e. Internet Banking or in their own Bank.

7. e-Tax Platform

Taxpayers are further encouraged to register for e-Tax and once registered submit their Income Tax Returns together with their current financial statements online.

8. Offences in terms of section 66 of the Order

(a) Anyone who fails to furnish a return within the stipulated period commits an offence and may be liable on conviction to a fine of E10, 000 and or imprisonment for a period of up to one year or both.

(b) A Taxpayer who makes false statements or entries in a return with an intention to evade or assists someone with evading assessment or taxation, is liable to a fine of up to E50,000 or imprisonment of up to five years or both.

It must be noted that offences are only applicable upon conviction by the courts.

9. Penalties

It must be noted that Additional taxes are imposed in terms of Section 40 of the Order for any default or omission:

a. A taxpayer who defaults in submitting a return in respect of any year of assessment is liable to pay additional tax, an amount equal to twice the tax chargeable in respect of his taxable income for such year of assessment.

b. A taxpayer who omits from a return, any amount which ought to have been included therein, will be liable to pay an amount equal to twice the difference between the tax as calculated in respect of the taxable income returned by him and the tax properly chargeable in respect of his taxable income as finally determined after including the omitted amount.

c. A taxpayer who makes any incorrect statement in any return rendered by him, which results or would if accepted, result in the assessment of the normal tax at an amount which would be less than the tax properly chargeable may be liable to pay, in addition to the tax due, an amount equal to twice the difference between the tax assessed in accordance with the return made by him and the tax properly chargeable if the incorrect statement had not been made.

Taxpayers are cautioned to exercise diligence when filling in the returns in order to avoid any omissions or making incorrect statements. Taxpayers are encouraged to seek guidance from the SRA where in doubt.

10. Where to get Income Tax Return Forms

Income Tax Returns may be downloaded from the SRA website www.sra.org.sz. Alternatively these can be collected from the SRA Head Quarters, Sibekelo Building 2, Mbabane or in any of the following SRA Service Centres/ Tax Offices;

- Manzini Service Centre, Estel House, Manzini
- Matsapha Tax Office, Matsamo Shopping Complex-Mahhala Matsapha
- Nhlangano Service Centre, Old Skonkwane Complex, Nhlangano
- Mbabane Service Centre, Corporate Place Swazi Plaza, Mbabane
- Pigg's Peak Service Centre, 1st floor Supreme Building, Pigg's Peak
- Siteki Service Centre, Mafumbe Building Jacaranda Street, Siteki

Forwarding of Returns

Completed Income Tax Returns may be submitted online via e-Tax (for taxpayers registered for e-Tax), E-mailed to info@sra.org.sz or hand delivered in any of the above-mentioned offices or posted for the attention of the Commissioner General using the address below:

The Commissioner General
Swaziland Revenue Authority
P.O. Box 5628,
MBABANE

VERY IMPORTANT: ALL e-Tax registered taxpayers MUST ONLY submit via e-Tax.

Further Information

Taxpayers may get further information or assistance by contacting the SRA at:
Tel: +268 2406 4050; Fax: +268 2406 4001 E-mail: info@sra.org.sz

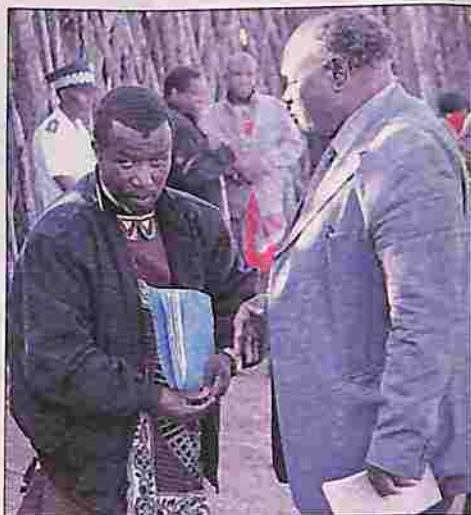
**ALWAYS MENTION YOUR TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN)
IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SRA.**

**DUMISANI E. MASILELA
COMMISSIONER GENERAL**

MORE SIBAYA PICS



FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS: Umngani TV Mtetwa joined by chiefs, members of the royal family and emabandla as they listened to the submissions. This was during day three of Sibaya at Ludzidzini Royal Cattle Byre on Saturday. The Sibaya continues today. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



CAUCUS: National Secretary Nhlanhla Dlamini in a conversation with Chief Nzameya Nhlabatsi.



ATTENTIVE: Emalangeneni joined by international guests as they listened to the submissions.



ATTENTION: Nkomozenkosi (in blue) attracted a lot of attention when he told Sibaya that he can cure sugar diabetes among other many ailments.



SECURITY: Khetsiwe Dlamini had to be whisked away by the police when she refused to leave the microphone after her time had elapsed.



FUTURE LEADER: UNISWA Student Ndumiso Nkambule making his submission.



WOMEN POWER: Nonhlanhla Nsingwane and Lubombo RA Sylvia Mthethwa could not miss Sibaya.



IN NUMBERS: Trade Unionist Fundizwi Sikhondze (centre) was also among the many people who were in the line to make their submissions.



BOMAKE: Lutsango also came through to be part of the proceedings.



ALL EARS: Sam Dlamini, Melusi Dlamini and Prince Mahlaba following proceedings of the day.



ALSO THERE: Tibiyo TakaNgwane MD A.T Dlamini was among the many who were at the Sibaya on Saturday.



MPs REPORT CARD

**Maphalaleni
MP**

**Mabulala
Maseko**



MP MABULALA OUR GUNDWANE - ELECTORATE

IF you serve your constituency well, it will reward you.

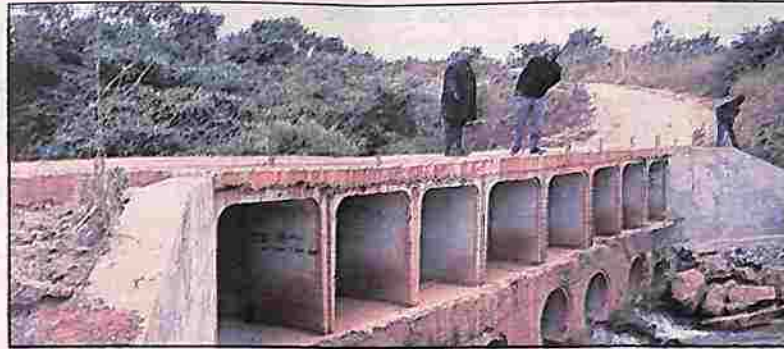
This seems to be the motto adopted by the electorate under the Maphalaleni Constituency as they rally behind their incumbent MP – Mabulala Maseko.

The residents have vowed that the legislator was there for the long haul. They minced no words saying come 2018; the workaholic legislator would have an easy run in the race to parliament. Sending a warning to aspiring MPs, Bhobabhoba Dlamini said the MP had upped his game in such way that they still wonder if there would be a man that would compete with the MP in the race to parliament in 2018.

"Sitake sibone kutsi ngubani indvodza letokhona kumelana naye," Dlamini said.

"What he has done for the constituency has never been done or seen before. In fact, there is no doubt Mabulala will still be an MP in the next parliament. No man will have the nerve to compete with Mabulala because of what he has done for us. He is our Gundwane because he is here to stay," he said.

Richard Nkambule, Principal of



FOR THE PEOPLE: One of the bridge projects MP Mabulala Maseko implemented.

Maphalaleni Community Primary, described MP Mabulala as a person who is easy to approach.

Pioneered

He said he had pioneered many projects that brought development to the constituency and thus bringing smiles to the residents. "We are very happy to have such an MP. As schools under the Maphalaleni Constituency we are very proud of what he has done for us," he said. In most constituencies the general feeling is that an MP would serve people under his wing but that has not been the case with the

Maphalaleni legislator. Some residents found along the constituencies' boundary claimed they had benefitted from Mabulala's work ethic and generosity.

Fact

Meshack Mnisi attested to the fact that the soft-spoken lawmaker has helped them connect electricity in their homesteads. Furthermore, the MP has helped the Jubukweni community start a water project.

"People from my constituency love this man as he treats them like they belong under his constituency."

MP's secret to success

MAPHALALENI Member of Parliament Mabulala Maseko says what made him succeed in implementing projects is **commitment, dedication and hard work.**

He said this was not his work alone as he had worked jointly with the council to serve the constituency diligently.

Maseko explained that the electorate were his judges. "I am overwhelmed by the response from the residents and I am happy that they are pleased by what I have done for the constituency.

It is not an easy task but

the working relationship I have with my team has made all this possible," he said.

Asked if he would welcome re-election in 2018, the legislator said if the residents of Maphalaleni deemed it fit that he serves the constituency again in the coming elections, he would welcome the move without any hustle.

Projects

Maseko explained that he has hit the 90 percent mark in terms of implementing projects. "I am happy about what I have achieved so far and I believe the residents can also attest to my work," he said.

MP BREATHES NEW LEASE OF LIFE TO MAPHALALENI

MAPHALALENI Member of Parliament Mabulala Maseko, a teacher by profession, has surely mastered the skills of development.

This is a view shared by many at Maphalaleni about their MP. They say Ekuvinjelweni High and the ministry of education really lost a gem.

The health facility, which is the highlight of his tenure, has breathed a new lease of life to the small constituency, situated in the outskirts of Mbabane. About 10 chiefdoms are set to benefit from the construction of the clinic including Nsingweni, Mcengeni, Mfeni, Madlolo, Ensangeni, Meleti, Kasiko, Sitseni, Ndlozini and Maphalaleni. Previously, residents of the area had to walk at least 17 kilometres before they could



access the nearest health facility hence the new structure eases a lot of strain caused by the distance. Due to transport shortage incidents such as snake bites resulted to unprecedented deaths that frustrated residents.

Apart from the construction of the clinic, the much-loved MP managed to build over 2 000 toilets around the

constituency. Zama Mncina, one of the residents who benefitted from the construction of the ablution facilities, said they were happy that they now have formal structures. "Prior to the construction it was a mess. We used the forest when answering the call of nature but now we have our perfect structures," he said.

WHAT THE PEOPLE HAD TO SAY:

Gabsile Shabangu

"We are so happy about our MP; he attends to all our needs. We will make sure that we take him back for the next term so that he can carry through his mouth-watering projects which need no introduction."



Sonto Shongwe

"MP Mabulala has done enough to convince us to elect him for the next term. He is a workaholic; surely he is an obvious candidate for 2018."



Gabangani Dlamini (Indvuna):

"The people of Maphalaleni are happy with their MP because the progress is clear for everyone to see, one can't ask for more. When you look at our five year plan which includes bringing electricity, you can see that almost all the crucial targets have been achieved. He is a workaholic."



holistic and above all he has respect for every individual and that is why we have a good working relationship."

Elphas Mhlanga (Chairman of Maphalaleni Umphakatsi):

"Our happiness about the progress of Mabulala's term office can be likened to the joy which was brought by the nation's pride, Sihlangu Semnikati in their recent COSAFA Castle Cup exploits. As the team had goals to achieve, we also had our own which included electricity, construction of bridges, roads and other infrastructure which we have entirely achieved."



Nontobeko Shabangu:

"I am one person who in the past paid no attention to these community politics but MP Mabulala's projects have caught my eye. In my area, we had no electricity but now we do. I have also heard he has another project where he is constructing a bridge. For the next term I will personally vote for him."



PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED BY MP MABULALA MASEKO:

EDUCATION

- Built a kitchen at Maphalaleni High School plus wiring of four classes.
- Constructed 10 toilets at Nsingweni High School plus a water project.
- Constructed a staff house that accommodates four teachers at Sikanyhe High School plus 10 toilets.
- Constructed three blocks of classes at Ekuvinjelweni High school.
- Constructed a staff house at Maphalaleni Community Primary.
- Developed a water system at Mabheleni Primary School.
- Constructed 10 toilets at SAGM Primary School.
- Constructed four staff houses plus two blocks of classes and 10 toilets at Mcengeni Primary School.

HEALTH

- Installed a borehole at Elubhaceni Primary School.
- Constructed a staff house plus a borehole at Mdlunkhulu Primary school.
- Constructed an animal house plus a borehole at Nsingweni Nazarene Primary School.
- Constructed three staff houses for Mpumalanga Primary school.
- Constructed an administration block plus developed a water system at Nkalangeni Primary school.
- Constructed 10 toilets plus two block of classes at Kuhlala Primary school.

BRIDGES

- Mkhomazane low-level bridge
- Emfolozi bridge
- Gidithole bridge
- Ensakane bridge

DIP TANKS

- Emawulwani dip tank
- Emphatsa dip tank

Other projects

- The MP has connected over 80 percent of the constituency with electricity through over 50 electricity schemes.
- Opened the Ndlozini sports ground
- Nsingweni sports ground
- A proposed E6 million sports centre to be constructed at Maphalaleni.

Christianity under threat

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini
Ezulwini

THE Christian faith is under extreme threat from various forces of change, says Senator Ndimiso Mdluli.

Addressing members of the Hhohho branch of Swaziland Principals Association (SWAPA), Mdluli said children were the most vulnerable under the circumstances.

"There is excessive exposure of our children to the dynamic changes on the global stage. Some of these forces of change bring with them cultural shock, that is impacting negatively on our moral fibre and shaking the fundamental pillars of our Christian faith," decried Mdluli.

Mdluli was a guest speaker in a farewell function for seven schools principals in the Hhohho region. He said some of these complex challenges were no longer containable through avenues engineered by human ingenuity and human wisdom.

"They need spiritual intervention," he emphasised.

He continued: "our children need Christ, as well as Christ-centred edu-



GUEST SPEAKER: Senator Ndimiso Mdluli.

cation, in order to be appropriately fortified against negative influences of our corrupt world."

The senator noted that some of these emerging challenges were riding on modern day communication channels.

He said it was increasingly becoming a nightmare for principals and parents, alike, to mount watertight barriers

around their children to protect them against moral decay, that continues to be on the offensive in all directions.

SWAPA was hosting a joint celebration in honour of all the principals, who have retired from the teaching service in the Hhohho region.

"In light of these emerging challenges, I believe strongly in an education menu that gives emphasis to a Christian based education system," said Mdluli, himself a teacher by profession and a staunch Christian.

"Christ is the only viable defensive wall against the forces of evil that are bombarding and contaminating the minds of our innocent children on a daily basis.

Our education system needs Christ like never before. Let us not emulate countries in the Western World, which have pushed Christ out of the school environment to their detriment," he said.

The senator said, as the retirees proceeded to their respective homes, he believed they were proudly leaving behind an indelible mark of their accomplishments at the schools in which they were deployed by the government.

Declare poor time management national disaster

FOR the country to realise Vision 2022, there must be serious revolutionary change in the way citizens view time and they must start looking at it as an asset for productivity.

Chairman of the education portfolio committee, Senator Ndimiso Mdluli, said it was every citizen's responsibility to ensure that His Majesty's dream, that the country achieved a first world status, was fulfilled.

To achieve that, however, Mdluli warned against the escalating scourge of poor time management that was fast becoming an accepted norm in the country.

"This is not the kind of baggage that we need to carry if we are serious about taking Swaziland to her first world status.

Vision

Poor time management is simply in compatible with our revered vision to attain first world status by 2022," he said.

Mdluli said the average person in the country operated as if time was a limitless resource, that could be expended anyhow, forgetting that every second lost was lost forever.

"There seems to be no sense of urgency in some circles," noted the senator.

He said developed countries have moved to where they were, along their development paths, because of optimal utilisation of their time.

"I guess that was their deliberate decision."

I have observed people in these countries doing productive work, on the side, while taking their meals at the same time. In our case, the culture of arriving late at meetings has permeated our social fabric and reached and reached alarming propor-

tions," observed Mdluli.

He said in his opinion, poor time management might as well be declared national disaster.

"Each day, we throw a prolific amount of precious hours into the dustbin, instead of channelling them to productive work Cry the beloved country". In order to make our Vision 2022 achievable, we have to change gear and embrace a culture of excellence on issues of work ethics and time management, period," said Mdluli.

Thanked

Mdluli thanked the retired school principals for the laudable contribution they have made in the advancement of education in the country. He said their record of accomplishment spoke for itself.

"There are numerous children who have been groomed by yourselves, in your respective schools, to rise from their humble beginnings to become productive members of society. Indeed, some of the young people, who have had successful and rewarding careers later in their lives, attribute their successes to seeds that were sown in the classroom environments of your respective schools. I am sure that when you bump into them in the streets, you are proud of have been part of their successful stories in life," he said.

Mdluli expressed his appreciation for the dedication and tangible contribution the retiring principals have made towards nation building, over the many years of service as teachers. Most of the principals have been in these management positions for more than 10 years.

Gender sensitive government applauded

GOVERNMENT has been applauded for the gender sensitive policies that have opened a myriad of opportunities for women to be deployed in critical leadership positions.

Senator Ndimiso Mdluli, said the retiring principals, both male and female, stood for equal opportunities to be deployed in critical leadership positions, to drive the country's socio-economic development agenda; the same way they have been contributing in the development of education in the country.

Mdluli said it was sad, nonetheless, that some school principals have not made it to the finishing line for various reasons, including death.

"That is precisely the reason why you cannot afford to give yourselves credit, or pat yourselves on your backs, for running the entire race on your own, up to this day of celebration.

Product

Your presence with us today is not a product of your own doing. Wisdom dictates that you attribute your milestones to God the Creator of the Universe, who has led you faithfully up until your point of exit from the teaching service," said Mdluli.

He further said: "I note with delight that many of the retirees, that are in this assembly, are professing Christians. I believe that you did not push the Christian faith under the carpet, while

you were delivering a holistic type of education to the students that God had placed your custody during your tenure as principals in your respective schools."

Mdluli said, everybody knew that raising children, in this generation of social media platforms and other channels of human connectivity, was a daunting task that called for a collective effort.

The retired teachers are Julia Dlamini from Motshane High, Savina Dlamini from St. Benedict Primary, Edward Phakathi from Mkhuzweni High and Simon Mthunzi of KaBoyce High. The other two retired principals were indisposed.

Security guard fined for assault

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane

A security guard has been fined E400 for assaulting his colleague in their workplace.

Mthokozisi Tsabedze (25) was fined E400 or face six months in a correctional facility for assaulting Sicelo Gamedze with open hands and further claiming that 'uyaphapha'. Tsabedze was charged with the offence of common assault on July 16, 2016, the incident which happened in Mbabane at Awesome Securities.

Appearing before the Swazi National Court, the suspect pleaded guilty to the offence. Tsabedze slapped Gamedze



with an open hand twice on the face, thus causing him injuries.

The man, from Mvankwelitje area, attacked Gamedze for trying to reason with him after he found him attempting to hit his female supervisor.

The complainant said all he did was warn his colleague against assaulting his superiors, instead of listening to him, he directed his anger to him in a form of two hot claps, which left the other security guard fuming with anger as he said he was assaulted for nothing.

The accused refused to say anything before the court and Chief Lembelele, who presided over the matter, sentenced him to six months in a correctional facility or pay a fine of E400, which he did.

Woman beats up schoolgirl over a man

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

A woman of Tikhuba attacked and assaulted a 17-year-old schoolgirl after suspecting that she was in a love relationship with her husband.

The woman is said to have beaten up the girl over the past weekend, after meeting her along one of the paths in the same community.

She is said to have assaulted the girl with a stick all over the body, as she demanded to know what she was doing with her husband.

This was until other members of the community came to the rescue of the girl and rushed her to the hospital, after she had sustained injuries.

The woman, Khanyisile Groening, was subsequently arrested and charged with assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. She appeared before Principal Magistrate Dumsani Magagula. When her rights to legal representation were explained



to her, she elected to conduct her own defence.

The crown then applied for a trial date, as the accused was not asked to plead to the charge.

The court was, however, told that the complainant was in a stable condition, as she was treated and discharged from hospital.

The accused was eventually

remanded out of custody and warned to return to court on Wednesday for commencement of the trial.

Meanwhile, an elderly man also appeared before the same court, after he was charged with contravening the road traffic act. Graham Hadebe (61) was said to have driven his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Offence

Particulars of the offence included that the accused person failed to stop at a stop sign.

He was also said to have had a strong smell of alcohol coming from his breath, and also had difficulty to maintain his balance.

When the charge sheet was read to him, the accused person pleaded guilty to the charge. His plea was also accepted by the crown without leading evidence. He was accordingly found guilty by the court and was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment with an option to pay E1 000 fine.

BISHOP MPENDULO'S WINE SOUVENIR STOLEN

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A bottle of wine, taken from Bishop Mpendulo Nkambule and Zanele Mbokazi's wedding, helped David Masina identify his stolen items.

Masina said, a week after reporting the robbery at Mbabane police station, police officers asked him to visit the police station, where he found two Mozambique nationals charged with numerous housebreaking cases in some suburbs of Mbabane.

The two suspects; Emidio Muchanga (48) and Fanuel Quiver (42) from Maputo, allegedly killed Masina's two dogs by poisoning them, before they allegedly came back a week later and stole items worth E23 700.

They allegedly stole a 42 inch Samsung LCD television screen worth E6 000, HP laptop valued at E8 000, and two cell phones valued at E4 200. They further stole a brush cutter valued at E300 and various brands of wines that cost E2 500.

While leading evidence in court, Masina said the first thing he noticed at the police station was the brush cutter.

"What also made me believe that, indeed, these were my missing items

... by Thembelihle housebreaking suspects



SUSPECTS: The Mozambicans who have been arrested for a string of house-breaking and theft cases, Fanuel Quiver (L) and Emidio Muchanga. (Courtesy Pic)

was one bottle of wine, which had my pastor's face, where he posed with his wife. I got that bottle of wine from Bishop Mpendulo's wedding in 2011 and added it to my wine collection," Masina said.

Missing

He said he also noted that one bottle of wine, he bought in Germany was missing and he alleged that the suspects might have drunk it. Talking about how he discovered the robbery, Masina alleged that his maid raised an alarm in the morning after noticing that the television screen and laptop were missing.

"After noting that my eight bottles of wine were also missing, I called the police, and I quickly drove off to Eveni filling station to buy a daily

newspaper as I was fuming, I needed something to distract me. I could not even drive back to the house, so I sat there at the filling station and read the newspaper until I received a call from the police asking for directions to my house," he continued.

Gained

Masina said together with police officers at his house in Pine Valley, they discovered that the suspects gained entry at his house through a dining room window.

He alleged that the cow dung under the outside window was all over the window and on the sofa near the window.

"They cut the television screen cable, and that also helped me identify it when police officers called me

to come identify the missing items," he added.

In addition, Masina said he was also shattered by the demise of his two dogs, estimated to be worth E4 500. "When I saw the dead dogs under a tree inside my compound, I was confused and saddened as I did not know what killed them. They were like my children and losing them, like that, left me with a bitter taste," he alleged.

He alleged that he had had the dogs for six years after buying them in 2010.

Confirmed

Another witness, Augusto Cumbe, who is a carpenter, confirmed that he saw one of the suspects carrying a brush cutter and five home theatre speakers at Mncitsini.

"He asked to leave his items at my house, saying he was waiting for a certain person. He then came back the following day whereby he further asked for E20 for bus fare, telling me he could not locate the person he was looking for and asked to leave his items again, until he came with police officers on the third day when I was taken to the police station with him and the items he had left," Cumbe said.

On another note, one of the suspects, Emidio Muchanga, caused a stir in court when he told witness

Mduduzi Zwane, whom they allegedly robbed too, that the sunglasses he identified as his were actually not his.

"Your worship, the witness is lying, those sunglasses are mine, and he is not the only one who owns that set as we are all able to enter into a shop and buy such," Muchanga said while in the accused box.

Zwane refuted such and even fitted the sunglasses, which led to Muchanga also being given a chance to fit them. The suspect maintained that the sunglasses were his. A mirror was brought into the courtroom and both the witness and suspect were ordered to use it while fitting the sunglasses.

Zwane, from Pine valley, alleged that the sunglasses were amongst the missing items that included a LG 42 inch LCD television screen, two cell phones, Samsung and nokia together with their chargers and a power bank. These items were estimated to be worth E15 100. "When police officers said I should come identify my lost items, I only recovered the sunglasses," Zwane, who sells tyres alleged.

The two suspects appeared before Magistrate Philisiwe Simelane at the Mbabane Magistrates court. Simelane postponed the case to August 19.

Car needed to drive away livestock

A team of 15 men selected from various communities, within the greater Malindza chiefdom, has been set up to drive away livestock from the highway.

Seven-days Tsabedze said the team had to be set up after realising the importance of keeping the highway free from stray livestock. These men, however, need a car to help them perform their duties without transport challenges. Tsabedze said the required motor vehicle would help transport the team members from one strategic point to another, making it easier for them to monitor the highway.

He said, with the opening of the international airport, it became more important for them to ensure the country's visitors were safe. "We are benefitting, directly, from the airport, so it has become our source of livelihood. The tourists that flock to our communities have had positive impact on our lives," said Tsabedze. He said it was for that reason they took it upon themselves to ensure they protected their business as all these national infrastructure developments, the airport and the highway, had come to them.

These men, Tsabedze said, had been using bicycles to look after the highway, but unfortunately for them they had all become dysfunctional. He said the Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (MVA) had provided them with the bicycles. The MVA is a government parastatal, set up to ensure motor accident victims were compensated and taken care of, amongst some of its responsibilities.

MALINDZA COMMUNITY TO IMPOUND STRAY LIVESTOCK

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini
Mbabane

MALINDZA umphakatsi will start impounding stray livestock, at the chief's kraal to prevent them from roaming the roads.

Malindza community police coordinator, Seven-days Tsabedze, said they had been battling with stray cattle for too long and the decision to impound the livestock would ensure their owners became vigilant and

looked after it.

He said, these were mainly cattle, goats and donkeys.

Tsabedze said, for a long time now they had been driving the animals away from the road, with their owners not bothering themselves to take up the responsibility.

"All impounded cattle would be released after the owner has paid penalty," said Tsabedze.

Tsabedze said the amount of money to be paid as penalty was yet to be decided by the area's

authorities.

The planned arrangement, Tsabedze said, would benefit the livestock owners as well, in that it was too costly for them to get their impounded livestock from Manzini or Mbabane, where it was usually taken to.

Besides paying the penalty, imposed by the town councils, the farmers also had to contend with transportation costs for their livestock, eventually resulting to the cost of getting the livestock back escalating.

Tsabedze said they hoped that this plan would be a permanent solution to all the problems they faced, with regard to the stray livestock. He said the damage caused by animals roaming the roads was beyond imagination.

He said lives had been lost as a result of such negligent on the part of the livestock owners. Since the opening of the King Mswati II International Airport, Tsabedze said they had been ensuring that no livestock strayed into the highway.

Employment opportunities Communications Officer and Estate Foreman

A major client of KPMG and employer of choice in Swaziland has two vacant positions and is inviting applications from high calibre candidates who can work independently but report within the corporate structure.

The client business interests are in various economic sectors and offer challenge and career growth.

Both posts call for candidates with strong technical skills and a high level of ethics and integrity.

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Key responsibilities

- Create communication products for the CEO including speaking engagements and presentations
- Develop effective communication channels in new and traditional media
- Foster relationships with media houses and stakeholders to enhance the public profile of the organisation
- Develop a strategy and implementation programme for active promotion of a positive image
- Archive significant activities
- Compile the Annual Report

Qualifications and skills

- Degree in communications or media studies
- Three years' experience in a similar role

Estate Foreman

Key responsibilities

- Coordinate and supervise the work of employees in the maintenance department
- Inspect work for completeness and compliance with any regulations
- Maintain electrical, plumbing mechanical and other related technical systems
- Determine materials and equipment to be used
- Coordinate construction of new facilities and renovations
- Supervise contractors

Qualifications and skills

- Diploma in civil engineering, quantity surveying or similar
- Three years' experience in a similar role
- Valid driving licence

Closing date for applications is 12th August 2016.

All applications will be acknowledged. No late applications will be accepted. Should you not receive further correspondence within one month of the closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful. Written applications are to be submitted together with a comprehensive Curriculum Vitae. Preference will be given to Swazi citizens.

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Vacancy Announcement – Operations Analyst (NOB)

Under the guidance of the DRR (P&O), the Operations Analyst provides strategic support to Senior Management on all operational processes and supervises the efficient provision of financial, human resources, procurement, administrative / logistical, ICT and UN common services consistent with UNDP rules and regulations. The main role is to supervise these operational practices in the CO, and ensure the smooth functioning of the CO/programmes/ projects operations, consistent services delivery and constant evaluation and readjustment of these operational areas to take into account changes in the operating environment as and when needed. In supervising different operational practices s/he fosters collaboration within the teams. The incumbent collaborates with programme DAT staff in strong support of their activities and project staff. S/he liaises with operations staff in other UN Agencies, UNDP HQs staff and Government officials to successfully deliver operational services with a client-oriented approach.

Summary of major duties and responsibilities:

1. Ensures the elaboration and implementation of operational strategies focusing on the achievement of the following results:

- Full compliance of operations activities with UN/UNDP rules, regulations and policies, implementation of corporate operational strategies, establishment of management targets (BSC), office budget (IWP), and monitoring of achievement of results.
- Supervises collaboration arrangements with current and potential partners, and client relationship management system for resource mobilization purposes and appropriate operational partnership arrangements.
- Reviews CO business processes mapping and operating environment and contributes to internal Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in Finance, Human Resources Management, Procurement, Logistical and ICT services.
- Monitoring timely readjustment of the operations, and provides inputs on legal considerations and risk assessment.
- Ensures facilitation of knowledge building and sharing with regards to operations processes in the CO, highlighting lessons learnt/best practices, and sound contributions to UNDP knowledge networks and communities of practice.
- Supervises and approves ATLAS user profiles, ensuring total compliance with ICF.

2. Supervises and guides financial processes for the CO focusing on achievement of the following results:

- Implementation of proper planning, expenditure tracking and audit of financial resources, including extra-budgetary income in accordance with UNDP rules and regulations.
- Performance of Level 2 Approving Officer in Atlas for voucher and Treasury transactions approvals, bank reconciliation, etc. Approval of pending disbursements as the third authority checks, bank transfers, EFT), approval of bank reconciliations
- Management of cost-recovery mechanisms for CO services provided to projects and UN Agencies, including ensuring the preparation of proforma invoices for UN agencies.
- Organization and oversight of CO cash management processes, including liquidity management, recommendation of imprest level, risk assessment, bank relationship management timely accounting and reconciliation of all transactions, security for cash assets on site.
- Monitoring of financial exception reports for unusual activities, transactions and investigation of anomalies or unusual transactions. Provision of information to supervisors and other UNDP staff at HQ of the results of the investigation when satisfactory answers are not obtained.
- Member of bank signatory panel. Transaction and stop payment approval on internet banking system.
- All financial transactions are identified, recorded and verified in compliance with IPSAS as outlined in the corporate policies and procedures.

3. Supervises the implementation of human resources processes (internal and projects) focusing on achievement of the following results:

- CO compliance with corporate human resources policies and strategies.
- Optimal staffing of the office and projects.
- Timely recruitment processes in accordance with UNDP rules and regulations, appropriate use of different contractual modalities, contracts management, OM performing the function of HR Manager in Atlas.
- Completion of proper performance management and staff development systems.
- Elaboration and implementation of CO Learning Strategy.

4. Supervises and guides procurement and logistical services focusing on achievement of the following results:

- CO compliance with corporate rules and regulations in the field and contributes to the elaboration of the CO procurement strategies including sourcing strategy, supplier selection and evaluation, quality management, customer relationship management, e-procurement promotion and introduction, performance measurement.
- Contributes to the elaboration of the CO contract

strategy including tendering processes and evaluation, guiding the management of contracts and contractor and legal implications.

- Supervision of procurement processes and logistical services in accordance with UNDP rules and regulations, OM acting as Level 2 Approving officer in Atlas for Purchase orders approvals.
- Proper management of UNDP assets, facilities and logistical services, including full compliance with IPSAS in the accounting for the procurement, utilization and disposal of the CO assets.

5. Supervises the provision of information and communication technologies services focusing on achievement of the following results:

- Use of Atlas functionality for improved business results and improved client services.
- Analyzes and identifies opportunities to ameliorate business processes into web-based systems to enhance efficiency and accountability and ensure the maintenance of a secure, reliable ICT infrastructure environment and adequate planning for recoveries.
- Research and identification of systems and applications for optimal content management, knowledge sharing, information provision and learning including e-registry, web-based office management system, etc.

6. Supports common services organization and management, establishment of partnerships with other UN Agencies focusing on achievement of the following results:

- Maintenance of coordinating machinery to assist in the implementation of activities on common services and implementation of the UN reform.
- Implementation of harmonized approach to common services management with analysis of requirements and elaboration of proposals on common services based on best operational practices
- Proper planning and tracking of common services budget and of Agencies contributions to the common services account.
- Will be the focal point for all OMT related activities such as HACT, CO Audit, MOSS & MORSS and Common premises.

Core Competencies

- Demonstrating / safeguarding ethics and integrity
- Demonstrate corporate knowledge and sound judgement
- Self-development, initiative-taking
- Acting as a team player and facilitating team work
- Facilitating and encouraging open communication in the team, communicating effectively
- Creating synergies through self-control
- Managing conflict
- Learning and sharing knowledge and encourage the learning of other. Promoting learning and knowledge management/sharing is the responsibility of each staff member.
- Informed and transparent decision making.

UNDP Certification programmes Prince2, Procurement, HR, Accounting and Finance

Minimum Recruitment Qualifications

- Masters' Degree or equivalent in Business Administration, Public Administration, Finance, Economics or related field.
- Up to 2 years of relevant experience at the national or international level in providing management support services and/or supervision of staff and operational systems and establishing inter-relationships among international organization and national governments.
- Experience in the usage of computers and office software packages, experience in handling of web based management systems and ERP systems, preferably People Soft.
- Fluency in written and spoken English.
- Experience with the UN is an added advantage

Remuneration

The post is a Fixed Term Appointment (FTA) at NOB level of the UN Salary grade with a contract for an initial one-year renewable based on performance.

1 candidates are required to send their applications online on the below address:
<https://jobs.partneragencies.net/en/recruitjobs.html?JobOpeningId=5163>

All applications should be one online at the closing date for applicants is the 18th August 2016. Qualified women candidates are encouraged to apply.



Making Finance Count For the Poor

PRESS RELEASE

MSME FINSCOPE SWAZILAND 2016 NATIONAL SURVEY

Background

Financial services help foster an economic growth through promoting the development of a supportive infrastructure and systems that would ease access to credit for a well-prepared MSME sector to contribute to economic growth, employment creation and exports. Improved access to finance is regarded as pro-growth and also a means to reduce income inequality and poverty. The Swaziland Poverty Reduction Strategy and Action Plan (PRASP) recognizes the SME sector as one of the key pillars supporting growth of the economy.

The lack of information on the performance of the sector is a constraining factor to the financial institutions that should extend services and the policy makers to improve the environment.

Objective

The Survey will assess the performance of the sector particularly the nature and scope of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Swaziland, the contribution to GDP, employment and exports, as well as identify key drivers and the constraining factors. The purpose of this Survey is to provide relevant information to support the development of the sector and access to finance. This will also inform the monitoring & evaluation framework of the country's Financial Inclusion Agenda.

The findings of the Survey will help the country establish the business coverage of the MSMEs, the segmentation & market concentration, share contribution to GDP, employment & exports and the financial coverage. Figure 1 below illustrates the key elements, indicator and specific outcome of the Survey.

Figure : Key Characteristics, Indicator and Specific Outcome of the MSME FinScope Swaziland 2016



Coverage and Methodology

The MSME FinScope Swaziland 2016 will interview a sample of 3,000 households with a business from a total of 405 Enumerating Areas (EAs) across the country, of which 309 will be in the rural communities. IPSOS South Africa, a Research House, has been engaged to conduct the Survey. A Steering Committee comprising of the MFU, the SME Unit, SEDCO, the Central Bank of Swaziland and the CSO was established to guide the conduct of the Survey, whilst FinMark Trust South Africa provides the technical advice. Enumerators with identity documents signed by the MFU will be visiting the selected households for the interviews.

Timelines

The Survey shall be conducted between August- October 2016.

Additional Information

For more information on this Survey you may contact Mr. James Manyatsi at the Micro Finance Unit, Injabulo House, Lot 192 Somhlolo Road, P. O. Box 6805, Mbabane.

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Bucopho's E20 000 contribution for pit-latrines

BUCOPHO of Lomfa Umphakatsi, an area under Sandleni Constituency, Nkola Myeni has set aside E20 000 to assist in the construction of pit-latrines.

Myeni said for this project in his community, he was targeting public places that are used during gatherings and other social events for instance the sports grounds.

Myeni has already completed one of the toilets which has been built near Etjendlovu Sports Ground, a project which cost over E5 000.

He said in the next few months, two more pit latrines would be built in the same area.

"I have been planning this project to make sure that health standards are maintained here. At Etjendlovu many events are hosted, as even soccer matches are played there. As much as there are nearby schools such as Etjendlovu Primary and High, the toilet facilities in these schools are not always open for members of the public, so when there are soccer matches nearby, people use the forests around to answer the call of nature and that's a health hazard," said Myeni.

He said the E20 000 for the pit latrines was not solicited from any of the existing constituency funds, but from his own pocket.



Korean medical experts attend to Nsingizini people

OVER 300 residents of Nsingizini under Hosea Constituency on Saturday received free medical treatment from a team of experts from Korea.

Local Member of Parliament Thulani Masuku said the residents were excited and many were attended to their ailments.

The residents assembled at Nsingizini Primary and the medical experts started attending to them from 07:00 hours until about 16:00 hours.

The Korean team was under the banner 'Christian Continental Mission' and are said to be connected to the Christian University.

Community members that were sick were treated free of charge.

The MP said the team consisted of different specialists, such as eye specialists and others.

The MP said what was also pleasing was that communication was not a barrier as the team arrived with interpreters.

CLICKS TO OPEN ITS DOORS IN NHLANGANO SOON

CLICKS Store in Nhlanguano will open before the end of the month.

One of the store's managers in an interview on Friday, said they anticipated opening doors to the public on August 25, 2016.

He said the management was working around the clock to have the store open on the proposed date and sounded optimistic that this would definitely happen. The Clicks store in Nhlanguano will be across the road facing KFC and Shiselweni people are keen to see it open.

"We are planning to open doors to the public on August 25 and we are excited to be opening a Clicks branch here at Nhlanguano," the manager said.

The manager explained that the Nhlanguano Clicks store, will be bringing the best services than any other businesses and will also be modernised com-



DEVELOPMENT: The new Nhlanguano Clicks set to start operating on August 25, 2016.

pared to the other businesses.

"I think this branch will offer services that even other Clicks stores around the country do not have. Its standard is now advanced and even the arrange-

ment, it's something out of this world. Health services of any kind, will be offered. We will have a medical team as well. It's a one-stop-shop kind of business and I think the people of

this town will make use of the services we are bringing to their doorsteps without travelling long distances," said the manager. Clicks, has added to the development of the town.



EXCITED: Hosea Member of Parliament Thulani Masuku.

Micro Projects' boss hailed for good work

SIBUSISO Mbingo, the Coordinator of Micro Projects, which is a wing under the ministry of economic planning and development, has been hailed by members of parliament and other community members for his hard work.

It is said, Mbingo, is the reason a number of projects and other developments are enjoyed by communi-

ties.

The MPs with some Bucopho from other constituencies noted that Mbingo did not show any favouritism when helping those that approached his office and were treated equally.

Matsanjeni MP Sikiza Mhlungu said if public offices had people of Mbingo's calibre, the country could have long attained Vision

2022.

"I don't think I am the only one has noted Mbingo's good work, I am sure many others have realised that he is good. Here at Matsanjeni, we have tangible evidence that Mbingo is the answer to a number of challenges. He has been helpful in electricity schemes, even with dam projects such as the one near Gonco (Mtsanjeni Health Centre),"

said MP Mhlungu. The MP said the other good thing with Mbingo was that he was a good listener and if there was any problem or challenge, he always comes up with a solution. Shiselweni I MP Mandla Nxumalo also said they also enjoyed working with Mbingo adding that the country should be proud of him (Mbingo).

On that note, Hosea MP Thulani Masuku said Mbingo was a rare breed and he was no doubt an asset in the country.

"We are really appreciative of the work done by Mbingo. You make an appointment with him, he avails himself and he makes sure you understand all that you have to know. It's people like Mbingo who will assist us in attaining Vision 2022," he said. Nkola Myeni who is Bucopho of Lomfa under Sandleni Inkhundla said Mbingo was a go getter and someone the ministry of economic planning and development if not government as a whole should be proud of.

Night vigil stopped, corpse returned to mortuary

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

A night vigil for a 28-year-old man from Phophonyane was stopped and his corpse returned to the mortuary, after the man's stepfather lost his temper.

Family and friends at the night vigil for Sibusiso Mnisi at Phophonyane were ordered to leave after it was cancelled by the deceased step-father John Mnisi. It is said John Mnisi lost his temper because of the sudden appearance of the deceased real father, Thulani Gamedze, who is a pastor from Siphofaneni.

The incident happened on Saturday night. According to Mnisi's neighbours, the deceased was raised by his step-father, John Mnisi, who married the deceased's mother when

she was pregnant with the deceased. The deceased died after a long illness. His stepfather Mnisi arranged that the funeral take place at his (Mnisi) homestead because he had raised the deceased for 28 years.

Deceased

The night vigil was then 'gate crashed' by the deceased real father, pastor Gamedze, who not only appeared at the night vigil, uninvited, but also stood up and made an impromptu speech and further started to preach and conduct the service.

It is said the infuriated stepfather, stood up in the vigil tent and informed pastor Gamedze to take Sibusiso's corpse back to the mortuary and then to Siphofaneni to be buried at the Gamedze homestead instead.

Family and friends of the deceased were then ordered to vacate the homestead and the dug up grave was

...It is said
Sibusiso's legal
papers indicated
that he was a Mnisi

then refilled with soil.

The prepared food for mourners was returned to the kitchen.

It is said police were called and the corpse was transported back to mortuary. "Mnisi arranged that his adopted son be buried at his homestead but when the deceased real father Gamedze appeared and started preaching, Mnisi got angry. He informed him to take the corpse back to Siphofaneni to be buried there. Gamedze had earlier agreed to have his son buried in the Mnisi homestead," the source said.

It is said Sibusiso's legal papers indicated that he was a Mnisi.

Phophonyane Indvuna Thandi Kubheka confirmed the incident.

Investigation into influx of foreigners to start soon

By Sabatha Dlamini
Mbabane

A 10-member select committee, elected by the House of Assembly to investigate the illegal influx of foreigners into the country, has completed drawing up its terms of reference.

The committee's chairperson, Member of Parliament, Titus Thwala, said by this week the terms of reference would be ready. This means the committee would now kick-start the investigation exercise regarding the influx of the foreigners, mainly those from Asia.

The committee was set up, following a motion by Lobamba Lomdzala MP, Marwick Khumalo, to investigate the irregularities leading into the country being invaded by these people pretending as investors. The committee would also investigate the immigration department of the ministry of home affairs, which is suspected to have been deeply involved in corrupt practices; leading to the immigrants flocking into the country unlawfully. The ministry was reportedly flouting immigration rules; granting these men and women from Asia with documents allowing them entry into the country, before they were granted with visas.



INVESTIGATION:
Lobamba Lomdzala MP
Marwick Khumalo.

Officials at the ministry were reportedly issuing memos to the immigrants and they would only obtain visas upon their arrival at the ministry. The ministry's principal secretary, Anthony Masilela, however, reported that they had already stopped the issuance of the memos to the foreigners granting them entry into the country. Most of these people allegedly come into the country disguised as investors. Upon arrival, however, some allegedly escape to neighbouring South Africa, where the economy is much better than the local one. Those who remain in the country allegedly take small-scale businesses that were traditionally reserved for Swazis.

'BUDGET FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS NOT ENOUGH'

By Sabatha Dlamini
Mbabane

MINISTER for Housing and Urban Development, Phiyayinkhosi Mabuza, says his ministry needs significant funds for infrastructure development at Lavumisa Town.

The minister said the E40 million budget allocation for the ministry's capital projects, to cater for all the country's towns and cities was not enough.

Interviewed last week, Mabuza said the ministry had a formula they used to share the money amongst the towns and that led to other towns getting about E100 000 budget for capital projects, which was too little to meet the needs of the towns. Mabuza said these were some of the challenges they faced, which led to Lavumisa town losing a E10 million sponsorship from World Vision to build a public high school in the town.

The minister said another challenge was that there was a piece of legislation that required that only developed plots were allocated. He said, even if they were to allocate the land, before being developed, the receiving parties would demand to see the infrastructure as soon as they get the property.

Developer

The minister said every developer wanted a plot that had road access to it, electricity and water lines. To put those infrastructure developments, Mabuza said was the responsibility of the ministry. He said this affected both private and public institutions interested in putting up developmental structures.

Other resources available to the housing and urban development ministry, the minister said, came from the World Bank sponsored programme. Municipalities and towns, however, compete for those funds, the minister said.

The minister said there was a need to educate the public about the processes

that applications go through, before being processed, and plots get allocated to the applicant. The Somtongo Member of Parliament, Sandile Nxumalo, was concerned that the town board of Lavumisa was failing to properly do its job, eventually costing them huge investments. He has moved a motion in parliament calling upon his colleagues to elect a five member select committee, to look into alleged irregularities and inefficiencies at the Lavumisa town, leading to them losing sponsorship from the donor community.

SWAPA supports schools' HoDs

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

THE Swaziland Principals Association (SWAPA) says, school's heads of departments (HoDs) should be given the increment they deserve and need.

The schools' HoDs had recently taken government to the Industrial Court, where they wanted their matter to be treated with urgency. They had not been given the back pay, commonly known as *Dvuladwula*. The SWAPA Vice Chairman, Welcome Mhlanga, said they agreed that Circular No. 1 of 2016 gave the HoDs a raw deal. Mhlanga said they felt HoDs should be paid in order to enhance smooth operations of the schools in the country.

"They did not enjoy the back pay received by the rest of the

public service. We therefore, support their appeal for a better deal, which is: being placed on Grade E1," Mhlanga said.

Mhlanga said deputy principals and principals should also be given a better deal so that they were not disadvantaged.

Concern

He said they observed with concern that, if only the HoDs were improved, the principals and their deputies would be disadvantaged. "We observe with concern that if this happens, they will earn more than principals of primary schools," he said.

He said they saw that as an anomaly because, primary school principals were managers and heads of schools whereas HoDs were managers of certain sections within schools.

He said they also pleaded with government to also

consider an incentive for nominal HoDs, who perform the same duties as substantial HODs, but do not get remunerated.

Any consideration, according to Mhlanga, would motivate them and help in enhancing education delivery. He said they also called for parity in the salaries of school principals. He said, it was their view that, school principals should be on Grade D5 because they were now doing the same duties.

The requirements and qualifications for the positions were now the same, and they were all subjected to the same working conditions and procedures.

HoDs were in an unfortunate situation, not to receive the back pay, and some of them were even having their salaries slashed by E900. Their matter is still in court, where they want to be given the back pay and also be placed on Grade E1, in terms of payment.



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NOTICE TO STAKEHOLDERS ON WORKSHOP ON DRAFT CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY BILL 2016

Stakeholders are notified of a two day workshop on the draft Civil Aviation Authority Bill 2016.

The aim of the workshop is to get input from stakeholders prior to the Bill undergoing the formal legislative process. The details of the workshop are as follows;

DATE: 10-11 AUGUST 2016

TIME: 9:30 AM-4 PM

VENUE: ESIBAYENI LODGE

Your attendance of this workshop will be appreciated. For confirmation kindly contact the following:

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ELOHEEKA COMES THROUGH FOR KA-BHUDLA ELDERS

By Sizwe Dlamini
Bhudla

THE Eloheeka Youth Empowerment group, from Mbabane, donated clothes and food parcels to about five senior citizens of ka-Bhudla on Saturday.

One of the beneficiaries was an old woman, aged 106 years. She, together with four others, were showered with aid by the youth empowerment group.

They were each presented with food parcels worth E500, consisting of 10kg rice, two litres cooking oil, cabbages, bread, beans, salt, washing soaps, matches, and other basic necessities, together with clothes.

The homes were identified by the local headman Dumsani Mahlinza and Ka-Bhudla Indvuna Zizwe Mamba, who both stated that the level of poverty, within the area, had increased since the drought gained momentum at the beginning of the previous farming season.

Abandoned

Mahlinza said the senior citizens were left to fend for themselves, because their children had either abandoned them or died, and left them to take care of the minors.

"These people despite being old had to deal with the day to day struggles.



KIND GESTURE: The 10 members of the Eloheeka Youth Empowerment Club as well as Bhudla Indvuna Dumsani Mahlinza donating food parcels to Gogo Nomawazi Ndzinisa at Ka-Bhudla on Saturday.



THANK YOU: Gogo Rhoda Mhlunga and 106-year-old Gogo Nomawazi Ndzinisa were also presented with groceries.



They struggle to feed themselves on a daily basis. The children that they are

Manzini clean for SADC Summit, SITF 2016

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

AS the country will be hosting two of the biggest events this month, namely the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Summit and Swaziland International Trade (SITF) 2016, the city of Manzini is in full swing preparing for these events.

The Manzini Municipal Council Public Relations Officer Mathokoza Thwala said the city was ready to welcome its guests. Thwala said even though it is still days before the two events take place, as a city they were ready to welcome the guests who would be coming to Manzini.

He said motorists and all visi-

tors looking to attend the Swaziland International Trade Fair 2016 (SITF), should not worry as all roads were in good condition.

The PRO said the city was being cleaned and decorations would soon be set up.

Thwala said the reason for not putting up the decorations early was because people could end up being vandalising and stealing it.

"As hosts of the SITF our responsibility is to ensure that decorations are set up on time," he said. He added that this year was different because there would be the SADC Summit coming up, adding that they were also ready for that event. Thwala said their priority is also to keep the town clean of any litter.

looking after have to go eat at school because the schools provide food, this is very painful," he said.

Founder

The founder of the youth empowerment club, Bonginkhosi Dlamini, said as a Christian youth club, they were committed to helping where they could. He said the number of people,

who needed assistance, had increased and that this reflected the state of poverty in the country.

The four elders were 106-year-old Gogo Nomawazi Ndzinisa, 80-year-old Gogo Rhoda Mthlomo, 96-year-old Gogo Irena Manyatsi, as well as 84-year-old Gogo Solani Dlamini all from ka-Bhudla.



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PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE

While SADC is endowed with abundant and diverse natural resources, our productive sectors do not practice value addition. In agriculture, SADC countries continue to export unprocessed agricultural produce, earning approximately 10% of the potential value of the products. The Industrialization Strategy aims at reversing this trend, in order to achieve self-sustaining development for our countries. This can be achieved through value addition to our products which in turn would increase returns from the export of our natural resources. In this context, we need to forge a strong partnership between Governments and the private sector.

Energy Situation in the SADC Region

The SADC region faces a serious energy deficit and with the implementation of the industrialization strategy, this gap will widen unless the supply of electricity is substantially increased, drawing on the ample various renewable energy sources available in the region. For this situation to improve, SADC member states have a role to play as highlighted below:

- Member States should increase public investment in energy provision both for domestic use and export to regional partners through the Southern African Power Pool.
- Attention should be paid to the reliability, efficiency and cost effectiveness of energy supply.
- Simultaneously, governments should step up the involvement of independent power providers to ease the burden on government investment spending.
- In addition, alternative sources of energy should be exploited with a particular focus on renewables.
- The region should adopt energy efficient technologies to reduce the cost of production and minimise greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change.
- Attention should be paid to greater energy pricing efficiency within the context of deeper regional co-operation. Cheap energy is a necessary condition for industrial competitiveness and to that end, Member States should draw on lower cost regional supplies

where practicable, rather than focusing on national self-sufficiency.

- Current plans for hydro-power network connectivity and proposed new generation and transmission projects should be fast-tracked including regional joint-ventures. Member States should accelerate the design and implementation of an appropriate institutional framework for the early development of the Inga Dam project which has enormous potential for the supply of low-cost electricity to the SADC region.

Since one of the major challenges that has retarded the implementation of existing programmes on industrialization is inadequate funding, it is important for SADC region to consider innovative ways of financing industrialization. This includes urgently formalising and operationalizing the Regional Development Fund, promoting public-private-partnerships, and ensuring that the private sector plays pivotal role in the implementation of the Strategy. Our engagement with International Cooperating Partners should be guided by the SADC Industrialisation Strategy and Roadmap 2015-2063, so as to complement SADC initiatives on industrialization.

Sources of Finance

The Energy Sector Plan (ESP) should exploit the various financing options that exist. The conventional source of funding for infrastructure in the Member States is public funding in the form of national budgets and this is considered important in delivering the needed energy infrastructure including both "hard" and "soft" types.

Private sector participation in the form of Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT), Build-Own-Operate (BOO), Build-Own-Operate-and-Transfer (BOOT) and Public Private Partnerships (PPP) are feasible modes of financing large infrastructure projects. These sources qualify for all the energy sub-sectors. Lately, infrastructure bonds and pension funds have been mobilised to finance infrastructure projects or leverage more financing from other sources such as

commercial banks or multilateral banks such as the European Investment Bank, World Bank and AfDB. Utilities also use their balance sheets to borrow from the banks for their equity share. Close cooperation with the emerging economies of China, India and Brazil has also yielded new financial resources.

The International Cooperating Partners (ICPs) have been a major source of financing "soft" projects such as studies, policy/regulatory framework formulations, planning and capacity building projects. Their resources can also be used to leverage financing from the banks. Project preparation can be co-ordinated through a project development fund such as the NEPAD Infrastructure Project Preparation Fund and DBSA support. Tapping into climate funds should be considered and therefore capacity developed to access innovative financing mechanisms.

Regional Regulatory Framework

Energy policies and acts of most Member States in the region provide for Electricity Supply Industry (ESI) reforms, which include the establishment of independent regulators for the ESI. About 12 SADC member countries are now members of the Regional Energy Regulators Association. At regional level, RERA is supporting the harmonisation of the regulatory and national electricity policy frameworks and is working towards the standardisation of PPAs. RERA has championed the development of the Guidelines for Regulating Cross-Border Power Trading, which provides an enabling framework for cross-border trade and investment in infrastructure that would reduce some of the current uncertainties that are deterring investment and undermining efforts to improve security of supply through cross-border trade. The Guidelines for Regulating Cross-Border Power Trading have been adopted by SADC and are now in operation. The establishment of RERA creates confidence for investors interested in investing on energy in any of the RERA member states. This is because RERA helps ensure readily available market for electricity in various member countries through harmonized relationships regionally.

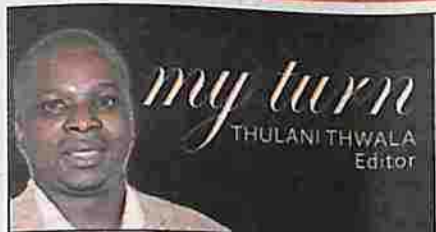
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I am impressed. I am at peace. I am full of praise.

What His Majesty King Mswati III did last week, by commissioning the people's parliament, was a perfect birthday gift I would have ever imagined. By the way I turned a year older last Thursday. No big deal.

Last week, Ingwenyama opened the floodgates and invited his people to express themselves without fear or favour. The King emphasised on respect. He further acknowledged that it had been a long time since the nation gathered in such a forum.

He was right. The last time was 2013. Now that's very long. However, that's not my point.

First and foremost, I want to make an appeal to His Majesty that the Sibaya proceedings must be appropriately recorded in a form of a Hansard, used in parliament, if the status given to such a forum is anything to go by.

We have always been told that Sibaya is the highest authority ground the country could have, but clearly the way we go about its operations does not equate to the status given to Sibaya.

It helps no one for the nation to always repeat itself, in the name of freedom of expression. Before the people's parliament started last week, we should have had Nhlanhla Dlamini, the Nation's Secretary who only gets busy at this time to read the minutes or Hansard of the previous people's parliament sittings.

Varying

Again, it should not just be the reading of the minutes, but also an update on what has been done to address, or attend to, the varying submissions or concerns that were raised by the nation in the previous people's parliament.

To me, the lack of such dignified processes makes the people's parliament a mockery and further gives credence to the sick view that it is where people gather just to let off hot steam.

My heart bled when I listened to the people raising things that were submitted in the previous people's parliament. This was a clear indication that nothing was done to address them - four years later.

Now, this is where I feel extremely bad because such behaviour erodes the authority and reputation of Sibaya.

For Sibaya to remain what we know it to be, the issues raised must be attended to and if not there must be an explanation in the next sitting; why they were not addressed.

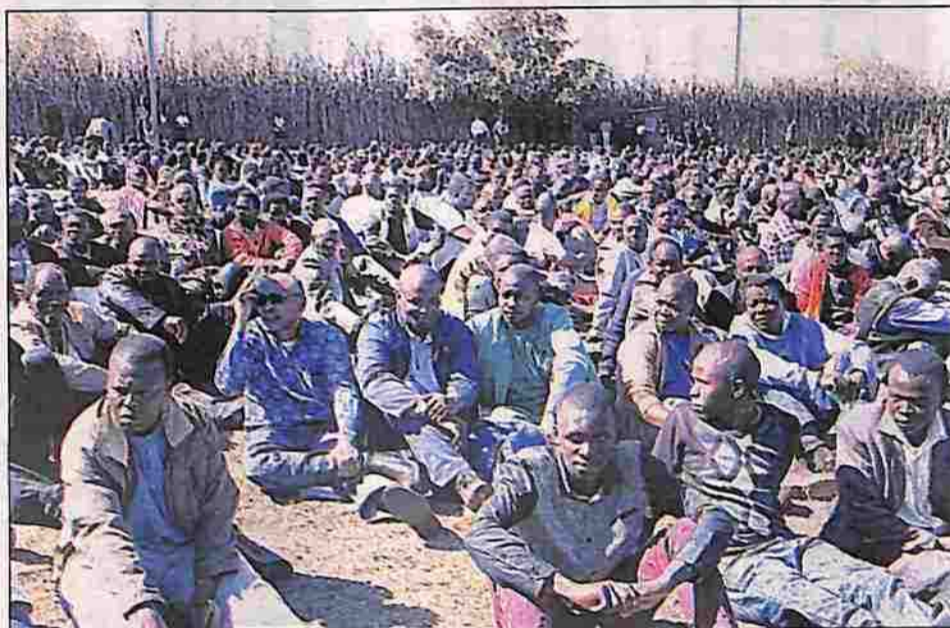
Take for instance the issue of elderly grants; it was raised at the previous people's parliament and it is strange that, up to now, nothing has been done, save for the shocking increase of politicians' salaries.

The question becomes, why and who should take responsibility? Instead of standing up to read conventions, the ministers should have taken turns to explain why the grants are not increased.

We also had the issue of Circular No 1 and 2, raised by the nation in 2013, that com-

THIS IS WHAT I CALL SIBAYA

● I would like to sincerely applaud His Majesty King Mswati III for allowing his people to also take pot shots at him and Indlovukazi without any problem. How I wish DVD copies of this people's parliament could be circulated to the coming SADC leaders for them to appreciate that the Swazis are allowed to advise their King and Indlovukazi in the right forum. What with the people's parliament advising the king to stay away from business. What with the people's parliament advising Indlovukazi on land issues. This is what I call freedom of expression. Swazis were free to say anything. I was also impressed by the restraint practised by TV Mtetwa the traditional prime minister. He allowed people to speak. Speak they did. He too, was also 'attacked' by some speakers for what they felt are his transgressions, as he executed his duties as Indvuna. We have never had Sibaya this free. It's all thanks to the King.



THIS IS IT: Some of the people who were present listening to the submissions during the Sibaya.

plained about its contents. It gave politicians more money and benefits, and the nation was not happy.

Nothing was done, save for this time around, politicians have already given themselves 32% increase on their salaries. Now, these are the issues that Nhlanhla, the nation's secretary should have addressed at the Sibaya, before anything else.

We all know that before meetings, (any meeting) starts, there is the reading of minutes followed by matters arising from the minutes. Going forward, I would expect that our people's parliament is run in that fashion to ensure professionalism and largely respect for the views of the people.

Insult

Again, it is an insult to the King that he now has to think for cabinet ministers, yet he pays them so much. Why should it be for the king to suggest they read the conventions and laws the country is expected to ratify? Why?

If it were not for the king, I am certain the nation would never have known about the conventions that were hastily read at the people's parliament by half-interested ministers.

I am certain the Prime Minister, Sibusiso Dlamini, is aware or appreciates that such was indictment on him and his team.

They can't have the king do their job. The response of the nation was to order the ministers to visit the Tinkhundla with the conven-

tions and interpret them to the people.

They felt they were hijacking the people's parliament. I was further disturbed by the Attorney General, Majahenkhaba Dlamini's impetuosity. Why did he have to wait until people spoke about land for him to start explaining that, as a country, we are about to launch a campaign to get our land back from the so called rich people?

This clearly demonstrated how incompetent some people can be. It is called a knee-jerk reaction. We cannot run a country with people like this Your Majesty. It was funny as each minister tried to play smart and responsible, in an after-thought reaction so to speak.

Appropriately

However, I can only hope that since His Majesty has been following Sibaya closely, he would act appropriately, because his people have spoken. And they spoke from their hearts. What I liked the most, this time around, is that the people who spoke are those from the rural areas, not the town boys who are full of politics. The submissions were honest, not intended to injure, but constructive.

What further impressed me was the way people were allowed to speak their minds. Previously, people were stopped dead in their submissions because it was felt they were straying or venturing where they should not.

Not this time, people strayed, it was all fine

and they were allowed. They said things you would have thought are not said. They fired from all cylinders. That's what I call freedom of expression.

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We have never had Sibaya this free. It's all thanks to the King. This is what a King does. He allows his people to advise him. He allows his people to give him tips to run a country. He allows his people to speak freely. He allows his people to determine the way they want to be governed. What other kind of democracy could you ask for?

Exercised

Given what Sibaya said, the king has to decide on the man his people preferred to call *bhabuli*. That some people decided to walk out, when another exercised his freedom of expression to praise *bhabuli* should be a statement enough. The people were communicating something. People are no longer happy with *bhabuli*. *Abasatchenyi*. They view *bhabuli* as the biggest thorn (*linyeva*).

Ingwenyama must carefully look into the matter with all his advisors and take a decision that would make his nation happy. In any case his biggest pool of advisors have spoken. Again, Ingwenyama must also look into the issue of politicians' salaries. The people are not happy with the 32% they gave themselves. The elderly must also form part of His Majesty's agenda because they are the pillars of the country lately.

He must also look closely at the issue of *likhehla* that will earn E61 000 until death comes to our rescue. This is gross and unfair. What is so special about this *likhehla*, the people asked during the people's parliament?

Ingwenyama must also look into the issue of Isaac Magagula, Mzuthini Ntshangase and Sobantu Dlamini. The people are not happy with the continued renewal of contracts, as if no other Swazi is capable of doing their jobs. This is what the people said. Also, there is recklessness within the police force, if what the people said is anything to go by.

All said and done, I want to thank the King for the opportunity he gave his people. It went a long way. The nation is waiting to hear from Ingwenyama.

ON THIS DAY

...AUGUST 8

1953 - The U.S. and South Korea initiated a mutual security pact.

1956 - Japan launched an oil tanker that was 780 feet long and weighed 84,730 tons. It was the largest oil tanker in the world.

1966 - Michael DeBakey became the first surgeon to install an artificial heart pump in a patient.

1974 - U.S. President Nixon announced that he would resign the following day.

1978 - The U.S. launched Pioneer Venus II, which carried scientific probes to study the atmosphere of Venus.

1988 - It was announced that a cease-fire between Iraq and Iran had begun.

1989 - The space shuttle Columbia took off from Cape Canaveral, FL. The trip was said to be a secret five-day military mission.

1990 - American forces began positioning in Saudi Arabia.

1991 - John McCarthy, a British TV producer, was released by his Lebanese kidnappers. He had been held captive for more than five years. A rival group abducted Jerome Leyraud in retaliation and threatened to kill him if any more hostages were released.

1991 - The U.N. Security Council approved North and South Korea for membership.

1992 - The "Dream Team" clinched the gold medal at the Barcelona Summer Olympics. The U.S. basketball team beat Croatia 117-85.

1994 - The first road link between Israel and Jordan opened.

1994 - Representatives from China and Taiwan signed a cooperation agreement.

1995 - Saddam Hussein's two eldest daughters, their husbands, and several senior army officers defected.

1999 - Wade Boggs (Tampa Bay Devil Rays) got his 3,000th hit of his major league baseball career.

2000 - The submarine H.L. Hunley was raised from ocean bottom after 136 years. The sub had been lost during an attack on the U.S.S. Housatonic in 1864. The Hunley was the first submarine in history to sink a warship.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Meagan Good
(Actress) - August 8
1981 - 35 years old



Roger Federer
(TENNIS PLAYER) -
August 8 - 1981 35
years old



OUTREACH: Manzini Superkids outside the Children's Ward during their outreach at the RFM Hospital recently. Vision 2020 will see them do great exploits.

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Eversince GBR/GFFJ was established, there has been an unimaginable growth experienced within the organisation, thanks to God who has made this possible!!

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GBR will complete its 10 year

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

Foundation Phase after 10 years in year 2019. The preparations for the celebration of GBR 10th year Anniversary have already started, as less its roughly three years before the completion of the foundation and commencement of GBR and GFFJ operational work. Vision 2020 will see GBR/GFFJ reaching certain goals and objectives and these include: Having a presence in more than 200 countries and 2000 universities around the world in line with the Future Leaders Strategic Plan. Having presence in High Schools, Prisons and have a growth of the GBR members, organically and inorganically. Also, GFFJ and GBR in all the countries of their presence, is expected to acquire a minimum of at least four investments for an increased annual Investment Portfolio. This represents economic and financial influence and total takeover of Kingdom Assets.

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As hosted early this year, it is part of Vision 2020 for GBR to host world class Summits, annually. This includes GBR US - Africa Summit, GBR Europe - Africa Summit, GBR Asia Africa Summit and GBR Intra Africa Trade Summit. Also Vision 2020 is set to see to it that every future leader has a mentor and every

person needing a mentor gets one. As for the GBR/GFFJ presence, Vision 2020 would ensure that GBR/GFFJ has presence in every city, town, township, village or suburb...as the ball has already started rolling. Like any other professional organisation, so is GBR/GFFJ who makes sure that Leadership Development required to achieve Vision 2020.

NGCULWINI ROUNDTABLE

The soon to be launched Ngculwini Roundtable, had two interesting sessions with the first one dwelling on Solar Energy, with Mr T. Mzileni, an Electrical Engineer who was on the day presenting. Mzileni stated the importance of solar, as being an alternative in the ever increasing cost of energy, and expressed interest in partnering with business community including GBR. The other topic for the day was presented by SWACAA Director, Solomon Dube who emphasised to GBR members to utilize the available business opportunities at the KM111 International Airport in the different sectors.

EZULWINI ROUNDTABLE

As earlier mentioned that chapters in the different regions of the country are now having their sessions every week, the Ezulwini Roundtable also had a session. The SIDC made its presentation centred around partnerships, loans etc. GBR/GFFJ members also had an opportunity to know,

indepth, of the services offered by SIDC.

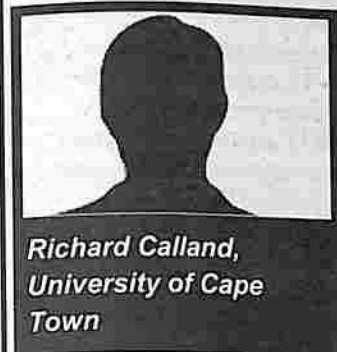
GBR WEEKLY MEETINGS

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

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

- In Mbabane- City Court-last Tuesday of the month
- At Ezulwini-Bethel Court-first Tuesday of every month
- At Simunye-Simunye Club-second Tuesday of every month
- Manzini- third Tuesday of the month, presently at The Caritas
- Mpaka-TioZe Restaurant, third Thursday of every month
- At Nhlanguano- Ngwane Teachers Training College-every last Thursday of the month
- Ngculwini-currently at Mhubhe High School, forth Saturday of the month (to be launched soon with Siteki)- 11:00-1:00p.m.
- Siteki-second Thursday of the month, new building next to Baceth Hardware
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Sharp-tongued SA voters give ruling ANC a stiff rebuke



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SOUTH Africa has entered a new era of competitive politics and coalition government.

The August 3 municipal election represented a sea change in the country's democratic journey. The party of liberation – the African National Congress (ANC) – has suffered a significant erosion of its core working-class support, at least in urban areas.

The major opposition parties, the Democratic Alliance (DA) and the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF), made major inroads into the ANC's traditional strongholds. This happened particularly in the Eastern Cape and in the governmental and industrial heartlands of Tshwane and Johannesburg respectively.

Now the ANC faces some tough questions about its direction of travel and about its leader, President Jacob Zuma.

In the ten national and municipal elections since South Africa's founding democratic moment in 1994, the ANC has never fallen below 62.15% of the popular vote. With just over 90% of the votes tallied on the morning of August 5, the ANC was sitting at a remarkable 54.24%. It's a substantial drop from the 62.15% it attained in the last national election in 2014.

Weaknesses

To fall beneath 60% is psychologically significant. For more than 20 years, ANC electoral support appeared unyielding to the obvious weaknesses of its performance in government. Unemployment and inequality have been increasing, and the economy slowing almost to a halt in recent years.

Add to this the infelicities of its leadership, especially Zuma's. A powerful patronage network has attached itself to Zuma, most obviously evidenced by the corrupting influence of the Gupta family and other such cronies.

Cynicism about democracy in the middle and professional classes has grown. The Afrobarometer opinion series has noted a sharp fall in trust in both Zuma and in institutions of representative democracy, such as parliament.

Business leaders have despaired about the apparently impenetrable hegemony of the



NEW ERA: Supporters of South Africa's governing ANC during President Jacob Zuma's election campaign in Pretoria. (Reuters)

ANC. Foreign investors and analysts lamented the lack of responsiveness of the political system. They have fretted that South Africa was headed towards a one-party dominant state, regardless of its constitutional commitment to multi-party democracy.

ANC losing hegemony

But now the people have spoken. And they have done so with a sharp tongue, offering a stiff rebuke to the ANC in working-class "black township" areas such as Mamelodi in the capital, Tshwane, and Motherwell in Port Elizabeth.

In ward 21 in Mabopane, in the north-western part of Tshwane, for example, ANC support has fallen from 82% at the last municipal elections in 2011 to 59%. The DA's vote has doubled to just short of 20% and the EFF has harvested a creditable 19% itself.

This trend repeats itself, more or less, in other working class "black" areas of Tshwane. This seems to have coincided closely with those areas where intra-party conflict and violence erupted when the ANC made such a hash of choosing its mayoral candidate for the city in June.

In Nelson Mandela Bay in the Eastern Cape, the ANC also suffered a notable erosion of its "core", urban black

working-class vote. In Ward 56, for example, in Motherwell, ANC support has fallen by almost 20%, from 89% in 2011 to 70% now, with the EFF taking

11% from the ruling party. The new regional party, the United Front of the Eastern Cape established by former trade union federation COSATU General Secretary Zwelinzima Vavi and breakaway metalworkers' union NUMSA, got 5%. The DA gained modestly, from 1.6% to 4%.

The position in the City of Johannesburg is more complex, with apparently greater contrasts between wards. The results, like the city, are more eclectic: in some wards, for example, the EFF has done especially well (with more than 30% of the vote) and in other (hostel) areas the traditionalist Inkatha Freedom Party, or IFP, has done surprisingly well.

But, at this point (7am on Friday August 5, with 70% of the Johannesburg vote counted), it seems likely that the ANC will not only be forced below 50% in Nelson Mandela Bay and Tshwane but also in Johannesburg – a game-changing outcome.

Scaremongering and the black vote

While the EFF may have "got in the way" of greater progress for the DA in working-class areas, the opposition as a whole has clearly broken the mould of race-aligned voting in South Africa. This is despite the desperate attempts by the ANC leadership, especially Zuma, to remind its core vote of the ANC's liberation credentials and history.

Employing the politics of fear, Zuma used emotive language during the final days of the campaign, claiming that the DA "was the child of a snake, the

National Party [that governed under apartheid]".

But, voters seem to have rejected these heavily negative, scare tactics. It suggests that

South Africa, finally, is breaking free of the apartheid-era paradigm, in which the ANC enjoyed a monopoly on political legitimacy.

After seeing the ANC's 22-year electoral hegemony penetrated, South Africa, it turns out after all, has a competitive multi-party democracy. Its political practice matches the principles of its constitution. Its institutions of democratic governance, including the courts and the rule of law, are largely robust and independent. The Independent Electoral Commission, for example, oversaw a largely well-run election, despite coming under greater pressure than ever before.

Moreover, its people should be proud and hopeful, though many questions remain to be answered, including whether the coalitions that must necessarily form will be stable enough to provide better City Hall government.

Looking to the future

How the ANC responds to defeat, and to the reality that its grip on political power is slipping, is the most important of all, given the history of post-colonial rule in Africa and the tendency of liberation movements and parties to cling to power.

So far, the ANC has responded graciously to defeat, noting that in its long history it has faced greater setbacks prior to 1994. Its Secretary-General, Gwede Mantashe, however appeared to blame the voters when he was quoted as saying that

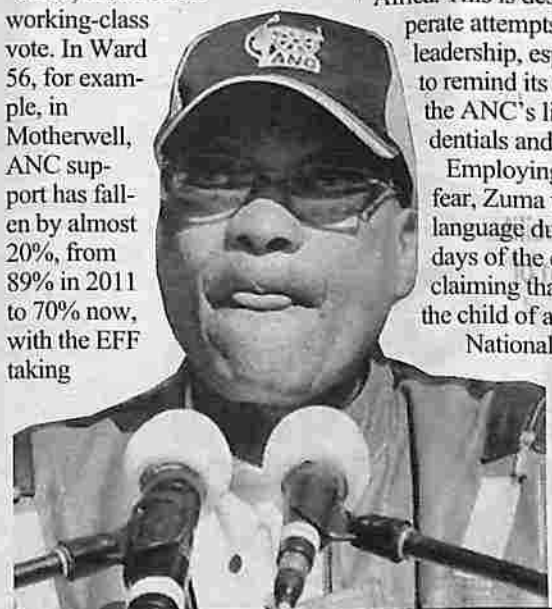
black people don't appreciate the importance of the vote.

In the short to medium term the ANC must decide whether to do more than simply acknowledge that Zuma is an electoral liability, as many of its senior members now do. Zuma enjoys a majority of support on the all-powerful national executive committee of the ruling party.

There will be serious repercussions and probably a very divisive blame game, in which Zuma attempts to deflect responsibility from himself. That the ANC did badly not just in Gauteng, but also in the Eastern Cape and Western Cape (its share of the vote in the City of Cape Town, for example, falling to a dismal 25%), will make it harder for him to do so.

The pattern is that municipal elections are coupled with the national election to follow three years later, in terms of trends. For example, in the 2014 national election the DA attracted almost precisely the same share of the vote (23.5%) as it did in the 2011 municipal elections.

The Conversation



TOUGH: President Jacob Zuma played the race card.

Wit and Wisdom

1. "I refuse to answer that question on the grounds that I don't know the answer"

— Douglas Adams

2. "Wit beyond measure is a man's greatest treasure." — J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Oscar Wilde*

3. "Patience, grasshopper," said Maia. "Good things come to those who wait." "I always thought that was 'Good things come to those who do the wave,'" said Simon. "No wonder I've been so confused all my life." — Cassandra Clare

4. "Don't let the muggles get you down." — J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*

5. "I am not absentminded. It is the presence of mind that makes me unaware of everything else." — G.K. Chesterton

6. "If they can get you asking the wrong questions, they don't have to worry about answers." — Thomas Pynchon, *Gravity's Rainbow*

7. "Heterosexuality is not normal, it's just common." — Dorothy Parker

8. "I don't deserve any credit for turning the other cheek as my tongue is always in it." — Flannery O'Connor

9. "Humour keeps us alive. Humour and food. Don't forget food. You can go a week without laughing." — Joss Whedon

10. "The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers." — William Shakespeare, *King Henry VI*

11. "Clever as the Devil and twice as pretty." — Holly Black, *White Cat*

12. "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the road less travelled by and they CANCELLED MY FRIKKIN' SHOW. I totally shoulda took the road that had all those people on it. Damn." — Joss Whedon

13. "There is, I believe, in every disposition a tendency to some particular evil, a natural defect, which not even the best education can overcome." "And your defect is a propensity to hate everybody." "And yours," he replied with a smile, "is wilfully to misunderstand them." — Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*

14. "The world was my oyster but I used the wrong fork." — Oscar Wilde

15. "Any woman who is sure of her own wits, is a match, at any time, for a man who is not sure of his own temper." — Wilkie Collins, *The Woman in White*

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.5%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	7.5%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.5%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.00 per litre
Replacement	E11.05 per litre
Diesel	E10.95 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES



Correct as at 05 AUG 2016

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	13.7684	13.8184
British Pound / SZL	17.9581	18.0233
Japanese Yen / SZL	7.3721	7.3966
Swiss Franc / SZL	14.0351	14.0731
Botswana Pula / SZL	1.3011	1.3197
Australian Dollar / SZL	10.4695	10.5130
Canadian Dollar / SZL	10.4377	10.4717
Mozambique Meticals / SZL	4.9882	4.9847
Euro / SZL	15.2347	15.2901
Gold	1,338.8500	
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Moving Forward

SACU RECEIPTS AUGMENT RESERVES BY 1.6%

Stories by Linda Dlamini

THE country's gross official reserves have increased by 1.6 percent to close at E8.4 billion, as of July 2016.

The Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) attributed the recent increase to the inflow of the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) receipts.

According to the CBS Money and Banking statistics June/July report, the value of the reserves in Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) amounted to E431.4 million, reflecting an increase of 6.8 percent from the preceding month.

The SDRs is a potential claim on the freely usable currencies of International Monetary Fund members. Holders of SDRs can obtain these currencies in exchange for their SDRs in two ways: first, through the arrangement of voluntary exchanges between members; and second, by the IMF designating members with strong external positions to purchase SDRs from members with weak external positions, according to the IMF.

The CBS further said when compared over the year, the reserves decreased by 1.6 percent in emalangeni terms and by 11 percent in SDR terms.



TALKING NUMBERS:
Central Bank of Swaziland Governor Majozi Sithole.

The CBS Governor Majozi Sithole said the bank, in consultation with the Monetary Policy

Consultative Committee (MPCC), met on July 21, 2016 to formulate its monetary policy stance. The governor said gross official reserves remained under pressure from the fiscal challenges faced. "The current reserves are enough to cover over four months of imports of goods and services. This is above the recommended three months, but lower than the regional target of six months." Meanwhile, the CBS reported that credit to businesses amounted to E5.4 billion, which was 6.9 percent higher than in May 2016.

"The increase was predominantly observed in the manufacturing by 39.5 per cent, real estate, 8.1 per cent, construction, 6.2 per cent, community, social and personal services, 4.7 per cent as well as mining and quarrying, 4.3 per cent sectors," reads the report as part.

'SADC-EPA key in addressing differentiation'

THE European Union says the Southern African Development Community Economic Partnership Agreement (SADC-EPA) is a key component to addressing the 'issue of differentiation in the country.'

In a statement, responding to concerns by international Civic Society Organisations (CSO). The EU said the development cooperation pillar was aimed at promoting jobs and value chains so that the population can rely on different sources of income.

The EU said under the SADC EPA, the EU would guarantee Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, and Swaziland 100 percent free access to its market, while the SADC EPA states do not have to respond with the same level of market openness.

"Instead, they can keep tariffs on products sensitive to

international competition. This is sometimes called asymmetric liberalisation."

"For that reason the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) removes customs duties on only around 86 percent of imports from the EU and Mozambique only 74 percent. Outside EPAs, the EU has never agreed before to such a degree of asymmetry in any free trade Agreement," reads the statement as part.

The statement further touched on the concept of the 'rule of origin,' which determine products that can benefit from the trade preferences.

"In the SADC EPA, the rules defining the origin are formulated in a way to support development of new value chains in the region. The rules of origin have also been formulated in a way to make it much easier for SADC EPA countries to ben-

efit from reduced EU customs duty rates for their textiles products using on imported fabric," said the EU. The EU said generally the rules of origin, contained in the agreement, were carefully negotiated by SADC EPA partners, in order to preserve jobs and value addition in the region.

"The lack of progress with ratification and implementation of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), that would be detrimental to development," the EU cautioned.

Another area where the EPA will help is that of increasing trade amongst African countries.

"Rules of origin also provide for full cumulation with other EPA beneficiaries outside the SADC region, and this to promote inter-regional, intra-African trade," reported the EU.

Security Company offers solution for 'Landela gang'

A new security company is offering personalised security to members of the public to fight the increasing vile of 'Landela gang.'

Top Two Managing Director Mduduzi Magagula, said they would provide personalised security services to their clients to ensure that whatever assets they have they were protected at all times.

The 'Landela Gang' is a group of thugs that somehow get information about customers' withdrawals from banks. They then follow their target until they park their vehicles before pouncing to ransack them.

"We are able to protect our client's assets from the time they leave the bank until the time they reach their intended destination. What we offer the public are their very own body guard when carrying valuables," he said. Magagula said the company's security services extend beyond just protecting cash, to protecting any other valuable assets, that the client wants the company to protect.

"The officers we have employed are well trained for a variety of security assignments and therefore adaptable. Also background checks have been conducted to ensure that the officers are people who adhere to the law," he said. Magagula said he has over 24 years experience in the security industry, and has seen and done it all. Therefore, he was well positioned to train the new generation of security officers. "Today security officers need to have a wide variety of skills and this requires training, which we conduct for our officers. For instance, security officers are in the public domain and therefore, require a certain level of customer care, they need to be able to converse with the public in a polite manner," he said. "Also these days more and more security officers provide eye witness accounts of what happened in a certain situation. This requires the officer to have certain skills to be able to analyse and interpret a certain situation to be able to later provide an accurate and informed account of the events that occurred," he added.



SD's inflation rate below COMESA average

By Linda Dlamini

SWAZILAND's inflation rate is far below the average inflation rate of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) region.

According to the COMESA's monthly news release, the year on year inflation rate in the COMESA region as measured by the Harmonised Consumer Price Index (HCPI-COMESA) stood at 12.5

percent for the month of June 2016, up from 11.6 percent registered in May 2016.

Swaziland's headline inflation decreased from eight percent in May to seven percent in June thus the country's inflation was 5.5 percent lower than the rate of the region.

"Zambia recorded the highest year on year inflation rate of 28.4 percent followed by Malawi at 24.9 percent whilst Zimbabwe recorded the least annual inflation

rate of -1.4 percent in June 2016," reported the news release.

"Based on the main components of expenditure, recreation and culture recorded the highest annual inflation rate of 19.2 percent whilst the restaurants and hotels were second at 18.1 percent in June 2016," reads the report as part.

Put differently, the prices of goods and services increased by an average of 12.5 percent in the COMESA region between June 2016 and June 2015. To illustrate,

an item that cost an average of 100 cents in May 2015 has likely increased to 112.5 cents in June 2016.

The COMESA report said Burundi contributed 4.3 percent; Democratic Republic of Congo 1.5 percent; Egypt 13.9 percent; Ethiopia 5.1 percent; Kenya 5.9 percent; Madagascar 5.1 percent; Malawi 24.9 percent; Mauritius 2.1 percent; Rwanda 5.1 percent; Seychelles 3.6 percent; Sudan 15.6 percent; Swaziland 7.7 percent;

Uganda 5.9 percent; Zambia 28.4 percent; and Zimbabwe -1.4 percent. It has been reported in this publication that Swaziland has one of the highest inflation rate amongst the Southern Africa Custom Union (SACU) member states. According to the SACU inflation report June 2016, the highest annual inflation rate amongst member states were registered in Lesotho and Swaziland both at 7.5 per cent followed by Namibia at 6.7 per cent, and South Africa at 6.3 per cent, while, Botswana continued to record a low inflation rate at 2.7 per cent in June 2016.

18 DAYS LEFT FOR EYA ENTRANTS

● The awards themed, 'Nurturing future growth,' will be held in October

Stories by Manqoba Makhubu

SMALL, micro and medium enterprises have until August 26 to apply to be part of the 14th edition of the Entrepreneur of the Year Awards (EYA) 2016.

The awards themed, 'Nurturing future growth,' will be held in October.

The Small and Medium Enterprises Development Company would be conducting road shows across the country and has invited potential participants to attend the road shows.

"The main objectives of the road shows are to motivate and encourage potential participants to grab the opportunity to participate in the competition and contend with other businesses in the country," said Marketing Manager Fanelwako Fakudze.

However, he said the overarching objective was to uncover exceptional businesses that have demonstrated solid leadership and to encourage and promote a spirit of entrepreneurship and competitiveness among SMMEs.

Fakudze said during the road shows, they would be together with the sponsors of the awards and the past winners of the competition.

"We want the past winners to share with them how it feels to win the competition, how they benefited from participating in the competition, and how the competition helped their businesses grow."

He encouraged qualifying companies across the country to grab the opportunity and convince the 2016 judging panel that they have what it takes to be the winners of the competition.

The first road show will begin tomorrow at Nhlanguano National Library in Shiselweni.

The second road show will be held in August 12 at The George Hotel in Manzini, followed by the third one to be held in August 16 at Siteki Hotel, the fourth one will be held in August 19 at Sibane Hotel, and the last one will be held in August 23 in Piggs



JOIN: SEDCO Marketing Manager Fanelwako Fakudze and SEDCO Managing Director Dorrington Matiwane.

Peak. Fakudze said participants were expected to complete the applications forms and drop them in any of their offices. After that judges would conduct on site visits to verify submitted information after short listing entrants.

Applicants

He said the shortlisted applicants would then be invited to a gala dinner where winners from each category would be awarded.

Fakudze also thanked sponsors who have supported the competition since its inception.

The 14th edition of the awards was launched by Minister of Commerce, Industry, and Trade who was represented by Principal Secretary Jinnoh Nkambule in July.

During the launch, the minister applauded the awards for accelerating job creation.

"Your continued efforts in creating

employment are positively noted by His Majesty's government in her endeavour to reduce high unemployment and improve the livelihood of the Swazi nation," he said.

Meanwhile, SEDCO Managing Director Dorrington Matiwane said they had set high expectations for this year's competition and have created strategic partnerships to add value to the competitions. He said the

essence of the awards go beyond winning. "It provides an opportunity for businesses to evaluate themselves against competition and to create awareness of business, especially amongst the

youth." He said this was critical as jobs are increasingly dwindling both in the country and in southern Africa.

"The awards also help address a number of challenges which are still faced by SMEs, our SMEs need to understand how competitive they are, in order to compete at a global level and the winners becomes the pioneers of development," he said.

Global food prices slump

THE fall of global food prices might be a huge relief for consumers, especially because the Food and Agricultural Organisation projections says food prices are unlikely to increase in the near future.

According to the FAO, food price index fell 0.8 percent below June and 11 percent below the corresponding month last year.

"The modest decline in July that followed five consecutive monthly increases was largely caused by drops in international quotations of grains and vegetable oils, more than offsetting firmer dairy, meat and sugar prices," said FAO.

The FAO sugar price index averaged 278.7 points in July, up 2.7 points which is about 1.0 percent from June.

FAO said international sugar prices were largely influenced by movements in the Brazilian currency, real, which strengthened against the United States dollar up by around four percent in July compared with June.

"A stronger real is supportive for international sugar prices

because it limits Brazilian sugar exports to the world market as producers prefer to process sugarcane into ethanol for local sale."

Meanwhile, meat price index averaged 159.9 points, about 1.3 percent higher than its revised June value.

FAO said all meat products covered by the index saw prices firm, in particular pig products, underpinned by limited availabilities.

"Notable developments include a shortage of pigs for slaughter and lighter slaughter weights in the EU and reduced output of sheep and bovine meat in Oceania, caused by herd rebuilding. At the same time, international demand for meat remains firm, supported by a recovery in purchases by China, and sustained imports by several countries elsewhere in Asia."

Dairy price index averaged 142.3 points up 3.2 percent, while, vegetable oil price index averaged 157.4 points down 2.8 percent from June, falling for the third consecutive month.

NEWS EXTRA

Markets 'react positively' to SA election outcome - Analysts

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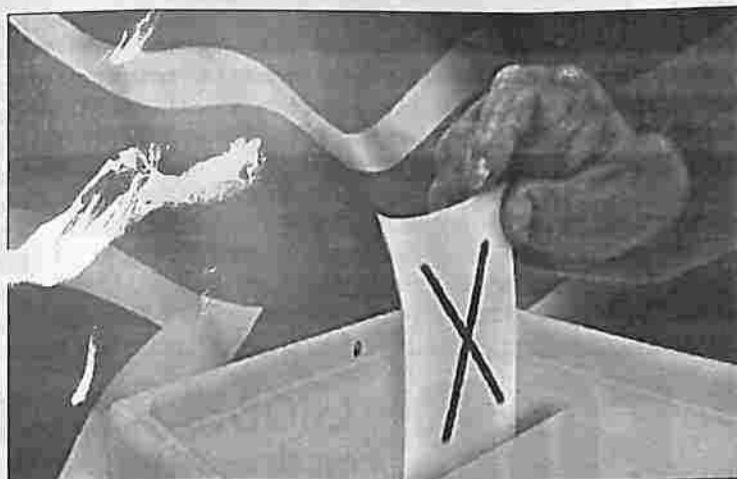
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"The market has viewed the election outcome as broadly

positive, with the rand strengthening by around 2.3 percent since the election," said van Papendorp and Packirisamy in a research note.

"With the ANC receiving marginally less than 55 percent of the national vote (around a 7.5 percent drop relative to the 2014 national/provincial elections and the 2011 local government elections) and losing power in key metros (including Nelson Mandela Bay, the City of Tshwane and the City of Johannesburg) in addition to the City of Cape Town, market expectations are for the incumbent president's decision power

to be limited.

"Though expectations of a cabinet reshuffle are emerging, political analysts have suggested that the election results will unlikely afford the president an opportunity to change key ministerial positions, including the finance ministry," said van Papendorp and Packirisamy.

The researchers, though, said that the ANC may offer Cabinet positions to senior members of smaller parties in a bid to build coalitions.

But while the political landscape in South Africa changed this week to a more competitive scenario, the likes of credit ratings downgrades to junk still loom large amid growth constraints.

Last month, the South African Reserve Bank (Sarb) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) left interest rate unchanged at 7% but it cut the country's 2016 growth forecast to 0%.

Subsequently, Credit ratings agencies such as Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch could downgrade the country to non-investment grade at the end of this year.

Fin24

MTN defends massive R1.3bn advisers' fee

JOHANNESBURG - Mobile network MTN [JSE:MTN] has moved to defend the R1.32bn it paid to advisers to help it with negotiations over a multi-billion dollar fine in Nigeria.

Late last year, Nigerian regulators slapped a US\$3.9bn fine on MTN as the mobile network failed to disconnect about five million unregistered subscribers in a timely manner.

In June this year, negotiations led to a reduction in the fine to 330bn naira (US\$1.67bn).

The lowered fine came after MTN moved to hire advisers such as former US attorney-general, Eric Holder, to help negotiate the settlement.

Holder - who served as US attorney-general from 2009-2015 - has previously helped the likes BP with its \$18bn fine for the Horizon oil spill in 2010.

MTN, in its report for the six-months ended June 30 2016, revealed the full costs for its advisers.

Incurred

"During the period, R1.32bn costs were incurred on a range of professional services relating to the negotiations that led to a reduction of R34 billion in the Nigerian regulatory fine to 330 billion naira (US\$1.67 billion, using the exchange rate prevailing at the time)," said the company on Friday.

"The board has exercised its judgement and approved the quantum of the professional fees incurred taking into account global benchmarks and the value delivered culminating in the final settlement of the Nigerian fine," MTN said.

Subsequently, at an interim results presentation on Friday, MTN's executive chairperson, Phuthuma Nhleko, said the R1.32bn amount was paid to legal advisers from South Africa, Nigeria and the US.

"You have to look at it in context and what it really means in terms of the outcomes," Nhleko said at the briefing, according to the Sunday Times.

Meanwhile, last year's Nigerian fine has continued to have a ripple effect on MTN.

In its interim results on Friday, MTN said the regulatory fine's re-measurement impact amounted to R10.5bn.

News24



Eskom warns public of a new bank scam

JOHANNESBURG - Eskom on Friday warned the public about a scam where criminals were pretending to be the utility's representatives, claiming that Eskom had changed its banking account to Nedbank and subsequently providing those banking details.

"The fraudsters use letters, faxes and emails bearing the Eskom logo and the forged signature of Eskom's Group chief executive, Brian Molefe. They have also forged Nedbank banking details," the power utility said in a statement.

"Eskom customers are asked to take note that Eskom does not have a banking account with Nedbank and that Eskom would never send notifications to its customers in this manner."

Eskom said its banking details appear on each customer's electricity bill and, if in doubt, customers must contact the Eskom Customer Call Centre for verification. *Africa News Agency*



A Bitcoin (virtual currency) paper wallet with QR codes and a coin are seen in an illustration picture taken at La Maison du Bitcoin in Paris

China's July forex reserves fall to US\$3.20 trillion

CHINA - China's foreign exchange reserves fell to US\$3.20 trillion in July, central bank data showed yesterday, in line with analyst expectations.

Economists polled by Reuters had predicted reserves would fall to US\$3.20 trillion from US\$3.21 trillion at the end of June.

China's reserves, the largest in the world, fell by US\$4.10 billion in July. The reserves rose US\$13.4 billion in June, rebounding from a five-year low in May.

China's gold reserves rose to US\$78.89 billion at the end of July, up from US\$77.43 billion at end-

June, data published on the People's Bank of China website showed.

Net foreign exchange sales by the People's Bank of China in June jumped to their highest in three months, as the central bank sought to shield the yuan from market volatility caused by Britain's decision to leave the European Union.

China's foreign exchange regulator recently said China would be able to keep cross-border capital flows steady given its relatively sound economic fundamentals, solid current account surplus and ample foreign exchange reserves.

China's foreign reserves fell by a record US\$513 billion last year after it devalued the yuan currency in August, sparking a flood of capital outflows that alarmed global markets.

Suggests

The yuan has eased another 2 percent this year and is hovering near six-year lows, but official data suggests speculative capital flight is under control for now, thanks to tighter capital controls and currency trading regulations.

However, economists are divided over how much money is still flowing out of the country via other

channels, with opaque policymaking and some inconsistency in the data raising suspicions that the fall in the yuan may be masking capital outflow pressure.

After the yuan slipped to below the psychologically important 6.7/dollar level on July 18, it has seen a mild rebound as the central bank stepped in to control the pace of its depreciation.

Still, most China watchers expect it will resume its descent soon, risking a renewed surge in outflows.

A Reuters poll on Wednesday showed analysts believe the yuan

may fall more than 3 percent against the dollar by a year from now, more than expected just a month ago, as the economy struggles to maintain momentum and as the dollar edges up on views of an eventual US rate rise.

Reform

China will keep the yuan basically stable and continue with market-based interest rate reform, the central bank said on Wednesday.

The country's economy expanded slightly faster than expected in the second quarter but private investment growth shrank to a record low, suggesting future weakness that could pressure the government to roll out more support measures. *Reuters*

World News

TRUMP MOCKS CLINTON OVER 'SHORT-CIRCUIT' COMMENT

WASHINGTON – Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump slammed Hillary Clinton as mentally unstable at a Saturday campaign rally, seizing on her admission that she "short-circuited" in comments about her private email use at the State Department.

"The people of this country don't want somebody who's going to short circuit up here," Trump told supporters in New Hampshire.

"She's a dangerous liar," the real estate mogul said of the Democratic former secretary of state. "She is a totally unhinged person. She's unbalanced." Trump's supporters chanted



RIVALRY: Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump slammed Hillary Clinton as mentally unstable

"Lock her up!" during the event in the town of Windham, which was broadcast online.

On Friday, Clinton acknowledged she "may have short-circuited" when she tried to clarify statements about her use of a pri-

ivate email server.

The Democrat had told Fox News yesterday that FBI director James Comey said her "answers were truthful" about whether she sent or received classified material via private email.

That comment was branded false by Washington-based fact-checkers.

Trump, 70, has embraced her phrasing as a line of attack. On Saturday ahead of his rally in New Hampshire, he posted a campaign ad on his Facebook page that refers to Clinton as "Robot Hillary" – and shows sparks flying out of her mouth.

"Is Robot Hillary melting down?" the ad asks.

Trump is trying to boost his campaign after a week of missteps that saw his poll numbers drop and the 68-year-old Clinton, a former senator and first lady, seize the momentum.

AFP

Two shot dead at Rio Olympic sites

RIO DE JANEIRO – Police said on Saturday that officials shot a mugger near the stadium where the opening ceremony took place and a woman was killed close to another Olympic site.

The violence on Friday highlighted the task facing an unprecedented force of 85 000 soldiers and police deployed to secure the Olympics.

Rio police said in a statement that a man was mugging people near the Maracana stadium when he was intercepted by one of the police officers sent from another area of Brazil to Rio as part of the huge reinforcements.

"The man was carrying out assaults when a military police officer... shot him," the statement said.

Hours earlier, an architect was killed while driving by one of the main entrances to the Olympic Boulevard, a redeveloped port area that now hosts the Olympic flame and has become a major tourist attraction.

AFP



DEVASTATING: A newly coloured photograph shows the destruction unleashed by the nuclear bomb dropped on Hiroshima - which killed 140 000 people 71 years ago. The annual ceremony to commemorate the bombing came just months after Barack Obama became the first sitting US president to visit Hiroshima, in the west of Japan. During his visit in May, Mr Obama embraced survivors as he made his visit to the city and the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. (Daily Mail)

Yemeni sets up governing council as peace talks end

DUBAI – Yemen's two dominant political movements announced a 10-member governing council, pushing ahead with plans to run the country as UN-sponsored talks to end a 16-month-old war drew to a close without a deal.

The announcement came as supporters of internationally recognised President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi, who is backed by a Saudi-led Arab coalition, launched a fresh offensive to try to capture the capital, Sanaa from, the Iran-allied Houthis.

The armed Houthi movement and the party of



CHANGE: Officials from Yemen's Houthi movement and the General People's Congress party attend a ceremony during which a political council was formed.

Yemen's former president Ali Abdullah Saleh, the General People's Congress (GPC), hold most of

Yemen's northern half, while Hadi's forces share control of the rest of the country with local tribes. AFP

BRIEFS

Malian expelled on suspected jihadist links

PARIS – France has expelled a Malian believed to pose a "serious threat" to public order "for belonging to a pro-jihadist Islamist movement", the interior ministry said. "Malian national Moussa Keita has been expelled to his homeland, bringing to 81 the number of expulsion measures taken since 2012," the ministry said.

AFP

Officials go into damage-control over Zika

TAMPA – Thank goodness it's the slow season in the US state of Florida. At least that's what officials and representatives of the state's multibillion-dollar tourism industry are thinking in the wake of the news that 15 people have been infected with Zika in a small, trendy neighbourhood in Miami.

AP

'US not involved in coup attempt'

WASHINGTON – The United States' ambassador to Turkey has again said his country played no role in last month's failed coup attempt, showing exasperation with persistent accusations to the contrary, local media reported on Saturday. "I just want to say again, as I've said before and as we've said from Washington, the United States government did not plan, direct, support or have any advance knowledge of any of the illegal activities that occurred during the night of July 15 and into July 16."

REUTERS

Controlled explosion at Olympics

RIO DE JANEIRO – The Brazilian military carried out a controlled explosion near the Copacabana finish line of the Rio Olympics men's road cycling race on Saturday, witnesses said. Military bomb disposal experts were at the scene of the explosion and kept crowds away with police. The explosion stunned crowds gathering for the end of the race. The race leaders were about 100 kilometers away at the time.

Reuters

Politicians, officials involved in drugs

MANILA – Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, who has led a bloody war on drug suspects, on Sunday named over 30 politicians, officials and judges whom he linked to narcotics and warned them to surrender. Police and shadowy vigilantes have been blamed for killing over 800 drug suspects since Duterte's election on May 9. "Due process has nothing to do with my mouth."

There are no proceedings here, no lawyers," Duterte said in a pre-dawn speech just before he began naming the suspects. He listed seven judges and over 25 current or former congressmen, mayors and other local officials whom he alleged were involved in illegal drugs.

AFP

Focus on SA scene

ANC, DA IN TUG OF WAR OVER EFF COALITION

JOHANNESBURG - African National Congress leaders have reportedly defied President Jacob Zuma and initiated coalition talks with the Economic Freedom Fighters.

The Sunday Times reported that the Gauteng ANC branch has initiated talks with the EFF in a last-ditch attempt to save Johannesburg and Tshwane from falling into the hands of the Democratic Alliance.

ANC Secretary General Gwede Mantashe reportedly said in an interview with the Sunday Times that he had briefed provincial secretaries to "do everything they can" to retain all hung municipalities.

But the ANC's attempts to charm their way to an EFF coalition could be for naught, if the DA manages to clinch a deal with the fighters.

The Sunday Times reported that such a meeting took place later yesterday or today. EFF leader Julius



THE KINGMAKERS: ANC and The DA caught up in a tug of war over a coalition with the EFF.

Malema is no doubt holding the trump card after this week's municipal elections thrust his party into the position of kingmaker.

Confirmed

Gauteng provincial leaders reportedly confirmed that Zuma's backers had raised concerns about coalition

talks with the EFF.

Dismissed

But according to the Sunday Times, ANC party spokesman Zizi Kodwa dismissed allegations of Zuma's opposition to the negotiations as "malicious gossip".

AFP

DA-led coalition for Mandela Bay a step closer

PORT ELIZABETH - With the UDM willing to form a coalition with the DA, Mmusi Maimane's party would need just another two seats for an outright majority in the Nelson Mandela Bay metro.

DA mayoral candidate Athol Trollip said on Saturday that talks were taking place at national level to form coalitions in Nelson Mandela Bay, Tshwane and, potentially, in Johannesburg.

He would not disclose any details, other than to repeat UDM leader Bantu Holomisa's and UDM regional chairperson Mongameli Bobani's statements that they would form a coalition with the DA.

If the UDM joined the DA in Nelson Mandela Bay, the DA would need only another two

seats for a majority.

Port Elizabeth was one of the most contested metros in the 2016 local government elections. The DA wrested control from the ANC by securing 46.7% of the vote and 57 seats in the 120-seat council.

The ANC secured 40.9%, gaining 50 seats, a major drop from its 62-seat majority in 2011.

The DA needed four additional seats to have a 61-member council majority, and the ANC 11.

The EFF was the third-largest party, securing 5.1% of the vote, and 6 seats

on council. The UDM secured 1.9% of the vote, earning them 2 seats. The remaining five seats went to Cope, the ACDP, the African Independent Conference, the United Front of the Eastern Cape, and the newly-formed Patriotic Alliance. **News24**



IEC declares elections, ANC takes Joburg

PRETORIA - As the 2016 local government elections officially ended on Saturday night, many discussions turned to the ANC losing its 50 percent

majority in key metros.

This leaves open the possibility of the DA going into coalitions with other parties to reach a majority and unseat the ANC.

Buffalo City: (ANC majority)
ANC - 58.74% - 60 seats
DA - 23.4% - 24 seats
EFF - 7.97% - 8 seats
AIC - 3.42% - 4 seats
PAC, UDM, COPE, ACDP - Less than 1% - 1 seat each

City of Cape Town (DA majority)
DA - 66.61% - 154 seats
ANC - 24.36% - 57 seats
EFF - 3.17% - 7 seats
ACDP - 1.21% - 3 seats
Aljama - 0.66% - 2 seats
AIC, FFPlus, DI, UDM, CMC, PAC, COPE, PA - Less than 1% - 1 seat each

City of Johannesburg (Hung council)
ANC - 44.55% - 121 seats
DA - 38.37% - 104 seats
EFF - 11.09% - 30 seats
IFP - 1.72% - 5 seats
AIC - 1.5% - 4 seats
FFPlus, ACDP, Aljama, UDM, Cope, PA - Less than 1% - 1 seat each

City of Tshwane (Hung council)
DA - 43.11% - 93 seats
ANC - 41.22% - 89 seats
EFF - 11.7% - 25 seats
FFPlus - 1.99% - 4 seats
ACDP, Cope, PAC - Less than 1% - 1 seat each

Ekurhuleni (Hung council)

ANC - 48.64% - 109 seats
DA - 34.15% - 77 seats
EFF - 11.23% - 25 seats
AIC - 1.64% - 4 seats
IFP - 1.02% - 2 seats
FF Plus, ACDP, PAC, PA, Cope, Irasa - Less than 1% - 1 seat each.

eThekweni (ANC majority)
ANC - 56.01% - 126 seats
DA - 26.92% - 61 seats
IFP - 4.2% - 10 seats
EFF - 3.44% - 8 seats
AIC - 1.37% - 3 seats
ACDP, MF, DLC, TA, MOSA, APC, Aljama - Less than 1% - 1 seat each.

Mangaung (ANC majority)
ANC - 56.52% - 58 seats
DA - 25.96% - 27 seats
EFF - 8.66% - 9 seats
FF Plus - 1.92% - 2 seats
AIC - 1.69% - 2 seats
ANA, Cope - Less than 1% - 1 seat each

Nelson Mandela Bay metro (Hung council)
DA - 46.71% - 57 seats
ANC - 40.92% - 50 seats
EFF - 5.12% - 6 seats
UDM - 1.91% - 2 seats

AIC, UFEC, Cope, ACPD, PA - Less than 1% - 1 seat each
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South Africa's democracy is thriving - Zuma

PRETORIA - The 2016 local government elections showed the world that democracy is thriving in South Africa, President Jacob Zuma said on Saturday.

He thanked parties, independent candidates and their supporters for contributing to largely peaceful, free and fair elections.

"You have shown the world that South Africa is a thriving democracy where differences of political opinion

and diverse political preferences are allowed to flourish," he said in a speech at the IEC's results centre in Pretoria.

"These elections were hotly contested, with competing parties passionately arguing their points of view in attempts to win the favour of the electorate. That is how it should be in a democracy."

He congratulated all the parties, including those who gained new

municipalities. South Africans were the real victors, and their will prevailed, he said.

"However, we are one people. The elected representatives must govern on behalf of and in the best interests of all South Africans. They must build an accessible, caring and efficient local government system throughout the country, regardless of which party controls the municipality," he said. **News24**

Pistorius rushed to hospital, suicide attempt denied

JOHANNESBURG - Convicted murderer Oscar Pistorius is back in prison after being rushed to hospital over the weekend following a medical emergency, the department of correctional services said yesterday.

"The official report is that he [Pistorius] made a call [for help] after falling off his bed," said correctional services spokesperson Singabakho Nxumalo.

The official told News24 that it was not possible to comment on an earlier report by the City Press newspaper that Pistorius had intentionally injured his wrists. "We are not allowed to comment on medical information," he said.

Another Correctional Services spokesperson Manelisi Wolela said Oscar "denied speculations of a suicide attempt".

Pistorius called for help after the incident on Saturday, Nxumalo said, and



NOT WELL: Oscar Pistorius is back in prison after being rushed to the hospital over the weekend.

medical practitioners were called to assess him. They subsequently decided he needed to be taken to Pretoria's Kalafong Hospital.

Yesterday morning, Nxumalo confirmed Pistorius was "back in our care now".
AFP



VICIOUS: The crocodile which reportedly attacked the kayaker, leaving bite marks in his vessel. (Stock image)

MAN ESCAPED HUGE CROCODILE THAT CHOMPED HIS KAYAK

SYDNEY - A man on a kayaking trip in northern Australia was attacked by a crocodile and survived.

He was, however, left stranded on a remote island for four days after escaping the huge reptiles clutches.

The man was on a 200-kilometre kayak trip, when his vessel was savaged by a crocodile, about 3km off Townshend Island, about 111km north of Rockhampton, Queensland.

He told rescuers he had never paddled so fast in his life when the beast sank its teeth into his small vessel, leaving marks in it.

He'd managed to fend it off with his paddle.

The man, who is yet to be identified, was rescued on Saturday morning, four days after he had set off on his trip from Yeppoon on a journey to Stanage Bay.

After the crocodile attack, bad

● Man attacked, while kayaking off a remote Queensland island last week

● He escaped but became stranded on Townshend Island for four days

● He was rescued on Saturday after setting off his emergency beacon

weather kept the kayaker stuck on the island and he activated his personal locator beacon on Saturday after not being able to leave due to low tides.

The man was well provisioned, as he was expecting his trip from Yeppoon to Stanage Bay to take several days.

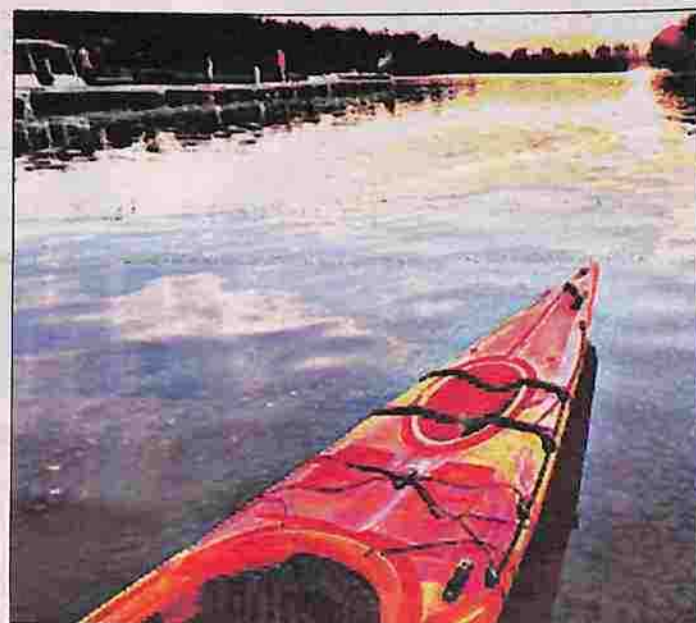
An RACQ helicopter out of Rockhampton rescued the man after his beacon was detected at 7am Saturday. An Australian Maritime

Safety Association spokeswoman told Daily Mail Australia the man had a 'very lucky escape' from what she described as 'pretty inhospitable crocodile country'.

'He had only just brought the beacon ahead of the trip.

'I'm pretty sure he will be thanking his lucky stars... It's obviously not somewhere you want to be stranded for too long.'

She said paramedics assessed him and he was uninjured. *Daily Mail*



HELL RIDE: The man had been on a 200-kilometre kayak journey, up the Queensland coast, when the attack.



WILD CREATURE: The kayaker said, he'd never paddled so fast in his life as when he tried to escape the crocodile.

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Son of CAR's ex-president detained

BANGUI - Central African Republic's justice minister says United Nations officials have detained the son of a former president and handed him over to the country's authorities. Jean-François Bozize, whose father was toppled in 2013, has returned to the country. Justice Minister Flavien Mbata said on Friday that Bozize returned to meet President Faustin Archange Touadera and presented himself at the UN mission to signal he was back.

AP

Votes in runoff boycotted by president

SAO TOME - Sao Tome and Principe votes yesterday to elect the next president of the small west African archipelago, but only one candidate is standing in the second-round runoff after the incumbent boycotted the vote as fraudulent. Held up as a model of democracy in the region, the country is in the grip of a political crisis unprecedented in the 25 years of its multiparty system following the initial July 17 vote.

AFP

Uganda gay pride postponed

KAMPALA - A gay pride parade in the Ugandan capital planned for the weekend has been postponed after a government minister was accused of saying mob attacks on participants would be their own fault. Lawyer Nicholas Opiyo said that minister of ethics and integrity Simon Lokodo

told him ordinary citizens would be "mobilised to defend the moral values of Uganda" and that "if participants were to be beaten by a mob" they would have "brought it upon themselves".

AFP



Eni reaches deal on gas project-sources

MILAN - Italian oil firm Eni has wrapped up long-running talks to sell a multi-billion dollar stake in its planned Mozambique liquefied natural gas (LNG) development to Exxon Mobil, two sources with knowledge of the matter said. The deal is done but won't be announced for several months at Exxon's request, one of the sources said. Eni declined to comment, while a spokesman for Exxon said, "We do not comment on market rumours or speculation".

Reuters

Kenya hit by electricity outage

KAMPALA - Most of Kenya suffered a blackout due to a fault on a major transmission line serving the capital Nairobi, electricity distributor Kenya Power said. By mid-morning supply had been restored to six regions including West Kenya, North Rift and South Nyanza, the company said, but Nairobi remained without power. "We experienced a technical challenge that led to tripping of our main supply line, consequently leading to a power outage in most parts of the country," Kenya Power said.

AFP



ZIMBABWEANS TAKE PROTEST TO CRICKET TEST

BULAWAYO - Hundreds of protesters waved the Zimbabwean flag and sang the national anthem during a cricket match against New Zealand on Saturday.

Circumventing laws that forbid political gatherings without police clearance, protesters at the ground in Bulawayo rose at the 36th over and began singing the national anthem while waving the national flag, which has been turned into a symbol of protest.

"I am in complete support of the protest because of the situation in the country," activist Mandla Dungeni told AFP.

"We need to get the message across that it's time up, using whatever means available to us. There will be more of these and I am certain they will have the desired impact."

A woman who asked to be identified as Rose said: "It's diffi-



NOT BACKING DOWN: Protesters took to a cricket match to voice their concerns.

cult to fend for ourselves, let alone send our kids to school. It's not a secret that this government has failed. That is why you are seeing all these people gathered here are concerned about how things are."

Pastor Evan Mawarire, who called for a national strike last

month that shut down businesses and schools and paralysed the public transport system, was behind the protest, according to a video he posted on Facebook.

Police had earlier arrested at least 10 members of the pressure group Women of Zimbabwe Arise (WOZA) who staged a

protest outside the venue of the test match calling on Mugabe to fix the ailing economy or step down. "Mugabe Must Go" one placard read, and another protester called for resistance to a government plan to introduce token bank notes to ease cash shortages. The demonstration was dispersed by mounted police.

After 36 years of Mugabe's authoritarian rule, Zimbabwe has seen a rise in opposition protests fuelled by internet activism using the hashtag "ThisFlag" - a reference to wearing the national flag in public.

Last Wednesday hundreds of protesters held a march in the capital calling on 92-year-old Mugabe to step down over worsening economic troubles which have seen banks running short of cash and the government failing to pay its workers on time.

AFP



MOTHERLY LOVE: New mother Hao Hao has until now proven hesitant to share her little baby, known only as P, with the rest of the world after giving birth back in June. However visitors to the Pairi Daiza animal park were finally able to meet the adorable tyke, after the pair ventured into their new cave (pictured main and inset).

(Daily Mail)

7 dead as protesters clash with police in Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA - At least seven people were killed during fresh clashes between police and anti-government protesters in western Ethiopia on Saturday, local sources said, while the ethnic unrest also reached the capital Addis Ababa for the first time.

Saturday's rally in the capital was called by opposition groups from the Oromo, Ethiopia's main ethnic group.

Some 500 people gathered amid a heavy police presence

on the capital's main Meskel Square shouting slogans such as "we want our freedom" and "free our political prisoners." Police swiftly moved in to break up the protest.

The other main ethnic group, the Amhara, has also held rallies in recent weeks.

Both groups, which between them make up some 80 percent of the population, complain that they suffer discrimination in favour of ethnic Tigrayans, who they say occupy the key jobs in the government and security

forces. Sources in western Ethiopia said that at least seven people were killed during the clashes in Nemetke, in the Oromo region Saturday, though no details emerged.

In Addis Ababa, police made dozens of arrests during the anti-government demonstration which came less than a week after thousands of people from the Amhara group joined a demonstration in the northern city of Gondar.

AFP

Clash with bandits leaves 11 troops dead in Nigeria

LAGOS - Eleven Nigerian troops have been killed in clashes with gunmen and bandits in the violence-wrecked north central region, the army said Saturday.

Military spokesman Colonel Sani Usman said in a statement that the troops, comprising soldiers and airmen, came under attack from gunmen during operations to confiscate illegal weapons from the villages of Kopa, Dagma and Gagaw in Niger State. "While approaching and deploying to carry out their lawful duty, the troops came under simultaneous and sporadic shootings in all the three locations. They however responded as necessary in line with the rules of engagement," the army spokesman said.

"Sadly, an officer and eight soldiers of the Nigerian Army and two airmen of the Nigeria Air Force lost their lives in the line of national duty," he added.

Usman said another soldier remained missing while two more were wounded.

The gunmen also torched four military vehicles and vandalised two others.

He said eight gunmen were killed and 57 others arrested during the army operation during which a cache of arms and ammunition were recovered.

The spokesman did not specify when the fatalities occurred but the army operation in question has been ongoing for a week. AFP



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PEACE 2 LEAD SINGER SBU' DIES

By Nomfundo Sifundza

SIBUSISO 'SBU' Nxumalo who was a founding member and lead singer of the Kwaito group, **Peace 2** has passed away.

He reportedly died after he learnt of his mother's death.

Winile Nxumalo, who is a wife to the deceased, confirmed that her husband passed away this past weekend after he was told of the passing on of his mother.

Nxumalo is said to have been greatly disturbed and hurt by the news of his mother's death as he was also not in good health. His shock reaction resulted to his own death.

The music fraternity in

which Sibusiso Nxumalo subscribed as a producer and engineer Swaziland Arts and Music Association (SWAMA) is in great shock and devastated as they have lost a legend.

Condolences

SWAMA Public Relations officer Menzi Mtsetfwa expressed the association's condolences to friends, family and colleagues of Nxumalo as he was described as a person who has served the industry for a long time and ran a good race in his capacity as Peace 2 lead singer, a producer and a sound engineer.

"These are very bad news as the family was still mourning the death of an elder. Now their son also passed away, we are very saddened

by the passing away of Nxumalo, the entire music fraternity has lost a star that has fought the many hurdles of music in the country," Mtsetfwa said. The Kwaito star will be laid to rest at his home in Maliyaduma in a service that will see the family paying their last respects to both mother and son this coming Saturday.

"SWAMA Executive committee will be visiting the homestead as the week progresses to express condolences," Mtsetfwa added.

He also extended invite to all artists under the association who would love to support the Nxumalo family in their hour of need to contact him as they arrange logistics of going to Maliyaduma.

Mdura's Botswana performance cancelled

By Majaha Nkonyane

COMEDIAN, Mduduzi 'Mdura' Dlamini's performance at the Heavy Weight Comedy Festival in Botswana this past weekend was cancelled.

The greatly talented comedian who recently pulled a successful live DVD recording at Sibane Hotel was met with an unfavourable fate as he had to cancel his trip due to non-agreements on contracts regarding his performance.

Dlamini apart from experiencing a few challenges with the contract with his hosts also met another challenge at the boarder post.

Boarder controls barred his manager Larry Mhlanga from crossing the border as his resident permit was due for renewal.

"It is very unfortunate that

we could not agree with the Botswana hosts on a few things hence our trip had to be cancelled, however though this is not meant to deter us as we are eyeing other bigger opportunities," Mhlanga said.

The comedian who is on the rise was supposed to do an hour set in Botswana where he would have been the

first and only Swazi comedian to perform on the

Heavy Weights Comedy Festival.

Moreover, it has been sourced from the manager that the glitch experienced by the comedian is yet to be rectified. Mhlanga is still in talks with the Botswana crew concerning the local comedian eventually performing that side.

It has also been gathered that the #ZeroChill DVD is already under production and even though it cannot be revealed yet when it will be released, Mhlanga promised it will be worth purchasing as it will be a high quality production.



CANCELLED: Comedian, Mduduzi 'Mdura' Dlamini.

By Majaha Nkonyane

SOUTH African tribal soul DJ, Mobi Dixon popularly known for his hit track 'love colour spin' brought the house down at the Winter Shutdown Show held at Solanis Shisanyama on Friday night.

The show was headlined by local DJ's who put a very good show from as early as 20:00, local DJ's played for an hour each.

Socialite Frankie Dlamini kept the handful audience entertained with his dance skills as the MC for the night, he time and again interjected on the mic ensuring the audience was in the same exited mode he was in.

In a brief interview with the MC Frankie Dlamini, he highlighted the show was a fun experience "the show was well organised with no fights and people are happy, my highlight for the show was the performances done by Callinder, Crooks and Mobi Dixon".

Dropped

As the temperatures continuously dropped throughout the night, more people swamped the heaters that were provided in the venue and the dance floor outside was for some time neglected, with only a few fun lovers braving the cold. It was not until 02:15 when Mobi Dixon took over the turntables, the dance floor was alive again with more people ditched the heaters and went outside to see their favourite DJ. It was only a few minutes into his set that there was a sound glitch and revellers sang along to the track the DJ was playing. Soon afterwards everything was back on track.

It was as though he was fired by the

MOBI DIXON A HIT AT SOLANIS



MOMENT OF FAME: Mobi Dixon poses with fans after his performance at Solani's Shisanyama during the Winter Shutdown Show. (Pic: Majaha Nkonyane).

disturbance as the next hour and a half was a power packed performance that brought the house down, despite the chilly weather. The tribal house DJ shared a moment after his brilliant performance and alluded that he had lots of fun "I am happy to have performed in Swaziland as it was my second time in the country. I am currently working on a new album that will come out in September 02 titled 'Live the music'. I recently shot a video of a single titled Trigger and people can get my music online in

various platforms like iTunes, Google and CD stores". The show continued with more local DJ's putting up a good show to last until the morning. Pub and Grill resident DJ Callinder displayed amazing skills behind the decks.

On the other hand, DJ Crooks also lived up to the bar that was set by the others as he also pumped in awesome hits on his set. Another local that became a hit was veteran DJ Peace who besides his absence behind the decks still has good skills in his bag.

Vintage clothing puts Mbabane to a standstill

By Phumelele Mkhonta

MBABANE Corporate Place came to a standstill on Saturday when a group of energetic youngsters publicly shared their love for vintage clothing.

The event took place the whole day with the youngsters wearing vintage clothes and selling retro clothing as well on stalls.

The group was wearing very unique clothing items which kept passersby staring; and their daring style packed up the food court.

The concept was initiated by Jean Pieter Isaacs; who was also the event chairperson.

According to Isaacs, this was the second Vintage Session this year to be held at the Corporate Place.

"We had a session about two

months ago and it was successful so we saw it fit to host another one. We are now in partnership with Cuba Nora and they are of great support," said Isaacs.

Not only was there a share of fashion sense with many photo shoots,



there were also performances and DJ Sbuda kept attendees entertained with lively and trendy music. The fashion lovers also had a great time feasting on Cuba Nora food and drowning themselves in drinks.

Tasty also stole the show and drove the crowd to a frenzy with his music. The fashion gurus loved his set and frantically danced to 'Walk in My Shoes' which was released last year in December.

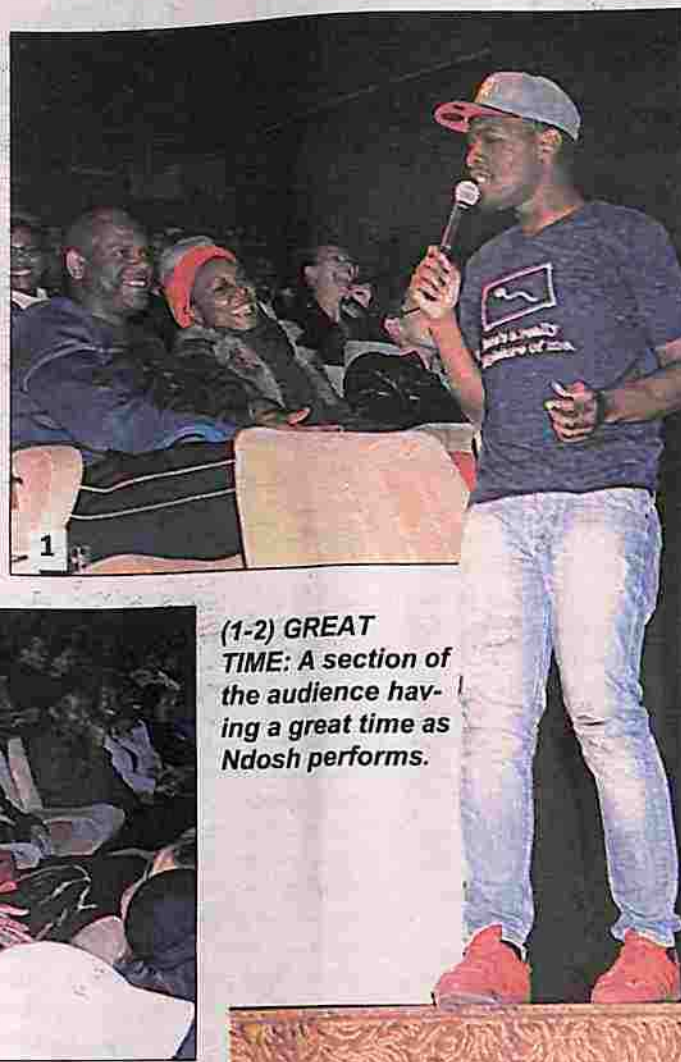
NDOSH @ DAVID KAU'S SHOW



FUNNY GUY: Ndosh Simelane was the opening act for David Kau's show on Friday hosted by Sifundzani Primary School's PTA. The comedian did a great job. (Pics: Nomfundo Sifundza)



LAUGH OUT LOUD: DJ Mixmash with DJ Ntombz laughing at Ndosh's jokes.



(1-2) GREAT TIME: A section of the audience having a great time as Ndosh performs.



AT THE LOUNGE WITH GABRIEL D



HALLELUJAH: Gabriel D deep in song at his show that was held at City Court Guest House on Saturday. The show was dubbed 'At the lounge with Gabriel D'. (Pics: Nomfundo Sifundza)

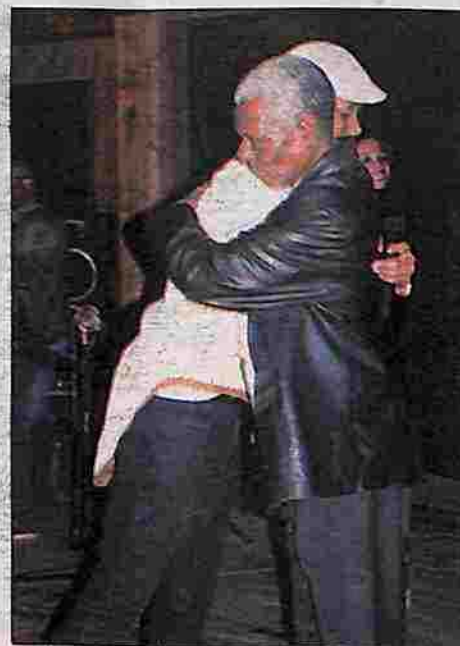


COME HERE MY SON: He hugs his mother as she joined him on stage.



Q AND A: He responds to questions posed to him by the audience as it was a session to get to know him better whilst MC, Slotta Dlamini looks on.

ALSO THERE: Singers, Eunice and Thandwa deep in worship as Gabriel ministered in song.



FATHERLY LOVE: Gabriel's father embraces him as he was about to close the show in prayer.



FULL CRY: He belts out as he performs his song titled 'I'll trust you Jesus'.

MOBI DIXON

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MOMENT OF FAME: Mobi Dixon poses with fans after his performance at Solani's Shisanyama, during the Winter Shutdown Show. (Pics: Majaha Nkonyane)



WILD: This reveller lost it on the dance floor as the music was pumping through the speakers.



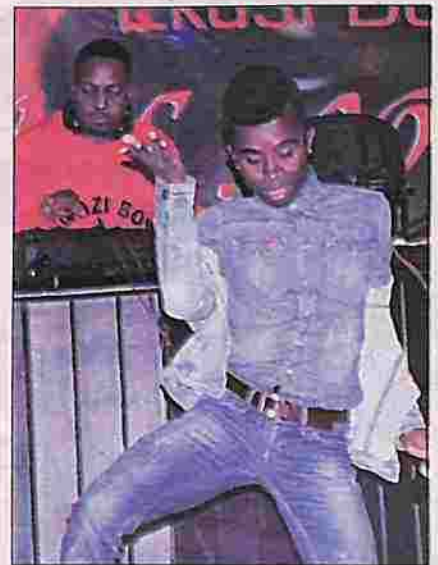
BRAVING THE COLD: Fun lovers who braved the cold dancing.



CLEAN FUN: Tebe Nxumalo decided water was enough to quench her thirst.



IN THE ZONE: This reveller was lost in Mobi Dixon tunes.



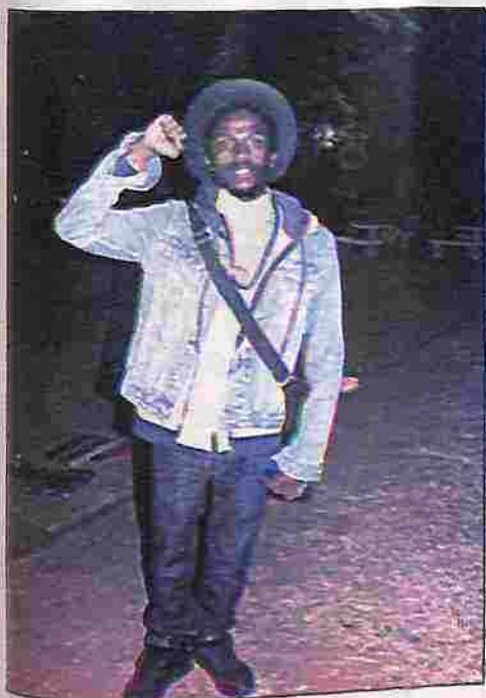
TWALATSA: MC for the night Frankie Dlamini dancing up a storm, whilst DJ Crooks played behind the decks.



LET'S DANCE: Local Disk Juggler DJ Peace behind the decks.



FRESH NYABINGI @ SO FRESH LOUNGE



HOST: Mozaik the Producer does the Jaman pose as the show progressed at the SoFresh Lounge in Manzini on Friday evening, where he was hosting a number of artists. (Pics: Nomfundo Sifundza)



SEVEN PHEZULU: Revellers having fun at the show, as Unkle Bonez dished out the best tunes.



ON DISPLAY: Merchandise on display during the show.



CHEESE: DJ Karly and Mozaik pose for the lenses.



FEELING IT: Unkle Bones, from SBIS2, doing what he does best on the decks.



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HIGHLIGHTS



SPOT BOTS
TODAY 13:04 | CBEEBIES (306)

Spot Bots is a play along sketch show designed to help kids develop their attention skills by playing along with various fun observation games and puzzles - funny to watch, even more fun to play. This is not a quiz show so the challenges are aimed squarely at

the viewers in a 'just for fun' manner. The aim is to help pre-schoolers develop some of the skills for paying attention which are so critical in all learning, particularly as they make their first move into formal schooling.



IF ONLY I WERE YOU
TODAY 16:20 | TELEMUNDO (118)

Ignacio tells Fernanda that he loves her, but Fernanda just swears her vengeance against Leonardo. Justino drops a sedative into Tania's drink. Ivonne makes up with Ignacio. Renata asks Fernanda if she wants to tell her

the truth about what's going on. Sara visits Elmer and finds him sick. Renata asks Daniela if she is in love with Santiago. Yesenia is about to go dancing when she sees Ines in the audience. Lupe ruins the presentation. Tune in weekdays at 16:20 CAT.



BELLA AND THE BULLDOGS
TODAY 17:00 | NICKELODEON (305)

Bella was a cheerleader until she was spotted throwing a football like a pro. Now she's the only lass on the boy's team, The Bulldogs, and

she's showing them how it's done... well sort of. It's a lot tougher than what Bella thought but when the going gets tough, the tough get going.



KRISHI
TODAY 22:00 | ZEE WORLD (166)

This month on Krishi, amidst all that is happening, Krishi manages to get a second chance to be interviewed and also gets very good

news. Pintu has an argument with his father and makes a drastic decision.



BEYONCÉ, ADELE LEAD MVA NOMINATIONS

MTV (130) has announced the nominations for the 2016 MTV Video Music Awards, with Beyoncé earning a career-best 11 nominations for videos from her cultural watershed visual album *Lemonade* and Adele earning eight nominations, including seven for her YouTube record-shattering video *Hello*.

Hello, Beyoncé's *Formation*, Drake's *Hotline Bling*, Justin Bieber's *Sorry* and Kanye West's *Famous* all earned nominations for Video of the Year.

The 2016 MTV Video Music Awards will take place at New York's iconic Madison Square Garden on Sunday August 28, premiering across Africa on Monday August 29 at 21:00 CAT (MTV, MTV Base). Build-up to the big night begins with the official Pre-Show including red carpet action on Monday August 29 at 20:00 CAT (MTV, MTV Base).

New

To echo a year in which the world's biggest artists pushed music videos to new heights of artistry, MTV unveiled the Video of the Year nominees in a sweeping and panoramic mural created by world-renowned visual artists BD White, John Paul Ogradnick (JPO), Damien Mitchell, Marc Evan, Resa, BKFox, Queen Andrea, Hektad, Giz, Such and Poem One at the First Street Green Art Park in New York's East Village. The reveal of the mural was broadcast during a Facebook Live event hosted by MTV News correspondents Meredith Graves and Gaby Wilson via MTV and a coalition of more than 15 partners including press outlets and brands.

Beginning today, fans can vote for their favourites in VMA categories including, Video of the Year, Best Male Video, Best Female Video, Breakthrough Long Form Video, and

NOMINEES

Video of the Year

Adele - *Hello*, Director: Xavier Dolan
Beyoncé - *Formation*, Director: Melina Matsoukas
Drake - *Hotline Bling*, Director: Director X
Justin Bieber - *Sorry*, Director: Parris Goebel
Kanye West - *Famous*, Director: Kanye West

Best Female Video

Adele - *Hello*, Director: Xavier Dolan
Beyoncé - *Hold Up*, Director: Jonas Åkerlund
Beyoncé Knowles Carter
Sia - *Cheap Thrills*, Director: Lior Molcho
Ariana Grande - *Into You*, Director: Hannah Lux Davis
Rihanna ft. Drake - *Work* (short version), Director: Director X

Best Male Video

Drake - *Hotline Bling*, Director: Director X
Bryson Tiller - *Don't*, Director: Cris
Calvin Harris ft. Rihanna - *This Is What You Came For*, Director: Emil Nava
Kanye West - *Famous*, Director: Kanye West
The Weeknd - *Can't Feel My Face*, Director: Grant Singer

Best Collaboration

Beyoncé ft. Kendrick Lamar - *Freedom*, Director: Beyoncé Knowles Carter, Kahlil Joseph
Fifth Harmony ft. Ty Dolla \$ign - *Work From Home*, Director: Director X
Ariana Grande ft. Lil Wayne - *Let Me Love You*, Director: Grant Singer
Calvin Harris ft. Rihanna - *This Is What You Came For*, Director: Emil Nava
Rihanna ft. Drake - *Work* (short version), Director: Director X

Best Hip Hop Video

Drake - *Hotline Bling*, Director: Director X
Designer - *Panda*, Director: Paul Geusebroek
Bryson Tiller - *Don't*, Director: Cris
Chance The Rapper featuring Saba - *Angels*, Director: Austin Vesely
2 Chainz - *Watch Out*, Director: Motion Family

Best Pop Video

Adele - *Hello*, Director: Xavier Dolan
Beyoncé - *Formation*, Director: Melina Matsoukas

Justin Bieber - *Sorry*, Director: Parris Goebel
Alessia Cara - *Wild Things*, Director: Aaron A
Ariana Grande - *Into You*, Director: Hannah Lux Davis

Best Rock Video

All Time Low - *Missing You*, Director: Patrick Tracy
Coldplay - *Adventure Of A Lifetime*, Director: Mat Whitecross
Fall Out Boy ft. Demi Lovato - *Irresistible*, Director: Wayne Isham
twenty one pilots - *Heathens*, Director: Andrew Donoho
Panic! At The Disco - *Victorious*, Director: Brandon Dermer

Best Electronic Video

Calvin Harris & Disciples - *How Deep Is Your Love*, Director: Emil Nava
99 Souls ft. Destiny's Child & Brandy - *The Girl Is Mine*, Director: Ludovic Zulli / Simon Bouisson
Mike Posner - *I Took A Pill In Ibiza*, Director: Jon Jon Augustavo
Afrojack - *SummerThing!*, Director: Sam Sneed
The Chainsmokers ft. Daya - *Don't Let Me Down*, Director: Marcus Kuhne
Breakthrough Long Form Video
Florence + The Machine - *The Odyssey*
Beyoncé - *Lemonade*
Justin Bieber - *PURPOSE: The Movement*
Chris Brown - *Royalty*
Troye Sivan - *Blue Neighbourhood Trilogy*

Best New Artist

Bryson Tiller
Designer
Zara Larsson
Lukas Graham
DNCE

Best Art Direction

Beyoncé - *Hold Up*, Production Designer: Jason Hougaard
Fergie - *M.I.L.F. \$*, Production Designer: Alexander Delgado
Drake - *Hotline Bling*, Production Designer: Jeremy MacFarlane
David Bowie - *Blackstar*, Production Designer: Jan Houllevigue
Adele - *Hello*, Production Designer: Colombe Raby

more by visiting www.mtv.co.za. Nominees for the socially voted cate-

gory Best Song of Summer will be announced at a later date.

International Celebrity News

Adele's credit card was declined

LOS ANGELES - We all agree that Adele is the QUEEN of being relatable! Whether it's through her heart-wrenching lyrics...

But she was literally all of us this past weekend when she had her credit card declined while shopping at H&M.

Adele shared her cringeworthy moment with the crowd at her concert yesterday in San Jose,



DECLINED: Adele.

mortified."

And, of course, it's not like Adele doesn't have the money, she's reportedly worth an estimated \$125 million.

eOnline

California, saying, "I went to H&M and my card got declined. Oh my days, pretty embarrassing. Nobody knew it was me, but I was

Amber Heard hides behind her shades

LOS ANGELES - Amber Heard looked somber as she arrived to face Johnny Depp's lawyers over her divorce and domestic violence case. The actress was 90 minutes late for Saturday's deposition, at the offices of lawyer Laura Wasser's firm, Wasser, Cooperman and Mandles, which is repping Johnny in the split.

The actor has also hired Blair Berk, one of the top

trial lawyers in the country, to join his team.

Amber's lawyer Samantha Spector arrived at 10am on Saturday morning at the offices in Century City, Los Angeles. Amber was driven to the front of the building at around 11.30am before finding a more private entrance.

TMZ captured film of her getting out of a car with her beefy bodyguard and flanked by her lawyers in an underground parking lot. eOnline



HIDING: Amber Heard.

Justin Bieber goes skinny dipping

LOS ANGELES

- His arch rival Orlando Bloom recently caused a stir when he hit the beach naked with girlfriend Katy Perry. And just days after the actor sent the internet into meltdown, Justin Bieber was up to the same tricks as his nemesis, as he stripped completely nude to indulge in some skinny dipping with



FREE: Justin Bieber.

rumoured model girlfriend Sahara Ray and a bevy of Australian beauties. Wearing absolutely nothing as he cooled off in the water, the 20-year-old Eenie Meenie hitmaker showed off his impressive collection of inkings and muscle-bound physique as he emerged dripping wet from the lake. eOnline

Lindsay Lohan speaks out

MYKONOS - It was supposed be another sun-kissed step forward for actress Lindsay Lohan - a special Mediterranean break to celebrate a milestone birthday and to start building a rare long-term relationship. But there is nothing romantic about these disturbing new pictures from the Greek island of Mykonos, where she stayed last month hoping, at last, to put a famously troubled past behind her. They show an angry, violent altercation between Lindsay and her fiancé, Russian playboy Egor Tarabasov. She now admits that he has assaulted her several times before. Today, in her only inter-



OPENS UP: Lindsay Lohan.

view since another terrifying episode two weeks ago, this time in London, caused headlines around the world, Lohan admits that a relationship she had hoped would bring marriage. eOnline

SA Celebrity News

After Zuma rape protest #AKAIsOverParty

JOHANNESBURG - AKA's decision to slam rape protesters at President Jacob Zuma's address to the nation following the ANC's poor showing in the municipal elections hasn't gone as he likely planned.

Four women dressed in black were protesting by holding up sheets of paper saying "10 years on", "khanga", and "Remember Kwezi". The protest was in reference to Zuma's rape trial.



BACKFIRES: AKA

In 2006 the court had dismissed rape charges against President Zuma, finding that when he had unprotected sex with a friend's daughter he knew to be HIV positive, it was consensual. AKA responded to the protest by tweeting, "Are you so blind you are going to ignore that that protest had a political motive as well?" TimesLive

Buhle Mda returns a calm woman with some whoo-sa.

JOHANNESBURG - For the past five months, the leading lady of The Soil has been missing in action from the award-winning band and was replaced by the youngster Theo Matshoba, who joined the boys Ntsika and Phindo Nxanga.

Mda was undergoing initiation as a healer and tonight she finally makes her long-awaited return behind the mic. Her return is in time for the Experience The Soil Tour that



BACK: Buhle Mda.

will take them throughout South Africa until December. They will also be inviting local bands from different towns to perform with them in their effort to unearth and shine some spotlight on undiscovered talent.

Mda reflects on her journey over the past five months: "Going to initiation is the most humbling thing to happen to a human being. You forget that you're a star. I'm more calm now. "It's a mixture of emotions. I'm anxious but calm. TimesLive

Kenny Kunene shoots down 'lobola' assumptions

JOHANNESBURG - Controversial businessman and socialite Kenny Kunene had fans in a frenzy when he showed off a picture of himself searching for cattle in the Free State.

Shortly after Kenny shared the picture on Instagram, his followers instantly assumed that the former Sushi King was taking his relationship to the next level. Taking to the social media plat-



DENIES: Kenny Kunene.

form Kenny revealed that he and his girlfriend went in search for the perfect cattle. "Braving the cold with my Rib at the farm to choose the one...well looked after cattle," he said. But relax guys. Kenny wasn't busy with lobola negotiations. "Every year in August I come home to the Free State, where I pray and slaughter a cow for the ancestors, which is then fed to friends and family," he told TMG. Sowetan

Mabala Noise mum on Julius Malema's claims

JOHANNESBURG - Mabala Noise has maintained its silence after accusations by EFF leader Julius Malema that the entertainment company had paid artists no less than R5 million to join the label and perform at ANC political events. Malema was speaking at a press conference at the IEC results centre, which was broadcast live across the country on Friday afternoon. He took shots at Mabala Noise, claiming that the



ACCUSER: EFF leader Julius Malema.

company is headed up by ANC Youth League treasurer general Reggie Nkabinde, and that it paid no less than R5 million to artists signed to the label. TMG Entertainment has reached out to Mabala Noise for comment, with representatives saying they were "working on putting a statement together." TimesLive

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

An unexpected ally makes a dramatic and timely return and intervenes between the Zungu and Ngwenya war. Jabu is torn with guilt. Gossip about Thandeka and S'bu's marriage does the rounds.



TALKED ABOUT: Thandeka

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Obakeng is in hospital and everyone is shaken by the incident. Gabriel is still running his zama-zama operations. Lerato and Sechaba are caught up in their wedding frenzy.



HOSPITALISED: Obakeng

Muvhango

TODAY

When Vusi expresses his need for counselling, he has no idea how many rivers he will have to cross that day. Busi undergoes a medical procedure.



CHALLENGE: Vusi.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Lerato discovers Solomon crouching over Brenda with the murder weapon. Kop is disappointed when Renellwe refuses to go to church. Bash apologises to Zolani. Sabelo finds out there is prize money for the dance contest.



DISCOVERS: Lerato



MONDAYS

You're telling me they will happen every week?

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TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn - You possess a powerful, persistent drive and are a hard, steady worker. Others may find you deep, with a sense of mission and mystery. You are willing to do work that others would not try to attempt. Your drive to find new ways to use things and create useful tools is both well coordinated and intense.



Aquarius - You may be especially influential just now. There is a lot of energy and drive available to accomplish just about anything you set out to do now. You may have to realise that some people will not ever match your speed or schedule. Patience may be in order today. Your concern for everything makes you invaluable when anything needs doing.



Pisces - You have an instinctive imperative to be powerful and in control during certain circumstances this day. This may lead to a greater interest or experience in healing and investing and in the great mysteries of life and death.



Aries - You can really communicate and convey yourself to others right now. You have a lot of energy and come across as assertive. This is a day to buckle down and strengthen your career. Your organisational abilities and sense of responsibility will be what guides you and proves successful. Your career could assume a much more determined form - a firm foundation. There are opportunities to make good decisions and clear choices.



Taurus - Others show regard for your talents and skills at this time. Do not weaken your position by becoming timid. The next seven years will be good to you and you have a sense of this as you go about your workday.



Gemini - This is the best time to make progress, push forward and rise to prominence. It will be hard for you to do wrong, for all the energies are working in your favour at



this time.

Cancer - Others may disagree with what you say or think or in some way oppose your ideas and thoughts. It may be very hard for you to communicate what you mean to others, so bide your time and think things through for now.



Leo - Put your mind to work and take care of any details that you may have, for mental discipline should come easily today. Problems and obstacles that have previously been confounding should find easy explanation now. You may, however, have to exercise some control over your tongue, for you are quick to say things that could pack surprises to the listener. Things you say mean a lot. You have a great mental drive and lavish great energy on mental pursuits of all kind.



Virgo - The energies in your chart through the end of this month show that this is a good time to begin a new habit - perhaps a healthy nutritional programme and exercise therapies. Whatever you begin now will have a higher success rate of being completed according to your plans.



Libra - People want answers and you are just the person that can provide them. Most of the time you might rather be busy with some research but today you seem to enjoy the attention that is available for you now.



Scorpio - There could be better times to make important decisions that affect your living situation or life circumstances. Perhaps you could use this time to gather information and obtain the advice of others before making a final decision.



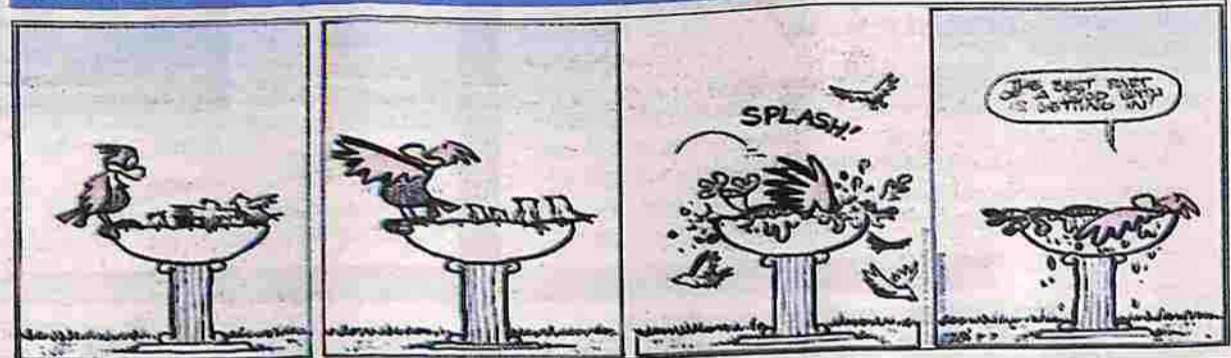
Sagittarius - There may be an opportunity to reach new goals in sales or customer service today. Law, politics, education and travel are some of the areas where a great deal of progress is made as well. This is a perfect time to move forward in your career.



BABY BLUES



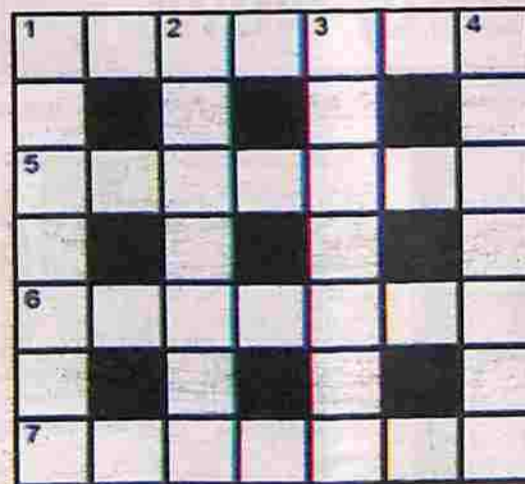
BUCKLES



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



Puzzle Choice



Down

1. Resolved
2. Ancient jar
3. Circus swing
4. Permission

Across

1. Forceful and extreme
5. Officer
6. Territorial jurisdiction of a bishop
7. Idiom

Eino and Toivo, two upper Michigan handymen were hired to paint a flag pole and were going to be paid by the inch. As they were standing at the base of the flagpole looking up, trying as they may to figure how much to charge, a young woman walked by and asked what they were doing. "We are supposed to find the height of this flag pole" said Toivo. "But we don't have a ladder. The woman took a

LOL
wrench from her purse, loosened a few bolts and laid the pole down. She then took a tape measure from her pocket, took a measurement and announced, "Eighteen feet, six inches" and walked away. Eino shook his head and laughed, "Ain't that just like a woman! We asked for the height and she gives us the length!!"

USELESS FACTS

1. A full-loaded super-tanker traveling at normal speed takes at least 20 minutes to stop.
2. Coca-Cola was originally green.
3. Men can read smaller print than women; women can hear better.
4. Hong Kong holds the most Rolls Royce's per capita.
5. Average number of days a West German

goes without washing his underwear: 7
6. WWII fighter pilots in the South Pacific armed their airplanes while stationed with 50 caliber machine gun ammo belts measuring 27 feet before being loaded into the fuselage. If the pilots fired all their ammo at a target, he went through "the whole 9 yards", hence the term.

BRAINTEASERS
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Friday's Brainteasers

1. What do the numbers 11, 69, and 88 all have in common?

Answer: They read the same right side up and upside down.

2. How can you throw a ball as hard as you can, to only have it come back to you, even if it doesn't bounce off anything?

Answer: Throw the ball straight up

in the air.

Today's Brainteasers

1. My name is Ruger, I live on a farm. There are four other dogs on the farm with me. Their names are Snowy, Flash, Speedy and Brownie. What do you think the fifth dog's name is?

2. I am an odd number. Take away one letter and I become even. What number am I?

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Ronaldo hits back at Mourinho

MADRID - Cristiano Ronaldo has appeared to hit back at former manager Jose Mourinho after the Manchester United boss criticised his touchline antics during the Euro 2016 final.

Ronaldo was forced off in the first half of the final with a knee injury and then spent the latter stages of the 1-0 win over France animatedly cheering on his teammates as well as barking instructions from the touchline.

Despite the win, Mourinho has hit out at his fellow countryman and claims his touchline behaviour did his side no favours at all. "Cristiano Ronaldo didn't help in any way by doing that in the final few minutes of the Euros final," the United manager told Portugal's SporTV.

"There were 11 players on the pitch doing their job, and the person in charge of directing them was the coach.

"I saw it as an overload of emotion from someone who saw that the team was just minutes away from achieving an objective

...after Manchester United boss criticises star's touchline antics during Euro 2016 final

which everyone wanted.

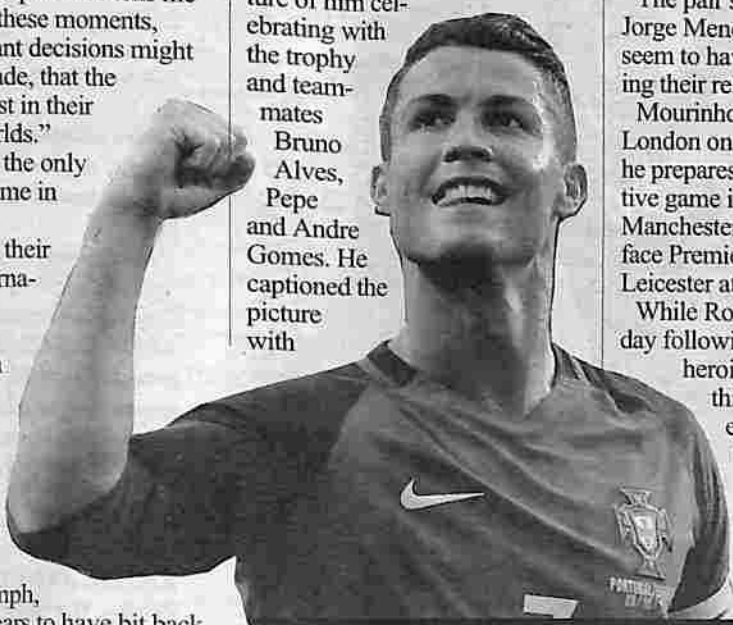
"He lost a little emotional control, not that that's a bad thing, but what my experience tells me is that it is in these moments, when important decisions might need to be made, that the players are lost in their own little worlds."

Eder scored the only goal of the game in extra time as Portugal won their first ever international trophy and Ronaldo put himself in the box seat to re-claim the Ballon d'Or.

And now less than a month on from the triumph, Ronaldo appears to have bit back at his former Real Madrid man-

ager.

The forward took to his Instagram account to post a picture of him celebrating with the trophy and teammates Bruno Alves, Pepe and Andre Gomes. He captioned the picture with



HITS BACK: Cristiano Ronaldo.

the words: 'Quick reminder'.

Ronaldo and Mourinho were known to be at odds with each other during their time together at Real Madrid and it appears that their frosty relationship has not thawed over time.

The pair share the same agent - Jorge Mendes - but that does not seem to have helped in improving their relationship.

Mourinho travelled down to London on Saturday afternoon as he prepares for his first competitive game in charge of Manchester United when they face Premier League champions Leicester at Wembley.

While Ronaldo remains on holiday following his and Portugal's heroics in France earlier

this summer but he posted a couple of his pictures training in a gym as he builds his fitness ahead of the La Liga season opener against Real Sociedad on August 21.

Daily Mail

Chris Froome's Olympic gold medal dreams ruined

RIO DE JANEIRO - Just 13 days after he rode triumphantly along the Champs-Élysées in Paris to celebrate a third Tour de France title, he simply ran out of steam and endurance in the closing stages of a dangerous and gruelling Olympic road race.

Hopes of Froome, 31, winning Britain's first gold medal in this prestigious event disappeared in the final descent of the 237.5km six-hour race.

The victory went to Belgium's Greg van Avermaet in a time of 6hr 10mins 05secs, Denmark's Jakob Fuglsang took silver while Rafal Majka of Poland was third.

Welshman Geraint Thomas, who had been in contention himself for a medal, ended up in the gutter after a crash with 9km remaining.

There had been drama at the start when Froome almost missed his slot in the race.

Just moments before the event kicked off he was unaware his name was being called over the public address system - riders must sign in before races - and had to be reminded by a BBC journalist.

He would not have been disqualified had he not registered - a fine would have been more likely - but it was not exactly ideal preparation for his tilt at history. DAILYSTAR

Gary Neville to return to Sky's Premier League coverage

LONDON - Gary Neville will return to Sky Sports as a football pundit for the new Premier League season, with Rachel Riley set to be part of their Friday night coverage.

Former Manchester United defender Neville had tried his hand at management but endured a nightmare four-month spell at Valencia that saw him win only 10 of 28 matches before being sacked.

He was then part of the England coaching team during their disastrous European Championship campaign, which saw a humiliating last-16 exit to Iceland.

But the 41-year-old has forged a reputation as one of the game's



TV FACES: Sky Sports have unveiled their punditry and presenting line-up for the new season. (Left to right) Jamie Carragher, Simon Thomas, Jeff Stelling, Jamie Redknapp, Hayley McQueen, Gary Neville, Dave Jones, Thierry Henry, Rachel Riley and Graeme Souness.

best analysts but won't necessarily return to every edition of Monday Night Football alongside

Jamie Carragher. Sky said Neville will make 'guest appearances' on the popu-

lar Monday evening show and be involved in other coverage.

Neville started working for Sky during the 2011-12 season and quickly impressed with his sharp and incisive commentary on the weekend's Premier League action.

Neville said: "I am delighted to be rejoining Sky Sports and can't wait for the start of the new football season, especially as there will be a variety of new programming on the channel.

"It is important for me that my role will be slightly different, and I am looking forward to the challenge of working on some new, creative and exciting projects."

Daily mail

'Neymar lacks match fitness'

RIO DE JANEIRO - Barcelona star Neymar failed to impress in a goalless draw with ten-man South Africa in his country's Group A opener in Brasilia on Thursday.

However, physical trainer Marcos Seixas believes the 24-year-old will hit his stride with more game-time.

"He hasn't got any momentum going," physical trainer Marcos Seixas said.

"He doesn't have any because this was his second game of the season. I believe that the next couple of games will help his performance levels.

"Physically and technically he is gifted, and due to this he should be able to get back into shape quickly.

"The little moments make the difference when you are talking about a player who is at the peak of his fitness, he will do more than those who have 30 or 35 games under their belts already."

The tournament hosts next face Iraq - who also drew 0-0 with Denmark in their first match - on August 7. KICKOFF

Celtic confirm Scott Sinclair move

GLASGOW - Celtic have confirmed the signing of Scott Sinclair, the former Swansea winger penning a four-year deal to reunite with Brendan Rodgers.

Sinclair helped the Swans to Premier League promotion under Rodgers but failed to impress in subsequent spells with Manchester City and Aston Villa.

The 27-year-old may well go straight into the Celtic squad for their league opener with Hearts at Tynecastle on Sunday afternoon and has joined for a fee in the region of £3.5million.

"It feels amazing to have joined Celtic," Sinclair said. "It's a massive club and I'm looking forward to it. I'm here now and I'm happy to be here.

"I can't wait to get on the pitch. When I went back to Aston Villa for pre-season, I heard Celtic were interested,

and I just knew I had to come here.

"I had to look at this move and I thought it would be great for me. And because I know the manager and I know what to expect, hopefully I can get off to a flying start."

Sinclair was part of a Villa side who were relegated from the Premier League last season but if Rodgers can reignite the sort of form he showed at Swansea he will undoubtedly be a huge asset to the Scottish giants.

Sinclair admitted the prospect of playing under Rodgers once again helped him decide to join the Glasgow side.

"The manager had a great influence when I was at Swansea and that's when I played my best football," he added.

"Hopefully now I can get my form back out there and

score goals and perform.

"I'm just hoping to come here, score some goals, create chances and hopefully excite the fans.

"I know Kolo Toure and Dedryck Boyata from Manchester City, but I'm sure it's a great set of lads here and I'll quickly settle in."

Sinclair is also looking forward to the chance to play Champions League football with his new side. Celtic are now just one step away from the group stages after their qualifying victory over Astana last week.

"I watched the Astana game in midweek and the atmosphere was incredible," Sinclair said. "To have the possibility of Champions League excites me and I can't wait to come here and play at Celtic Park and for it to be rocking," he added

Daily Mail

'Canes skipper takes pain for the team

WELLINGTON - As Hurricanes captain Dane Coles grimaced in pain on the sideline during Saturday's Super Rugby final in Wellington against the Golden Lions he didn't have to think twice about going back into battle.

"Mate, it's a final," he declared afterwards as the Hurricanes celebrated their 20-3 victory to win the championship for the first time.

Coles, who suffered a painful rib injury during the Hurricanes win over the Stormers in the quarter-finals and missed the semi-final against the Chiefs, was only confirmed as playing shortly before the final began.

He lasted 50 minutes before another blow to the ribs sent him from the field grimacing in agony.

But when his replacement Ricky Riccitelli needed a face wound attended to a few minutes later, Coles courageously re-entered the fray.

"I knew it was only a blood bin so it was just one of those things you wanted to do for the team.

"I made a run and didn't have too much in me," a content Coles said after the game.

"But, mate, it's a final."

Despite Coles' bravado, coach Chris Boyd said he "wasn't particularly happy" that the captain played with the injury.

"At one stage he got a run on the short side and he didn't want to go into contact so he went to ground. But he's been immense for us this year." AFP



IN PAIN: Hurricanes captain Dane Coles.



CUPPING: Kevin Durant celebrates during USA's comfortable victory over China at the Olympic Games.

TEAM USA GO CRAZY FOR ANCIENT HEALING TECHNIQUE

RIO DE JANEIRO - It began with A List celebrities like Jennifer Aniston and now it seems like this year's Olympics athletes have seen the appeal.

Several Team USA Olympians have been pictured with small, circular marks on their backs and shoulders, indicating that they subscribe to the healing technique called cupping.

The process dates back to Egyptian, Chinese, and Middle Eastern cultures and works by applying glass cups to the skin along the meridians of the body,

creating suction as a way of stimulating the flow of energy.

Some techniques involve heated cups, which all-world swimmer Michael Phelps favours.

Treatment

He even included footage of himself having the treatment in his new promotional called 'Rule Yourself'. Team USA gymnast Alex Naddour is also happy to go public and posted an Instagram picture of himself with a cupping mark clearly in view. Naddour told USA Today that he found cupping 'provides relief from the soreness and

pounding that come from gymnastics'. 'That's been the secret that I have had through this year that keeps me healthy,' Naddour said. 'It's been better than any money I've spent on anything else.'

He added: 'Our bodies are going to hurt after doing this for so long. It's the best thing that I've ever had. "It has saved me from a lot of pain." Many of his fellow team mates do the same, with some even carrying it out themselves, by applying the cups and creating suction with a pump.

Daily Mail

KENYAN ATHLETICS COACH BUSTED FOR BRIBERY

LONDON - The manager of the Kenyan Olympic athletics team has been recalled from the Rio Games after an investigation alleged he demanded money to give warnings about doping tests, a media report said.

The investigation by the Sunday Times newspaper and German television channel ARD into Michael Rotich is a potential new blow to Kenya's sporting reputation after doping accusations in recent months.

Rotich was filmed by the two

media demanding £10 000 (US\$13 000/€11 800) for agreeing to warn a British coach about imminent doping tests.

ARD journalist Hajo Seppelt tweeted an Athletics Kenya statement saying Rotich had been recalled "so we can investigate further his role in this."

"These are very serious allegations and we cannot have someone of that character managing our team." The statement said the case could be referred to Kenyan police.

AFP

Curtain up on Phelps's last act

RIO DE JANEIRO - Michael Phelps, the most decorated athlete in Olympic history is poised for the last act of a blockbuster Games career, a potential six-event campaign at his fifth Games in Rio.

Curtain up will likely come in Sunday's 4x100m freestyle

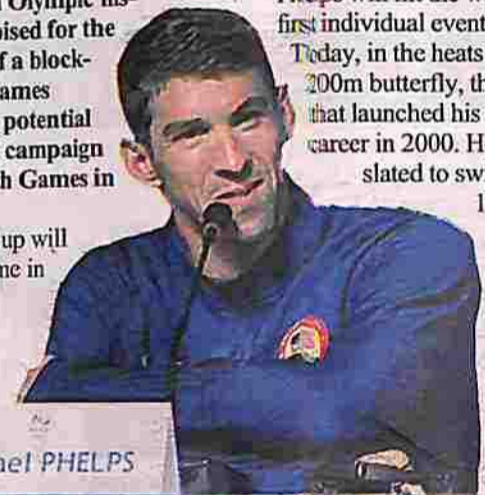
relay, helping the US against their Australian rivals for gold.

Phelps will hit the water in his first individual event on

Today, in the heats of the 200m butterfly, the event that launched his Olympic career in 2000. He's also slated to swim the

100m fly and 200m individual medley, and a possible total of three relays.

AFP



Michael PHELPS

Lloyd, Marta lead USA, Brazil to last 8

RIO DE JANEIRO - The US women's soccer team are assured of their place in the knockout rounds as at least one of the two best third-placed sides, can secure top spot in Group H with just a point against Colombia tomorrow.

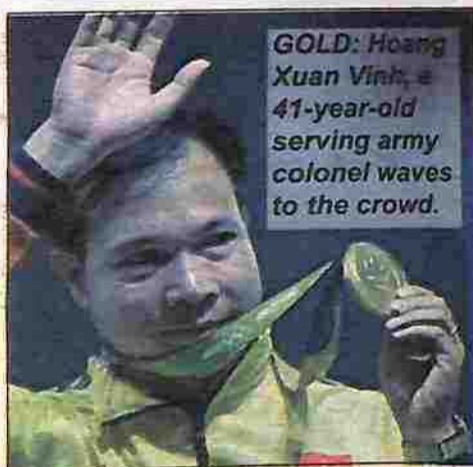
France had impressed in thrashing Colombia 4-0 in their opening game and had the better of the first 45 minutes.

However, American keeper

Hope Solo made a huge save to deny Marie Laure Delie on her 200th international appearance.

The world champions improved after the break and were rewarded when Lloyd was characteristically in the right place at the right time to score her 90th international goal.

New Zealand beat Colombia 1-0 in the other game in the Group to move level with France on three points. *AFP*



GOLD: Hoang Xuan Vinh, a 41-year-old serving army colonel waves to the crowd.

Vietnamese rejoice at first Olympic gold

HANOI - Vietnamese rejoiced yesterday after their country won its first ever Olympic gold medal, a victory made all the more sweeter by the fact that regional rival China was beaten along the way.

Hoang Xuan Vinh, a 41-year-old serving army colonel who first learned to shoot with AK47 rifles, made history in Rio overnight when a near-perfect final shot in the men's 10-metre

air pistol clinched him gold.

Vietnamese state media reported that Vinh would receive US\$100 000 from the state on his return, a handsome sum in a country where the average annual income is around US\$2 100.

Vinh's victory shunted Brazil's Felipe Almeida Wu and China's Pang Wei into second and third respectively, something that was seized on by jubilant Vietnamese. *AFP*

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POGBA'S UNITED MEDICAL

Juventus green light midfielder deal

MANCHESTER - Paul Pogba 'arrived secretly' in Manchester on Saturday and is due to complete a medical ahead of his move to Old Trafford, according to *Corriere dello Sport*.

The 23-year-old midfielder has been at the centre of speculation all summer, but looks to be edging ever closer to a world record return to the

club he left four years ago on a free transfer.

The reports claim that Pogba will cost Manchester United €110m (£93m) with performance related add-ons and agent fees taking the total fee to €130m (£110m).

Speaking to the media on Friday, Mourinho addressed the issue and hinted that the deal could be com-

pleted soon.

Asked if there is one more big signing on the way to Old Trafford, he replied: 'Yes. We have 22 now and we are going to have 23. Paul Pogba is a Juventus player until officially he isn't.'

"We stay like this but, honestly, the market closes on August 31 but I think my club is trying to do everything to close our market before August 14. Normally next week we will have our squad closed."

Meanwhile, former Manchester United winger Nani has given Pogba's return his seal of approval, and he expects the player to thrive at the second attempt under his compatriot Mourinho.

"Pogba is a great player, there's not doubt about it," Nani told Sky Sports. 'The numbers today are different, how much clubs pay for players. I don't want to talk about numbers but the player is a fantastic player. Any team who buys him will be very well served.'

Daily Mail

I WOULDN'T SWAP CAREERS WITH RANIERI - MOURINHO

LONDON - Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho has launched a barb at Claudio Ranieri ahead of the Community Shield by declaring he would not swap careers with his Leicester City counterpart.

"I have my career, he has his career," Mourinho said, in comments published by several British newspapers on Sunday.

"Ask him if he would change his career with mine. I would not change mine with his -- but it (winning the Premier League) was an unbelievable achievement."

FA Cup holders United and

Premier League champions Leicester are due to meet in the Community Shield, the traditional curtain-raiser to the English season, later on Sunday.

Mourinho, 53, and Ranieri, 64, previously clashed during their time in Italy, when the former was in charge of Inter Milan and the latter coached Juventus and Roma.

Ranieri's 5 000-1 triumph with Leicester last season gave him the first top-flight title of his career.

He has also won the Coppa Italia with Fiorentina and the Copa del Rey with Valencia.

AFP



Leicester boost as Schmeichel extends contract

LONDON - Leicester City goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel has committed his future to the club by signing a new five-year contract, the Premier League champions announced on Saturday.

Schmeichel, son of Manchester United and Denmark great Peter, kept 15 clean sheets last season and played every minute as Leicester pulled off a 5 000-1 upset by winning the Premier League.

The 29-year-old follows striker Jamie Vardy in signing a new contract at Leicester, play against

Manchester United in the Community Shield yesterday before opening their title defence at Hull City next weekend.

Decision

"I'm just buzzing and I can't wait for the season to get started. It was a very easy decision,"

Schmeichel told LCFC TV.

"It was a case of coming back after winning the Premier League and making sure that the hunger was the same within myself and the squad."

Convinced

"I've come back absolutely convinced that this is the place for me to be."

"We've taken some massive steps and ever since I arrived it's been fantastic. I've loved being here from minute one."

Capped 22 times by Denmark, Schmeichel joined Leicester from Leeds United in 2011 and has made 220 appearances for the club.

Sport24

I told Hazard that Leicester City thanks him - Kante

LONDON - N'Golo Kante thanked Eden Hazard for his hand in Leicester City's Premier League title win after joining Chelsea last month.

The Belgian scored only his third goal of the season as Chelsea fought back from two goals down to end Tottenham's title charge and confirm a shock league triumph for the Foxes.

Kante, who was voted Leicester City's Player of the Year at the end of the season,

joined Chelsea in a £30 million move last month and was quick to thank his new teammate for scoring the title-clinching goal.

He told the club's official website: "I was with the team at Jamie Vardy's house, and when we saw Chelsea losing 2-0 at half-time against Tottenham, we said: 'Now we have to be ready for the Everton game.' But at the end this was a very good night."

"When I saw Eden Hazard here at Chelsea I said to him: 'You maybe do not know, but everyone thanks you.'"

Goal



THANKED: N'Golo Kante.

Liverpool's demolition of Barca at Wembley cued wild optimism

LIVERPOOL - Liverpool continued to gear up for the new Premier League season with a remarkable display against Barcelona at Wembley, winning 4-0 thanks to goals from Sadio Mane, Divock Origi, Marko Grujic and a Javier Mascherano putting through his own net.

They will put the finishing touches to their preparations yesterday in Germany against Mainz, Jurgen Klopp's first club.

The past five weeks have been eventful and here Sportsmail assesses what shape Liverpool are in ahead of the new campaign.

Though he has been in charge since last October, this summer was the time when Klopp put his mark on the club and the additions he has made to his backroom staff include fitness coach Andreas Kormmayer and head of nutrition Mona Nemmer, both of whom were poached from Bayern Munich. *Daily Mail*

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HAPPY: Steve Komphela.

Komphela happy about Khune's response to critics

JOHANNESBURG - Khune was on the receiving end of plenty critics regarding his selection to the Olympic squad, with many feeling that regular number one Jody February should be given a chance to prove himself.

However, following a scintillating showing against Brazil in the opening match, which Owen Da Gama's side managed to play to a goalless draw, Komphela says it was the correct way to respond to those who questioned his selection. "We say nothing to critics, we can only say 'bring it on, it will only make us better'," said the former Bafana Bafana defender. "He has always done well. He has a great history, Eric Mathoho as well. When things like this happen, they always tell you that listen, whenever you face criticism it's meant to build you. And he said it himself that he is going to respond. He never responded [verbally]; the only response was on the field." *Kickoff*

Stars set to lose out on Downs defender

PRETORIA - Free State Stars will have to look elsewhere for a centre back, after seeing their interest in Bangaly Soumahoro turned down.

The Ivorian, who has been slowly making a name for himself at Mamelodi Sundowns, has been identified as a potential transfer target for Stars.

Having sold Lucky Mohomi to Sundowns in the transfer window, Stars have been hoping to continue their relationship with the Chloorkop outfit by getting the defender on loan, like they did with the likes of Glenn Verbauwhede and Tiyani Mabunda in recent times.

With Stars having also missed out on former Platinum Stars defender Thabiso Semenya, the Bethlehem club now seems set to fail in their attempts to get Soumahoro from Sundowns.

"Free State Stars are giving up in their attempts to get the defender from Ivory Coast away from Sundowns. He has been their target. Initially, things looked positive in the negotiations between the parties. But things have changed and it looks like Sundowns won't be parting ways with the player," a source revealed. Stars need replacements for Justice Chabalala and Robert Sankara, with the defenders having left the club for Orlando Pirates and Bloemfontein Celtic respectively. *Kickoff*

Happy Jele wants Bucs glory for anniversary

CAPE TOWN - Orlando Pirates defender Happy Jele has rallied his team to commemorate the club's 80th anniversary with silverware in the upcoming season.

The 29 year-old is the longest-serving member of the current Buccaneers squad after joining the Soweto giants in

2006.

Pirates last won a trophy with their Nedbank Cup triumph in 2014 following a 3-1 win over Wits.

Muhsin Ertugral's side will be looking to make up for barren campaign last season after also losing the CAF Confederation Cup.

"We need to win something this year

because we are celebrating our 80th anniversary," Jele told The Sowetan.

In the last five years, Bucs have chopped and changed coaches with Ruud Krol, Roger de Sa, Vladimir Vermezovic and Eric Tinkler all coming and going.

Jele has backed Ertugral to steer the Sea Robbers to Premiership title in the new campaign.

"So far so good with our new coach... we are happy with the way he does things," he said.

"The new guys are gelling well with the team. They are doing great and they are performing in each and every training session." *Sport24*

WE NEED TO WIN: Orlando Pirates defender Happy Jele.

...ERTUGRAL CONCEDES ORLANDO PIRATES DEFENCE NEEDS WORK

JOHANNESBURG - Pirates surrendered a 1-0 lead to lose 3-1 at the hands of the reigning ABSA Premiership champions in the Dr Hage Geingob Cup semi-final on Saturday.

Ertugral explained that despite his half-time talk, his side failed to respond to his warnings and "gifted" Downs all three goals in the second half.

"It's an unfortunate situation to lose having lead the match," Ertugral told the club's website.

"We spoke at half-time about what we needed to do,

and I was very clear that we need to be careful on certain things - one of them being the shoulder runs, and immediately we conceded a penalty. The second goal was a gift, a complete gift. The third goal came from a corner, we had prepared for it, we knew where the ball was going to be played but I think it was another gift."

Though they managed only one goal, the Turkish-born tactician felt it is their defensive display that needs most of the attention in the coming weeks.

"First half I think we played

positively... I believe we could have scored a second but we were unfortunate," he added.

"In the end I think it's our defensive line that we need to work on."

This was Bucs' second high-profile friendly defeat, after their 2-0 loss to arch-rivals Kaizer Chiefs in the CBL Cup a week ago.

Ertugral's next assignment will come against Platinum Stars in the Maize Cup, which will be played at the Moruleng Stadium this coming Saturday.

Kickoff

Bidvest Wits retain Khumalo after exercising contract option

JOHANNESBURG - Bongani Khumalo made the switch to Sturrock Park in January this year, after failing to make a mark upon his return to SuperSport United last year.

The former Bafana Bafana captain saw his five-year contract with Tottenham Hotspur run out at the end of the 2015/16 season, after a number of loan spells at lower division teams.

The 29-year-old initially joined The Clever Boys on a short-term contract,

with the hopes of landing a move back to Europe, but the club have

since taken the

option to extend his stay with the Absa Premiership title hopefuls.

"Yes, we have exercised the option with Bongani Khumalo but unfortunately the documents are not with me at the moment to tell you the number of years signed," Ferreira tells KickOff.com.

Khumalo, who also turned out for University of Pretoria during their time in the National First Division, was part of the Matsatsantsa side that won three consecutive league titles between 2007 and 2010 under current Wits mentor Gavin Hunt. *Kickoff*



RETAINED: Bongani Khumalo.

Pitso wants continental glory

PRETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns head coach Pitso Mosimane admits that he wants to win the 2017 CAF Champions League and earn the Brazilians a gold star following their tremendous run in the continental showpiece.

With one group stage clash remaining, the Brazilians are sitting comfortably at the summit of Group B with six points clear from second placed Zamalek and have advanced through to the semi-finals which will be played over two-legs.

The Brazilians will face Enyimba, in the last Group B encounter, away from home on August 23 and Mosimane said that they are not feeling pressured but instead the Pretoria giants are enjoying their good run.

"Now we are just enjoying ourselves, no pressure at all," comments Mosimane

"This is our second consecutive year in the CAF Champions league; remember TP Mazembe eliminated us before the group stages last year.

"And now we have improved, we are in the semi-finals now and we told ourselves that next year (2018) we'll try and win it.

"But yes for now we want to win it as well, yes we want a gold star who doesn't want it?

"But you cannot buy it; you have to play for it like everyone else."

Sport24

Notoane hails SA U-19 runners-up

DURBAN - In the aim to improve last year's showing where they won a bronze medal by finishing third, Notoane's side ran out of steam against the Gunners.

Imposing striker Stephy Mavididi netted twice for Arsenal while Sipho Mbule reduce the deficit but any thought of levelling were dashed as Vladislav Dragomir made it three for the English side.

Notoane, who replaced Thabo Senong to take over the team, had won the last four matches en route to the final but he felt Arsenal were two steps ahead of his side.

"We are disappointed to lose the game the way we lost it," he told reporters after the match.

"We came into this game and we knew what they are about and I thought we played very well. Sloppy in the beginning of the first half but we created a lot of chances and unfortunately today we needed to score and convert but we didn't take them, and that made a huge difference between the two sides.

"Basically the strength of the opposition you could see from game one up to game five [the difference] was there. Today we met probably the stiffest of competition and we played very well in my opinion, created a lot of chances."

The tournament afforded the opportunity for young striker Khanyisa Mayo to star as he won the tournament's Golden Boot and was also named Player of the Tournament.

The 17-year-old scored six goals in four matches, one ahead of Arsenal's Mavididi, and Notoane felt the youngster was anxious in his decision-making as his focus was more on the individual gong.

"Probably a little bit nerve-wracking for him and he's a young boy, anxious maybe in terms of maintaining the top goalscorer award," he said. *Kickoff*

Venus knocked out of Rio in round one

RIO DE JANEIRO - Four-time gold medallist Venus Williams, suffering with a virus, slumped to her first opening-round loss at an Olympic Games on Saturday, joining jet-lagged Agnieszka Radwanska at the exit door.

American fifth seed Williams, the singles champion in 2000 and, at 36, the oldest woman in the draw, lost to Belgium's Kirsten Flipkens 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7/5) in a three-hour centre court marathon.

Williams, who has also captured three doubles golds with sister Serena, had her opportunities, leading 3-1 in the second set and 4-1 in the decider.

But despite the encouragement of watching US Secretary of State John Kerry, she ran out of steam at the crucial moments, noisily coughing throughout the closing exchanges.

"She had been ill for a few days with a bad virus. She had an upset stomach and she was coughing up a lot, you could see

she was really struggling," said US captain Mary Jo Fernandez, who faced the media in Williams' place.

Williams faced a battle to be fit for yesterday's opening doubles with Serena (today in South Africa).

"Fingers crossed, she'll be okay. I would be highly surprised if she didn't play. It's been her goal to play in her fifth Olympics and she wants to win a medal so badly."

Flipkens was just two points away from defeat in the ninth game of the decider and rated her win as "in the top two" of her career after her victory over

Petra Kvitova at Wimbledon in 2013.

"To beat Venus, one of the biggest champions, gives me goosebumps," said the 30-year-old, playing in her first Olympics.

Fourth seeded Radwanska was also a high-profile casualty, slumping to a 6-4, 7-5



OUT: Venus Williams.

then to Rio.

In all, she was on the move for 55 hours and covered about 14,000 kilometres.

"I spent three days in an airport so that was not the best preparation. I could have used more practice," said former Wimbledon runner-up Radwanska.

Zheng's win was the second top victory of the day for China after national number one Zhang Shuai saved three match points to beat Swiss 12th seed Timea Bacsinszky, 6-7 (4/7), 6-4, 7-6 (9/7).

Italian sixth seed Roberta Vinci, the 2015 US Open runner-up, also exited, going down 7-5, 6-4 to Slovakia's Anna Karolina Schmiedlova.

There was little equivalent drama in the men's singles.

Japanese fourth seed Kei Nishikori, a quarter-finalist in London in 2012, breezed past Spanish left-hander Albert Ramos-Vinolas, 6-2, 6-4.

Nishikori next plays Australia's John Millman, who became the first player to clinch a 'double bagel' — 6-0, 6-0 — in Games history.

The 27-year-old Millman swept past Ricardas Berankis in just 50 minutes, making it a miserable summer for the Lithuanian.

AFP

Australia take women's relay gold

RIO DE JANEIRO - Australia got their second Olympic swimming gold medal of Rio 2016 with a new world record in the Women's 4x100m freestyle relay on Saturday.

The Aussie team, lead by 100m freestyle world record holder Cate Campbell along with Emma McKeon, Brittany Elmslie, and Bronte Campbell, took gold with a time of three minutes and 30.65 seconds.

They were followed by the American team of Simone Manuel, Abbey Weitzeil, Dana Vollmer, and Katie Ledecky; while Sandrine Mainville, Chantal van Landeghem, Taylor Ruck and Penny Oleksiak won bronze for Canada; posting times of 3:31.89 and 3:32.89 respectively.

Australia have now won three medals in total at Rio 2016 after Mack Horton's gold in the men's 400 metres freestyle final, and bronze for the men's archery team.

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Wenger still views Walcott as a striker

LONDON - Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has insisted he still believes Theo Walcott is a striker and has vowed to use him up top more often this season.

Walcott, who has spent the large majority of his Arsenal career on the right wing, initially claimed his best position was through the middle.

However, the 27-year-old has since done a u-turn, stating that he feels his qualities are best served out wide.

But Wenger has praised Walcott's skill set and suggested his days as a winger could be over.

"I believe [Walcott] has all the ingredients to be a great striker," he told the media after Arsenal's 8-0 win over Viking in pre-season.

He has the quality of his runs, he's a very intelligent player, he's a good finisher. He's not a great defender so to use his runs in the final third for us could be very efficient.

"On the flank today so much defensive work is asked of the players. You lose a lot of his qualities when you put him there.

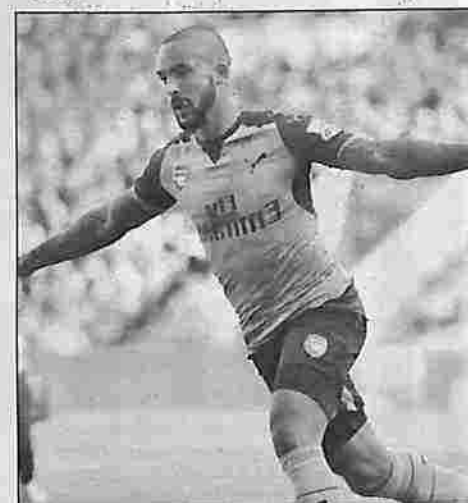
"I don't really doubt that for me, in my head I will use him more up front."

And although former Southampton man Walcott only scored five goals in the Premier League in 2015-16, Wenger has defended his performances up front.

"Especially one game that was a question for Theo Walcott was at Man United [a 3-2 defeat in February], where everyone questioned him in his position," the Frenchman added.

"Because on the day he didn't perform well. But it was not only Theo Walcott who didn't have a great game, it was everybody. But from then on people became sceptical."

Goal



STRIKER: Theo Walcott.

Zlatan named one of Mourinho's captains

MANCHESTER - Manchester United striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic has reportedly been named as one of Jose Mourinho's captains for the new season.

At the moment, Wayne Rooney is the current club captain, while Michael Carrick is the vice-captain.

However, according to the Sun, Ibrahimovic has been named as the secondary vice-captain for the Red Devils this season and has accepted the role.

The Sun were informed by a United insider that a number of players look up to Swedish striker as a leader.

"Some of the other lads, especially the young ones, are in awe of Zlatan," the insider reportedly the Sun.

"He brings a presence to the place and people look up to him after everything that he has achieved through his career."

"He has experience at the highest level and is seen as an obvious captain when the other lads aren't on the pitch."

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GOOD EXPERIENCE: Zlatan Ibrahimovic has been named as the secondary vice-captain for the Red Devils.

Leicester behind Bayern Munich in driving seat

MUNICH - Leicester City, by all accounts, are going places.

The Premier League champions are set for a season of Champions League football, and have spent their pre-season jetting off to play against the likes of Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez. They'll be going places a lot faster from now on, after club chairman Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha rewarded his squad with a fleet of BMW 18s, valued at £105,000 each. Leicester are not the only club in Europe whose players can enjoy free access to sleek sports cars, however. At Bayern Munich, players have become used to that kind of thing. Every summer since 2002, club sponsor Audi provides every squad member with a new car. Audi became a shareholder at Bayern in 2002, with part of their contract stipulating that they provide the squad with company cars. The



ENJOYING WHEELS: Bayern players ease their cars in around the track at Audi's Safe Driving Centre.

Audi's come with personalised number plates, making them recognisable as FC Bayern cars. Traffic police in Munich know that a registration number beginning with M-DM will almost certainly be driven by a superstar from Germany's biggest club. The 'M' stands for 'Munich', while the 'DM' stands for 'Deutscher Meister', or German champions. In the rare years in which Bayern are not champions, 'DM' becomes

'RM', which stands for 'Rekordmeister', or record champions. The players are allowed to choose from different models. They can also choose their colour. Every year around September, the Munich media enjoy finding out who has chosen which car, as the players ease them in around the track at Audi's Safe Driving Centre in Neuburg at an elaborate PR event.

Daily mail

Barca President comments on Messi best player snub

BARCELONA - An angry FC Barcelona vice president has commented on Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez's snub for the UEFA Best Player in Europe Award.

Real Madrid duo Cristiano Ronaldo and Gareth Bale, as well as Neymar were short-listed for the award, which was announced in the week. Suarez scored 59 goals

across all competitions last season, while Messi contributed with 41 goals, as Barcelona went on to clinch La Liga and the Copa del Rey.

"It doesn't seem the right decision to me at all," Mestre told TV3.

"I don't know what criteria UEFA applied, with all respect to the chosen winners, but I disagree."

"That our players aren't there, such as Suarez or Messi, is scandalous."

"The club are very disappointed and angry."

Ronaldo finished the 2015-2016 season with 51 goals in all competitions, while Bale only netted 22 goals as Real went on to lift their 11th UEFA Champions League title.

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GRAND FINAL: Manzini Wanderers and Royal Leopard led by match commissioner, Gilbert Dlamini, and referees onto the field of play. This was during the Swazi-Telecom Charity Cup, at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. Leopard beat Wanderers 2-0 in the final.



BAYETHE: SPTC Managing Director Petros Dlamini, Chairman of the Board Simon Mthunzi and other staff, posing with His Majesty King Mswati III. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



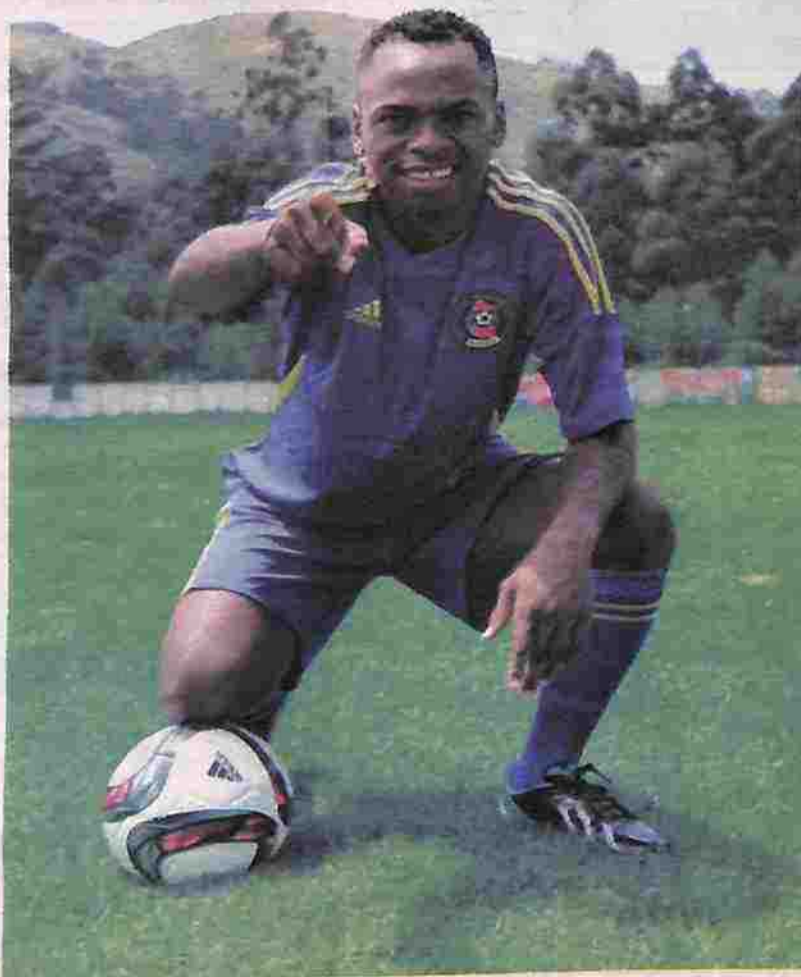
IN SUPPORT: Emakhosikati watching the cup final.



YAM'NAWE: SPTC Chairman of the Board Simon Mthunzi (L) chatting with His Majesty King Mswati III.

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CHAMPS: His Majesty King Mswati III presenting a trophy to SwaziTelecom Charity Cup champions Royal Leopard.



WHOSE BALL?: Highlanders' Ramson Ruzwayo and Colani 'Papi' Sikhondze battling for the ball.



SECOND PLACE: Manzini Wanderers posing with His Majesty.



YOURS: His Majesty presenting the trophy to SwaziTelecom Charity Cup Under 20 champions Mbabane Swallows.



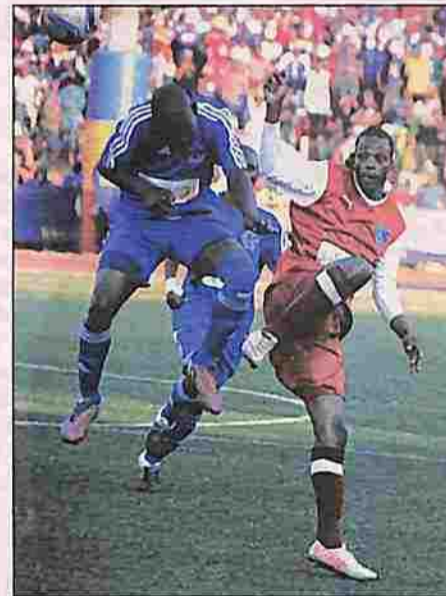
JOY: His Majesty joined by PLS Chairman Victor Gamedze, FA CEO Frederick Mngomezulu, Director of Sports Henry Zeeman and FA Vice President Nichodimus Mashwama.



FULL HOUSE: A section of the over 10 000 supporters at the stadium.
(R) YESSS! Wanderers celebrating their first goal against Swallows.



TIGHT MARK: Wanderers' Sihle Mkhonta marking Swallows' Felix Bardenhost.



BATTLE: Sizwe Khumalo and Mfanafuthi Bhembe fighting for the ball.



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● Manchester United believe that bringing Pogba back to the Premier League can deliver as much as £40m worth of commercial income in the first year. (*Sunday Times - subscription required*)

● Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola wants to sign Barcelona goalkeeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen, 24, as a replacement for Joe Hart, 29, but the German will cost £67m. (*Sunday Express*)



● Premier League champions Leicester City will make a £17m bid for 23-year-old Burnley defender Michael Keane this week. (*Sunday People*)

● Everton are yet to receive an official bid from Chelsea for their Belgium striker Romelu Lukaku, 23. (*Sunday Telegraph*)

● However, Chelsea are ready to offer goalkeeper Asmir Begovic, 29, and striker Loic Remy, 29, to the Toffees as part of a package for Belgium international Lukaku. (*Sun on Sunday*)

● Manchester City have lowered 27-year-old Wilfried Bony's asking price and will accept bids of around £13m for a striker they signed for £25m 18 months ago. (*Sunday Express*)

● Wales will look to appoint Ryan Giggs as their manager if current boss Chris Coleman takes the vacant Hull City position. (*Sunday Mirror*)

● Turkish club Galatasaray want to sign Manchester United midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger and Antonio Valencia, both 31, and will pay £4.25m for the pair. (*Daily Star Sunday*)



● Jose Mourinho says he needs time to rebuild Manchester United as predecessor Louis van Gaal "had different ideas to mine" and that "it might be easier for us to bring in 20 completely new players and start again from zero." (*Observer*)

● West Ham want to take Norwegian winger Martin Odegaard, 17, on loan from Real Madrid, but they will face competition from Liverpool. (*Squawka*)

● Chelsea and Spain striker Diego Costa, 27, has been offered a move to Napoli by agent Jorge Mendes. (*Corriere dello Sport - in Italian*)

● Stoke City are still determined to sign England U21 striker Saido Berahino, 23, from West Brom. (*Stoke Sentinel*)

● West Brom are considering a move for Aston Villa forward Jordan Ayew, 24, after ending their interest in West Ham striker Diafra Sakho, 26. (*ESPN*)

● AC Milan and Colombia striker Carlos Bacca, 29, will head to London for talks with West Ham after a potential move to Spain fell through. (*Gianluca Di Marzio, via Essex*)

'BIRDS' CLINCH U-20 CHARITY CUP

By Sanele Jele

Mbabane Swallows..... (1)1
Young Buffaloes..... (0)1
Swallows won 4-1 after penalties

SOCCER - MBABANE
Swallows yesterday defied all odds to win the third edition of the SwaziTelecom Charity Cup Under-20 after beating Buffaloes 4-1 on penalties.

The beautiful Birds ended the army side's record as they have won the tournament two times since its inception in 2014.

The 'Birds' could have won the game inside 90 minutes, having opened the deadlock nine minutes into the game through Sunday Ngwenya but a last minute stunner from Ayanda Nkonyane took the match to penalties.

Swallows' goalkeeper Qniso Nyawo was the hero in the penalty shoot-out as he saved two penalty kicks. Ayanda Nkonyane and Malizo Mathobela missed from the spot with only Mncedisi Dlamini finding the back of the net for the former defending champions. Sunday Ngwenya, Dumisa Tsabedze, Muzi Manana and



YOURS: His Majesty King Mswati III presenting the trophy to SwaziTelecom Charity Cup Under 20 champions Mbabane Swallows.

Bonginkosi Shongwe converted for the 'Birds'. The Aaron Mavimbela-charged overall performance was impressive as they dominated both stanzas, creating glorious scoring opportunities but failed to convert them.

The red and white ensemble recorded their first goal in the 9th minute through the speedy right-winger Sunday Ngwenya. He took defenders on a solo run on the right flank before unleashing a cracker

just inside the box. 'Buff's' were found wanting as Swallows dominated the game in front of over 10 000 football lovers.

Desmond Mlambo, who eventually scooped the player of the tournament award, was quite a marvel to watch in the centre of the park. His daunting runs, ball possession, distribution often gave the Mbongwa Dlamini led charges hard time. Swallows, through lack of concentration conceded an 89th

goal. 'Buff's' Ayanda Nkonyane caught them off guard and let loose a thunderbolt strike just away from the danger zone to level matters. Swallows beat Manzini Wanderers 5-4 after penalties in the semi-final as the match ended in a 1-1 draw after 90 minutes.

The army side beat Mbabane Highlanders 2-0 to book a spot in the final before crumbling to the mighty Swallows. Swallow took home E30 000.

We have to work with what we have - Mwase

Stories by Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - CAPITAL city giants Mbabane Highlanders head coach Meck Mwase says there is no other option than working with the pool of players the team has.

Mwase was responding to questions about how the exodus of key players, mainly to National First Division side Matsapha United affected the depth of the team.

They struggled in terms of

transition and mobility and it was clear that most of the players were new in the team. Highlanders lost 0-2 to the defending champions and Mwase believe his charges played well but failed to recover after dispossession as the rapid Leopard capitalised.

Concentration

"Lack of concentration was one element that resulted to the players conceding those two goals that cost us the match. We have to work hard especially in re-enforcing our mid-field but all the departments

need adjustments. As for losing our key players, that's part of football there is nothing we can do about it other than coming to terms with the situation and working with what we have," he said.

Angry 'Bull' officials were heard complaining about the fourth official after the game, lamenting about how he denied them the substitution of a maximum five players as per the rules of the tournament. The team had already made the three standard substitutions.

Wanderers defeat a wake-up call - 'Koki'

SOCCER - MBABANE Swallows head coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati has described their Charity Cup loss to Manzini Wanderers as a wake-up call for the capital city giants.

The outspoken mentor said they did not have a proper pre-season following their 6-5 loss to the 'Weslians' at the Somhlolo National Stadium. "We were bit sluggish after failing to do a proper warm up before the match and this hugely affected our play especially in the first half where we were punished. We are

still working on the sharpness of the team.

It's only a matter of time, we will get there. We were very unfortunate on the day but credit should go to the boys for showing character by coming from two goals down to force a draw," he said. Vilakati said he will try and forget about this loss and prepare for the upcoming compe-

WAKE-UP CALL:
Mbabane Swallows head coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati.



We lacked match fitness - 'Chocco'

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - MBABANE Highlanders skipper Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze attributed their 0-2 loss to Royal Leopard to lack of match fitness.

This was during the SwaziTelecom Charity Cup semi-final played at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

"We tried our best in the match but we ran out of stamina at some stages of the match and the opposition punished us.

Players

We have a lot of new players in the team and we are still trying to understand each other since it was our first competitive match," he said. The Sihlangu midfielder further said they were going to continue working hard in preparations of other upcoming tournaments.

"We will go back to the drawing board to rectify our mistakes and improve in the next competitions. We would like to thank our supporters for coming out in their numbers to support the team and we promise to do better next time."

Highlanders were booted out of the one-day soccer spectacular by the defending champions, who went all the way to defend their crown. The 'Bull' last appeared in this competition during the 2011 edition when the tournament was still played under the six team's tele-voting format.

Highlanders are set to pocket E100 000 for losing in the semi-finals together with cross town rivals Mbabane Swallows, who also failed to make it to the finals.

REVAMPED WANDERERS SHOOT DOWN BIRDS

By Sibusiso Masilela

*Mbabane Swallows (0)2
Manzini Wanderers (2)2
Wanderers win 6-5 on penalties*

SOCCKER - A revamped Manzini Wanderers displayed a gallant performance to knock Mbabane Swallows out of the SwaziTelecom Charity at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

The 'Weslians' were rejuvenated despite missing their coach Julius Chakupewa, who watched the match from the grandstand due to his work papers. The maroon and white ensemble showed no respect for the 'money devils' Swallows by a taking two-goal cushion into half time break.

This caught the over 10 000 spectators by surprise after coming into the match as underdogs due to Swallows' cup pedigree.

Wanderers caught the suspecting Swallows backline off guard



GOAL: Manzini Wanderers celebrating a goal against Mbabane Swallows.

with only 11 minutes into the match through youngster Allie Matse, who disposed Swallows fullback, Xolani 'Tyson' Magagula and sliced through the opposition final third before unleashing a rasping shot, that beat Sandile Nkomishi Ginindza, hands down.

The Duze High School pupil then completed his brace in the 29th minute, when tapped the ball home after receiving a pass Mfanafuthi 'Taribo' Bhembé, to make it 2-0 for the 'Weslians' going to the break. However, the match took another swing in the second stanza, as Swallows'

never say attitude paid dividends for them as they pulled one back with only ten minutes into this half.

It was tried and tested Wonder Nhleko, who capitalised on a defensive blunder inside the box, to beat Mbongeni Motsa at the opposition goals. Swallows continued to show more pressure on the opposition following the introduction of Sifiso Mabila, who replaced the ineffective 'Tyson' Magagula.

The Sihlangu player brought some sense of urgency into the team and provided some width

THE TEAMS

Swallows: Nkomishi, Tyson (Mabila), Mkhweli, Siphamandla, Palma, Papy, Wonder, D4D, Sikhali, Felix, Tony (Sandile).
Wanderers: Mbongeni, Menzi, Ayanda, Machado, Sihle, Shana, Sifiso, Samkeliso, (Sphesihle), Kola, Allie (Thulani), Taribo

down the flanks. Felix Badenhorst had his two goals disallowed for offside by the referee Simanga Nhleko twice in the last quarter.

Anchorman Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu forced the match into a shootout with only a few minutes from time, with a low shot inside the box as Wanderers defenders were in sixes and sevens.

It was former Swallows' keeper, Mbongeni Motsa, who sent the hub giants through to the finals after making two penalty saves, denying Papy Kabamba and 'Nkomishi' Ginindza to provoke wild celebrations from the Weslians faithful, who were backed by their 'super buddies' Highlanders.

We lacked fitness - Wanderers coach

Stories by Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCKER - MANZINI Wanderers Coach Anthony Mdluli has attributed their 0-2 loss against Royal Leopard to lack of fitness.

Interviewed after the SwaziTelecom Charity Cup final, played at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday, the coach said his charges struggled in the second match and could not match the opposition.

"The level of fitness was a letdown and we couldn't handle both games, unlike Leopard, who were better than us in this aspect," he said.

The coach said the registration process also affected their preparations of the tournament.

Inexperienced

"We could not register all our players in time for these games and as a result had to settle for the young and inexperienced players. I am, however, satisfied with the level of performance they displayed in both games we played today and we will definitely improve once everyone is on board," he said.

Asked on the controversy surrounding the team's head Coach Julius Chakupewa paper work, Mdluli said he was not certain if it did have an impact on their preparations.

"It all depends on how the players took it, but I believe we worked well with the coach and shared ideas coming to this game," he said.

The hub giants recorded a 4-2 victory after penalties against Mbabane Swallows in the second semi-final of the one-day E2.2 million sponsored tournament.

Leopard dedicate victory to NATCOM

SOCCKER - SwaziTelecom Charity Cup champions Royal Leopard have dedicated their victory to the team's President and Police National Commissioner (NATCOM) Isaac Magagula.

In a post match interview after his troops beat Manzini Wanderers 2-0 at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday, coach Sifiso 'Nuro' Ntibané said they were humbled by the support of the president, who came through to watch the team despite being indisposed.

"This trophy is dedicated to the NATCOM, who has been rallying behind the team and even came to the stadium to watch us. We really appreciate the support hence dedicating this trophy to him and we do wish him a speedy recovery.

Rallying

"We would also like to thank the team's management and supporters for also rallying behind the team," he said.

The coach said he was happy to see his side defend the championship title, after playing what he described as tough games.

"Both games were hard, but the fighting spirit showed by my players saw us winning in the end. It was tactical discipline that saw us lift this trophy today (yesterday). I would like to thank the players for their efforts inside the field," he said.

The coach said they would not get ahead of themselves, but would take each game as it comes as they welcome the new season.

BARRY, MANYOVU DRIVE LEOPARD TO CHARITY CUP FINAL

By Sabelo Majola

*Royal Leopard..... (0)2
Mbabane Highlanders... (0)0*

SOCCKER - GOALS from skipper Barry Steenkamp and Bonginkosi 'Manyovu' Dlamini earned Royal Leopard a much needed win in their pursuit to defend the Swazi Telecom Charity Cup.

The defending champions played capital city giants Mbabane Highlanders in the first semi-finals of the 14th edition of the tournament. There was nothing much for the thousands of fans at Somhlolo

THE TEAMS:

Royal Leopard: Phephisani, Sizwe, Sikhumbuzo, Siboniso, Sifiso, Ncamiso (Bonginkosi), Mxolisi, Phumlani (Muzi), Zwelli, Mathokoza
Highlanders: Sdumo, Celani (Celani), Sibusiso, Chimwanda, Ramson, Mpucuko (Mancoba), Mzomuhle, Mohamed, Xolani, Sicelo (Sibusiso)

National Stadium to cheer on, as both teams struggled in front of goal, especially Highlanders who ended the first stanza without a shot on target. It was Steenkamp, who opened the score sheet with two minutes into the second half. Highlander's defender Sibusiso Dlamini tried shielding the ball

assuming it would be out for goal-kick, but substitute Muzi 'Mzoro' Dlamini got a kick on it before it went out, rolling to Steenkamp, who was well positioned. He finished with a fine shot to put his side ahead.

Creating

Leopard proved superior in this stanza creating scoring chances through Steenkamp and Mathokoza Thwala, who were combining well. The first meaningful attempt at goal for 'Bull' came just after the hour mark through Sibandze, whose thunderous shot from the left flank was tipped over the bar by newly

signed former Midas City goal-keeper, Phephisani Msibi. The shot-stopper had a superb game, denying 'Chocco' more than once in well taken free kicks.

'Manyovu' proved why he is named after the stinging insect after he capitalized from a counter, receiving the ball from the centre line and employing his pace. He unleashed a shot a few yards away from goal, only for Sidumo Vilakati to hear echoes of the net, making the score 2-0 a minute before full time. Highlanders were exposed in all positions managing only three shots at goal, not so much for a big team.

PM THANKS NATION FOR GOOD BEHAVIOUR

Stories by Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCKER - THE Prime Minister Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini has thanked the over 10 000 football lovers for behaving themselves during the 2016 SwaziTelecom Charity Cup, played at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

The Premier commended the spectators for displaying respect, during the one-day soccer spectacular, which was graced by His Majesty King Mswati III and members of the royal family. "We are happy with the manner in which the event proceed-

ed since morning where we witnessed top shelf football from all the four teams.

Congratulations are in order for the winners (Royal Leopard). The other three teams should not

despair as there is always next time in the game of football," he said.

Dlamini further thanked the sponsor SPTC for its continuous support to local football for the past 14

years. "We are very grateful with what SPTC is doing in unifying the nation through sport and we hope they will continue supporting football in many to come," he said.



Expect more innovation - SPTC MD

SOCCKER - SWAZILAND Post and Telecommunications Corporation Managing Director, Petros Dlamini, says the nation should expect more innovation in next year's edition of the SwaziTelecom Charity Cup.

He said they tournament would be much bigger and better next year.

"We will use the experience we got from this year's edition event to make next year's event much improved," he said.

The MD further assured the nation and entire football fraternity that the tournament would be part of their transformation exercise.

He then thanked His Majesty King Mswati III for gracing the event.

"Bayethe Wena Waphakathi, We were very humbled and honoured by the presence of the king today (Yesterday).

He said this proved that the king was the pioneer of the development of football in the country.

Support

"We would like to thank the entire nation for turning out in their great numbers to support the tournament where they displayed good behaviour throughout the day. I must say that is tournament is here to stay in the football calendar," he said.

Police side Royal Leopard defended their crown in style after beating Manzini Wanderers 2-0, as they went home E900 000 richer, in front of over 10 000 football lovers.



THE BEST: Player of the Tournament Bonginkhosi 'Manyovu' Dlamini.

'Manyovu' best of the best, E20 000 richer

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER – ROYAL Leopard forward Bonginkhosi 'Manyovu' Dlamini was named the SwaziTelecom Charity Cup Player of the tournament, which carries a whopping sum of E20 000.

Interviewed after receiving his reward, the 26-year-old speedy player said, he was thankful to the team's supporters and senior players for their continued support and promised to deliver his best in the new season. "I wouldn't have made it without the support from my teammates and the teams' supporters, and I am grateful. I urge all the supporters to continue coming to the stadiums to cheer the team on, even in the new season," he pleaded. Meanwhile, Manzini Wanderers forward Allie Motsa, who won the Golden Boot award, described their victory against Mbabane Swallows as the best feeling ever.

Crucial

The youngster scored two crucial early goals against the 'Birds', that were later disallowed but the dice favoured the hub giants, as they booked their place in the finals, following victory in the penalty shootout. He said that Swallows were the giants of the country, hence there was no sweeter victory than winning against them. "I didn't do as much as I wish I could, I struggled a bit but I am happy to have contributed to the team's victory against Swallows. But unfortunately we lost in the finals mainly because we lost focus and we our fitness levels were low. I am looking forward to the start of the league and I will keep banging home the goals and helping the team win," he said. The player said he learnt a lot under discarded Zimbabwean mentor, Julius Chakupewa, who taught them to be composed but express themselves in the field of play. In the Under-20 groupings, Swallows' Desmond 'Tutus' Mlambo was the player of the tournament, while Likhwa Manyatsi was named top goal scorer.

WINNERS:

• **Player of the Tournament** – Bonginkhosi 'Manyovu' Dlamini (Royal Leopard)

• **Top Goal Scorer** – Allie Matse (Manzini Wanderers)

Under-20:
• **Player of the Tournament** – Desmond 'Tutus' Mlambo (Mbabane Swallows)

• **Top Goal Scorer** – Likhwa Manyatsi (Manzini Wanderers)

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CHAMPIONS: Winners of SwaziTelecom Charity Cup 2016 Royal Leopard displaying their trophy and E900 000 cheque at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

LEOPARD DEFEND CHARITY CUP TITLE

By Qondile Ntiwane

Leopard..... (1)2
Wanderers..... (0)0

SOCCER - THEY have done it again. Ingwe Mabalabala. Royal Leopard are the champions of the Yam' Nawe edition of the SwaziTelecom Charity Cup, after beating Manzini Wanderers 2-0 in the finals played at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday to defend the title.

Not only are they champions, but they are E900 000 richer and have also made history by being the first team to lift the season opener trophy for the fourth time.

The blue and white ensemble started their journey to the final by cruising past Mbabane Highlanders, in the first semi-final of the tournament, beating them 2-1 to book their spot in the final, graced by His Majesty King Mswati III.

Leopard made their intentions of defending the title early in the game, scoring their first goal just six minutes into the game,

Police side beat Wanderers to clinch their fourth trophy in this tournament and also walk away with the whopping E900 000, in Yam' Nawe christened SwaziTelecom Charity Cup.



witnessed by over 15 000 supporters.

This was through defender Sikhumbuzo 'Chaka' Ntimane, who took advantage of an uncleared ball, inside the box, before firing a volley past Wanderers goalkeeper Mbongeni Motsa.

Stroll

It was, however, not a stroll in the park for the Sifiso 'Nuro' Ntibane-led troops, as a spirited Manzini Wanderers, which ousted Mbabane Swallows in the second semi-final, gave them a run for their money inside the field of play.

Wanderers, however, had to

make an early substitute, introducing Ali Matse for an ineffective Njabulo Maziya, minutes after the goal.

The hub giants could have found an equaliser in the 29th minute but were unlucky, as Leopard's new catch, in goalkeeper Phephisani Msibi, made a brilliant save to deny veteran players Mfanafuthi 'Taribo' Bhembe and captain Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya a golden opportunity in the 29th minute.

Parried

The former Midas City goalkeeper parried away a clinical header by 'Taribo', only for the ball to land on 'Shana's

TEAMS

Leopard: Phephisani, Sizwe, Sikhumbuzo, Siboniso, Sifiso, Ncamiso, Mxolisi, Mzoro, Sabelo (Milo), Bonginkhosi, Berry (Mathokoza)

Wanderers: Mbongeni, Menzi, Ayanda, Sihle, Jose, Shana, Njabulo (Ali), Samkeliso, Sifiso (Mdluli), Kola, Tanbo

feet, but his shot was tipped over the bar by the acrobatic Msibi.

The second half of the clash was nothing to write home about as both teams struggled to shoot on target. It was Leopard, who were fortunate as they were handed the second goal on a silver platter. This was after a blunder when Motsa, who let slip a shot by Muzi 'Mzoro' Dlamini, only for Mathokoza 'Tokyo' Thwala to tap it inside the net a minute before time.