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## KING OPENS E11M CHURCH



**BAYETHE:** Rest in Christ Ministries Founder Bishop Vincent Hlatjwako seen leading His Majesty King Mswati III's representative Prince Mbuyisa upon arrival at Logoba yesterday for the official opening. (Pic. Simon Shabangu)

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# Over 60 cattle die at Mpisi Farm

By Linda Dlamini

Over 60 cattle at Mpisi Farm have died as a result of ingesting a consignment of poisonous bales of hay obtained at a farm from South Africa.

The number of cattle that will die as a result of the tarnished consignment is set to increase as the bales were bought by numerous farmers in the area and others from as far away as Nhlanguano to feed their cattle.

Yesterday, on entering the fields of Mpisi Farm one was confronted with dead carcasses all across the field. The ones that were still alive were found lying, some twitching as if trying to get up, most motionless with a blank stare looking straight ahead as if waiting to die.

Ministry of Agriculture Director of Veterinary and Livestock Services Dr Xolani Dlamini said one of the symptoms of poison was that the cattle go blind before they die.

"The amount of cattle that have died stands at over 50 and we expect that more will die as there are other cattle that have possibly died in the forests nearby. Also there are farmers who have bought this poisonous consignment and it is highly likely that their cattle will die as well," he said.

Dlamini said the consignment was obtained from a supplier in South Africa.

"It is not the first time that we have



**TRAGIC:** Ministry of Agriculture Director of Veterinary and Livestock Services Dr Xolani Dlamini. (Courtesy Pics)

used this particular farmer. This is the first time we have experienced problem," he said.

Dlamini said the consignment arrived on Wednesday and on Thursday the workers at the farm observed a number of the cattle exhibiting strange symptoms and then eventually dying.

"On Friday more cattle died; it was then that it was suspected that a particular batch of the bales of hay contained some sort of poison which was extremely dangerous to the livestock," he said.

Dlamini explained the biological

mechanism the poison it likely followed and the symptoms that come with it.

"It is more than likely that the poison sticks to the red blood cells resulting in the cell not being able to take up oxygen and deliver it to the rest of the body. Put simply, the cow is being suffocated and cannot breathe as a result of lack of oxygen because of the toxin," he said.

The director said signs that a show that a cow has been poisoned follow a pattern and farmers should be on the lookout for the signs.

"The cow first starts to stumble as if



**HELPLESS:** Dead cattle lying on the ground.

it is drowsy and cannot stand up properly. The cow then starts showing signs of nervous system damage like continuous twitching, like a continuous kinking motion while it lays on the ground.

When the cow is immobile and is just twitching on the ground the cow's belly becomes large and bloated. After that it finally goes blind and dies. All this happens within a couple of hours," Dlamini explained. Dlamini was asked what farmers can do to help their cattle not die from the poison.

"Farmers should pour about 350 millilitres of vinegar, half the 750 bottle, into a five litre container of water. After that add about forty spoons of sugar; mix the concoction until dissolved and then ensure the cow drinks at least two litres.

We first tried a couple of injection shots which proved unsuccessful however the vinegar concoction was found to be better," he said.

When asked why bales of hay were sourced from South Africa as opposed to locally, the director said, "there is very little supply in Swaziland as a result we have had to import from neighbouring South Africa."

With regards to the owner of the consignment that supplied the toxic batch the director said they had contacted him.

"He said he would be sending his own vet to assess the situation and based on what they will find they will map a way forward," he said.

During the interview a representative of the supplier arrived in the company of National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) personnel.

Unfortunately we were not allowed to listen in on their deliberations.

What we got though from the director post their meeting with the representative was that the owner was unable to come to the country to see for himself because he does not have a passport but will rely on the information supplied by his vets.

"He said he will take samples and get back to us as there is nothing that can be done but bury the dead cattle in a mass grave," Dlamini said.

When asked whether there would be any compensation to the affected farmers, the director looked at the ground, breathed a huge sigh and said, "that is not for me to say as it outside my ambit of expertise," he said.

## Mzuthini flaunts female driver

By Bodwa Mbingo

Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase, the flamboyant His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) Commissioner General is a head turner.

That is because he is chauffeured around by a female driver. Actually they are two.

These female Correctional Services officers alternate in driving him around, depending on the work that the Commissioner does in a day.

### Chauffeured

And he just loves it as he says he feels very safe being chauffeured around by any of the two women officers.

Ntshangase has become the only outstanding public figure to be chauffeured around by a female as this sector is dominated by male drivers.

Yesterday he was seen being driven around by Sithembile Dlamini, who is one of his two drivers, during one of the numerous functions where the Correctional Services shows

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its benevolent side around the country. While his two other counterparts in Royal Swaziland Police Service (RSPS) National Commissioner Isaac Magagula and Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF) General Commander Sobantu Dlamini enjoy the services of the conventional male drivers, Ntshangase can't be separated from his female drivers.

### Defensive

Chauffeurs for all the three uniformed forces bosses undergo training on defensive driving skills that is necessary for their kind of job.

Ntshangase when reached confirmed that he is indeed chauffeured around by two female drivers. He proudly said he is a great believer in gender equality hence training at the Correctional Services is the same for all

officers irrespective of their gender.

"In this department I always feel that training for all officers should be the same. Even when it comes to the job the officers do, there should be no preference as all the officers possess enough capabilities. I trust all my drivers and I feel safe around them," he said proudly.

### Highlight

Ntshangase went on to highlight that upholding gender equality does not end with his drivers in the department, but is also extended to some females being offered male dominated positions within the service. He made mention of a number of female officers that have assumed positions at different correctional facilities such as Matsapha, Pigg's Peak, Mankayane and Big Bend to mention a few.





# Minister Gideon fired

## COVER STORY

Stories by Mangoba Makhubu

**M**inister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Gideon Dlamini was yesterday fired, following months of investigation, also involved the Anti-Corruption Commission.

Dlamini has been pleading his innocence against allegations of impropriety that involved a donation of US Dollars 90 000 (about E1.2 million) from Qatar.

His dismissal was announced by the Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini. He has since been replaced by ex-Tourism and Environmental Affairs Minister Jabulani Mabuza.

The ex-minister first raised the public's eyebrows after snubbing public gatherings involving his ministry, instead, most of the times he was represented by Principal Secretary Jinnoh Nkambule and other ministers on bigger or national assignments.

He later told Members of Parliament during the tabling of the first quarter performance report that he was being probed for alleged fraud, hence he was advised by government to minimise his appearance on public events pending the investigations.

But he said his hands

were clean and promised the legislators he would come out clean and insisted he never even saw that money.

However, the *Observer on Saturday* has it in good authority that even before his dismissal, a warrant of his arrest had been sought by the ACC, but has been held in some offices where it was supposed to have been auctioned.

It is not yet known now that he has stripped off his cabinet position, whether or not the warrant would be served.

His reasons for dismissal were not stated by the premier nor did he mention him by name.

When the former minister was called, he said he cannot comment further on his axing and the subject in

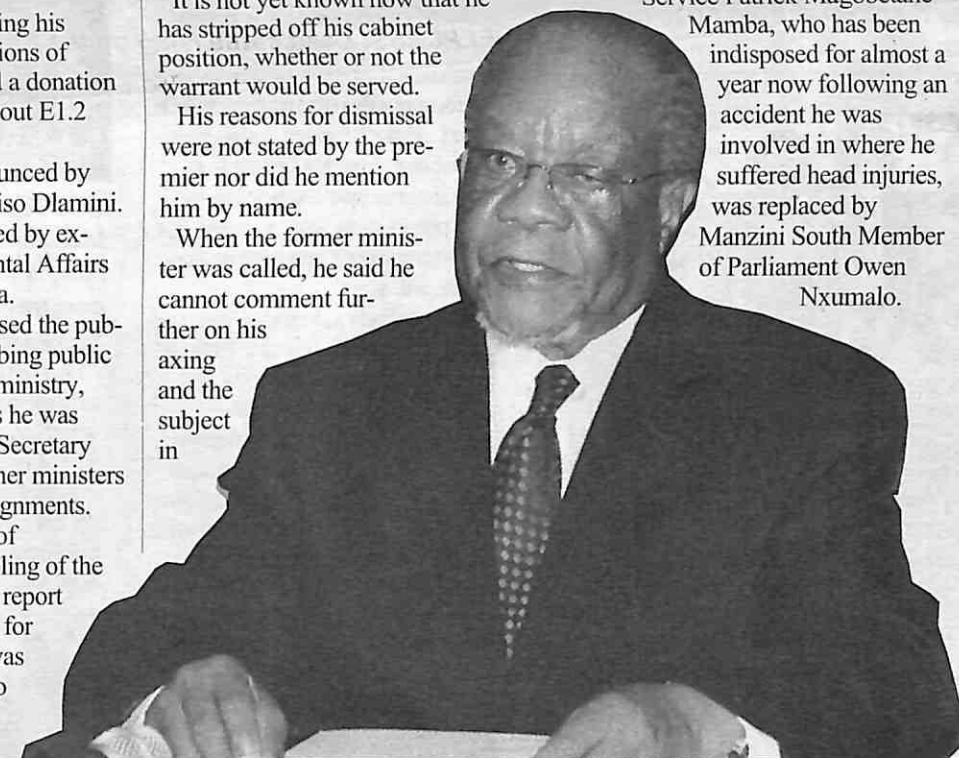
question.

He sang praises to His Majesty's pronouncement, "Bayethe Wena Waphakathi."

However, he said this was not the end of the road for his responsibility to serve the nation.

"I started to serve the nation before I even came to Parliament and I will continue to do so."

Meanwhile, Minister of Public Service Patrick Magobetane Mamba, who has been indisposed for almost a year now following an accident he was involved in where he suffered head injuries, was replaced by Manzini South Member of Parliament Owen Nxumalo.



**BRIEFING:** Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini briefing the media on the reshuffle.

**WHERE IT ALL STARTED:** Former Commerce Minister Gideon Dlamini receiving the cheque from Qatar's Ambassador Yousef bin Mohammed Al Mahmoudber.



## MPs SHOCKED WITH APPOINTMENTS

**T**he Members of Parliament who have since been appointed as cabinet ministers were shocked to receive the news yesterday.

Both MP Owen Nxumalo and

Christopher Gamedze said they were not aware of the appointments but heard for the first time when reporters contacted them for comment.

Nxumalo said he first thought it

was a prank but when he received more phone calls he started to believe the news.

"All we can say is *Bayethe*. For now we are just waiting to hear the news officially," said Nxumalo.

## Owen Nxumalo, Christopher Gamedze now ministers

**H**is Majesty King Mswati III has appointed Mafutseni Member of Parliament Christopher Gamedze and Manzini South MP Owen Nxumalo as ministers in a long anticipated cabinet reshuffle that saw two ministers reverting to their normal positions as backbenchers.

Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Jabulani Mabuza has replaced fired Commerce, Industry and Trade minister Gideon Dlamini.

Mabuza has been serving as both minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs and acting Public Service minister for almost a year now since Magobetane Mamba took ill.

Announcing the reshuffle at Cabinet offices yesterday noon, was the Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini in a press conference held at Hospital Hill, Mbabane.

Gamedze has been appointed Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs while Nxumalo takes over as Minister of Public Service.

The prime minister congratulated the newly-appointed ministers and further thanked the King for the reshuffle. He said the ministers were constitutionally selected by the King from Parliament.

According to Section 67 (1) of the Constitution of Swaziland, the King can

appoint ministers from both chambers of Parliament on the recommendation of the prime minister.

"We hope as they enter Cabinet, they will work well with the other ministers," said Dlamini.

On another note, Dlamini thanked the contribution of the former ministers.

"We hope they would continue working for the country in their new capacities as Members of Parliament. After you exit as a minister, you enter into another phase of service and since both came from constituencies, they will serve in that capacity."

Also present during the announcement were the affected ministries principal secretaries, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade PS Jinnoh Nkambule, Tourism and Environmental Affairs Emmanuel Dlamini and Public Service Evert Madlopha. Others were Secretary to Cabinet Mbuso Dlamini and PS in the Prime Minister's Office Victor Nxumalo.

### The New Appointments

1. Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade - MP Jabulani Mabuza
2. Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs - MP Christopher Gamedze
3. Minister of Public Service - MP Owen Nxumalo.



**CONSULTING:** Government Assistant Press Secretary Sabelo Dlamini and spokesperson Percy Simelane.

## SIPA issues, first daunting task for new commerce minister

**I**t seems the first daunting task for the incoming Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade, Jabulani Mabuza, is to deal with the Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority's (SIPA) issues.

Responding to a question asked by *Observer on Saturday* Editor Alec Lushaba, Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini said they were confident that Mabuza would resolve the impasse.

However, he said to date the issue has not been officially reported to

ministers or Cabinet.

Lushaba had asked the prime minister's stand following SIPA's Chief Executive Officer Phumelele Dlamini's alleged defiance to go on special leave as instructed by the board, pending investigations on complaints by managers and staff against her.

According to this newspaper's weekly publication, the CEO has 36 grievances against her which are reportedly still being investigated by the board. It was reported that the

board after engaging Dlamini last week, instructed her not to report to work on Monday.

However, she defied the board's instruction and it was reported that she allegedly boasted only the prime minister can remove her from office, because she was hired by him.

Responding to Lushaba, the prime minister said the corporate governance of parastatals differs slightly from that of public companies, because the CEO in parastatals is

not appointed by the board, but is approved by cabinet, and not by him.

"Most people when they think Cabinet, they think the prime minister," he said.

However, he said the issue has not reached Cabinet and has not yet been reported to ministers.

He hoped that the new minister would deal with the issue.

"We have confidence that Mabuza will resolve the issue," said the prime minister.



**TOUGH TASK:** Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza.



## KING OFFICIALLY OPENS E11 MILLION CHURCH

KING WARNS AGAINST  
BREAK-AWAY FACTIONS

Stories by Sandile Nkambule

**H**is Majesty the King Mswati III has warned against pastors and church members who break away from their churches to form their own.

The King said pastors who break away from their churches are totally against God's will and teachings as this is not blessed before the eyes of the Lord.

Speaking through Prince Mbuyisa during the official opening of Rest in Christ Ministries at Logoba yesterday, the King said in the event pastors have differences in their churches, such should be solved amicably and in peace since they are expected to lead their flock through God's teachings.

He said it is pivotal for pastors to undergo theological training before they lead a congregation since this is where they learn more on being leaders of their churches.

Advised

He lauded Bishop Vincent Hlatjwako, the founding pastor of the church on the good leadership he has exhibited in his church throughout all these years and further advised the church executive to work in unity in seeing the church establishing a new branch and wholeheartedly spread the Word of God.

"I must take this opportunity warn against pastors who break away

- His Majesty says pastors who break away from their churches, establish their own against God's will
- Break away factions in churches not blessed
- Says pastors should undergo theological training to avoid such embarrassing situations



**LEADERSHIP:** His Majesty King Mswati III's representative Prince Mbuyisa posing with Rest In Christ Founder and Senior Pastor Bishop Vincent Hlatjwako and the church board during the official opening of the church at Logoba yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

from their churches, taking with them a larger portion of the congregants, this is really against God's will, there should be no break away in the house of the Lord," he said.

He praised Bishop Hlatjwako for having taken the church to where it is, singling out his supportive wife who has been rallying behind him all the time and further calling upon

all men of the cloth to have wives who will support them like Hlatjwako's.

The official opening was attended by members of the Royal family, Cabinet Ministers, Members of Parliament, members of the Diplomatic Corps high ranking government officials and members of the public.

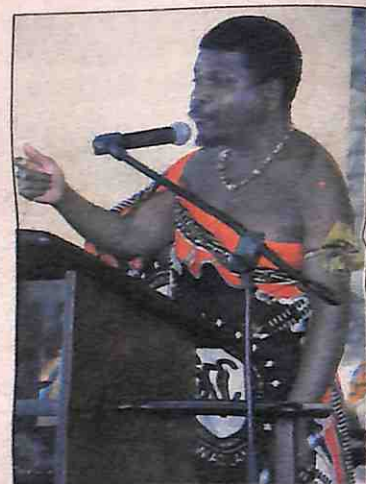
## ... King offers more land for church

**A**fter having been informed the church dreams of having a clinic and school, His Majesty, through Prince Mbuyisa, said additional land had been offered in order to realise their dream.

Much to a round of applause and shouts of Bayethe, he said the church could expand to the upper part of Logoba since it is below the stream separating Logoba and Kwaluseni.

This was after one of the church elders, Make Mabuza stated that part of the church's vision is to have a clinic and a school in the long run as they want to serve the community both educationally and health wise.

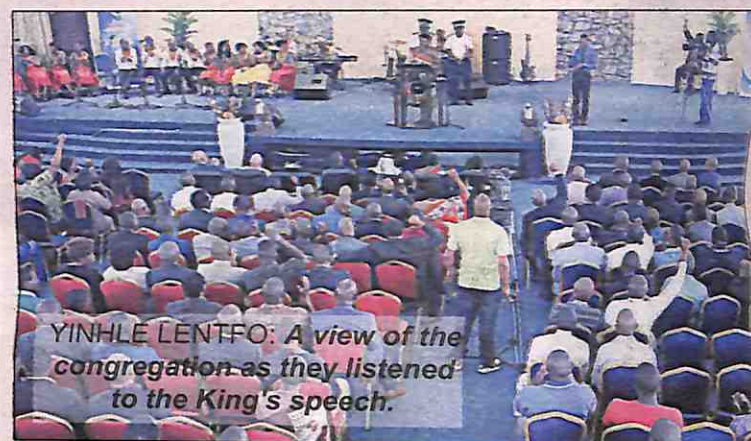
In her remarks, Mabuza said currently the church has two branches, the main one at Logoba and another Mbabane opposite Swaziland Railway and plan to spread its wings to other parts of the country. The church's mission is to blanket the whole world with Christ's word and further have a television station of their own in



**THE KING SAYS:** Prince Mbuyisa delivering the King's message to the congregation.

their quest to spread the gospel.

Part of the church's works include being involved in charity, which according to Mabuza, they do not believe in publicising, stating they assist those affected by poverty, educate those who cannot afford and take care of the orphaned, amongst others.



**YINHLE LENTFO:** A view of the congregation as they listened to the King's speech.



**THE WORD SAYS:** Apostle Robert Kasaro preaching during the event as Pastor Justice Simelane interpretes.



**MAGNIFICENT:** The church structure which was officially opened yesterday.



**WITNESSED:** Special guests and pastors following proceedings.



**WE THANK YOU:** The man of the house and first lady addressing the guests.



## KING OFFICIALLY OPENS E11 MILLION CHURCH



**MAJESTIC BLESSING:** King's representative Prince Mbuyisa waters a tree symbolising the official opening of the church as other dignitaries look on.

## ... Official opening gets bishop emotional

Seeing His Majesty the King's presence through his representative Prince Mbuyisa, members of the royal family, pastors from all denominations, and the overwhelming number of people in attendance, Bishop Vincent Hlatjwako was yesterday overcome by emotions as he made his remarks.

When his time to speak came, the bishop was ushered to the podium while the praise team led in music and song and immediately he started opening his mouth, Hlatjwako was seen sobbing, and wiping away tears, with the praise team giving more music.

It was in the middle of his remarks that he again paused and wiped his tears with members of the congregation singing him praises before he later continued with his speech.

### Supported

Speaking before the multitudes, Hlatjwako poured his heart out on how he was grateful to His Majesty for having supported the church by giving them monetary offering to kick-start the construction of the church.

This, Hlatjwako said the King did when he had an audience with him while at Hlane Royal Residence and this is where His Majesty informed him (bishop) that he wanted to personally open the church officially upon its completion.

"I am short of words, we do not deserve to have His Majesty and royalty opening the church and I

● Bishop Vincent Hlatjwako would occasionally sob and wipe away tears as he made his remarks

● Thanks King for offering money to kick-start project, officially opening church

● Sings praises for his supportive wife who solicited a loan from the bank when construction of church commenced

would like to thank the King for his support to the church as he gave me an offering to kick-start the construction of the church.

This he did when we met at Hlane and he assured me he wanted to personally open it, and am over the moon today that he has done just that," Hlatjwako said.

### Rallying

He thanked his supportive wife, executive members of the church, the congregants and all those who have been rallying behind him even in trying times where the executive would shoulder the blame for whatever people were saying about him.

He said Elias Shongwe of Shongwe and Khuphuka was amongst those who supported him when establishing the church.

The bishop was also joined by his wife Busi and their three daughters on the podium whom she introduced and sealed their marriage before fur-

## TEARS OF JOY



ther stating that his wife was the one who solicited a loan from the bank when the construction of the church structure commenced.

He said since he was a pastor, he could not access loans from the bank but his wife being a nurse, was able to do so.



**ROYALTY:** Inkhosikati LaNtentesa flanked by Princess Lindiwe and the bishop's wife Busisiwe Hlatjwako as they listen to speeches.



**FAMILY:** Bishop Hlatjwako introducing his wife Busisiwe and two of his children to the congregation.



**PRESENT:** Among the special guests were Reverend Elias Shongwe's wife Sibongile and Sharon Maziya.

## ... State-of-the-art church has 2500 carrying capacity



**HOLDS 2 500:** Guests who witnessed the ceremony.

- Church's ceiling costs E350 000, only three church members paid for this project
- Church started with only five members

The state-of-the-art E11 million church has a carrying capacity of 2 500 and its ceiling costs at the region of E350 000.

This was yesterday revealed by Bishop Vincent Hlatjwako during the official opening of the church. According to Hlatjwako, only

three church members were able to bear the costs of the fitting of the church's ceiling.

He told the gathering that all this came as a result of His Majesty who gave them blessings by offering money towards kick-starting the construction of the church with brethren also playing a piv-

otal role in seeing the project through.

One of the church members, according to the bishop, owns a construction company and was the main architect in engineering the project.

### Revealed

The church building is situated at Logoba, Mhlaleni and services people within and outside the community.

It was also revealed that the church started with only five members when it was established and to date boasts of more than 1 000 church members both in the



# ROT ALLEGATIONS ROCK NGWANE COLLEGE

Stories by Ackel Zwane

A cow donated during the royal visit at the 2013/14 graduation ceremony, is at the centre of a controversy regarding control and safety from looting of farm produce of the department of agriculture in the Faculty of Applied Science (housing Home Economics and Agriculture) at Ngwane College.

Principal Dr. Amos Mhlalela is said to have announced that he was giving royalty nine cattle, five to His Majesty, three to Her Majesty together with one goat from the Mhlalela family.

He also is alleged to have announced he was personally pledging one beast to the King. However, on the day the cattle were to be trans-

ferred to the royal herd, they were now with the ninth not coming from the Mhlalela family as promised but taken from the college herd.

Insiders meeting in Nhlanguano this week, including some former staffers who had already left the college, provided a list of anomalies in the manner the college was being run equating it to the running of George Orwell's Animal Farm.

## Attempted

They alleged that they attempted to raise issues as they arose with the school administration but were treated with scorn and in fear of retribution let things pass.

They revealed when they asked the person responsible for asset and stock register of the department of agriculture he could only say he was told by the principal that whatever

movement of things it was because they were towards purchasing of stock for the department of agriculture.

This goes for the fields in which the principal is alleged to be growing his crop for the upkeep of his family much to disgruntling by members of staff.

"The situation with colleges is very unfortunate because, unlike schools, the parents are not involved, it is only the highest authorities with cronies at headquarters who call the shots, we the lecturers and workers have a limited voice.

We end up defending our employment," said the workers. They challenged Mhlalela to produce evidence on how he handled the transaction of the cow presented to the King in line with government accounting



**ANIMAL FARM:** Ngwane College Principal Dr. Amos Mhlalela.

procedures.

There are also allegations that Mhlalela is a close ally of a lawmaker who is influential in the run-

ning of the college especially in the intake of each year with some learners, even though they do not meet the required qualification before the admissions committee, end up in the classroom.

This lawmaker is said to be pocketing something for his role in these transactions. The list of admissions approved by the committee and the one that comes afterwards are different and the entry requirements differ, naturally, and the committee is not allowed to question the vetting process by the administration without the admissions committee.

## Called

Mhlalela was called on Thursday and the allegations put to him verbally and elaborated by way of a questionnaire, he promised to respond overnight because he was on a pressing errand to Manzini. Yesterday he said he was rushing to another errand.

"As I said yesterday that I was going out. I have now seen your questionnaire. I am going out for functions and I will respond to your questions. I will alert you when this is done."

He was alerted that by end of business the story would run with or without his comment.

## Lecturers forced to alter students' marks

In a bid to boost the image of the college and for other purposes best known to the administration, lecturers allege they are made to alter the marks of poor performing students but when they refuse to do so they are served with letters of insubordination.

In these letters the nature of the insubordination, especially that they refused to alter the marks, is deliberately excluded to make it open ended.

## Attempt

"In our attempt to resist this and try to be professional we are shoved these threatening letters."

They disclosed that they had attempted to reach higher authorities but failed because the targeted government official was said to be occupied with other more pressing state assignments, however, the attempt will be made with more vigour this time around including summoning external support. "Lecturers are treated worse than farmhands."

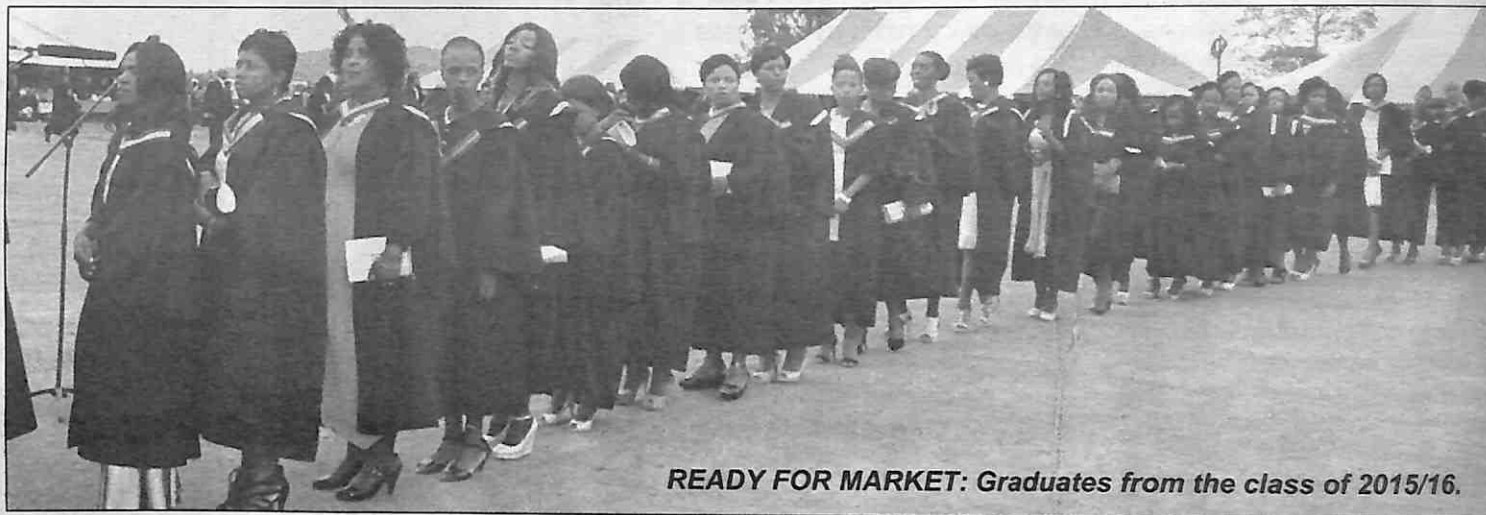
## Principal is minister's homeboy, retirement shifted by three years

Education Minister Phineas Magagula is accused of having been influential in the postponement of Principal Amos Mhlalela's retirement by three more years because he is his homebody from Lomahasha. Notably the Chief Inspector of Tertiary Institutions Peterson Dlamini was retired recently even though he is five years younger than Mhlalela.

## Raised

This has raised eyebrows among members of staff at Ngwane who label it blatant nepotism.

They allege they could not even challenge Principal Secretary Pat Muir because he is a beneficiary of the same corrupt arrangement having been recalled from retirement to load it on his subordinates for an extended period.



**READY FOR MARKET:** Graduates from the class of 2015/16.

## MALAMBE CHEWS E200 000 GOVT MONEY STAYING AT HOME

The promotion and transfer of one lecturer from William Pitcher Teacher's Training College, Malambe, to Ngwane when there was a more qualified lecturer to be recruited internally, sparked further controversies.

The qualified lecturer, Henry Ndlovu, was said not to have been in good books with Mhlalela as a result he, the boss, used his connections at the Teaching Service Commission (TSC) to fast-track the transfer of Malambe, a holder of an ordinary degree, to take the higher post which was to be occupied by Ndlovu who holds a Masters Degree. Ndlovu is reluctant to discuss his circum-

stances, referring all comments to the administration. He however insisted he never stopped working and to this day he is still the Maths lecturer. He did not deny the talk about his situation on campus but preferred not to mix in. Through this standoff, government continued to pay Malambe an estimated E200 000 while he stayed at home.

Government has made no efforts to recover this money. It was not until there was another opening for the transfer of Ndlovu that Malambe finally dusted his rusted gowns and began earning his salary through working after having stayed at home for almost an entire academic year, say staffers.

## Outgoing students graduate without micro-teaching

Lecturers say the indiscriminate admission of students without taking into account the staffing complement has resulted in poor products being churned out, the latest being the recently graduated who did not do micro-teaching.

They alleged that this year there are 250 students instead of a maximum of about 100 in the first year for the same number of lecturers but appeals to raise these concerns falls of deaf ears.

Another area of similar concern is the status of the ECCD, which stands for Early Childhood Care and Development (a programme that produces pre-school teachers

offered at Ngwane College).

The ECD section status remains unclear whether it is a private arrangement or a government initiated project.

Lecturers say the staff from ECD are paid for by government, use government time and resources but are treated as private employees of the owner's of the project.

To crown it all is those who graduated last year are wasting away at home because government has no provision for Grade Zero in its education system. This is the same with the Music department whose status is not clear as it would appear it is another private initiative yet funded by the state.

## WHITHER THE CASE OF REGGIE

Another lecturer, Mduduzi Reggie Dlamini, was said to have left unceremoniously with suspicions that he may have been earning government money without proper resignation.

He was alleged to have applied for further education but his cheques continued coming to the school.

Dlamini denies he continued receiving cheques after he had retired, saying it was possibly because the school did not host him a farewell party as per tradition. However he suggested that all questions be directed to Mhlalela. Dlamini says even at the time of the back pay for civil servants, the famous *dvuladvula*, he had stopped getting paid and did not get it, saying he had already been replaced at Ngwane.



**ROAD AHEAD:** Some of the graduates who did early childhood courses are unemployable.



# Eight Limkokwing Students suspended for inciting class boycott

Stories by Linda Jele

The Limkokwing University of Creative Technology has suspended eight students for allegedly inciting others to engage in a class boycott.

This transpired yesterday at the High Court after the university filed an urgent application seeking an order to stop the students from entering the school and keep a 100 metre distance from the school. The university instructed Musa M Sibandze attorneys in the matter and lawyer Banele Gamedze appeared in court. The High Court issued the interim order barring nine students from entering the premises and all others who engaged in the strike action. They were further barred from disrupting lectures and to keep a 100 metre distance from the university.

Professor Cedric Bell,

## High Court orders them to keep 100 metres away from premises

Limkokwing University's Regional Vice Chancellor, in an affidavit, claimed that following the class boycott that has lasted a week, the university engaged the Students Representative Council (SRC) comprising Baphatse Dladla, Siphwe Fakudze, Elvis Mahlalela, Brian Sihlongonyane, Fikile Magongo and Sicelo Mabuza.

He claimed that the students had engaged in a boycott demanding the return of two employees whose contracts were not renewed when they lapsed.

He claimed that the engagement with the SRC seemed to have been fruitful and students were made to sign re-admission forms to return to class. However, the SRC and other students, including Vincent Vilakati, Ncamiso

Nxumalo and Eric Zulu continued to block students at the gate preventing them from entering the premises. He claimed that some of the allegedly disruptive students entered classes and disrupted lectures.

He said the university had commenced disciplinary processes against some of the students who blocked those who wanted to resume classes.

However, he said the university feared that the students might continue to block their counterparts and intimidate them. He also said they feared that the students might continue to enter the premises and disrupt lectures.

"I submit that the university's academic staff has a right to execute their duties under a conducive environment. The actions

of the respondents are in direct violation, not only of the right of other students to education, but also they are endangering the lives and property of the university," Bell said.

He said the allegedly violent approach of the students made the university fear that its property might be damaged by the students in order to force others out of class.

The matter was heard by High court Judge Nkululeko Hlophe and the students were ordered to file papers to show cause why the orders should not be made final.

### The suspended students are

1. Simphiwe Fakudze
2. Baphatse Dladla
3. Eric Zulu
4. Vincent Vilakati
5. Takhona Sibandze
6. Ncamiso Nxumalo
7. Mfanufikile Magongo
8. Sicelo Mabuza

## Environmental health officers storm ministry

About 20 environmental health officers yesterday stormed the Ministry of Health building and danced in corridors to deliver a petition demanding a salary review and 25 percent overtime.

The environmental health officers from around the country had intended to deliver the petition to the Principal Secretary in the ministry, Dr Simon Zwane, but he was reportedly out.

They waited at the basement of the building that also houses the ministries of home affairs and that of Justice and constitutional affairs hoping to have someone address them. However, seeing that time was ticking without getting any audience, they walked into the building to the second floor where they danced next to the office of the Director of Health demanding that he accepts the petition.

Operations were momentarily disturbed as the officers danced, whistled and sang along the corri-



**DEMANDING:** Members of the Swaziland Environmental Health Association (SEHA) dance and sing inside the Ministry of Health's offices in Mbabane to deliver their petition yesterday. (Pics: Linda Jele)

dors until the Deputy Director of Health Services Dr Velephi Okello emerged to address them. Secretary of the Swaziland Environmental Health Association (SEHA) Milton Lokothwayo handed over the petition to Okello.

He listed the grievances for the workers, which include shortage of resources namely staff and transport. He said the department was understaffed and officers were at

times forced to perform duties that were supposed to have been done by support staff. He said in many instances, the officers failed to attend to emergencies on time when they are engaged in national activities.

He also said there was shortage of transport and it hindered their operations. He said the department was allocated only one motor vehicle per region, yet they are supposed to work with and in the communities.

"Control of communicable diseases is being compromised thus resulting to quick and widespread of the diseases and more deaths. There will also be uninspected meat sold to the public because we don't have transport to inspect the meat before people sell it to the public, which may result in the outbreak of zoonotic diseases," Lokothwayo said.

He also raised a concern that the ministry failed to allocate accommodation to environmental health workers in all the health facilities in the country yet each facility needs to have at least two workers.

He said the workers demanded that houses should be availed to all workers to prevent instances where they are housed by community members in stick and mud houses.

The workers complained that they have been left out twice in salary reviews. Lokothwayo said in 2004 when government reviewed salaries, they were left out and when they appealed, they were promised that they would be attended to in the 2015 review exercise. However, he said, they were again left out.

"We feel that it is our right to be remunerated according to our duties and qualifications.

The environmental health assistants are graded in the A category (A), which is for the unskilled labour such as drivers," he said.

He also said the workers demanded government to give them a 25 percent of monthly salary overtime allowance across the board. He said senior officers had difficulty working overtime because government barred overtime payment for officers earning Grade C4 and above yet those are the supervisors who need to monitor the junior staff.

They gave government a 14 day ultimatum to have the concerns addressed, failing which they would withhold their services. Okello promised to hand over the document to the relevant authorities, before lapse of the 14 day period.

## SA company sues local Asian duo E100 000

Two Asian businesspeople operating a company in the country are being sued close to E100 000 for allegedly trying to defraud a South African company E6 million.

It has been claimed that Abdul Samad Essa and Abdul Latib Ahmed attempted to sell their shares held at a company, known as B & H Sugar based in Nhlalanga to Sunshine Sugar Specialties, based in Johannesburg South Africa. It has been claimed that when they sold the shares to the South Africa based company they claimed that they had a sugar quota with the Swaziland Sugar Association, when such was not true.

The agreement, according to the particulars of claim filed by Rodrigues and Associates law firm, the agreement was entered into on January 12, 2016. The two agreed to sell their shareholding and all benefits, interests and rights attached to B & H Sugar for E6 million.

They claimed that they were duly authorized to sell their interests in B & H Sugar and all rights and benefits attached to it.

### Warranties

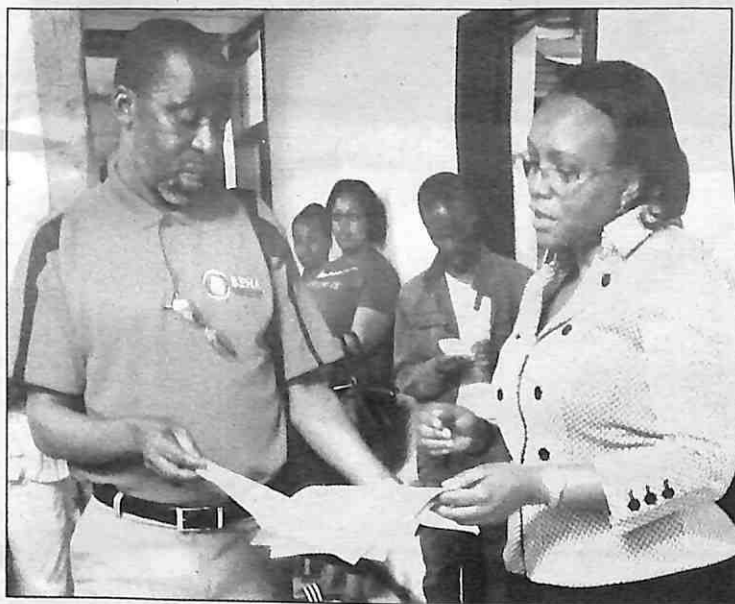
Notwithstanding the warranties as aforesaid, the defendants did not have the authority to enter into the said agreement with plaintiff (Sunshine Sugar Specialties), to sell their respective interests in the said company without the express consent of a third party, Swaziland Sugar Association," read the court papers.

It was further claimed that the business people wrongfully and unlawfully did not disclose to Sunshine Sugar Specialties that they did not have consent from SSA to enter into the sale agreement.

As a consequence of their alleged non-disclosure of the said material facts, Sunshine Sugar Specialties was induced to enter into the sale agreement when had the material fact been disclosed, it would not have agreed to buy the shares.

It has been alleged that Sunshine Sugar Specialties cancelled the agreement, but had incurred E98 231.90 in respect of legal and professional fees, it was alleged.

The company is now seeking a High Court order directing Essa, Ahmed and B & H Sugar to pay the E98 231.90 with nine percent interest per annum. The matter is pending before the High Court.



**THIS IS IT:** Dr Velephi Okello receives the petition from SEHA General Secretary Milton Lokothwayo inside the Ministry of Health offices yesterday.



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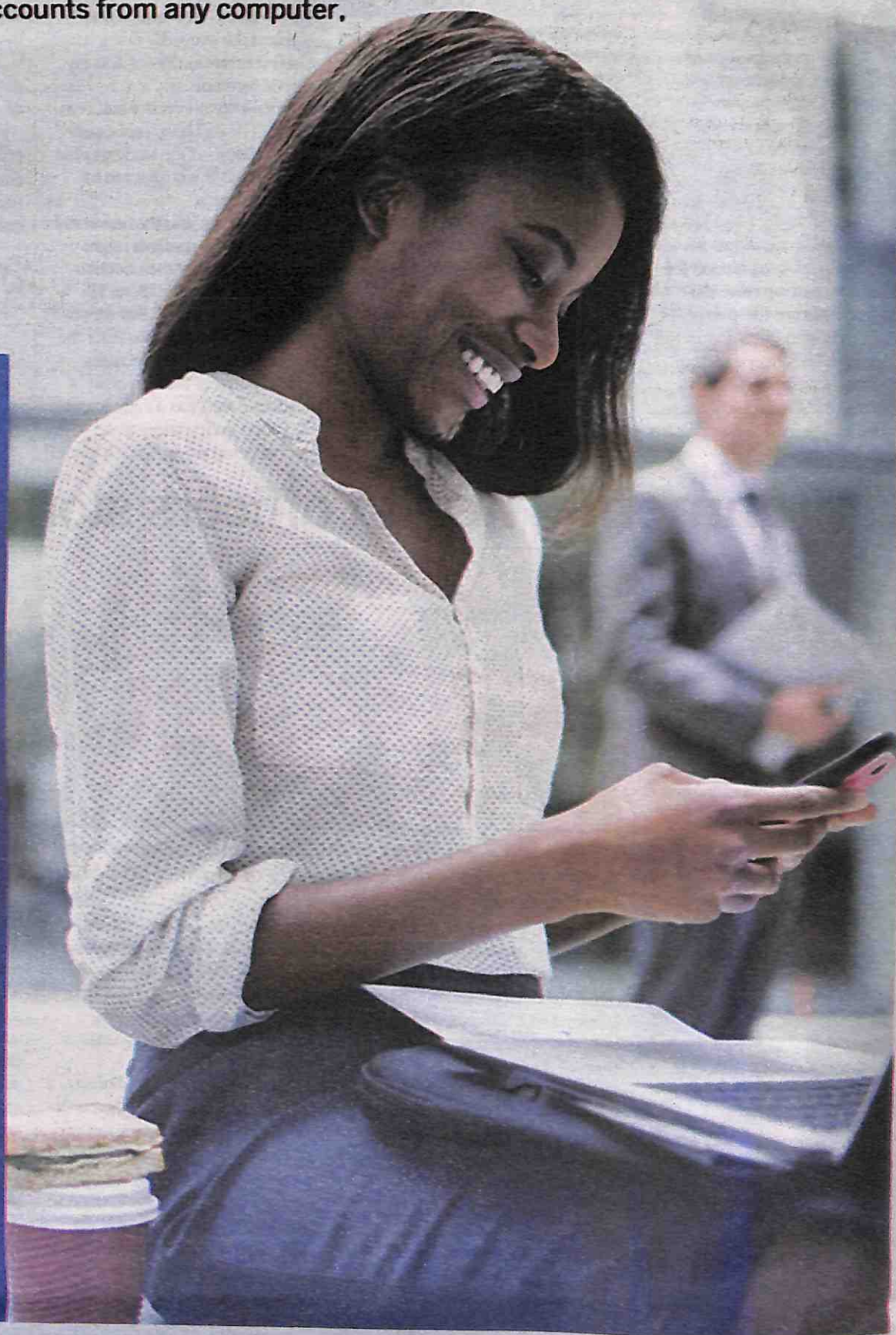
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# MZUTHINI HANDS OVER E38 000 HOUSE TO WIDOW

...Mbabane Correctional Services officers also provide E8 000 furniture and groceries for needy *gogo* (73)

Stories by Bodwa Mbingo

Life will never be the same for impoverished and widowed 73-year-old Gogo Tsembani Methula of Manzimyama at LaMgabhi on the peak of Mdzimba Mountain.

She now has something to call a proper shelter and bed to sleep on.

In yet another benevolent act, His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) officers, led by Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase, have constructed and handed over a house worth E38 000 to the needy elderly widow who has all along been forced to share a dilapidated one room house with her seven grandchildren. The Correctional Services staff and the commissioner general in particular, were touched following a story about the plight of Methula published in the *Observer on Saturday* recently. True to their



**GOOD WORK: HMCS Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase and Gogo Methula with Correctional officers and community members during the handing over of the E38 000 house. (Pic: Bodwa Mbingo)**

nature of responding timely to such situations, the commissioner gathered his team and they duly came out with notable contributions that will change the life of Gogo Methula

who lost five of her children leaving her with her grandchildren, while some of her daughters are unemployed. This has forced her to struggle in putting food on the table for

them.

As if the new shelter was not enough, Correctional Services staff from the Mbabane branch donated furniture and groceries worth E8 000 to keep the smiling *gogo* going. She has all along relied on food handouts from the local community owing to the fact that the current drought situation did not give her a chance to at least cultivate her fields.

Speaking during the event where the house was finally handed over to Gogo Methula, the commissioner general highlighted that God touched everyone's heart to be able to change Methula's life. He thanked all staff members from his department for standing up and be counted.

## Culture

"God is the husband of widows hence He touched us to come and assist *gogo* who lost her husband. In our culture, we don't just watch while others suffer, but we come to their rescue. I am one who likes working and not talking hence I'm

usually short of words when it comes to talking. However, I'm grateful to all those that have heeded to the call to assist *gogo* as well as the community of LaMgabhi that has not folded its arms to watch us construct the house alone, but they have been of great assistance," he said. Alfred Maseko, who spoke on behalf of the LaMgabhi chiefdom, thanked the Correctional Services for the great work and highlighted what they did was on behalf of the entire Swazi nation and His Majesty King Mswati III. He urged God to bless all Correctional Services staff abundantly.

## Benevolent

An elated Gogo Methula, on the other hand, said at first she could not believe it, but after some time she came to understand that other people could be very benevolent.

"Even my grandchild asked me if this beautiful house really belonged to me as he also could not believe it," she added. Her joy was understandable as she used to spending nights almost in the open due to the state of her former stick and mud house that had its back wall almost falling apart and that exposed her to all sorts of dangers, including snakes which could sneak in anytime. Inside the house, the old woman and her grandchildren literally slept on the ground since the floor was not cemented, leaving them with their only blankets on the dusty floor.

## Swazi Observer praised for revealing plight of needy Gogo

The Swazi Observer has been praised for publishing the story of the needy Gogo Methula that managed to touch the hearts of many, resulting in the Correctional Services building a house for her.

Through the revived, reliable and read newspaper, the elderly woman managed to appeal to members of the public about her plight and that coerced many to come to her rescue. The story was

carried in the *Observer on Saturday* last month. HMCS Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase, who promptly responded to the plea, was the first to thank the newspaper for its good work stating it shows that its mandate is to diligently serve the nation.

## Story

Hhukwini Member of Parliament (MP) Saladin Magagula said he was called by Ntshangase as soon as he

had read the story indicating that his department wanted to assist the elderly citizen.

## Grateful

"I am grateful to the Swazi Observer that has shown many it is a national newspaper. Most people demonise newspapers yet they are vital in the community. Even Ntshangase has started recruiting some journalists into the Correctional Services and that shows their good work," the MP added.

## Mzuthini applauded for impressive work ethic

Hhukwini Member of Parliament (MP) Saladin Magagula is full of praise for the work ethic displayed by HMCS Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase inside and outside his department.

Magagula observed that Ntshangase was a workaholic who has worked diligently in changing the country's prison set up to a correctional facility that rehabilitates offenders. He went to the extent of asking Ntshangase to go to the King and thank him on their behalf that many people are very satisfied with his work at the Correctional Services.

The MP also applauded Ntshangase for ensuring

the new Correctional Services Bill sees the light of day by being hands on in every stage of its coining.

"In parliament we were very amazed to see 'Mgazi' going all out to ensure the Bill is finally passed.

## Bill

He got to us just by applying himself as he was always part of the officers that brought the Bill to parliament and we were quick to work on it. There are quite a few people that humble themselves and work like 'Mgazi'," said the MP. Magagula went on to praise Ntshangase for also being hands on during the construction of Gogo Methula's house.

Ntshangase, on the other

hand, urged communities to welcome with open hands offenders that have already been rehabilitated by his department. He also highlighted that their facilities are not meant to keep young offenders hence parents should not shift responsibility to them, but should look after their children.

## Facilities

"We don't have facilities to keep offenders forever and there is no dustbin for people.

"In our facilities there are many children and parents should work hard in bringing them up. They should not shift the blame to teachers. We don't need them in jail as their place is here in the community," he added.

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2 Timothy 4:7

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# Double payments not fault of Govt payroll system - Evert

By Ackel Zwane

Public Service Principal Secretary Evert Madlopha says the government payroll system could not be blamed for double payments because the system captures only one salary, calling this a specific issue that needs to be addressed outside the government payroll system.

He was responding to queries as to how it came about that Former Constitutional Review Commission Deputy Chairman, Supreme Court Judge Phesheya Dlamini and Suspended Franson Christian High School Principal, among others, continued to receive double pay and the anomaly captured by the Auditor General.

Madlopha admitted that there were, previously discrepancies with the government establishment and the payroll but that those issues were solved to a greater extent as there was now only one salary per public servant.

He could not elaborate on whether the cases of the three cited above had been solved and whether government had recovered its money, where due. "Under normal circumstances the system is perfect, there is no way it can issue two salaries to one person. I am unaware whether government has recovered monies from any such persons because that is outside my portfolio."

He further admitted that the system itself was fed and therefore any error could be on the part of the feeding hand.

However an expert in matters relating to the government payroll said it was important for Members of Parliament that once in govern-

- amidst public outcry on the faulty government payroll system fears grow that apart from ghosts there could be other public servants on double pay and those working but suspended with full pay could still be milking state coffers dry
- Former Ambassador to Denmark and Deputy Constitutional Review Commission Chairman Prince David, Supreme Court Judge Phesheya Dlamini who was also Ambassador to South Africa and suspended with full pay Franson Christian High School principal, Memory Ndwandwe currently teaching at Amadi could still be making a killing on government money



**DON'T BLAME: Public Service PS Evert Madlopha.**

ment payroll system a public servant was either active or inactive. This means the servant could be inactive and therefore not detected by the system until he/she becomes active again.

He suggested that the system needed to be checked on an annual basis for people to indicate whether they are still there or not in order for the system to decide on whether they are active or inactive. They must do this by way of filling in forms that must be fed to the system every after the end of each financial year. "The system is computerised with checks and bal-

ances and it has the capacity to detect inactive people. If people do not fill in the forms they will not be paid."

For about nine years now, suspended principal at Franson Christian High school has been drawing a salary without his matter brought to finality by the school administration, nor the Teaching Service Commission (TSC).

## Calculations

According to calculations from the old government scale D5 which he was being paid under, he was drawing a salary of E239 819 per annum which effectively means

that for the past nine years he has earned E2 158 371 while also making extra money as a lecturer.

Memory Ndwandwe, who was suspended for alleged maladministration, is now employed by one of the country's private institutions of higher learning AMADI University while also being paid by government. Chief Senzangakhona Phesheya Dlamini, now judge of the Supreme Court was still doubling-up as the country's High Commissioner in the Republic of South Africa.

Acting Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Pitso Msibi told the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) that until such time Dlamini got an opportunity to officially bid farewell to that country's president, he would remain high commissioner and was still entitled to claim foreign allowance.

However the PAC did not agree with Msibi, arguing that no person would be entitled to a foreign allowance while occupying an office locally.

The government official's argument was that they had difficulty denying the officer the foreign allowance yet, technically, he remained responsible for carrying out the envoy duties.

The PAC dismissed that either, saying there was no such technical-

ity that warranted payment of foreign allowances to a locally based officer. The discussion around the status of Dlamini's appointment was triggered by the ministry's failure to implement a resolution of the committee to recover funds that were paid to former ambassador to Malaysia Mphumlelo Hlophe. Hlophe was promoted to the position of principal secretary but continued to claim foreign allowance. He had so far not repaid the money that was unlawfully paid to him, resulting in a double benefit.

The PAC advised the ministry to seek legal advice from the attorney general on the matter, but warned them that there was no way a person could be paid benefits that legally accrued to him while he held a position he was no longer occupying.

In 2012 the ministry of foreign affairs was advised to employ a private attorney to claim over E400 000 from Former Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Prince David. Prince David was paid E427 862 as foreign service allowances, despite that he had been recalled from Denmark where he was stationed and had been appointed Chairman of the Constitution Drafting Commission. Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mphumlelo Hlophe, then said the ministry had tried to engage the services of the Attorney General's office, but he turned them down.

"The Attorney General said he had close relations with the former ambassador so he said he could not assist us to establish the court case." The PAC had said if the Attorney General was not willing to assist, then he should foot the bill for hiring private lawyers to handle the matter. Chairman Thuli Dladla was quoted saying the Attorney General should have simply recused himself and then engaged another lawyer from the AG's office. Hlophe said the ministry ran short of finances to hire a private law firm, which is why it had not resolved the issue to date.

## Mugabe affirms Ezulwini consensus on UN Security Council

By Bodwa Mbingo

Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe has affirmed the continent's stand on the United Nations (UN) Security Council where through the Ezulwini Consensus Africa wants two permanent seats in the body.

As reported in The Herald, President Mugabe's government has dismissed as shallow, attacks on him by opposition functionaries following his weekend address at the airport where he said Africa might consider pulling out of the United Nations if the continent is not accorded two permanent seats in the world body's Security Council. President Mugabe's Press George Charamba said the opposition exposed its little understanding of world affairs, adding that the position in question was a continental position adopted in Swaziland.

He said the agreement that was known as the Ezulwini Consensus

### ...His government rebukes shallow opposition on UN pull out by the African continent

was not an invention by President Mugabe and, it was shocking that the opposition came to know of it through President Mugabe's weekend address.

"There has been a very shallow response from the opposition to the President's address at the airport," he is quoted as having said. "Firstly, the President was not developing a new idea. He was merely representing the position of Africa regarding changes we want to see happening in the Security Council. That position is now known as the Ezulwini Consensus. It was developed in Swaziland and we have spoken about it repeatedly. "It's a continental position and that is what is going to be Africa's negotiation with the rest of the world in respect of the Security Council reforms.

"The Indians have their position, the Japanese have their own posi-

tion, Latin America has its own position — similarly Africa has its own position, and it so happens that the President who was coming from the General Assembly reiterated, not invented, reiterated the position of Africa."

## Opposition

He continued: "Our well-educated opposition people who seem pathetically ignorant of world affairs, discovered Africa's position for the first time from the President's airport address. And they dare present their own pathetic views on the matter.

"It's not a domestic issue. It's a continental issue, and Africa has taken a position on the matter. The President was talking about his peers — Presidents of Africa not about puny little opposition people here. Little politicians here are not his interlocutors at that level. He is talking continental, he is talking

global. Before they open their mouths, they must just pass the test of relevance in terms of discourse."

Charamba said Africa's position was that the continent should get two seats with veto if veto was kept, or two seats without veto if the veto was abolished. "We are prepared to press very, very hard for that outcome and, 'we' mean Africa," he said.

"It does not mean Zimbabwe, except the fact that Zimbabwe is part of Africa. Really, the sub-text we are getting from the opposition is that they are the West's skippers. They dare argue for the West. They dare argue for the P5 (five permanent members of the UN Security Council), as if the P5 has no capacity to answer for itself and it's very much in character.

"They have never as opposition taken a national position let alone a continental one. They have always been pandering to a Western idea and they think the P5 needs their rescue. It doesn't."



**AFFIRMS: Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe.**

Following Mugabe's address at the airport, members of various opposition political parties took turns attacking the Head of State and his government saying his views were not in order. They interpreted his address as Zimbabwe's lone position when it comes to the reforms of UN Security Council.



# SD LOSES E134M REVENUE AS UN REJECTS SALE OF RHINO HORN

By Bodwa Mbingo

Generating over E134 million into an endowment fund to boost conservation funding in the country has been dealt a huge blow by the UN wildlife convention that has since turned down Swaziland's bid to legalise the sale of rhino horn globally.

The sale of a 330kg stockpile of rhino horn to raise about E134 640 000 to be able to pay for wildlife protection in the country will for now remain a dream for the country's conservationists, Big Game Parks Swaziland. Parties to the UN Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) this week voted overwhelmingly to protect rhinos by rejecting a proposal to legalise the rhino horn trade. The proposal submitted by Swaziland to legalise rhino horn trade was defeated by a vote of 100 to 26 with 17 abstentions. However, an expert from the United Kingdom, Keith Somerville feels the ban on rhino horn sales leaves open the question of conservation funding.

The country's official bid to CITES clearly stated that proceeds from the sale of stocks would have raised approximately US\$9.9 million (about E134 640 000) at a wholesale price of US\$30 000 (about E408 000) per kg. That would have been placed in an endowment fund to yield approximately US\$600 000 (about E8 160 000) annually.

However, Keith Somerville, a visiting Professor from the University of Kent who received funding from the Comanist Foundation to undertake a research trip to South Africa and Swaziland to look into the issues surrounding the rhino horn trade proposals, said in his view the CITES outcome presents two challenges.

"The first is it remains unclear how the fight against poaching and rhino conservation can be financed sustainably without a legal trade. The second is that the ban on all trade has been in place for 39 years and has not led to an improvement in protection. Demand for rhino horn has continued to rise and prices have gone up. These have served to encourage poach. New methods are needed but there is little sign of any being developed," he opined.

The adventure was funded by Barclays Africa and nine universities, including the Cape Peninsula University of Technology, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, National University of Science and Technology and the Universities of the Free State, Kwa-Zulu Natal, Pretoria, Western Cape, Witwatersrand, South Africa. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is a Strategic Partner.

Member states at COP17 overwhelmingly rejected the mountain kingdom's request to be allowed to sell its stocks of rhino horn and small annual quantities of horn from natural morality. Swaziland, which is home to 73 white rhino and an estimated 18 black rhino, wanted to use funds from the sale to increase conservation measures and provide incentives for local people to give their support to the efforts.

South African private rhino owners also want a legal trade and are currently fighting

...UK expert says ban on rhino horn sales leaves open the question of conservation funding



**THE YOUNG ONES:** A caretaker feeds a baby rhino in Swaziland's Mkhaya Reserve after its mother's milk dried up. Swaziland wants to sell nearly 330 kilograms of horn to an un-named number of 'licensed retailers' in 'the Far East'. (Courtesy pics)

their own government in the courts to get a moratorium on domestic trade in horn lifted.

Western conservation and animal welfare NGOs such as the International Fund for Animal Welfare, were ecstatic with the result.

Somerville says one of the arguments in favour of loosening the ban is that the proceeds could be directed to communities. He says without this they could become increasingly alienated, which in turn would increase the likelihood they will help poachers.

"In addition, everyone agrees that conservation efforts need to be stepped up, and better surveillance introduced. But as Tom Milliken of the international trade monitoring group TRAFFIC asked after the vote: "Who will pay for it? In my view, NGOs wield disproportionate influence in the debate. They are a major source of funds for conservation and can use funding - or the denial of it - to persuade countries to adopt anti-trade policies. The effect of this is that states like Swaziland, Namibia, Zimbabwe and South Africa, which have the majority of the world's rhino and are struggling against a severe poaching epidemic that kills around 1250 rhinos across the continent every year, are left to pick up the bill," he assessed the situation.

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**The second is that the ban on all trade has been in place for 39 years and has not led to an improvement in protection.**

He added that the CITES vote against legal trade comes at a time of optimism that the rate of poaching is being reduced as before the CITES meeting 702 rhinos had been killed in South Africa as a whole this year, compared with, 796 in the same period last year.

"But this may be a brief respite. There is growing evidence that

poaching has not been halted but diverted from South Africa's Kruger National Park, where poaching numbers are down, to other areas, particularly the Hluhluwe-iMfolozi park in Kwa-Zulu Natal. "Poor rural dwellers, former professional hunters, cor-

rupt ex-staff of wildlife parks and even some current wildlife personnel are part of a complex mix of people who work with criminal syndicates to poach rhinos and smuggle their horn. Anti-poaching patrols can kill or catch



**CONSERVATIONIST:** Ted Reilly said Swaziland submitted the proposal not only to counter the black market trade but also raise money to ramp up security for rhinos.

poachers but have had little success in smashing the syndicates.

A more realistic mix of approaches is needed.

To me the only answer in the long run would be to bite the bullet by adopting regulated trade that brings in funds to make conservation self-sustainable," he states.

On a parting note, he states that the rejection of the Swazi bid will not end attempts to find solutions involving the reintroduction of legal and regulated trade, despite the emotively-expressed opposition of wildlife NGOs.



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Commissioner General



# ZUMA'S WIFE BONGEKILE AT SS MOKGOKONG'S REMEMBRANCE TODAY

● Also expected at the occasion are former Prime Ministers Mabandla Dlamini, Obed Dlamini, Ex-Deputy Prime Ministers Constance Simelane and Themba Masuku among the list of urchins that passed through the hands of Dr. SS Mokgokong, the South African exile who, for many years, left an indelible mark as a teacher at Salesian High School in Manzini

By Ackel Zwane

Outstanding personalities will grace the grand occasion to honour anti-apartheid stalwart and long time Salesian High School teacher, SS Mokgokong.

South African President Jacob Zuma's wife, Bongekile, in her capacity as a friend of the Mokgokongs (also a neighbour in South Africa whose contemporary is the celebrated Dr. Anna Mokgokong, a medical practitioner and business mogul of sorts) will grace today's occasion while also a number of speakers lined up will include the former leaders in the Swazi government, Mabandla Dlamini, Obed Dlamini, Themba Masuku and Constance Simelane, to name but a few.

## Legend

On this day, Mokgokong would be 100 years old and it is for this reason his children felt it fitting to honour the legend. This also takes into account that October 5 is World Teacher's Day celebrated globally. On the occasion, Mokgokong's book about his life



and triumphs will be launched and instrumental in this regard is none other than Madzandza Khanya, also his former student.

The family announced that in the morning there would be a visit to the Catholic Church St. Joseph's cemetery at Mzimpofo where Mokgokong and his wife were laid to rest, to pay their respects, as organised by the Mokgokong children.

There shall be a requiem mass at his school, Salesian, at 11am where all those related to Dr. Mokgokong in any one way or the other would convene for prayers

before a private meeting at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre.

Mokgokong, having run away from Bantu education and racial discrimination in his home country, South Africa, arrived in Swaziland and first went to Swazi National in Matsapha before proceeding to Manzini Central and Salesian, among other schools.

He was later to be very influential in the parliamentary politics and governance issues of Swaziland. All his trials and tribulations are immortalised in this

## VINTAGE LETTER TO MOKGOKONG

26th. October 1961

Mr. Mokgokong,  
Manzini School (Secondary),  
Bromersdorp,  
Swaziland.

My dear Mr. Mokgokong,

I hope you still remember me. Since you left Pinville Secondary School, it was never the same. I hope you and your good family are enjoying good health. Now I am going to ask you to do something for me. I have a son who is in standard VI. I want him to start school in Swaziland in January, 1962. Please be good and receive him as one of your students. My brothers' son Mr. Kwabaza who has some children in the schools of Swaziland, tells me you said, you may transfer from Bromersdorp to some other school. Please let me know what the fees are and how they are paid. As I have no friend in Swaziland I would ask you to be good and find a place where the boy could stay. For all this my dear Mr. Mokgokong I hope one day I will be of some service to you.

Thanks a lot,

Sincerely your,

T. D. Mweli Skota.

piece of priceless literature.

SS Mokgokong's personality could be summarised as captured in 1930 by his compatriot and lifetime friend, comrade, the legendary scribe in the person of T.D Mweli Skota: "For years the world has been wanting to know more about Africa and her people. And Africa, on account of her wonderful mineral wealth, has emerged from the dim background to the forefront of international importance. But little or nothing is known of her people.

## Credited

They are deemed to be savages prone to witchcraft, cannibalism and other vices credited to barbarians. Even historians are to record the worst that is in some of the great Africans they mention in their books.

The result is obvious, young children reading in their school

books that their kings and ancestors were murderers, traitors, etc. are tempted to feel ashamed of their race".

World Teacher's Day, held annually on October 5, since 1994, commemorates organisations worldwide. Its aim is to mobilise support for teachers and ensure the needs of future generations will continue to be met by teachers.

## Appreciation

It represents a significant token of the awareness, understanding, and appreciation displayed for the vital contributions that teachers make to education and development.

Skota was to write a letter to Mokgokong on October 26, 1961 asking for a favour so that the latter would help him find a place for his son to attend secondary school and that was to be at St. Christopher's school in Luyengo.

## DPM'S HOUSE ROTTING AND BEING LOOTED @WATERFORD HILL

**GHOST TOWN:** The deputy prime minister's residence at Waterford Hill is now in tatters as even the security company that used to guard the premises has abandoned their workstation, leaving it all to looting of the building material, what with the taxpayer ever willing to foot the bill? Incumbent DPM Paul Dlamini, could not live in that house where his predecessor Themba Masuku used to reside because of mould, umncitsi. (Pics: Bodwa Mbingo)





# MADONSA RESIDENTS OFFERED SECOND CHANCE TO OWN FARM

Residents given option to make offer on land they occupy, Farm 319, owned by SNPF to avoid looming evictions

By Sam Mamba

The 65 residents of Madonsa, who are facing eviction, have been offered a lifeline after being given a chance to own the land they are currently occupying.

This follows postponement of the matter between the Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF) and the residents who are occupying Farm 319 at Madonsa, a matter that was before the Supreme Court on April 19, 2016.

The residents were given a chance to make an offer for the purchase of the property in question, which borders on the homesteads for the 65 residents.

According to the ministry of labour and social security first quarter performance report April to June 2016, in the previous quarter, the SNPF board sanctioned management to implement the court order for the eviction and demolishing of illegal structures on the portion of Farm 319. During the year under review, management, through the fund's attorneys, informed the residents about the board's decision and the demolishing was expected to be



AGREED: Judge Stanley Maphalala, Judge Mumcy Dlamini and Judge Mbutfo Mamba.

carried out sometime in April 2016.

However, the affected residents with the support of the Swaziland Human Rights Commission and Public Administration (SHRCPA) made an urgent application to the High Court against the implementation of the eviction and demolishing order, where the matter was before the High Court and was later postponed pending the offer of the purchase of the property by the affected residents.

According to the commission, the eviction of residents and pending

demolition of their houses at Madonsa is unconstitutional and it does not matter whether or not the imminent evictions are by lawful order or not. Commissioner and Chairman Sabelo Masuku, had mentioned that no eviction had to be undertaken without following the dictates of Section 211 (3) of the constitution. Visited by our news desk this week, some of the affected residents said the matter was being handled by their lawyers adding all they wanted was nothing but to remain in occupation of the land in

question. The residents can heave a sigh of relief as the court also ordered the Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF), which owns the farm, not to take any steps to evict them pending finalisation of the matter.

The orders were issued after the parties reached an agreement. According to the residents, the SNPF had resolved to stop the Madonsa Township demolition until April 1, 2016.

"In a letter from, SNPF's lawyers, Robinson Bertram, to our lawyer Vusi Gumede from VZ Dlamini

Attorneys dated December 15, 2015, we were informed that demolition was going to take place on January 11, 2016 and were advised to remove our belongings by this date.

However, we were relieved that an agreement was later reached in as far as the offer is concerned," said one of the residents who identified himself as Mamba. It was also agreed that in the event the offer was not submitted or no agreement was reached on the purchase price and how it was to be paid, any of the parties may set the matter down in court. The agreement between the parties was made an order of the court by a full bench of the High Court, which consisted of Judges Stanley Maphalala, Mumcy Dlamini and Mbutfo Mamba. The Swaziland Commission on Human Rights and Public Administration was ordered to facilitate the negotiations.

The homesteads in question are those built on Portion 1 of Farm 319 in Madonsa Township, just about 10 kilometres from the Manzini city centre.

The property in question is held under deed of transfer No. 575/1993.

The agreement by the parties comes after the residents filed an application in the High Court where they were, inter alia, seeking an order that the execution of the order granted by the High Court on August 9, 2007 authorising their eviction, be stayed pending the outcome of negotiations.

They also wanted the court to declare that the Memorandum of Understanding between them and SNPF constitute a compromise of the eviction and demolition order issued by the High Court on August 9, 2007.



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The deadline for submission of tenders is the 27<sup>th</sup> of October 2016 at 1130hrs, local Swaziland time.

Information pertaining to the site visit be directed to the Project Engineer, Justin Mutiro at [jmutiro@illovo.co.za](mailto:jmutiro@illovo.co.za) copied to the Project Manager, Peter Oldham at [poldham@illovo.co.za](mailto:poldham@illovo.co.za) Tel: +268 23636 927/8.

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# SWAZIS PART WITH E4 000 FOR AUDIENCE WITH 'HOLY' PASTOR

By Sandile Nkambule

In order to rid themselves from their problems, both financial-ly, spiritually and most of all from sickness, people can do anything that speaks of the Word of God.

Desperate Swazis last week went all out to part with their hard earned E4 000 in order to have an audience with renowned Nigerian Pastor Jerry Makananisa in order to have him lay his hands on them and for prayer requests.

According to information sourced from well-placed sources, the South African based pastor arrived in the country last week where people in need of prayers and healing had to part with E4 000 'consultation fee' at the Gum Tree complex.

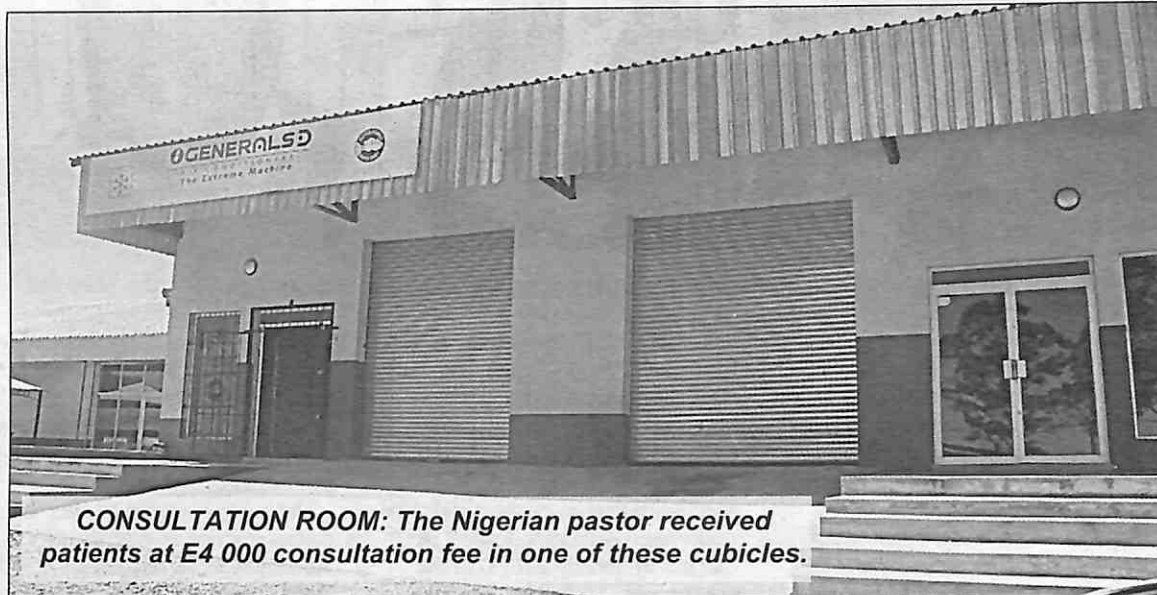
The Gum Tree complex is situated a few kilometres from Manzini city centre along the Manzini, Hlehehle MR3 public road.

## Renowned

High ranking figures known to this publication are part of the people who had an audience with the renowned pastor at the complex.

After people were given the chance to have an audience with

- South African based renowned Nigerian Pastor JB Makananisa was in the country a week ago, people had audience with him at Gum Tree complex
- At least E4 000 is alleged to be down payment to have audience with pastor
- Final service was held at Mavuso Exhibition and Trade Centre last Friday



**CONSULTATION ROOM:** The Nigerian pastor received patients at E4 000 consultation fee in one of these cubicles.

the pastor, a major service was later held at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre Hall number one, where hundreds were on attendance last Friday.

Apostle Jerry and Dr. Pastor Eunice Makananisa started the

Charis Missionary Church in Tembisa Zone 10 as a home-grown church on September 19 1999 with just a hand-full of members. Since then the church grew and moved to an open land in 2006 located off Madiba drive in

Winnie-Mandela Park Zone 5, Tembisa, South Africa.

The church currently hosts a capacity of more than 15 000 members. They have been given the opportunity to grow through establishment of sister churches or

branches in some parts of South Africa.

In an interview with one of those who were part of the congregation, last Friday, she confirmed that some people went deep into their pockets and paid the E4 000 in order to have an audience with the visiting pastor.

## Miracles

"In fact as part of a prayer request and seeking God's miracles, people rushed to Gum tree where they had to put E4 000 on the table before seeing the and having Apostle Makananisa lay his hands on them," said the congregant.

Other people came from across the borders of our kingdom as they wanted to have an audience with the pastor, this after his services had been announced to be in the country.

This week the Observer on Saturday team visited the venue where the services were held and it was gathered that the pastor's presence drew a relatively large gathering since the services started.

## Powerful

Some other pastors both locally and outside the kingdom now even sell 'holy' water which claimed to be sourced from powerful pastors in Nigeria and other countries within the continent.

Last year this publication ran a story on how desperate Swazis now pick up numbers, reminiscent to a hospital situation where one wants to obtain the first numbers in a line to consult a doctor.

## Sibaya report ready, to be tabled before King

By Sandile Nkambule

Following concerns raised by members of the public on what action will be taken over the concerns that were raised during the 2016 People's Parliament (Sibaya), the report is now ready.

However, the Sibaya report is yet to be tabled before the King before it is made public since it was His Majesty who commissioned Sibaya.

This was this week revealed by National Secretary Nhlanhla Dlamini during an interview with the Observer on Saturday.

Sibaya is the people's parliament where the nation gathers at Ludzidzini cattle byre to speak their minds about the socio-economic and political issues in the kingdom.

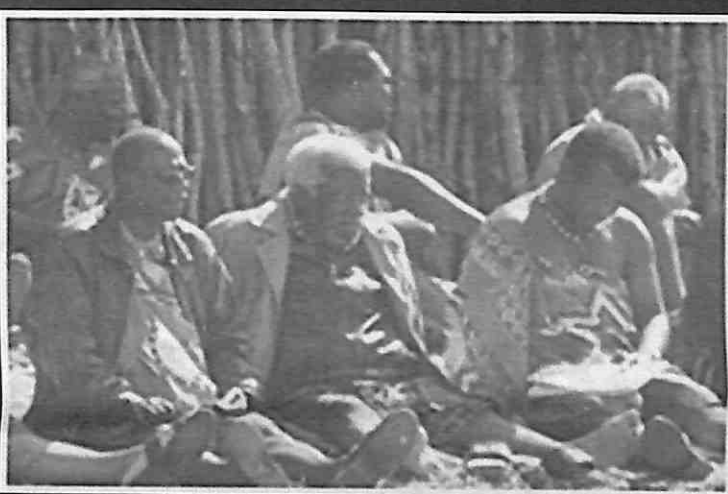
According to Dlamini, his office has already compiled a comprehensive report of the submissions, concerns and issues that were raised during the People's Parliament and all that is left now is for the Him to table the report before His Majesty.

## Commissioned

"We are already through with the report, but you will recall that protocol dictates that since the King commissioned Sibaya, the report will be submitted to him first before it is made public.

Dlamini said since there were a lot of issues raised during Sibaya, all he did on the last day was to submit a summary report of the proceedings with the full report later compiled as

- National secretary says report to be tabled before country's authorities prior to being made public
- Some concerns raised at Sibaya handled by different line ministries as they touch upon their portfolios



**CISHA LOGESI:** Ludzidzini Governor TV Mtetwa listening to submissions by the nation at Sibaya.

per His Majesty's command when closing Sibaya.

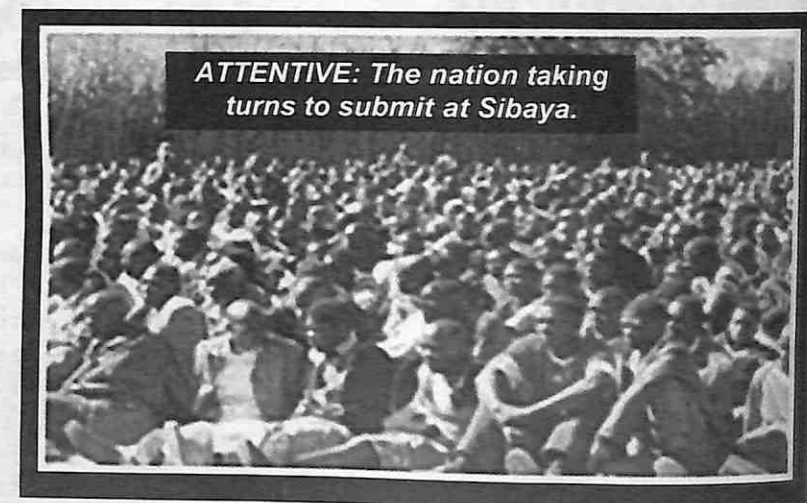
Swazis raised a lot of issues which were of concern, with most speakers touching on political ones, while others submitted issues touching on their personal lives.

With the last Sibaya in 2012, most people raised concerns that the issues discussed at Sibaya were not recorded and no report was released thereafter.

In fact most speakers felt that voicing out their concerns at Sibaya was just letting off steam (*kutihhamula*) as these issues never see the light of day.

However, His Majesty assured that the issues would be followed up and a full report be compiled when he officially closed this year's Sibaya.

Thousands of citizens from all walks of life filled Ludzidzini Royal



**ATTENTIVE:** The nation taking turns to submit at Sibaya.

Kraal during the last day of 'The People's Parliament,' where the King officially brought to a close a week of vibrant national self-introspection in August.

After its official closure, the nation had nothing but praise for Sibaya with most feeling that this time around, Sibaya was free and very open and left them with hope that their issues would be attended to as promised by the King.

## Raised

With the issue of elderly grants also raised, most were delighted that the King told the nation he would be working on issue and further urged people to take care of the elderly in the country.

The King had thanked the nation for heeding the call to Sibaya and expressed gratitude for their contribution towards making Swaziland a better country further mentioning Sibaya had been convened for the nation to air their opinions and offer solutions to the challenges the country is facing and assured the nation

he had heard all the submissions made stating their consideration was the next step on the agenda.

Addressing the issue of Circular No. 1 of 2010, which was raised by numerous speakers, the King said experts would be sought to investigate the matter, and provide recommendations.

He added that it was important that despite the fiscal crisis the nation was going through, all matters still needed to be scrutinised in an orderly fashion in order to reach balanced views.

On submissions of alleged corruption, he noted it was important for culprits to be brought to book and their cases tried to finality with strong punishment being meted out.

The King said this would act as a deterrent to anybody who considered corruption as a way to enrich themselves.

The King added that Swaziland had not fully escaped the economic crisis and as such, available resources needed to be managed



# CONTROVERSIAL ZIM 'PROPHET' SETS UP SHOP IN MANZINI

● Distribution of 'anointed' cooking oil, personalised pens and other artefacts to feature prominently in this new venture after Prophetic Healing and Deliverance Ministries leader Walter Magaya was reported bankrupt in his home country for investing his millions in the hotel, church and stadium business simultaneously

● He got powers to start his own church in Zimbabwe after visiting equally controversial Nigerian 'Bishop' TB Joshua

Stories by Ackel Zwane

Curious Swazis are flocking to a newly-opened branch of a church by a controversial Zimbabwean self-proclaimed prophet, Walter Magaya, in the hope of buying for themselves miracle ornaments on display at the Makhaya Convenient Centre office in Manzini.

A fortnight ago, management and other personalities from a local commercial broadcasting station were helping offload equipment to decorate the shop including an altar to give the office flair of the divine look. Although those present were not forthcoming with information, it was gathered that a wide range of artefacts will be distributed as magic charms ranging from amulets to ball point pens and the popular olive cooking oil, which is marketed as anointed.

However, there are fears this pastor could be selling the same disturbing claims as those made by another controversial Kenyan pastor of the same stock, Sham Hungwe of House of Grace International Church but would ensure academic success to the user regardless of whether they've studied or not. Although for



**SHRINE:** The PHD offices at Makhaya Convenient Centre where bottled water purported to be holy and a host of artefacts are distributed to the afflicted.

Magaya no distribution price list was offered, for Hungwe the pens were selling from 15 cents a pop, "but the more you pay for them, the better you will do! After all, the more you pay, the better your faith, and the better your faith the better the pens!" One woman paid US\$10, and was praised for her tremendous faith. Pastor Sham, and so much for his name is quoted saying: "It is anointed and I declare passes when your children sit for exams; when you sit for your exams and one parent explained their motivation for buying

a pen: "They (pens) are said to work for anyone who is sitting for any test. My son is not very bright and I think this will help him. With the knowledge he has acquired and this pen from the man of God, I think it is going to work." A member of the congregation testified that he scored well on national exams after buying a pen, triggering a stampede of interested buyers. Stories coming out of Zimbabwe about the said prophet paint a different picture when pitted against his claims to be a man of God.



**ROMANTIC VERSES:** 'PROPHET' Magaya being dragged to court for alleged rape.



## PROPHET MAGAYA IN ANOTHER SEX SCANDAL, LOVER MYSTERIOUSLY DIES ON CHURCH BUSINESS

On October 13, 2014, the Zimbabwe Mail reported that the founder and Leader of Prophetic Healing and Deliverance (PHD) Prophet Walter Magaya, is in the eye of a storm after being fingered in the mysterious death of his alleged ex-mistress, Chipso Chakanyuka (25) in Botswana last month.

Fresh from allegations of bedding someone's wife – although the charges were later withdrawn from the courts – Magaya was now

embroiled in the mysterious death of Chakanyuka, a woman he, according to her parents, had an affair with between March and May 2014.

Chipso, who was head usher at PHD ministries, is believed to have "committed suicide" in a Botswana police cell under unclear circumstances after she was allegedly "found in possession of three pieces of gold" while on church business together with a fellow congregant.

Chakanyuka's aunt claimed in an interview at the family's Warren Park

residence that their daughter was "in a secret relationship" with Magaya between March and April although this was known to all family members, including Chipso's mother, Tambudzayi Chakanyuka. Tambudzayi confirmed knowledge of the affair saying her younger sister would give finer details. However, Magaya denied having an affair with Chipso let alone having a hand in her death and accused The Zimbabwe Mail of being used to tarnish his image.

## Arrested for rape

On August 12, 2016 the leader of the Prophetic Healing and Deliverance Ministries (PHD), Walter Magaya, was arrested in the evening around 11pm facing rape allegations.

Magaya spent the night at Rhodesville Police Station, and he was released on US\$2 000 bail by a magistrate the following day. The controversial preacher appeared before Harare Magistrate Vakayi Chikwekwe just before lunch, and in addition to the US\$2 000 was ordered to surrender his passport, not to interfere with witnesses and report to Harare Central Police Station three times weekly as part of his bail conditions. He was not asked to plead. The State claimed sometime in June 2015, Magaya invited the 25-year-old complainant to a house in Mount Pleasant, Harare and allegedly showed her

around the place before leaving her alone in a room. A while later, it is alleged, Magaya returned to the room in the nude and raped her once, thereafter giving her US\$200. The prosecution says the woman told her lover about the alleged abuse in July 2016 and a police report was made. The State also claimed there were audio recordings of Magaya and the woman with issues surrounding the alleged rape. Magaya arrived at the court uncuffed in a double-cab vehicle and escorted by two police detectives. He chuckled as photojournalists captured him entering the building where some of his congregants knelt and greeted him as he walked into Court 6. Magaya is popular within the region and commands a huge following. He has toured South Africa and Botswana, where he has taken along a huge entourage of more than 15 buses and several escort cars.

## Prophet Walter Magaya in big trouble

On February 15, 2015 The Standard reported that Prophetic Healing and Deliverance (PHD) Ministries leader, Walter Magaya was in trouble with Zimbabwe's largest Christian group, Vapositori, which had vowed to expose him as a magician and fake prophet.

As the fight between the two Christian denominations escalated last week, the Vapositori group said its members were challenging Magaya to an open spiritual power contest.

Apostolic Christian Council of Zimbabwe (ACCZ) President Archbishop Johannes Ndanga, said the fallout between his 700-member church grouping and Magaya

now calls for an open contest to prove the source of power each of the denomination uses.

In the previous week, Vapositori said God had revealed to them that Magaya was not a man of God, but used artifacts including snakes as the source of his spiritual power to draw large crowds to his congregation.

They were responding to Magaya's claim in his book titled 'Marine Spirits, Mweya Yemumvura' in which he branded all white-garment churches, popularly known as Vapositori, as agents of evil marine spirits from the dark kingdom with a propensity to threaten congregants with death.



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# MANZINI CEMETERY NOW A STORAGE SITE, GRAZING LAND AND VAGABOND'S PARK

By Akele Zwane

The total neglect of the Manzini Cemetery in Ngwane Park has attracted strong criticism from urban dwellers especially in the person of former Senator Mbhosho Shongwe.

Shongwe is a regular visitor to the cemetery to tend relatives' graves and attend funerals but has been shocked to realise that there, apart from complaints that there is shortage of space at the ratepayers' facility, are also no toilets while rather strange visitors, cattle, graze and destroy graves. On the other hand vagabonds have easy access and come to steal artefacts or memorabilia used to decorate tombs.

Drainage pipes have been piled at the cemetery for over a year now and Shongwe wonders why pipes should be stored at a cemetery. "A cemetery is supposed to be a quiet and peaceful place where we visit our loved ones who have moved on. We perform our respects and recitations or rituals in the quiet but we now have to share that space



**PATHWAY:** A path cutting through the cemetery into an opening on the crumbling concrete fencing.

with animals. We place certain objects of value on the tombs and these get stolen, where is the municipality?"

Shongwe says he approached engineers at the Municipal Council of Manzini and promised to fix the problem within two weeks but that period has elapsed and nothing has moved an inch. He has observed that cattle roam the graveyard and lean against the tombstones as they scratched themselves, (*kutenwaya*) because the cemetery is not fenced off. While cremation could be the

way to go, it is still not very popular among conservative Swazis with strong traditional values and beliefs in the ancestors and the rising up again some other time, that loved ones are not dead but taking a nap and still having influences on the life hereunder. Shongwe sees this as not an immediate and easily adaptable option but rather for the municipality to provide the service of maintaining a cemetery decent, clean and protected from unwanted visitors. Experts say there are alternatives to traditional cemeteries

that are likely to be compatible with traditional belief systems, and which would enable cities to address the cemetery crisis. One of these alternatives is the natural burial movement. Stuart Denoon-Stevens is a professional planner, a junior lecturer at the University of the Free State, and a researcher focusing on municipal land management, with a particular emphasis on pro-poor approaches, says the essence of this movement is to return the body of the deceased to the ground in as natural and environmentally sensitive way as possible. This includes being buried in biodegradable containers, and the markers of the grave being as sensitive to the landscape as possible, with many markers only being a tree, shrub or engraved flat indigenous stone.

"I believe that this idea can be taken further, and that land either used or set aside for recreational parks and as conservation areas could be hybridized into a joint park/eco-cemetery. This would allow municipalities to use existing land holdings without having to change the existing use of the site.

It would also allow for us to remember the dead in a more joyful fashion. Instead of having to visit a stoic mono-functional graveyard, families could picnic and play under the trees of their parents, grandparents and even their great-grandparents. And as the children play they could be told stories of their departed elders, keeping alive the memory of dead family members." Another possibility is to use natural burial as a way to fund nature conservancies and nature reserves. Rights to be buried in these areas, and to access the gravesite, could be sold to families as a "graveyard servitude." In turn, the funds generated from this sale could be used to fund the nature conservation activities, resulting in a win-win situation for everyone: the municipality has one fewer graveyard to provide for, the family of the deceased have access to a more personal gravesite, and the conservancy obtains further funding for its nature conservation activities.

"It is time to move beyond seeing the issue of cemeteries as an issue of land shortage, to begin seeing them as opportunities to re-imagine bereavement and to return to an older, simpler and more beautiful way of remembering our lost loved ones." The municipality did not respond to our request for comment.



**ALTERNATIVE LOO:** The public opts for this space to relieve themselves below the 'Bend'n Pick' flea market on the banks of Mzimnene River in Manzini.



**NO RELIEF:** This public toilet is closed to the public at the close of business at Manzini bus rank.

## URBAN TOILETS LOCKED AFTER HOURS, PUBLIC INCONVENIENCED

The locking of public toilets from the public at the end of business is another inconvenience to urban dwellers and visitors because they have no alternative places to relieve themselves after dark.

As a result, they make do with any space available and barely enough to contain their privacy just to relieve themselves. This has also angered Shongwe who feels the municipalities are short-chang-

ing the public because they do not provide alternative services. He was also reacting to media reports that people had been fined by the courts for urinating in public at the lower end of the Manzini bus rank adjacent to the flea market of 'bend 'n pick' fame where used clothing is sold every Wednesday and Thursday, the busiest days ever in the hub of Swaziland. "Municipalities are about providing the service and locking people

out of the service. Where are these people expected to relieve themselves when pressed if the toilets are closed? Maybe the people to be arrested are the municipality managers." Shongwe further decries the possibilities of spreading unknown diseases given that nowadays there are all sorts of ailments that have come about especially with integration and growing population movements. He notes that even if the municipali-

ties would blame it all on the shortage of water but there should be alternative relief, where is plan B, he asks? He notes that no one could possibly stop the pressure that come with one wanting to relieve themselves. "You cannot simply just stop it, it is natural." Shongwe feels there is too much swinging on chairs by managers instead of concentrating on the mandate of service delivery to the urban publics.

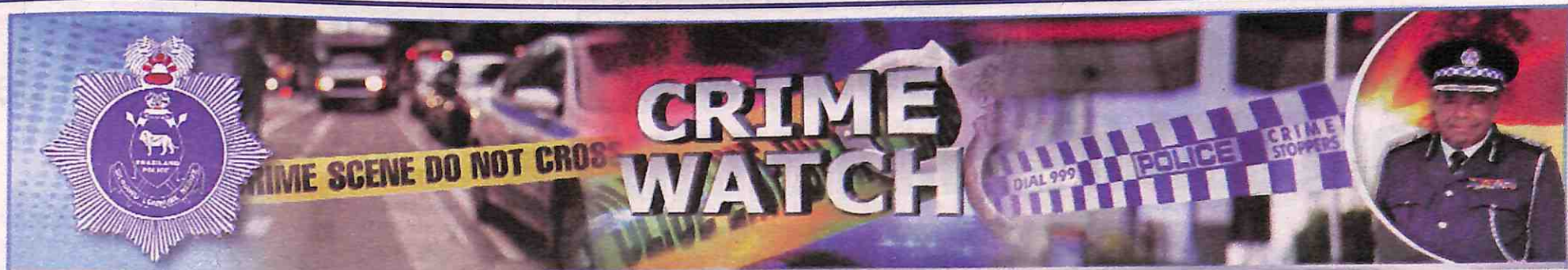
He suggests by this time, Manzini and Mbabane for instance would be having in place water harvesting strategies such as storing water in tanks to supply public toilets. "Now we are expecting

God after having given us the rain now to provide catchment and storage tanks, that's asking too much from God.

We asked for the water and he responded by giving us the rain but all we do is create drainage systems to assist the water to flow steadily into the Indian Ocean where it can no longer be of any use to us."

Shongwe further notes that water ran out in Mbabane, the seat of government but still there is no plan of coming out of the situation he says it would be wanting of him to put trust to the government that has failed even in so basic a thing as this.





# Gender based violence a huge challenge in the country

The Siphofaneni town in the past week came alive when the Royal Swaziland Police Service hosted a gender based violence campaign at the inkhundla centre.

The campaign, which was targeting the people of the Lubombo region, especially Siphofaneni, was aimed at sensitising members of the public about gender based violence as it was noted that the scourge was going up in the area.

## Graced

The event, which was graced by Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini, started off with a march at the centre of the small town and ended at the inkhundla centre where speeches were made.

The campaign was themed 'Let us join hands in fighting abuse and violence against women and children in our communities'. The different speakers on the day spoke strongly against the abuse of women and children, labelling it as barbaric.



**CHALLENGE:** DPM Paul Dlamini addressing the gathering at the GBV campaign.

Speaking at the event national commissioner's representative, Senior Deputy National Commissioner of Police Lydia Dlamini, said statistics showed that the Siphofaneni area and its

surroundings was a hotbed for gender based violence. Out of the 1 733 cases reported in the Lubombo region since the beginning of the year, 353 were from Siphofaneni, hence the rationale

of having the campaign staged in that town.

"These statistics are sobering and a grave cause for concern, amplifying the urgent need for us as a nation to stand up and say 'enough is enough'.

"The phenomenon has also taken the dimension of being a crime of passion as the gender based assaults and homicides occur between spouses and/or lovers."

Dlamini said there was clearly, an urgent need to stop the tide by all stakeholders through increasing collaborative efforts and raising voices to be heard by all and sundry that women bashing is barbaric.

The senior national commissioner noted that the cases relating to gender based Violence in the country were on the rise as almost weekly, there were gruesome reports of incidents which occur involving mainly women victims who have been bashed, stabbed grievously or even killed mostly by male perpetrators.

## ...Keep Swaziland safe for all - DPM

Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini, has appealed to the nation to take the issue of gender based violence as a serious challenge facing the country.

He said every Swazi had a duty to make the country a safe place for all people. The deputy prime minister appealed for commitment from all Swazis in bringing under control the cases of GBV.

"The commitment includes making sure that perpetrators are reported to relevant structures such as police for necessary recourse instead of the practice of keeping such a secret, which shields violators from accounting for their evil deeds," he said.

Dlamini also expressed his appreciation to UNICEF, UNFPA and other development partners for their unwavering support, especially on the fight against gender based violence.

## Applauded

United Nation's Representative Rachel Odede, applauded the police for spearheading such a campaign and recognising that the battle against gender based violence can only be won with the collective efforts of all partners and stakeholders.

"The UN appreciates the leadership of the Government of Swaziland, particularly the Royal Swaziland Police Service for convening all relevant stakeholders to come together to think, plan and act collectively to curb gender based violence in the country," she said.

She praised the RSP for the commendable job done by the service's domestic violence units. Odede said though there has been successes in many aspects but the GBV statistics were very disturbing and what was more worrying was that the cases occurred within safe places. She also spoke strongly against the keeping of abuse a secret as most of the abuse go unreported.

"My appeal to everyone gathered here today is that it is upon all of us to turn the tide against GBV in our communities. It is upon all of us present here today to make a commitment to change the one in three statistic; to join efforts to make our homes and communities safe again for all who live in them," she said.



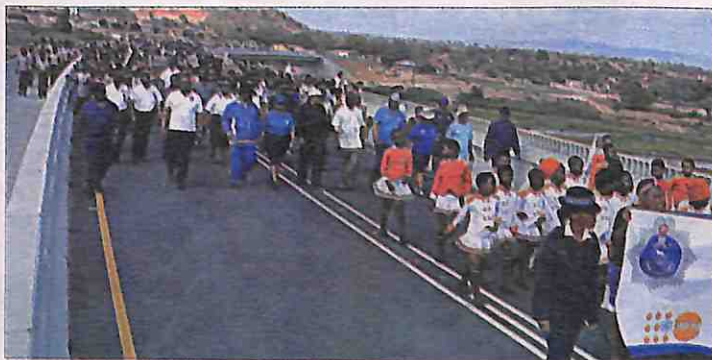
**TIMBONGI:** Pupils from Ka-Mkhweli Primary reciting a poem.



**REMARKS:** Senior Deputy National Commissioner of Police Lydia Dlamini delivering her speech during the campaign.



**MY TAKE:** UN Representative Rachel Odede making her remarks.



**FOLLOW ME:** The DPM leading residents and other marchers during the march.



**IN THEIR NUMBERS:** Part of the residents of Siphofaneni watching the proceedings.



# Abortion pills sold to school children in Manzini

Stories By Sandile Nkambule

In yet another abortion scandal, a foreign national masquerading as a businessman is allegedly selling abortion pills within the heart of the hub's kingdom.

Abortion remains illegal in the country, but pregnant women who want their pregnancies terminated have access to these pills through illegal abortionists.

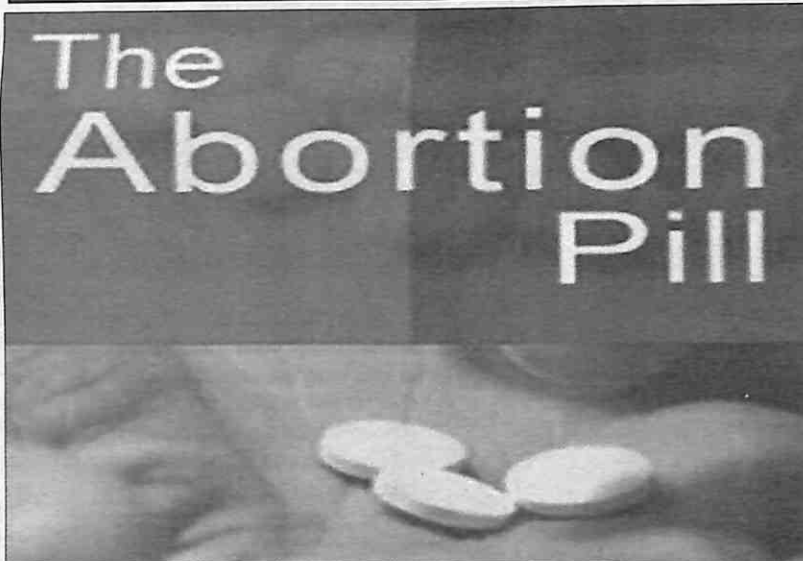
Investigations carried out by the Observer on Saturday uncovered that a tailor masquerading as a businessman, not only sells these pills to pregnant women, but to school going children as well, who in most cases want to terminate their pregnancies without the consent of their parents.

About a year ago, this publication reported about a doctor who only has South African contact numbers, and when contacted, one is further referred to local agents for termination of pregnancies at least according to an advert that had been strategically placed along the streets of the country's investment hub (Matsapha Industrial Sites).

Part of the advert read, 'abortion, safe and pain free,' also informed its clientele that after the abortion has been successfully performed, the cleaning of the womb would also be done and one could communicate with the doctor in question through the social network 'WhatsApp'.

It has been reliably gathered through impeccable sources that this particular businessman who poses as a tailor, has school going children as his target market. He would be called through his number obtained from one of his agents before one could make the purchase and get dosage instructions at his

- Foreign national masquerading as a tailor selling pills at one of the vending outlets within heart of the hub
- Pills sold at a minimum E250



place of business.

Approached this week at the strategically placed business area, one is scanned by some of those who seemed to be working closely with the abortion man since in most cases, purchase is made through an arrangement made by phone calls.

## Information

The agents would thereafter engage you and find your needs and if not tailor related they would assist in anyway possible after having been informed that information had been obtained from other clients about their services.

One of our sources who confirmed having successfully terminated her pregnancy through these pills, said her concern was that her peers are in danger of losing their lives by illegally committing abortion through such.

This is more so because the person

selling the pills in neither a doctor nor chemist and has no qualifications or whatsoever in medicine but only has access to these pills.

"This place is now known and people, especially my peers are using it, from my experience, I would advise that people should avoid pregnancies, or use morning after pills as opposed to such an illegal and life threatening means," she said. Of note is that the abortion house is located not far from a house of God where services are held almost on daily basis. Seemingly a number of abortion clinics have been advertising that they deliver abortion pills in the country, since some not only sell these pills but also performs surgical procedures with anyone willing to have an abortion parting with about E600 and it takes about 30 minutes to get the procedure done.

## Abortion remains illegal, perpetrators to fry, Police

Acting Police Information and Communications Officer (PICO) Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said abortion remains illegal in Swaziland.

Vilakati said according to the country's laws, abortion is a criminal offence and anyone found to have committed same would be arrested and prosecuted before a court of law.

"We have had many

cases of women who have committed abortions and were arrested for such an offence and are serving their sentences, these apply to those running abortion surgeries or selling abortion pills, they will face the wrath of the law should they be found," she said.

She warned people against committing such an offence, saying the law would definitely take its course on perpetrators of such a crime. According to

an abortion report about Swaziland, abortions are illegal in the country and have resulted in criminal convictions, but in October 2014 more than 1 000 women were treated for abortion-related complications at a single clinic in Manzini, the Family Life Association of Swaziland (FLAS), a family planning organisation.

In neighbouring South Africa, the legalisation of abortion in consent with strong family planning

efforts resulted in substantially fewer maternal deaths in a matter of a few years. Despite South Africa's proximity to Swaziland, travelling to the neighbouring state for terminations present extreme difficulties for Swazi women, as 70 percent of the population live in poverty. Travel and accommodation costs can prove insurmountable, although government clinics provide the procedure at no cost.

## Public transport drivers, conductors dice with passengers' lives

- Drivers let unlicensed conductors drive vehicles with passengers on-board
- This happens along the country's roads as conductors learn driving at the expense of passengers
- Serious matter has now been reported to SCAR TA
- Dial 999 to report such cases, SCARTA advises

By Sandile Nkambule

Members of the public have reported local drivers and conductors to the Swaziland Commercial Amadoda Road Transport Association (SCAR-TA) for dicing with passenger's lives along the country's roads.

So serious is the matter that two lives were recently lost when a kombi driver let his conductor drive the vehicle while ferrying pupils from U- Tech School in Big Bend and the conductor lost control of the vehicle seriously injuring other pupils in the process.

Members of the public this week approached this publication raising concerns about the continued habit of drivers giving their conductors the wheel while unsuspecting members of the public are on-board.

Normally, the kombi would be driven by the conductor and while along the way to whatever destination, passengers would later realise that the kombi had in fact been driven by a conductor as the actual driver would

take over.

In most cases this is after their colleagues had flashed lights as they pass each other along the roads indicating that there is a police road block ahead.

"We are tired of this thing and I have since resorted to boarding buses as opposed to kombis since these people are really gambling with our lives," said one commuter who works within the capital city.

In an interview with SCARTA Secretary Ambrose Dlamini, he confirmed knowledge of the matter in question adding that it has been reported to their office

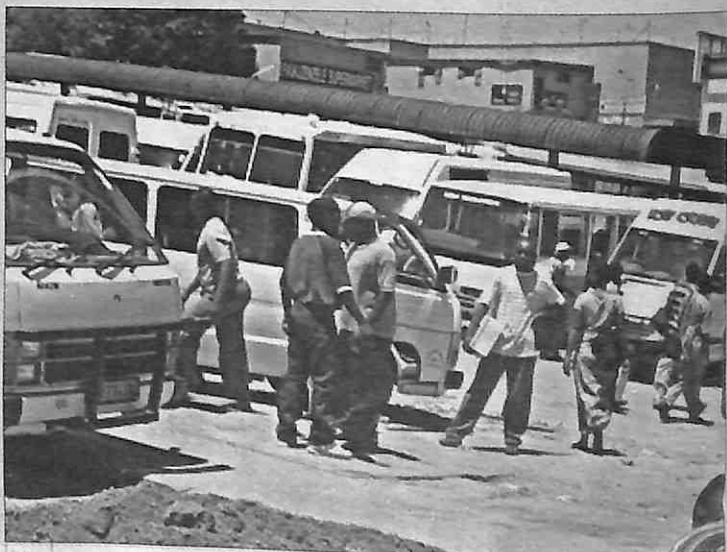
## Effecting.

"It is true we have received such a report that our drivers give conductors the kombis to drive yet they are not licensed to do so, we hire drivers to drive and conductors to collect money, we therefore condemn such an act, we are however dealing with the issue since it has been formally reported," Dlamini said.

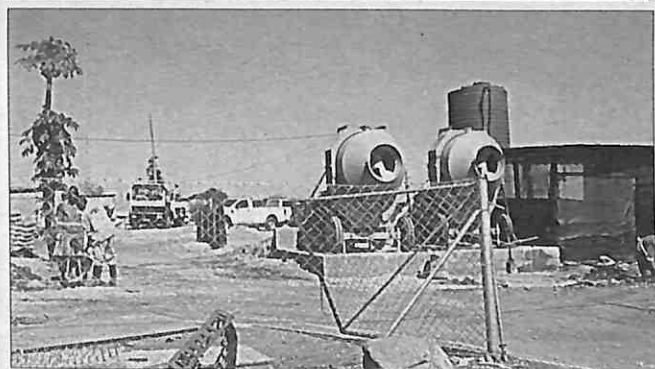
He appealed to members of the public to assist them by reporting such cases each time they witness them happen since it is their lives that are put at risk.

Dlamini said passengers should not hesitate to call the police when such happens, and also made an appeal to the Royal Swaziland Police Service to assist them as an association in this regard.

He stated that the U- Tech incident was so unfortunate as lives were lost while others were injured in the accident.



## Mananga upgrading



**MEN AT WORK:** The long anticipated upgrading of the Mananga Border Post is now in progress with the construction of the Swaziland Revenue Authority complex by Inyatsi Construction. (Pic: Ackel Zwane).



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# CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK; MORE THAN JUST A CELEBRATION

Every year during the first full week of October, companies around the world pay tribute to the critical role customer service plays in supporting organisations and honour those who continuously strive to maintain great relationships with consumers on behalf of the organisations that they represent.

The theme for this year was 'Service Champions,' reflecting the vital role representatives play in creating a positive experience for each customer, even in difficult situations sometimes.

It's a daunting task because; working with customers or people, is amongst the most complicated jobs, surely, the people who handle them successfully everyday deserve to be honoured. One speaker even said a machine is better than a person, because you can immediately tell whether it is working or not working, but people are unpredictable.

We often hear the lullaby, 'customer is king,' but that is easier said than done. That is why then this initiative was put in place; to boost morale, motivation and teamwork, reward frontline representatives for the important work they do all year long, raise companywide aware-



ness of the importance of customer service, thank other departments for their support and remind customers of their commitment to customer satisfaction.

We are slowly, but surely adapting to these celebrations and well done to the companies who took time to celebrate the Customer Service Week.

The dangers of not adapting were noted by freelance writer, Bill

Quinnan. He said numerous reports indicate that customer-service experiences play a significant role in driving consumer decisions.

According to the 2011 Customer Experience Impact Report commissioned by RightNow (acquired by Oracle in 2012), 86 percent of consumers will pay more for better customer service, and 89 percent have begun doing business with a competitor following a poor cus-

tomers experience.

Similarly, the American Express 2012 Global Customer Service Barometer found that two-thirds of surveyed consumers were willing to spend an average of 13 percent more with a company that provided excellent customer service.

On the other hand, not all companies are keeping up with demand for good service. The RightNow report found that 79 percent of con-

sumers who shared complaints about poor customer experience online felt that their complaints had been ignored.

Therefore, companies that do not adapt to consumers' rising service expectations may find it increasingly difficult to remain competitive in the marketplace.

Experts predict that customer experience will surpass price and product as the key brand differentiator by the end of the decade. Customers will be even more informed and in charge of their own experiences, and they will expect companies to know their individual needs and cater to them. Changes such as the explosion of digital technology, customer empowerment and accelerated innovation will have a profound impact on customer expectations.

Apart from that, consumer demand for quality service is expected to drive job growth for customer-service representatives in the coming years.

The Customer Service Week was more than just a celebration; we look forward to the expansion of this noble initiative for our companies to remain competitive as we open up our markets.

## Only high quality universities can build resilient economies

The idea of opening doors to more university students and availing more higher learning institutions was okay, because this is the direction that has been taken by most economies globally. But, there is more to it than just keeping up with the Joneses.

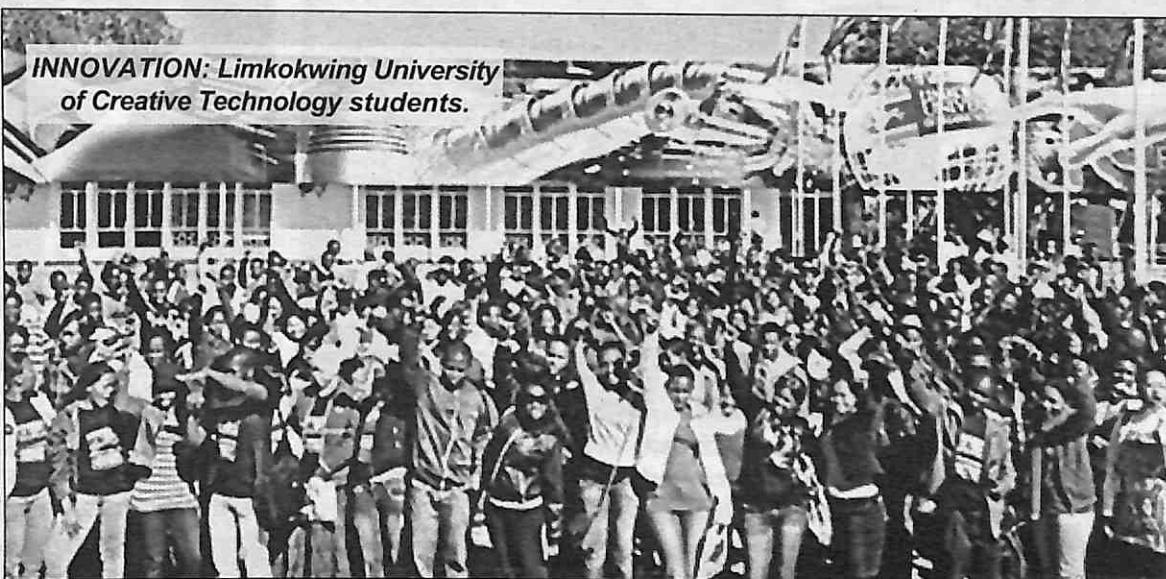
The term, 'massification' has been adopted to describe this phenomenon. Wits Business School, University of the Witwatersrand, Lecturer Sandile Sana and Faculty of Humanities, Emmanuel Ojo, described the term massification as 'rapidly increasing university enrolment rates.'

However, the authors stressed that a high-quality university education system must be realistic and appropriate to a nation's stage of economic, technological and industrial development.

With that said, it is clear that university education or tertiary education cannot be divorced from economic development.

### Increase

While there is a risk of on over-supply of graduates, which might in the short term consequently results into an increase of graduate unemployment, this cannot be used as an excuse to halt massification. The country has this huge dream to pursue, so it needs skilled graduates, to meet this need, therefore, the country needs



enough universities, so as to open more doors for students.

But it should go beyond that, to proper policy, sustainable funding and planning. More so because, a high-quality university should not be simply a replication of what is happening in the Western world. I understand that, it must be grounded fully in addressing the local population's tangible needs before it chases the 'global prestige' status.

We need to take this right, while we work hard to put more students at universities that should not be done at the expense for quality. It is a sad fact this is the case; it is very unfortunate, because it is a

waste of a hardly earned resource, money and far-worse it compromises the future of our economy and our global competitiveness in the new economy.

### Implications

It is surprising how we are prompt to comment on issues outside our borders, like the South African university strikes, its implications, how the students are so stupid, then turn a blind eye on what is happening right under our noses. Don't get me wrong, my beliefs are totally against strikes and I know for a fact that many times, most of the issues that students resolve to strike for, are either exaggerated or some indi-

viduals use them for their own hidden agendas, anyone who is honest enough and was once a student can testify to that.

It leaves questions why some other institutions are allowed to do as they please, compromise the quality of education and get away with it, with no one saying anything, not even Members of Parliament who are bothered by disposables, while all this happens at the expense of the country's economy.

It's like giving with one hand and taking with the other, then what's the use for giving after all?

That is why I never really understood why temporal teachers, who

never qualified to enrol at any tertiary institution, are granted permission to teach pupils. 80 percent of the teachers were temporary in my primary school and it has been counted amongst the worst performing primary schools in the country. I discovered that I was blank when I was doing form one. But guess what, now that the school has most qualified teachers I proudly point to it and say 'that is my former school!'

### Conditions

So, if it is true that at tertiary level, during this now matured era of globalisation and industrialisation, students are taught by non-competitive lecturers in unsustainable employment conditions, then we can expect no miracle, but sub-standard products and non-global competitive individuals, in turn means weak institutions and low productivity and at the end moderate or sluggish growth.

What is happening at Limkokwing University of Creative Technology, mixed with the silence of relevant stakeholders should be a concern.

We can choose to turn a blind eye to these issues, but if we can get this right, the quality and competitiveness of our universities can improve and add value to industry and economic development.

Universities must first deliver the appropriate quality training that addresses the needs of the country, before chasing the global prestige status.





**WARM HANDS:** Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini being welcomed by HMCS Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase.



**MOTIVATIONAL:** Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini posing with guests during the event.



**EXEMPLARY:** Commissioner General Ntshangase and National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula during the grand march.

## VULAMASANGO'S MOTIVATIONAL SPEECH AND PRIZE THROUGH THE LENS

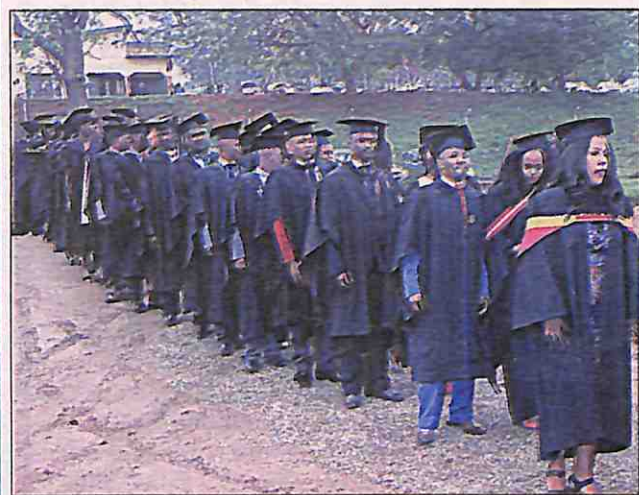
**H**is Majesty's Correctional Services over the past weekend successfully hosted its first ever speech and prize giving day for pupils who excelled both in academic and extra-curricular activities.

The motivational event commenced with a grand march by teachers who were joined by the Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini, Ministers Edgar Hillary and Phineas Magagula

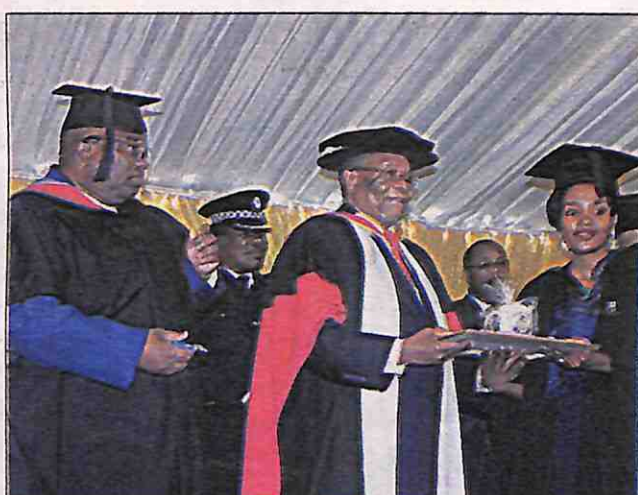
as well as other extinguished guests.

The glamorous event was also attended by parents, who joined hands in celebrating the successes of the school over the past years where it has developed

from being a detention centre to a fully-fledged educational institution through the vision that the Commissioner General holds and continuously puts into practice for the betterment of the school.



**WALKING THE TALK:** Teachers during their grand-march shortly before the start of the event.



**WELL DONE:** Nothando Dlamini, a teacher at Vulamasango received an award for attaining a 100% pass rate in Food and Nutrition.



**ENJOYING THE MOMENT:** Senior Assistant Commissioner Bongani Khumalo and Sergeant Zandile Ntenteza watching the proceedings.



**SUPPORT:** St Theresa's pupils also came to support their peers from Vulamasango as there is a good relationship that exists between the two schools.



**BRIGHT FUTURE:** Pupils from Vulamasango Tebenguni Myeni, Xolile Gumbi, Luyanda enjoying the event.



**THE BEST:** Colani Mhlanga- Grade Two pupil was awarded for overall best performance.

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# Analysis & Opinion

## Editor's Pen @ Work

WITH: Alec Lushaba

Observer on Saturday  
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**T**his week I came across some writings of one scholar Alice Bailey and it got me thinking and somehow scared about the future.

The future I am talking about is not a so distant one, but more of the present, which has not been fully unleashed to us yet, but signs are already all over.

Let me state that as a country we have already prepared the ground for it and our institutions are ready to defend this New World Order once unleashed.

The laws have been passed and there is very little we can now do. The roll-out for this programme is already in motion.

The starting premise for Bailey's strategy was this: **Don't bother with the adults; target the children. If you can train the children, every generation that follows will be more receptive to "The Plan" than the previous generation.**

At the centre of this new thinking or way of doing things is the removal of Christianity from our schools and society. What currently restrains this New Age at the moment is our political structure, which is seen at most to be clashing with the dictates of the new world order.

How? Some scholars have argued that Christianity has been at the centre of suppression and does not promote freedoms.

It is argued that it teaches citizens how to be subjects under a kingship rule. The whole Bible talks about Kingdom life, where citizens' rights are sacrificed to the will of the King. So for Swazis, the Christian faith teaches them how to live under the Kingdom and how to respect authority and the like.

It is then accepted that to deal with such a political set-up therefore is difficult hence the strategy has to shift to the next generation of leaders - the children. In Republics, it is easy to introduce these new thinking because, all it takes is a political group to come up and fight on the ticket to introduce those changes.

Money is available from powerful nations to support such leadership or people pushing that agenda. The first two points in this Master plan states the following:

### PLAN 1: Take God out of Institution of learning

- Removal of Christian Religious Education

# THE NEW AGE

● Are Swazis ready for the New World Order?



UMLIBA LOYA EMBILI: The young swazi maidens

(CRE) out of the syllabus; psychologically, in school, a child knows they are equipped to face life in future. Whatever is not included in the school syllabus is not essential. If you take it out of school curriculum, then you are inadvertently telling the children without really verbalising it that, "You don't need GOD in life. You can succeed without Him. He is an option and not a necessity".

• To replace CRE introduce many other faiths in the name of social education. Give them so many options, so many different faiths and philosophies. Tell them they don't need to make any decisions immediately but can do so when they over eighteen years.

### PLAN 2: Diffuse religious radicalism especially Christianity

There are two parts to this strategy:

• Silence Christianity by removing it out of public life and education system, and be sympathetic to and promote many other faiths;

• After the other faiths have become strong, silence them, and create inter-faith harmony. Alice talked of a future where there will be a joining of faiths and we shall have interfaith movement. The children will accept all faiths are the same there are many paths to the same spiritual destination for all mankind. Everyone can take the one that suits them. All faiths are

equal and can move together without clashing with one another.

Then question I asked myself is given that we have willfully endorsed this new world order, how can we then salvage our identity and values?

The answer lies in the same tool they are using - education. In 2013 when this Parliament or Cabinet came into office there was a lot of talk about introducing Monarchical Democracy in the school syllabus.

I would argue that we now need to do even more than just focusing on Monarchical Democracy. We now have to breakdown Swazi Law and Custom, define who we are and how we get to function as a society.

It is clear that we need to strengthen the capacity organisations like Khulisa Umtfwana and reform our chiefs in order for them to be more relevant to the communities they lead.

One of the key pillars of a Swazi society is the strengthening of the family structure. If we allow the family structure to collapse, we should then brace ourselves for the crumbling of all our leadership institutions. The reason we have chiefdoms and the kingdom is because our family structures are sound and strong. It is this family system that has taught us to respect our elders, who act as our guide and counsel. Today, the new laws that are protecting children are saying we must not touch

them at all, but take a cue from them on what they want. They now tell us what they want and how they want it, failing which we are jail material.

When considering that we also have open borders that allows for the free entry of alien nationals, you can see that the Swazi culture is quickly being suffocated and soon much of what defines us as Swazis will be gone.

These foreign forces have systems in place to check and monitor the level of erosion by using the foreign press.

Recently, a London based newspaper, The Guardian, wrote a distorted account of Umhlanga. The slant of the story was such that those who attend Umhlanga are either forced by their parents who fear for their lives back in their communities or forced by hunger or poverty. It is not imagined that in this day and age, people can freely associate with a particular culture.

The truth of the matter is that government and some organisations are both guilty of accepting conditional aid without investigating how that would impact on the well being of the society. Some of the things I now observe as a threat to the way of life of the Swazi society were willingly accepted by us, without interrogating its consequences.

We all want the best for our children, but at what cost to nationhood?

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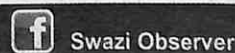
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Diabetes  
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**B**efore people develop type 2 diabetes, they almost always have “pre-diabetes” — blood glucose levels that are higher than normal but not yet high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes.

Doctors sometimes refer to pre-diabetes as impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) or impaired fasting glucose (IFG), depending on what test was used when it was detected. This condition puts you at a higher risk for developing type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

## No clear symptoms

According to American Diabetes Association, There are no clear symptoms of pre-diabetes, so, you may have it and not know it.

Some people with pre-diabetes may have some of the symptoms of diabetes or even problems from diabetes already. You usually find out that you have pre-diabetes when being tested for diabetes.

If you have pre-diabetes, you should be checked for type2 diabetes every one to two years.

## Preventing type 2 diabetes

You will not develop type2 diabetes automatically if you have pre-diabetes. For some people with pre-diabetes, early treatment can actually return blood glucose levels to the normal range.

If you have pre-diabetes, you are at high risk of developing type2 diabetes and also are at increased risk of developing heart disease. Pre-diabetes is a condition in which blood glucose levels are higher than normal, but not high enough to be classified as full-blown diabetes. Those with pre-diabetes are at increased risk of developing type2 diabetes within a decade *unless* they adopt a healthier lifestyle that includes weight loss and more physical activity.

First, let's define what “pre-diabetes” is and is not. Diabetes is defined as having fasting plasma blood glucose level of 126 mg/dl or greater on two separate occasions. If diabetes symptoms exist and you have a casual blood glucose taken at any time that is equal to or greater than 200 mg/dl, and a second test shows the same high blood glucose level, then you have diabetes.

In general, people who have a fasting plasma blood glucose in the 100-125 mg/dl range are defined as having impaired fasting glucose. If your doctor gives you an oral glucose tolerance test, and at two-hours your blood glucose is 140-199 mg/dl, you have “impaired glucose tolerance”. Either of these is medical terminology for what your doctor is probably referring to when he says you have “pre-diabetes.” Be sure to ask your doctor what your exact blood sugar test results are when he tells you that you have “pre-diabetes.” Some physicians are not as familiar as they should be with the new national guidelines for diagnosing diabetes. They may be telling you that you have pre-diabetes, when in fact you have actual diabetes.

Among those who should be screened for pre-diabetes include overweight adults age 45 and older and those *under age 45* who

are overweight and who have one or more of the following risk factors:

- Are habitually physically inactive
- Have previously been identified as having IFG (impaired fasting glucose) or IGT (impaired glucose tolerance)
- Have a family history of diabetes
- Have had gestational diabetes or have given birth to a child weighing more than 9 pounds
- Have elevated blood pressure
- Have an HDL cholesterol level (the “good” cholesterol) of 35 mg/dl or lower and/or triglyceride level of 250 mg/dl or higher
- Have polycystic ovary syndrome
- Have a history of vascular disease

## What should I eat?

It's not so much “what” you should eat, but how much. If you are overweight, your first and foremost goal should be to lose weight. This means working with a

# WHAT IS PRE-DIABETES?

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Registered Dietitian to determine the quantity and type of food you should eat at each meal. One of the key issues in losing weight is controlling portion size. Your dietitian will also direct you how to make food choices that cut down on the amount of fat you eat because each gram of fat has significantly more calories in it than a gram of carbohydrate or protein. This means:

- Eating more foods that are boiled and fewer foods that are fried.
- Cutting back on the amount of butter you use in cooking.
- Eating fish and chicken more, and only lean cuts of beef.
- Eating more meatless meals, or re-orienting your meals so that your dinner plate has more vegetables, fruit and starches on it, and less meat.

Your dietitian will show you how you can continue to eat all the foods you love — just probably not in the same proportions as you have in the past. Having diabetes or having “pre-diabetes” does not mean that you can't

eat certain foods. The solution isn't “avoid foods with sugar in them.” Rather, you need to lose weight if you are overweight, cut back on portion sizes, and plan for those occasions when you eat a small piece of cake or pie.

## Physical Activity

Along with weight loss, your goal will be to begin program of physical activity, if you aren't getting regular exercise now. Why? Because physical activity will help you use the insulin you produce to convert the food you eat into energy. This will help keep your blood glucose lower. If you have a small piece of cake with a meal, follow it up with a brisk walk.

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# Lifestyle, Life & Entertainment



THE INCREDIBLY ARTISTIC

**MPENDULO**

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**THE STYLISH  
SPORTS MAN**



## WRITER'S NOTE



WITH: Phumelele Mkhonta

What a whoooza and productive week.

Like literally! Ok, let me personalise this statement; this week was one of the freshest I had in a long time. This is because of many reasons but the main one being WATER! The rain kind of renewed our hopes, spirit, being, and bodies. For a change it was great to have abundant water in Mbabane even though we resourced most of it from buckets on the rain, LOL. Sad truth for the citizens of the capital I know.

In this week's edition, I decided to take a different approach. I incorporated an artist from DAWAD Studios. I would personally love to label him a painter but his art pieces are more than just that; he uses nature in his paintings thus making them so out of this world to what everyone has laid their eyes on. I am honoured to introduce you to this man on Pages 4 and 5.

Songbird Floewe was so excited to share her experience in bonding with South African afro-jazz queen Siphokazi. Floewe took time out to tell us on her overall experience at the Yebo Mzala Yebo Gogo Festival, which was last weekend at the Swazi Plaza in Mbabane.

We love entertainment and style and we love soccer! A combination of both is just perfect. L&E literally hunted down a Mbabane Swallows soccer player and star to share his style with the men.

Enjoy This Edition Guys...

■ "Gospel music lovers must come prepared to feel the presence of the

# YOUTH EFFECT LAUNCHES LATEST ALBUM, DVD

...in historic partnership with Evangelical Church

**T**hey say two heads are better than one and this rings true for Evangelical Church in Ezulwini and the Youth Effect Gospel Group.

These two have joined forces in hosting a fundraising show scheduled for next Saturday at Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre. The church wants to promote its radio programme on VOC (Voice of the Church) known as *Umtfombo Wekaphila* while Youth Effect would be launching their latest and third album; **You are Great**.

Guest Speaker is Tibiyo TakaNgwane Managing Director Themba Absalom Dlamini.

The gospel group would on the same day also launch a DVD of the latest album.

The objective of next Saturday's event is to glorify God through preaching the Word and music, as stated by the organisers.

Starting time is 6pm and going until late.

This event is themed 'the intimate worship encounter' and is unique and unfamiliar in the sense that only local artists would be featured on the line-up. Well, the organisers said it was time to stick by and believe in what truly is Swazi. Big ups to them!

Gracing the stage as guest artists would be Nhlambeni MP Frans Dlamini, Phathwakahle, Police Gospel Messengers, Praise Unlimited, RSP Male Voice, Mabandla Mbhokane and Harmony Trinity.

There would also be a surprise act to be unveiled on the night.

Tickets are retailing at E100 per head and all are VIPs "because God would be the VVIP of the event," Project Committee Chairperson, Musawenkosi Dube, stated.

The latest album by award-winning Youth Effect comes in the footsteps of two others; 'Sikunik' Uduko which was the debut one and 'I Lived For Jesus'. It saw the group winning the Best Mass Choir in the Association of Christian Artists in Swaziland awards a few years back.

"Gospel music lovers must come prepared to feel the presence of the Lord through praise and worship since all the artists have promised nothing but the best. Only local artists will be ushering people to the presence of the Lord.

"The aim of the event also is to prove to the



**AMAGENTS:** Sam Ndzimandze, Njabulo Nxumalo, Calvin Sacolo and Sakhile Ndzimandze posing.

country's gospel music followers that it takes no foreign artists to dish out the best (in music).

## Talent

It's time we believe in local talent, particularly in light of the enactment of the long awaited Copyright Protection Act recently passed in parliament. We, therefore, invite

all Christians from around Ezulwini and the whole of Swaziland to join us as we will be in the presence of the Lord," Dube further said.

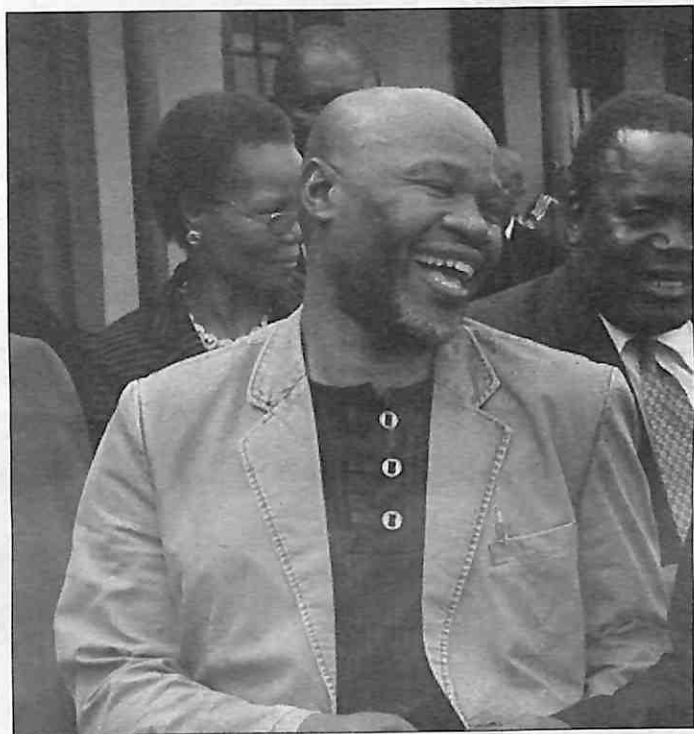
Youth Effect has identified the need to partner with the church in promoting the radio programme aired on VOC according to Dube in order to reach out to a wider audi-



## Lord through praise and worship"



AT Dlamini will be guest speaker.



Frans Dlamini will be guest artist during the event.

ence as their passion of soul winning through their radio programme aired with VOC is both tactful and telling. The group's Producer Bheki Khanyile promised music lovers fireworks on the day. "We have one of the T55 competition winner who will be one of our surprise artists on the night. For more information and tickets they may contact 7806 6905, 7611 3152 and 7623 3654.

### Comprises

Youth Effect comprises of youthful members of the Assembly of God Church under the Manzini East demarcation. Rather than idling and wasting away, the youth decided to blend their talent and voices in song thus established the group, which has been in existence for over five years now.

The youth do not want to become a devil's workshop as it were since they are aware idleness equals loneliness, which could inevitably, lead to engaging in all sorts of mischievous and unbecoming acts.

Regularly group members convene for prayer meetings for bonding and building the team spirit amongst themselves with Reverend Jinnoh Nkambule providing the spiritual guidance and wise counsel regularly.

Khanyile said they were putting all stops to ensure the show was successful as they wanted to make history by providing 'local is lekker' flair.

### Revival

Evangelical Church in Ezulwini, meanwhile, under the leadership of Pastor Jabulani Msane, has consistently been hosting revival services at its premises and also frequently has couples services, intercession, etc. where various topics are treated and dissected with the main objective being propagating, promoting and promulgating the gospel of Christ.

Besides witnessing the gospel artists mentioned above live, music lovers would get to witness one of the T55 competition winner in action as one of the surprise acts on the night.

(By Njabulo Dlamini)

## WE ARE WOMEN

# FROM A BABY MAMA'S CORNER (PART II)

Quite a sensational topic this is. From all the ladies who have taken their time out to tell their stories of being super single mothers to those who are actually happy with the fathers of their children, the responses are enough to wreck a nerve and depress a soul.

Today the issue at hand is your value being compromised because you have brought a human into the earth. How insane that is; children a blessing from God. Blameless.

However, our dearly beloved and needed men do not see it that way as if a brother is going to hit on a beautiful woman he met in town the other day, he is not going to treat her the same way after finding out she is actually someone's mother.

Women on the other hand have become so complacent with this; if Mr so and so has a baby it does not matter even if they are even two. Women are mostly concerned about whether they love the man or not. If the man is loved, he and his brood are welcome into my childless world and I will be a mother to three first borns without a problem and still handle 'baby mama issues'. One thing, one slap has to return love to its actual state. The attitude of men rejecting women with chil-

dren has ruined love; it has ruined the society at large. Some women think it is alright to live their lives without men no, but one thing they could never uproot is the emotional part.

### Touch

That spot always in all ways needs a man's touch. Super woman or not there is a spot that none of your successes taps into but a men's presence.

That spot deep within that needs cuddling when it's cold outside, that needs 'you look amazing this morning' every morning before leaving for work. That spot needs a manly voice. That manly presence roots you down firmly because it is an undeniable truth that married women or live-in lovers are

more respecting than bruised and majorly, single women because women with men, know what it is to submit and compromise. Those women as we highlighted last week have issues they do not like to talk about and actually there is nothing to talk about, there is just space for a man to say all the right words, do all the right things and touch all the right spots. Period. Now if the male species would comprehend this before deciding to impregnate someone, contemplate about this truth and then finally decide to plant a seed and go or plant a seed and stay. Forever, put a ring on it.

I rest my case!

(Compiled by Nomfundo Sifundza)

## SA Celebrity News

### SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICIANS, THEIR BAES



Julius Malema EFF leader and his wife Mantwa.



Mmusi Maimane of the DA and his wife Natalie.



Malusi Gigaba of the ANC and his wife Norma.



EFF's Mbuyiseni Ndlozi and his partner Mmabatho Montsho.

FAR RIGHT: ANC's Fikile Mbalula and his wife Nozuko.

## CELEB SINGLE BABY MAMAS

### CELEB SINGLE MOTHERS WE ADORE



Fifi Cooper.



Khanyi Mbau.



Nonhle Thema.

FAR RIGHT: Pearl Thusi and Kelly Khumalo.





# THE INCREDIBLY ARTISTIC MPENDULO

## Cover story

Painting is defined as an art and there have been many legendary painters like the famous Leonardo Da Vinci. Paintings (portraits as some call them) are impeccable art pieces where the artist expresses themselves as they feel. They are respected and often expensive. This young artist here, Mphendvulo Dhlamini, is no ordinary painter. He uses natural material to add effect on his art work.

Dhlamini is originally from Lundzi but was later adopted by a family from Masundvini. He is the third born from 11 siblings and his grandfather is a senior Prince at the Lundzi Royal Kraal.

"Spending my life in an extended middle-class family in a farm contributed a lot in moulding my personality, hence I am a focused and disciplined cowboy. Furthermore, it contributed to my taste of things in life preferred music Country, Rock, Jazz, Soul, Pop and Blues. Growing up in an extended family is never comforting as one does not get the good things in life, especially the protection," Dhlamini opened up on his background. "I discovered my talent at an early age of eight when I used to have no one to play with than myself because they all resented me. My dad had a job in South Africa and visited us month end. My mother left us when we were very young. I do not know her by sight. I never experienced the love of a mother up until I met make Ntombie Mngomezulu whom I now recognise as my biological mom," he said.

This remarkable artist started working on his art at the age of 15 when he drew diagrams for his classmates.

"I used to make beautiful diagrams; especially for subjects like Biology, Physics and the likes, I made them at a fee at times," he said, chuckling.

After high school, he went professional and created a brand which he is still signed up under called DAWAD (Daniel Artworks and Designs) Studios. This company had been up and running since 2008.

According to Dhlamini, he also did cartoon sections for a local newspaper while trying to invest in his talent.

"I have now partnered with SM3 who also manage me. This company deal with banners, branding, graphic designing, business cards, car tints, signage and artist management," he explained.

## Work done

Dhlamini was incorporated in last year's exhibit at the Lobamba Museum which was hosted by the Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture. He has exhibited his material in most of Arts Awakes shows; this being a stable for talents.

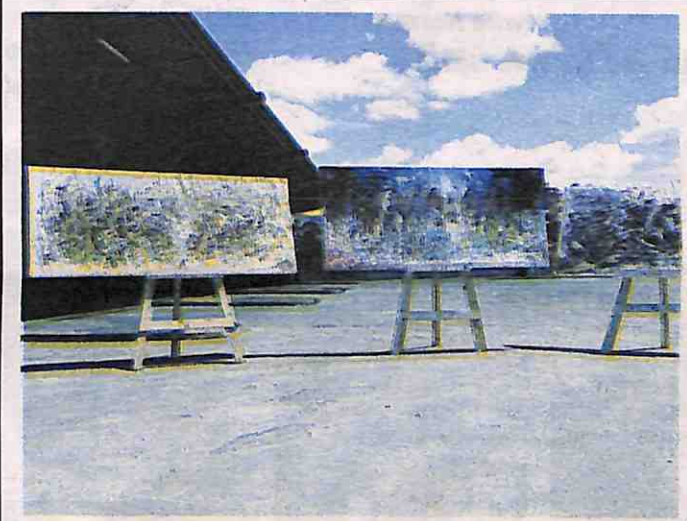
"Recently, I exhibited my work at the Yebo Mzala Yebo Gogo Arts Festival and am yet to exhibit at the Lubombo Arts Festival which will be held on October 28. I have worked alongside big names like; Honest Mhlanga, Nil Mlota, Vusi Dlamini, Armstrong Mndzebele, Mbongeni Fakudze, Muzi Mkhwanazi and others.

"My material has been recognised by highly



influential persons in the country. It has been bought by Victor Gamedze, Sthofeni Ginindza, Muzi Dlamini, some Members of Parliament and the Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture Council, amongst many others," he said.

Dhlamini uses twigs, pallets, grains from gum trees and river sand as a finish to his work. This is the reason why he can take more than a month creating one art work. He confesses that his work is







also inspired by great men like Steve Biko, Nelson Mandela, Mohamed Ali, King Sobhuza II and Gwamile.

"I do not refer to my paintings as paintings as I do not use paint only. In all these, I use natural material and preserve them with the special paint I use. I refer to my work as art pieces. I invented them and I thank nature for the creative mind I am acquiring," he said.

He encouraged those with talents not to hide them as these were not mistakes thus should be explored.

#### The artist's favourite quotes

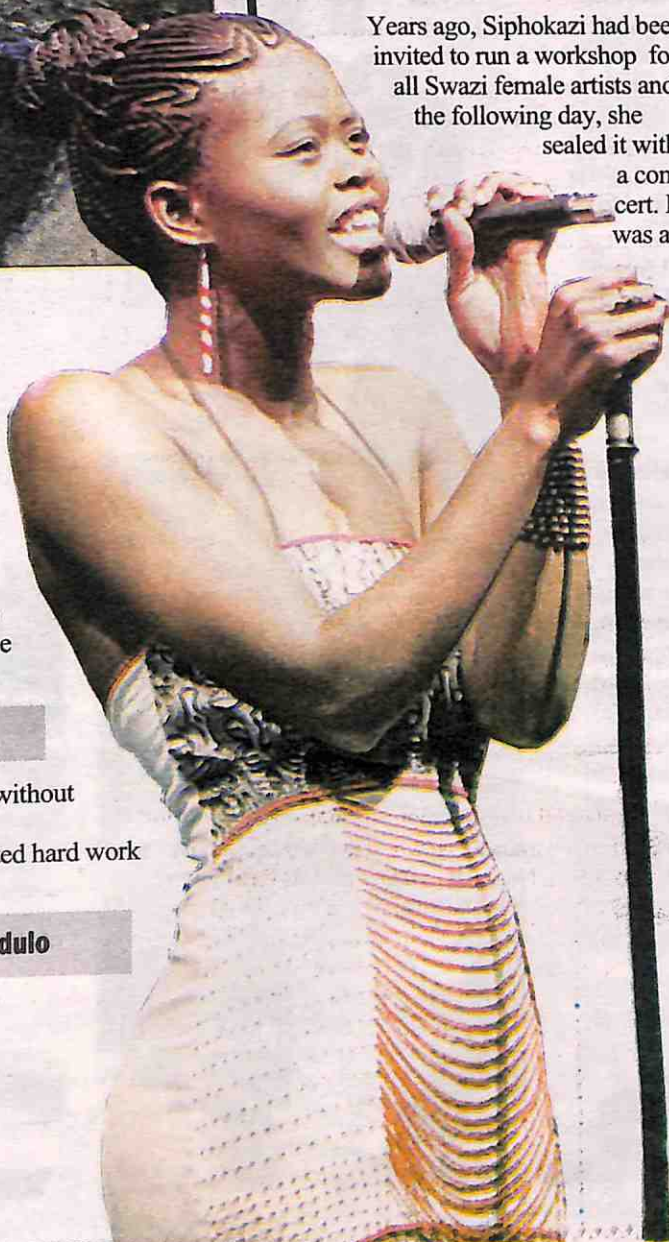
"Without innovation one starts nothing and without work, one finishes nothing."

"The depth of your struggle against committed hard work determines the height of your success"

#### Four interesting facts about Mpendulo

- He is a lacto-vegetarian.
- He always wears a cow boy hat.
- His favourite artist is Phil Collins.
- He is learning to play country music.

(By Phumelele Mkhonta)



## FLOEWE ON HER SURPRISE PERFORMANCE WITH SIPHOKAZI

**A**fro Soul fans were pleasantly surprised when they got to experience local songbird Fikile 'Floewe' Dhladhla share the stage with South Africa's Siphokazi at the Yebo Mzala Yebo Gogo Arts Festival last week Friday.

Floewe revealed to this publication prior to her performance that she had a surprise for her fans and it was a surprise indeed.

L&E saw this as a historic event and so took the opportunity to document it and share it with our readers. We had a chit-chat with Floewe and this is what she shared with us;

#### Not a new relationship

Years ago, Siphokazi had been invited to run a workshop for all Swazi female artists and the following day, she sealed it with a concert. It was an

initiative by SRIC and that was the first time we met. I had been following her by that time and even purchased her music.

I was a huge fan of hers and she did not know this.

When we met at the workshop, I couldn't stop telling her about what an inspiration she had been, and I had been listening to her music which did a lot of good not only me but others as well.

#### The connection

We met and had an instant connection. On the night of the concert, we all had to do an individual performance then she would finish off. She got on stage and called me up to do a spontaneous collaboration, I was so nervous but we pulled it off. I guess she was impressed. She was then invited to perform at the Simunye Fun Fair; she warned Melissa Lawton, a good friend of hers that she would call me up but unfortunately her performance was cut short as a huge storm took over instantly. When asked by the media, why me, she explained she saw herself in me, I had the same passion and drive she fondly recalls.

#### On the ultimate performance

We had a day rehearsal in Pretoria



with her band, working towards the Yebo Mzala Yebo Gogo Arts Festival. I had fun, it was such a pleasure and heartwarming to see how she even treats her band. The atmosphere was nothing short of mutual respect and harmony. We are still in talks about us hitting the studio for a duet on my next album and she is very open to the idea. I always get butterflies when I go on stage, that's the feeling that keeps you on your toes and strive for perfection. I had a blast! She has become a good friend and a sister too.

(By Phumelele Mkhonta)





## POETRY CORNER

**P.O.E.T**  
 (Person of Extraordinary Thinking)

...By Sethu

**JUST BECAUSE I'M SICK**

Now that I'm suffering,  
Suffering from this ailment,  
Now that I'm withering,  
I'm discriminated every moment,  
I receive only discrimination,  
Because I'm sick.

Now that I'm feeling sick,  
Suffering from a serious sickness,  
Some call it Asthma,  
But I call it a Curse,  
Coz it has a dark cloud over my life.

Because I'm sick,  
All my friends forget me;  
I'm now feeling weak and meek,  
But they don't know what it means,  
That why I suffer discrimination.

Today I regret my existence,  
I wish I can cut this distance,  
I need no other living chance,  
Yeah! It seems a cowardice glance,  
But discrimination spells eternal silence.

I fell sick when I was young,  
Oops just around the age of four years,  
But through it all I'm still kicking from this pains,  
I never invited it,  
I never chose to fall sick,  
But it seems as though I did!  
I'm isolated, just because I'm sick.

1968 the Nation gained freedom,  
But I think it's not true!  
It's not true when I'm still suffering!  
My brother fell sick,  
My mother fell sick,  
I also fell sick,  
It's the same sickness!  
All people fled away from us,  
Why discriminate the sick?

I don't understand this demon!  
Is it contagious?  
Or is it outrageous?  
They call it social protection,  
Some say it's an automatic phobia!  
I call it a demon of doom and gloom!  
I call it an unfair isolation,  
I call it discrimination of the oppressed!

Now my hope is falling,  
And Doom is calling,  
This life isn't rolling,  
For this discrimination is still crawling!  
I've experienced this demon enough!

Because I'm sick,  
I've lost soooo many things!  
Both my mom and Dad,  
Are dead, because of this sickness,  
I guess I'm doing following,  
Just like the whisper of devil says "Sethu you're next"  
Yes I am,

Somebody put him/her in my shoes,  
Someone feels what I feel,  
Anybody to rescue me from this pain,  
Something should a solution, maybe  
Somewhere, somehow I can get help,  
Though I'm sick today,  
But if I couldn't be discriminated  
If I could be considered as a human,  
I can feel like I'm well healed.  
I've been crucified,  
Because I'm sick!  
I've been isolated by everyone,  
By my family,  
And even you,  
Yeah I mean, just because I'm sick.

Asthma I hate you!  
You've had so much of me,  
Now I'm giving the authorities  
Just take my soul, I can't make it to 2022,  
Because I'm sick, Sick, Sick,  
Because I'm sick

**DIARY OF A WORKING SINGLE MOTHER**

Dear Diary

With just four years in this strange planet, all I could do was to enjoy. Without one of my front teeth cared less who saw the gap, I smiled openly.

I jumped into the puddle with dirt coming into my face. I dipped my paint less toes into the mud and felt happiness rush from my spine.

Waking up in the morning and leaving the house as soon as I finished having my breakfast was something I looked forward to.

Cellulite was still residing in Pluto and we only heard from it from my grandma. Hurt was only known after kicking my coffee table accidentally. Happiness came in loads when my mama baked, without worrying about my weight; I would burg my face into the yummy cake without guilt.

No one conspired annoyingly in my ears about how big I was getting. Instead, I filled their lives with joy and sometimes tears because I was growing.

Then a pink bicycle with a teddy bear bigger than me was presented to me, in front of my 10 then friends. I didn't sleep that night filled with enthusiasm from the other presents. Yes, I had turned five in style and was



looking forward to the future.

**Gift**

So when I turned six I lost three of my front teeth at once and my biggest gift was to choose my own school bag at Sales House. Like a king that I am, I chose blue and I insisted I wanted that boy's bag. My brother had chosen one like mine so we had to twin.

Like a coward, I listened to myself cry as I watched my mother walk further away from us in this strange new school. Embarrassed and thirsty I made a friend who multiplied to friends an hour after that.

From that day I looked forward to school, yes I was in Grade One, class of 2002 and I knew happiness. But that was just 20 years ago.

**Youth on the move...**

Soccer is a form of leisure; style is a form of lifestyle and entertainment. But a 'stylish soccer star' is just an explosive combination.

He was recently crowned as the Player Of The Year at the Castle Premier Challenge and L&E could not ignore the fact the he #EatsCotton (stylish dress sense) thus we had to grab a brief interview with him.

Siphamandla Mathenjwa is a South African born soccer player who relocated to the country last year August to play for the capital city's well known soccer team Mbabane Swallows AKA 'Birds'.

**Fact**

The yummy soccer star confessed to being a fashion fundi and he disclosed that it is a family thing. "I emulated my dress sense from my brothers. Those guys are totally insane when it comes to fashion; they influence me a lot. I have been told many times I have an impeccable dress sense and tried to maintain that precedence. "When it comes to buying clothes, I just do Johannesburg. They have the best trendy merchandise at an affordable rate. Otherwise, style is about knowing what suits you and feeling good at it," said Mathenjwa.

(By Phumelele Mkhonta)

**THE STYLISH SPORTS MAN**




# Blockword Puzzle

Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions.  
Words may overlap but do not share letters.

## Digestion

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APPENDIX

## WIN WITH SWAZI OBSERVER AND LESERATO EVENTS

(Get the name correctly in the puzzle and stand a good chance at winning E100 worth of airtime, as well as a month long supply of Observer on Saturday copies, delivered to your door step. Have them dropped at Swazi Observer offices in Mbabane by Wednesday and be amongst the best candidates to win such prizes)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

# Cartoon Corner

## Baby Blues



## Blondie



## Hagar the Horrible



## SOAPIE WATCH | SOAPIE WATCH | SOAPIE WATCH | SOAPIE WATCH



### Monday October, 10

Mehlemamba reveals that there is a dark force behind Qondi's illness. Mpiyakhe's political support for his taxi task force creates waves in the taxi industry. Siphokazi makes up her mind about her future. Sunday shows Judas just what a powerful inyanga he is.

### Tuesday October, 11

Qondi's illness continues to be a mystery. Thandi proves her love by being prepared to lose everything. S'bu asks Thandeka to give their marriage another chance. The battle of the inyangas intensifies.

### Wednesday October, 12

Qondi's health takes a turn for the worse and Mehlemamba suffers a crisis of confidence. Iris suffers further heartbreak when she hears Jabu's song. Sunday proves his power. Fezile is torn as he struggles to accept Kaone's advances.

### Thursday October, 13

Mpiyakhe struggles to get the UTA's support. Beauty becomes furious when she hears the interview on the radio. Thandeka has a foreboding dream about her marriage.

### Friday October, 14

Will Mpiyakhe manage to get the UTA's backing? Zama does not seem to share Beauty's concerns over the increased publicity. Thandeka takes a definitive step towards her marriage. Meanwhile, Mehlemamba has reached a dead end with Qondi.



### Monday October, 10

Bobo gets close enough to Serithi to carry out Khomotojo's plan with ease. KK pushes Matshidiso into a corner. The Mukwevho are shocked to learn what Mpho plans to do to Rendani.

### Tuesday October, 11

Hangwani busts Gizara. KK shatters Matshidiso's dreams. Mpho and Rendani make peace.

### Wednesday October, 12

Bobo discovers where Serithi is hiding Khomotojo's contract. Ndalamo is suspicious of Matshidiso's real intentions at MMC. Rendani works through her fears of driving with Mpho's help.

### Thursday October, 13

Gizara and Hangwani's marriage reaches breaking point. Matshidiso's evil plan to get back at KK is taking shape. Mpho and Rendani visit Phalaphala FM before setting off to Venda.

### Friday October, 14

Gizara and Serithi have dinner together. Matshidiso's greater plan seems to be coming together in the form of a bruise... for now. Mpho and Azwindini share their first moment of chemistry.

# ISIDINGO

### Monday October, 10

Nina has a sudden change of heart about Obakeng. Morongwa panics, fearing she might get caught. Lerato tries to advise Kamogelo, who rejects her.

### Tuesday October, 11

Nina breaks ties with her father. Under pressure, Gabriel cracks the whip with the Zama-Zamas and Mallala. Lerato and Zukisa stage an intervention for Aphiwe and Kamogelo, but things go horribly wrong.

### Wednesday October, 12

Angelique spots Majola being cosy with Nina again. Georgie is not happy and wants the game played on Nikiwe to go up another notch. Sechaba is not impressed with Lerato's choice for his hobby.

### Thursday October, 13

Majola slips up and finds himself at Nina's mercy. Gabriel makes the fatal mistake of stealing from the wrong person. Kamo puts pride aside and asks Aphiwe for forgiveness.

### Friday October, 14

Majola unravels as he hunts for his gun. With Gabriel preoccupied with Nikiwe, his people make a move to bring him down. Lerato starts becoming a little dictatorial with the ideas for the Ladies' Club.



### Monday October, 10

Tau agrees to help Lucy in exchange for a favour. Mazwi is determined to get married as soon as possible. Getty breaks down when she hears about the brutal 'attack'.

### Tuesday October, 11

S manga agrees to do what Jack wants. Sphe meets her step-sister for the first time. Xolelwa fakes a headache and sneaks out.

### Wednesday October, 12

Zonwile warns one has to confront your demons head on. Tebogwe issues a grim warning to Nolwazi. Detective Khune is left speechless by Wandile's confession.

### Thursday October, 13

The Diales are shocked by what Getty reveals. Mazwi demands answers about what happened. Tau contacts the woman who saved his life.

### Friday October, 14

Lucy doesn't have good news regarding the diamonds. Namhla comes clean about her feelings for her boss. Xolelwa is totally out of her depth at the party.



### Monday October, 10

A morey is shocked to hear that Alexa has a date tonight. Sifiso gets shocking news.

### Tuesday October, 11

Hilda is excited about her charity project. Matrone urges Kim to pursue a career in music.

### Wednesday October, 12

Diederik is worried about Sifiso's strange behaviour. Hilda and Aggie help Kim with an important decision.

### Thursday October, 13

Willem and Rickus don't see eye to eye. Alexa has her eye on someone special.

### Friday October, 14

Pulane is emotional... can they overcome this obstacle in their relationship? \*Kim bids farewell to Hillside.

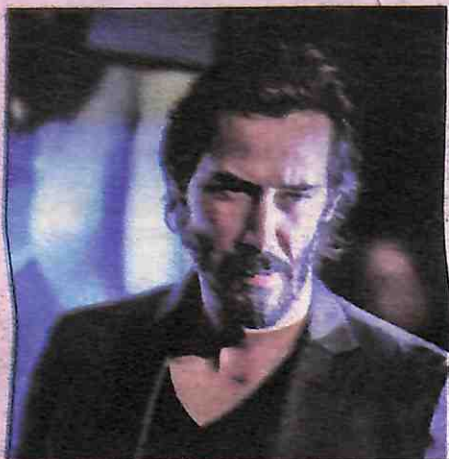


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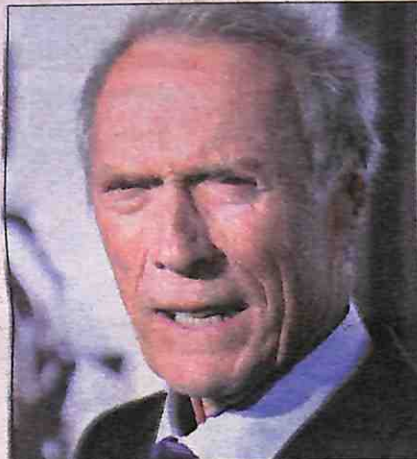
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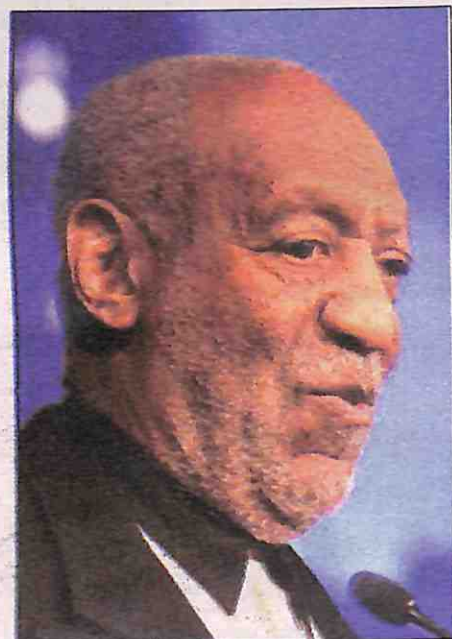
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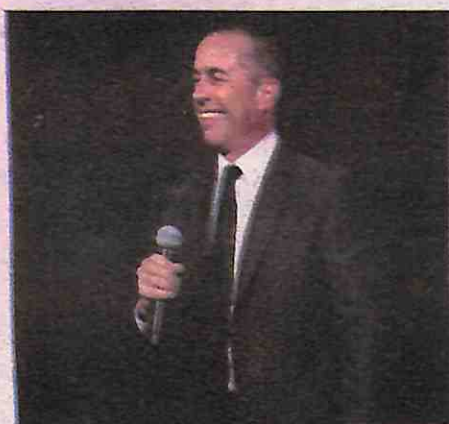
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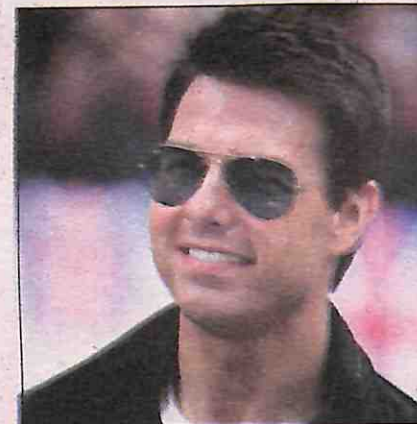
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**TOM CRUISE**  
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**JOHNNY DEPP**  
\$450 MILLION



**JACK NICHOLSON**  
\$400 MILLION



**TYLER PERRY**  
\$450 MILLION

## The Cuisine Corner

It is a soupy season as we regularly need to keep warm. Some opt for readymade soup while some prefer homemade soup. Here is a quick recipe for Sweet-potato and butternut squash soup lemon and garlic toast

### Ingredients

#### FOR THE SOUP

- 500g and diced
- 1 butternut squash, peeled, deseeded and diced
- 1 tbsp clear honey
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 onions, roughly chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 vegetable or chicken stock
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp grated nutmeg
- 100ml double cream

#### FOR THE TOAST

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 100g butter, at room temperature
- Zest 1 lemon
- 2 tbsp snipped chives
- 1 tbsp chopped thyme
- 2 ciabatta loaves, cut into slices

#### Method

• Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Put the sweet potato and butternut squash on a baking tray and add the honey and a drizzle of olive oil. Roast for 40-45 mins until soft and starting to caramelise at the edges, stirring occasionally.

• Meanwhile, fry the onions in 1 tbsp olive oil until soft, then add the garlic, chicken stock, cin-

namon and nutmeg. Bring to the boil, and simmer for five minutes.

• Remove the sweet potatoes and butternut squash from the oven and add to the pan with the stock. Blend everything until smooth using a stick blender. Stir in most of the cream and bring back to a gentle simmer, and season with salt and pepper to taste.

• To make the lemon and garlic toasts, gently warm the olive oil and garlic in a pan over a low heat for a few mins; the garlic should be softened but not browned. Remove from the heat and mix in the butter and lemon zest until smooth. Leave to cool, then stir in the chives and thyme.

• Toast the ciabatta slices, and top each with a spoonful of garlic butter. Serve with the soup, drizzled with the remaining cream, and some black pepper. (BBC Foods)





## SPECIAL FEATURE

By Lisa Annese

When Annabel Crabb was collecting stories for her book *The Wife Drought: Why women need wives and men need lives*, I told her about a moment in my career when I had returned to work after parental leave.

It was six o'clock in the morning and an international teleconference that I was chairing was interrupted by my three children. They were devastated that their pet guinea pig had given birth during the night and that daddy guinea pig had proceeded to eat the babies, and chaos ensued. Throughout this episode, I continued to mute and unmute my line, trying to give the impression that nothing unusual was happening.

If this were to take place today, I would no longer pretend that all was well in the background.

Life is messy. If we want our best and brightest in the workforce, we need to accept that they have complex lives. We need to be flexible when it comes to the realities of balancing career and family.

Being flexible at work doesn't just benefit people trying to balance their outside lives with work. An extensive body of research demonstrates the business benefits of flexible working. Yet despite this overwhelming evidence, access to flexible work and careers is not widespread. Flexible work is still regarded as an add-on, something we do for mothers for a few months when they are back from parental leave.

But in the face of rapid changes to the way we work, organisations need to move beyond just having policies for flexible working or making ad-hoc adjustments for certain individuals. Companies need to fundamentally rethink the way they design work and jobs.

The World Economic Forum predicts that we are on the cusp of a fourth industrial revolution. Technological, socioeconomic and demographic shifts are transforming the way we work, demanding flexibility in the way individuals, teams and organisations work.

At Diversity Council Australia, we all work flexibly. As a leader, thinking flexibly wasn't something that came naturally to me (at first). Yet by looking at our organisation as a whole from a flexible mindset, I could see the benefits.

We all have different things happening in our lives at different times. Not just caring for young kids, but other family members, community roles, study and volunteering. And all of these parts of our identities bring with them different skill sets.

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### Workforce

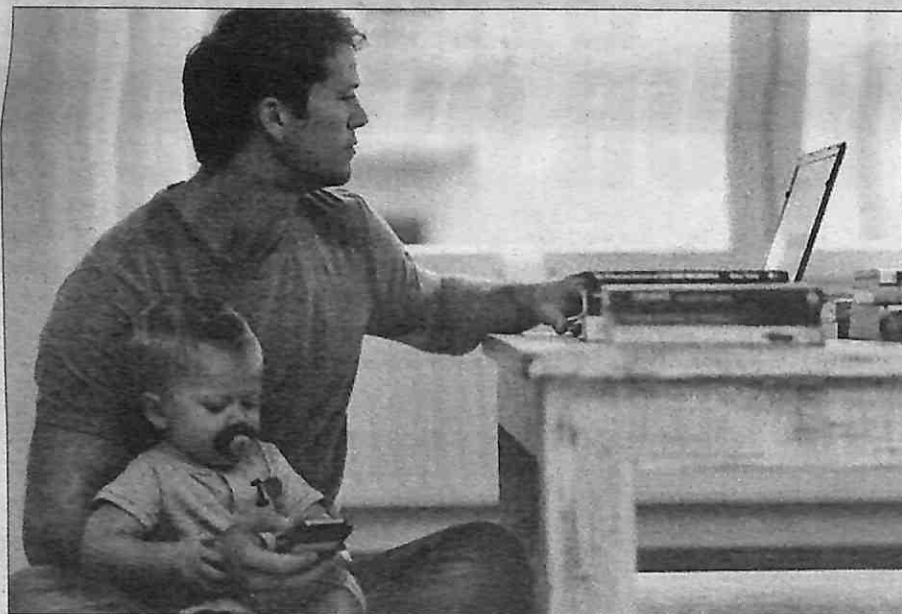
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For 63 percent of two-parent families with dependent children in Australia, both parents are employed full time. Then there are those increasingly facing elder care commitments. And more people are interested in working for themselves. All these employee segments seek flexible work and this demand is likely to increase in the future.

There are a few factors driving the demand for increased flexibility. Globalisation is one. The development of a 24/7 marketplace, and the rapid expansion of the services economy are also having a transformational effect on the workplace, requiring organisations to think creatively about how they can best organise jobs and work to respond to an increasingly diverse and demanding customer base.

# LIFE IS MESSY

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### Flexible

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ECONOMICS  
TODAYWITH: George  
Choongwa

**D**oing business without proper accountability is like diving in a pool without water. At some point it could also mean being a 'stranger' in your own business.

Most small business owners tend to be reckless with issues of managing their own businesses especially with the most important resources of time and money. Most established organisations point out that accountability is one of the core business principles in the way they do their job. Organisations like Territorial-Landworks, Inc. (TLI) even point out that at the core of accountability is reliability and personal responsibility; therefore, we value the ability of our staff and organisation to honour our commitments. We will also take responsibility for our work and make what is wrong right to the greatest extent possible.

## Accountability starts with small coins

Going by this notion, it can then be said that accountability is about demonstrating the ownership necessary for achieving desired results and it has become common practice for all members within the organisation to ask themselves what else can be done to rise above the circumstances and achieve the desired results.

Accountability involves a process of seeing it, owning it, solving it, and doing it, and requires a level of ownership that includes making, keeping, and answering for all commitments.

Even in religious circles, we hear of parables of the talents of which a master gives each of his servants some money to invest while he is gone away.

When he returns, he calls his workers and asks them to give an account about how they used the money. Those who were faithful were even rewarded for their efforts, but the one who was not faithful enough to invest the money was demoted and the summary of the story says that if one was not faithful in small things, then he or she would be not faithful in large things.

It ought to also mean that if one was not accountable enough in small beginnings, it would automatically be that he or she would not be accountable in bigger things as well.

Creating a culture of accountability  
in business

Linda case, an industrial psychologist points out that accountability thrives in the right culture. Her thinking is centred on the notion of 'culture'. However, one would question as to what culture really means. Howard Culbertson from the Southern Africa Nazarene University argues that culture is what makes you a stranger when you are away from home. This definition of culture comes back to our discussion for today in the sense that one must not be a stranger in his or her own business. The notion behind this point is that when one fails to take the responsibility of being accountable for every action that took place in his or her own business that person can safely be termed as a stranger. This person cannot just give a proper report about the affairs of

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Bruce M. Tharp (2009) in his article titled Defining "Culture" and "Organisational Culture": from Anthropology to the Office argues that the culture of an organisation eminently influences its myriad decisions and actions.

A company's prevailing ideas, values, attitudes, and beliefs guide the way in which its employees think, feel, and act—quite often unconsciously. Therefore, understanding culture is fundamental to the description and analysis of organisational phenomena. For some, culture is considered the "glue" that holds an organisation together and for others, the "compass" that provides direction.

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The concept behind this notion is influenced with idea of high performance because there is a close relation between accountability and ownership. One would not call an accountable person if he or she did not have the ownership about the thing he or she was talking about. It is important therefore to state that with regards to managing a business ownership is about taking initiative and doing the right thing for the business. It's about taking responsibility for

results and not assuming it's not someone else's responsibility. At minimum, taking ownership means that if you recognise something is material to achieving results, that you take the initiative to bring it to the attention of the right people. If ownership is about taking initiative, accountability is about follow through and getting done what you said you'd get done. This then would mean that in as much as one would claim to own the business, he or she can also pass on to others the right culture that would establish the ownership of the respective business activity so that both the founder and the associate worker developed high sense of ownership. This would in turn bring about high performance in the affairs of the business.

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## Untipping The Societal Scales

WITH: Dumisa Dlamini



There are very rare situations in a family where the husband and his wife drink. If they do, two things are certain; they will hardly drink together and often times than not the husband drinks frequently compared to the woman he is married to.

As a matter of (i)mbalance, a drinking husband spends more money and time on alcohol than he does with his wife. Needless to say, this is a very expensive habit and all drinking husbands are prodigal when they are in full swing of their drinking mood. Societal Scales will swear by Castle Lager, Hansa Pilsner, their friends Heineken, Ohlssons and their uncles *boJameson* and the likes of Jack Daniels, that a man who drinks, especially when he is married, is no different from a gambler. The latter are chancers of fortunes who win a little and lose almost always but the next day and the others to come they shall always be gambling. Drinking husbands are losers where most often than not their money, lives, families are at stake. *Letinkalakatha tekudronka atitilawuli futsi atilawuleki* and the end result is they will lose almost always in many spheres of their lives. *Phokeke abekhuzeki abantu abadakwako-bonkhe futsi!*

You know a man who after a few minutes after his pay touches his account, would dash off to the nearest bar and drink like there is no tomorrow regardless of the day of the week. *Unelibhuku lomuntfu letjwaleni* and before he pays or budgets for anything in his house and family he settles his beer bills. No sooner would he have paid for *sioko lasinatsa* than he would attack the very same *libhuku anitse futsi*. Quite clearly *ngumuntfu lohola kancane lo* but he wastes his money on alcohol because he claims drinking makes him happy. The well paid are as much extravagant, *nabo banawo emabhuku etjwala* where they drink today entertaining masses and pay heftily in weeks to come. They do it in the name of fun, relaxation and networking.

### Habit

At times they would even cite drinking on business. Now if nobody calls this gambling, I bet no one comprehends the meaning of the word and the effect of the habit. These guys get home drunk at least twice or three times a week someday *ungatsi banatse tjwala bashaladi* because wherever he enters *kusala sihogo*, an odour enough to suffocate *luswane*. It's a similar habit for all drinking husbands, they spend like prodigals, they waste like wanderers and can be very generous like Father Christmas.

*Abukaduli phela tjwala* and that is a paradox because a lot of money is wasted on those habit-by married men - husbands. Besides, nobody forces anyone to drink beyond the measure of their pockets and buy gallons of alcohol for others. However, like gambling, alcohol can be addictive, you can keep going on until the next morning when you can see you are wasting and wasted. You see an average man who drinks enough alcohol to get him drunk way lower than the costs of his wife's hairdo. *Ishonaphi pho lemali?* The gambling gets extended. A man, who drinks, husbands in particular, would fuel their vehicles so they

can reach out to friends at the furthest drinking places. Imagine *umuntfu* who works and resides in Mbabane *ayonatsa eMhlume*. The intent is two fold. He may be escaping from the place his wife or neighbours can see his female shenanigans. You see, its no written law that married men clandestinely enjoy the company of beautiful women other than their wives. It's a gamble! He would spend, say, E200 on his personal drinks and use a thousand Rands to spoil, pamper and entertain the female companion by his side. You see it is very expensive to keep up with the society that drinks- *labanye bobabe labadzakwako* and women alike. Like in a Casino, you walk in with a fat wallet and come out empty, dejected and wobbling- the effects of the habit you have been indulged for a few, many hours previously, before one goes home.

### Fun

Drinking husbands gamble with their lives as well in their quest to find fun and pleasure in the bottle and from the women always around. Other than the traffic hazards of taking oneself to and from Mhlume, first sober, drinking along the way and back later and totally inebriated, there is a catalogue of accidents even fatalities, ever waiting to happen. An accident is imminent every mile, corner, camber, bend and stretch of the road. Drinking places are normally crowded and rowdy. There is very little space for fresh air and your husband may come back infected with tuberculosis.

LaMthiyane was persuaded by a strong cigarette odour to search all her husband's pockets thinking *sewuyabhema*. Nay, he had been in a bar where most patrons were smoking. *Sengulolutsandvo lwabo lolungaka ke* that they would share one begotten bottle of beer, each drinking from the same narrow opening. You don't know what infectious disease your drinking mate maybe suffering from. Isn't that gambling with your life all the 52 weeks of the year you are out drinking *namaJimbos*? In hush tones, one cannot fail to bring forth that after drinking, sex becomes casual, free and plenty, anywhere, anyhow without, often times than not, the necessary protection.

### Violent

*Kute kufa lokungabuyi ekhaya nababe* from his drinking spree! Or he may not come himself, stabbed, smashed, slashed or fisted *vele nje ulele esibhedlela*. Drinking places can be so rowdy, violent and even

Thomas Hardy, that great English author of literature, had a character in the Mayor of Casterbridge, who after a heavy gambling and drinking sold his wife to strangers. No one could have done a better job than Hardy to bring a metaphorical semblance of drinking and gambling. Your drinking husband is gambling with you everyday. First your life; he will be bringing all sorts of contracted disease for your receipt and sufferance thereafter. However, an imbalance lies in that whilst he is away drinking, he spends very little time with you and his children. In

the interim, he creates a vacuum whereby, as his wife, *ungagana* and start seeing other men. Most women; wives today are greatly disturbed *kubona babe angena endlini* shortly after six on Friday or to be told by the children whilst she is still in town, *"Sibasa ibraai stand nababe"*, or he is making fire in the lounge an indication *kutsi akayi ndzawo*. She becomes frustrated because *lomuntfu* will be disturbing her evening plans, calls, chats and appointments as well. In a very simple way, you would have gambled your wife away to another man, not as conspicuously as Henschard; the Mayor of Casterbridge would have put it clearly enough for anyone to see that you drink too much and ignore her sexual and emotional needs. This is not to say non-drinking husbands are not prone to embark on risky habits in their daily activities. The point is, drinking men; married, multiply such opportunities where they are in danger all in the quest to make time for fun. You never know how much fun should be enough to make a married man go home in good time. *Laba labanatsa babuye nebat-sakatsi*- married still! This is tantamount to gambling and a woman married to that sort of man shares the same bed with a gambler- they take each day as it comes!

Catch Scales, if you can at  
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The new sciences of genome mapping and DNA interpreting are teaching us how similar we are to higher mammals, not how different.

We share the same emotions of pain, frustration, fear, anger, and affection. Just because they don't speak our mother tongue and their faces have fewer muscles to define expressions, doesn't mean that dogs don't feel. It only means we don't understand them.

Chained dogs suffer unbearable misery. All dogs are descended from wolves with a territorial range of hundreds of kilometres. Their bodies are made for long distance movement; they are physically and mentally programmed for plenty of outdoor exercise.

Free movement is in their nature and chaining them is the utmost cruelty. When chained without shelter, water or food, or on too short a chain to sit and lie, it is barbaric cruelty.

A chained dog cannot protect you or your property because intruders safely skirt the animal's chain length, or they attack the dog, which cannot escape but may choke to death trying.

Chaining is solitary confinement which, because dogs need frequent contact with their pack, ruins the dogs' nature as social

# CHAINING CREATES UNSAFE NEIGHBOURHOODS

pack animals and creates behavioural problems. Chaining serves no purpose whatsoever except to cause the animal such torment that it does what we would do in similar circumstances – loses its mind. It becomes either apathetic or vicious.

An apathetic dog is no use to anyone. A vicious dog is worse because its aggression is random and it presents a terrible danger to children and other innocent people.

### Chaining dogs creates unsafe neighbourhoods

Why chain a dog? To stop it roaming? Then feed it an adequate balanced diet so that it doesn't scavenge from hunger; sterilise it so it does not go looking for a mate; take it for a daily walk (or at least frequent walks) so it gets plenty of exercise; treat it as a member of the family. Dogs stay close to their pack.

If you need to restrict your dog's movement temporarily, put up a running line – a wire between two posts with the dog tied on a long leash to the running wire. It must have shelter from sun, wind and rain and a plentiful supply of fresh water 24 hours a day. It must be fed properly and receive plenty of loving attention from its owners as well as a daily walk to relieve its anxiety at being tied. A running line is a temporary fix.



Some American states have passed laws banning tethering of dogs altogether. Others regulate dog tethering as follows:-

- Tethering is temporary and never more than three hours at a time.
- The animal is continually in the owner's sight.
- The animal is not outside during extreme heat, cold or storms.
- The animal has access to food and water.
- The animal is at least six months old.
- The tether is connected to the animal by a leather or nylon collar or body harness.
- The tether is five times the animal's body length.

- The tether does not weigh more than one-eighth of the animal's weight.
- The tether is free of tangles.

If you want a guard dog, work with the dog's inherent nature: dogs are territorial pack animals that protect the pack and den. As a member of your human pack, the dog will protect your family and property. Some individuals and some breeds are better at this than others, but all dogs – large or small – have the same inherent nature. Your status as leader of the pack and your relationship with your dog will develop its protective instinct. Chaining does the opposite.

## Swaziland Standards Authority

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## HOW STANDARDS BENEFIT CONSUMERS



The question may linger in the mind of a consumer, what standards are, why they are of importance and how they benefit a consumer?

Simply defined, a standard is an agreed way of doing something. It could be about making a product, managing a process, delivering a service or supplying materials. Standards are designed for voluntary use. Standards can cover many activities undertaken by organisations and used by their customers.

Manufacturers, sellers, buyers and customers, trade associations, users and regulators contribute their expert knowledge in making standards bearing in mind the needs of the organizations they represent.

Standards help support basic consumer rights, such as the right to safety and the right to be informed. They can be specific such as to a particular type of product or general such as management practices.

Standards also help support basic consumer protection enshrined in the United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection by helping to raise levels of quality, safety, reliability, efficiency and interchangeability. They can be effective tools in consumer protection as they can provide a basis for national legislation and certification schemes. They can also be regarded as best practice for use in promoting business and in litigation for damages.

What consumers want in general are the best goods and services, for the best value and available to most people.

Products should meet consumer's expectations in terms of protection of safety and health, environmental protection, ease of use, quality and reliability, compatibility between products, transparency of product information and labeling, protection from false or misleading claims, fair competition, hence choice among goods and services and competitive pricing, systems of redress such as complaints handling and processing of claims, consistency in the delivery of services and suitability of products for vulnerable populations like children and persons with disabilities.

### Guidance

Standards will also give guidance to the consumers on the labeling of food products. One important way of communication is product labeling, i.e. information that appears on the

product package or that accompanies it at the point of purchase.

Labelling enables consumers to make informed decisions and is intended for careful reading and understanding. It identifies the manufacturer and provides instructions for safe and effective use of the product, as well as providing information about contents, ingredients, health and safety features, preparation and storage.

### Quality

For the benefit of consumers, organisations may use a quality management standard to help them work more efficiently and reduce product failures. A health and safety standard may be used to reduce accidents in the work place, an IT security standard to help keep sensitive information secure, a construction standard to help build a house, an energy management standard to help cut energy consumption, a food safety standard to help pre-

vent food from being contaminated and an interoperability standard to ensure that bank and credit cards fit into ATMs and can be used in the world over.

The point of a standard is to provide a reliable basis for people to share the same expectations about a product or service which then helps to facilitate trade and enhance consumer protection and confidence.

It is for these and many reasons why governments should adopt or encourage the adoption of appropriate measures including national or international standards, voluntary standards and the maintenance of safety records to ensure that products are safe for the intended or normally foreseeable use, all for the protection of the consumer.

Information from consumers and their involvement in quality issues contribute to the quality of products and services.

The role of consumers is to voice out their concerns about the products and services they are not satisfied with to ensure that those concerns are dealt with. It is important that consumers become proactive and inform the Swaziland Standards Authority (SWASA) through the Consumer and Public Interest Unit (CPIU) of any concerns as that provides a direction on what kinds of standards are needed to address problematic issues of products or services in the market.

The SWASA CPIU can be contacted through the toll free line; **800 5050** (landline) or **5050** (mobile) and **2518 4610/33** to report any consumer concerns.

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**V**inegar is a very sour liquid derived from fermented alcohol and has a very strong medicinal as well as preservative properties.

Apple cider vinegar, made from whole apples and not pasteurized or filtered, therefore it contains all nutrients in apples plus many enzymes and organic acids produced during the fermentation needed to make the vinegar.

Apple cider vinegar especially when used correctly could do the body a lot of good. Vinegar helps the body to stabilize its calcium levels and in this way it could help to strengthen the skeleton and minimise as well as fight osteoporosis and even strengthen hair, teeth and nails in the process. Vinegar is an antiseptic and works wonders for kidney and bladder infections. Vinegar is an anti-bacterial and balances just about all your metabolic functions. It also fights fungi in especially the excretory organs.

Apple cider vinegar is an excellent tonic: gargle with it for a sore throat and see what happens. Half a teaspoon of apple cider vinegar in a glass of water first thing in the morning and just before meals will definitely dampen your appetite, stimulate and promote your digestive processes and in doing so help you to lose weight. To clear bronchitis, pour apple cider vinegar in a bowl of boiling hot water cover your head with a towel and breathe in the steam. If you want to have a good night rest mix a tablespoon of apple cider vinegar with honey in a glass of warm water before retiring.

Vinegar and honey in warm water helps with digestive problems and bladder infections. Apple cider vinegar on a bee sting or a bug bite will make the swelling go down and take away the sting. Asthmatic problems constant coughing and bronchitis take flight when confronted with a mix of two tablespoons of vinegar and honey in a cup of warm water. It also helps for arthritis try it and see what happens. Regular apple cider vinegar on athlete's foot and ringworm, vinegar mixed with warm water helps for vaginal itchiness applied externally. Pour a cup of vinegar in the bath water for a good detox and skin cleanse. Vinegar can assist in strong healthy hair and nail growth.

Take a teaspoonful of apple cider vinegar; its sour taste could stop a hiccup in its tracks. A scientist took the hiccup remedy further and created a lollipop that includes apple cider vinegar, which she says "cancels out the message to hiccup" by over stimulating the nerves in the throat responsible for the spasms. Exercise and sometimes extreme stress cause lactic acid to build up in the body, causing fatigue. Interestingly, the amino acids contained in apple cider vinegar act as an antidote. Apple cider vinegar contains potassium and enzymes that may relieve that tired feeling. Add a tablespoon or two of apple cider vinegar to a glass of chilled vegetable drink or to a glass of water to boost your energy. Apple cider vinegar could help keep your blood sugar levels balanced, according to several studies that have shown a link between the two. One study of people with type 2 diabetes who were not taking insulin found that taking two tablespoons of apple cider vinegar before bed resulted in lower glucose levels by morning.

# VINEGAR (ACETIC ACID)



Another study found that insulin resistant people who drank a mixture of apple cider vinegar and water before eating a high carbohydrate meal had lower blood sugar afterward. Scientists think the antiglycemic effect of the acid is the key.

## How does apple cider vinegar help you improve your health and well-being?

Since apple cider vinegar is made of apples, it contains the nutrients that are present in apples contains many vitamins, minerals, antioxidants, and dietary fiber, while at the same time having very little fat and sodium. Apple cider vinegar, made from whole apples and not pasteurized or filtered, will also contain all these nutrients plus the many enzymes and organic acids produced during the two fermentations needed to make the vinegar.

### Organic acids

Apple cider vinegar contains five percent acetic acid and much smaller amounts of malic acid, lactic acid, and various amino acids. They give apple cider vinegar its anti-septic property, which helps deter the growth of unwanted bacteria and yeasts in the digestive track. By taking a little apple cider vinegar before a meal, you can increase stomach acidity and thereby improve digestion and nutrient uptake.

### Vitamins and other antioxidants

Some of the vitamins, amino acids, and bioflavonoids found in apples and apple cider vinegar are antioxidants, which help prevent cancer and protect the body against damage caused by exposure to chemical toxins.

### Fibre

Apples and apple cider vinegar contain pectin, a water soluble fibre which can absorb water, fat, toxins, and cholesterol in the digestive tract and remove them from the body. Pectin also improves glucose metabolism and lowers blood pressure resulting in

improved heart health. The insoluble fibre in apples aids digestion and elimination, promotes regularity, and contributes to bowel cleaning.

### Minerals

Apple cider vinegar has a host of easily absorbable minerals, with potassium being by far the most plentiful. Potassium works together with sodium in the control of the body's water balance, conduction of nerve impulses, contraction of muscles, maintenance of a normal heart rhythm, and it is essential for the storage of carbohydrate and its breakdown for energy. Magnesium, a mineral found in smaller amounts, is a vital catalyst in enzyme activity, involved in the production of energy from food. It assists in the uptake of calcium and potassium and is required for the formation of healthy bones and teeth.

## Ways to add apple cider vinegar to your diet

1. Drizzle a teaspoon on top of your salad or mix it with your favourite salad dressing.
2. Dip your French fries in vinegar especially on sweet potato fries!
3. Add apple cider vinegar to mayonnaise-based or other vinaigrette-based salads like coleslaw.
4. Use as a marinade for meat, chicken, and vegetables. A vinegar marinade works well mixed with equal parts of olive oil.
5. Try a delicious mixture of 1 tablespoon of apple cider and 1/4 teaspoon of balsamic vinegar poured over grilled or roasted vegetables. This also works well poured over sautéed vegetables.
6. Glaze salmon in the broiler with a combination of apple cider vinegar mixed with honey. After baking is almost done, remove salmon, brush with the glaze. Return to the oven and broil fish until top looks bubbly.
7. If you love popcorn and want a low calorie substitute for butter, fill a spray bottle with apple cider vinegar and finely spray the popcorn and top with a little salt or pepper.
8. You can easily add one tablespoon of vinegar to any smoothie, but this one works

well! Start by putting 1/2 tablespoon of vinegar into the blender, add a whole banana, five chopped strawberries, one tablespoon of honey, one cup of apple or orange juice, and blend until smooth.

9. Start your morning with a glass of water mixed with a teaspoon of apple cider vinegar and little honey. You can also add the vinegar to any juice.

10. Add some zest to a large can of baked beans by adding a tablespoon of apple cider vinegar.

11. Rinse your fruits and vegetables with vinegar. This adds some vinegar to your diet and also removes harmful bacteria and pesticides.

12. If you require lemon for some preparation, but find that you are out of it, just now, you can substitute it with apple cider vinegar. This fantastic product not only brings that tangy taste you require, but also adds its unique flavour to any recipe you prepare.

## Easy recipes to include apple cider vinegar in your diet

The sour taste of vinegar makes it hard to drink it on its own yet it is full of nutrients and has a number of health benefits. These recipes will ensure that apple cider vinegar is incorporated into your diet.

### Pink super juice

- One 1/2 C Fresh grapefruit juice
- One to two tablespoons Apple cider vinegar
- Two tablespoons raw honey

### Method

- Stir all ingredients together and drink. This juice is great for before every meal.

### Cider Vinegar Chicken Ingredients

- Six skinless, boneless chicken breasts
- Five tablespoons garlic salt
- One cup cider vinegar

### Method

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
- Place chicken breasts in a 9x13 inch baking dish. Sprinkle with garlic salt, then pour vinegar over all.
- Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 35 minutes or until chicken is browned and cooked through, and juices run clear.

### Green Beans with Cider Glaze Ingredients

- One pound green beans fresh
- One red onion medium, sliced lengthwise
- Two tablespoons butter
- Three tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- One teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon hot chili peppers freshly ground
- Two teaspoons dijon mustard

### Method

- Cook beans in boiling water until crisp-tender, five minutes; drain.
- Cook Onions in butter in a large pot over medium heat for two minutes.
- Add apple cider vinegar and cook until almost all the liquid is gone, seven minutes.
- Stir in salt, pepper, and mustard; add beans and stir until heated through.
- Everything has its pros and cons therefore it is important to seek medical advice before using apple cider vinegar especially if you are suffering from sugar diabetes or heart diseases. If a medical practitioner gives you the go ahead then you can enjoy the health and nutritional benefits of vinegar.

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## I KNOW WHERE TO GET IT.....



I am fortunate I am young person who has had the privilege to grow up in a time when our society is learning to understand each other better. It's a refreshing situation to learn that there are movements in society to help the more vulnerable people, vulnerable in terms of opportunities, in terms of healthy living as well.

Society is embracing its diversity and setting up platforms to address such vulnerability, women are now honoured for their roles in society, orphans are also taken care of, even the healthcare system is learning on how to handle sexual orientation behaviours, it really is an encouraging scene. The initiative that stands out for me the most as a young person and to my peers is how we can now protect ourselves without any fear or discrimination. It's easier for us young people to now have a platform to discuss issues around our sexual practices, and the safety of our "sexual tendencies", furthermore and even have the access to the commodities that enable us to practice healthy social behaviours. **Got it? Get it.** is a fantastic initiative that allows young people to access condoms without any discrimination be it of sex, gender, age or location. Condoms are accessible wherever you see the Got it? Get it (GIGI) sign, these GIGI outlets include shops frequented by young people, some pharmacies, bars and filling stations around the country.

**Join the GIGI generation, Visit our stall  
at the Trade Fair to learn more about Got it? Get it**

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### FEATURE

**T**ensions are rising as the race for a new United Nations (UN) secretary-general, to replace the outgoing Ban Ki-moon, enters a decisive phase. A crucial voting session was scheduled for Wednesday this past week in New York.

Bulgaria also entered a surprise last-minute candidate, hoping that she would increase the country's chances to clinch the position.

Wednesday's secret straw poll, which is non-binding, will be the first in which the five permanent members of the UN Security Council (UNSC) are allowed to indicate a veto for one of the candidates through colour-coded ballots. The previous five straw polls were undifferentiated – they only indicated whether members 'encourage' or 'discourage' a candidate, and there was no difference in votes by permanent or non-permanent members. These are, however, still preliminary votes before a final voting session takes place. In the current polarised climate, with the United States (US) and Russia facing off over the war in Syria, the election could be another occasion for a show of force between the world's big powers. If this happens and the final lap becomes a tit-for-tat exchange between the veto-wielding members, it will deal a heavy blow to an organisation already suffering from a lack of credibility due to the delay in reforming the UN Security Council (UNSC).

For now, former Portuguese Prime Minister António Guterres, who has just finished 10 years as head of the UN High Commission for Refugees, is the clear frontrunner. Yet he doesn't meet the two criteria that many nations want to see fulfilled: he is not from Eastern Europe, and he isn't a woman.

There has never been UN secretary-general from Eastern Europe. Although there is not a written rule, many members – Russia especially – believe the region is now owed a turn. In the last poll on 26 September, the former Serbian Foreign Minister, Vuk Jeremić came second after Guterres.

An earlier favourite, Irina Bokova from

## WILL THE NEW UN SECRETARY-GENERAL PUT AFRICA FIRST?

Bulgaria, the head of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, fell back into sixth position out of the remaining nine candidates. Bulgaria last week fielded another candidate, European Union Commissioner Kristalina Georgieva, hoping she would do better than Bokova. Leading gender activists have been campaigning for some time for a woman secretary-general – which would be a first in the history of the organisation. Last week, the campaign to elect a woman UN secretary-general said the outcomes of the last straw poll indicated 'disgraceful discrimination against women'. Ban Ki-moon and former secretary-general Kofi Annan have also spoken in favour of a woman candidate.

Guterres might also fall foul of the perpetual stand-offs between the permanent members of the UNSC. If, for example, Russia decides to veto him, the US could retaliate against a candidate backed by Russia, like Jeremić or Bokova.

### History

Even though this is the most open and transparent election of the secretary-general in the 70-year history of the organisation, a confrontation between the big powers could lead to a weak candidate being elected as a compromise, which would be very damaging. Jakkie Cilliers, Head of African Futures and Innovation at the Institute for Security Studies (ISS), says if this happened, the election would once again show that veto power is at the heart of the problem of reforming the UN. 'Everyone agrees in principle that there should be reform, but it is the detail that counts. We need to get rid of the idea that some countries have absolute power,' says Cilliers.

Cilliers has been driving Elect the Council, a campaign that proposes radical changes to the UN, which does not merely mean enlarging or adjusting the UNSC to make it more representative. 'It goes beyond Ezulwini [Africa's call for two permanent members on the UNSC] and other groupings. We have to redesign the whole system,' he says. Africa takes up a lot of the UN's time and resources. More than half of UN

peacekeepers deployed around the world are on the continent; yet Africa doesn't have a big say, or a candidate, in these elections. Currently Senegal, Egypt and Angola serve as non-permanent members of the UNSC. Anton du Plessis, ISS Executive Director, says the new secretary-general will play an important role in determining whether African issues are prioritised.

Unfortunately this is not the case at the moment, given the focus on the war in Syria and the global migration issue. 'The UN secretary-general should remind leaders that Africa is key to solving the root causes of many of these problems.' For Africa, the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by UN members last year was a huge accomplishment.

However, it will be the task of the secretary-general to make sure the focus doesn't remain only on the concerns of Western countries – like counter-terrorism or migration – but will be recalibrated to focus more broadly on development issues, says du Plessis.

### Transparency

Du Plessis agrees that the transparency of the election process is key in getting the buy-in of Africans and restoring some of the credibility of the organisation. The UN has been the target of anti-establishment movements worldwide, including in Africa. Many African leaders once again called for reform during the UN General Assembly debates in New York last month. These included Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe, who criticised the 'opaqueness' of the election process for a new secretary-general, and the 'unfair and unjust' composition of the UNSC. At a news conference, Mugabe reportedly threatened a withdrawal from the UN by African nations if reform doesn't happen.

Still, Africa relies heavily on the UN for many things – from conflict prevention to humanitarian aid. For Africa, a crucial issue currently is whether the UN will cooperate more closely with the African Union (AU) when it comes to future peacekeeping efforts. At the AU summit in Kigali earlier this year, heads of states adopted a plan for Africa to finance 25% of AU

peacekeeping operations. For the plan to succeed, the UN will have to guarantee that the remaining 75% is covered by assessed UN contributions. This is far from certain, because many big powers have reservations about giving the AU control over peace operations that are largely financed by the UN.

A new secretary-general should also have to ensure that stronger action is taken against peacekeepers accused of sexual abuse. Blue helmets serving in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Central African Republic have been accused of sexually exploiting vulnerable women and children – those whom they were supposed to protect.

### Attention

The current attention on the migration of refugees to Europe is focused mainly on those from Syria – but there are also tens of thousands of Africans who risk their lives to get to Europe every year. Africa should be part of the debate on how to crack down on human smuggling and on ensuring development to help curb economically motivated migration. The position of many African leaders is that migration is a natural, unstoppable phenomenon that should be managed through legal channels, rather than building walls to keep immigrants out.

Africa's voice should also be heard when it comes to solving crises like the civil war in Libya. Africa has been largely side-lined since the 2011 intervention in Libya by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and yet it continues to bear the brunt of the fall-out from this crisis, notably with terror networks spreading across the Sahel. The current secretary-general has been actively involved in trying to solve some of these conflicts, including those in South Sudan, where UN peacekeepers have been accused of standing by while civilians are being slaughtered. He has also spoken out against the extension of mandates by African leaders.

His successor will have to be a strong candidate, elected through a transparent and fair process, in order for him or her to continue with this work and to do even better in ensuring Africa's voice is heard and its needs are prioritised.

Liesl Louw-Vaudran, ISS Consultant





# Focus on SA scene

## Wits calls off General Assembly

**J**OHANNESBURG - yesterday's General Assembly at the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) has been postponed as the "mediation process with the protesting students was unsuccessful".

The university said it was announcing the postponement "with deep regret" and said a "Council meeting will be called this weekend after which a way forward for the University will be determined".

"We had reached consensus with all university constituencies including Council, Senate, Convocation, labour and staff, but not with the protesting students," it said in a statement.

"This week, we suspended the academic programme and dedicated all our resources towards building a consensus within the university community in order to be able to resume the academic programme on Monday."

...after 'mediation process with students' fails



**REGRETS: Professor Adam Habib, Vice-Chancellor of University of the Witwatersrand.**

One of the sticking points, Wits said, was that "one of the latest demands of the protesting students is that Wits and all other universities should be shut down until government agrees to free

education".

The Student Representative Council (SRC) late on Thursday night demanded that Wits show its "support" for #FeesMustFall by officially shutting down until government "makes a commitment to legislate free decolonised education for all now".

It also said it wants Wits to "use its position as chair of Universities South Africa to call on all VCs to commit similarly on all campuses" to support #FeesMustFall.

The SRC demanded that should the "government fail to deliver" free education, Wits "will file a class action against the (government) in the Constitutional Court".

Wits said there had also been "no agreement from the protesting students that the academic programme will continue on

Monday".

"The protesting students effectively want the General Assembly and the march to the Constitutional Court to continue, without committing that the academic programme will commence on Monday, as previously promised.

There was also no concord "from the protesting students on the format of the General Assembly".

"They are seeking direct engagement from the floor. Our concern in this regard is that it may create unnecessary tension between students themselves and other stakeholders, raising security risks and serving as a symbol of disunity for the university," Wits said.

"There is also a risk that the safety and security of those attending the General Assembly today cannot be guaranteed."

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## ConCourt refuses to hear NPA appeal

**J**OHANNESBURG - The Constitutional Court has refused for now to hear the National Prosecuting Authority's (NPA) appeal on the North Gauteng High Court judgment which reinstated fraud and corruption charges against President Jacob Zuma, the DA said in a media release yesterday.

"This highlights, yet again, the deliberate attempts by the NPA and Jacob Zuma to do everything possible to delay Jacob Zuma having his day in court," said James Selfe, chairperson of the DA's federal executive.

The full bench of the North Gauteng High Court ruled in April that the 783 fraud, racketeering and corruption charges against Zuma should be reinstated. This was after a seven-year battle by the DA. The court ruled that the decision to discontinue the prosecution against the president should be reviewed and set aside.

On April 6, 2009, then-NPA head Mokotedi Mpshe said transcripts of telephone conversations between then-Scorpions boss Leonard McCarthy and former NPA boss Bulelani Ngcuka, showed political interference in the decision to charge Zuma. The charges were withdrawn in the High Court in Durban on April 7, 2009. In May the NPA said it was seeking leave to appeal, saying there was "considerable public interest" at stake in this matter.

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## It's not our fight - Wits international student

**J**OHANNESBURG - International students at Wits University stand to be uniquely affected by a decision to further suspend the academic programme until next week.

About 3 000 international students, representing 89 nationalities, made up 10% of the student body, university spokesperson Buhle Zuma said.

While they had no direct stake in the outcome of the Fees Must Fall protests, they would nonetheless be affected by the shut-down.

If the academic programme did not conclude on time, many of these students could face difficulties meeting their visa deadlines.

Some might not be able to legally return to South Africa to continue their studies next year. Zuma said the International Education Association of South Africa (IEASA), on behalf of all universities, had asked the home affairs department for a blanket extension of student visas. After the 2015 Fees Must Fall protests, Home Affairs Minister Malusi Gigaba authorised international students to extend their stay in South Africa. Their study visas would have expired before they had a chance to complete their examinations.

Wits was waiting to hear from IEASA if the department would grant a similar authorisation this year.

Overstaying visas was not international students' only concern. Like many other students, they were anxious about the financial cost of any further delay in their studies.

Freddy Bangelesa, a post-graduate student working on GIS/Remote Sensing, is from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Even if the university covered his fees for next year, extending his stay would still cost him money.

"I need to pay rent, I need to eat. If they shut down today, it will be difficult for me to stay in South Africa next year," he told GroundUp. *News24*

## 'Education is important but I'm not going back to school'

**J**OHANNESBURG - Controversial South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) group executive of corporate affairs, Hlaudi Motsoeneng, on Thursday said that education was important but firmly stated that he was not going back to school.

"Coming to the issue of should I go back to school. The answer is a big no because I'm able to do everything that I can do. I am able to beat all those people with degrees," the former SABC chief operating officer said during a press briefing in Johannesburg.

"I understand the importance of education. I employ people with education but having a certificate doesn't qualify you to be the best, it just opens doors for you in the organisation."

The media briefing was held after the board had been called to answer questions around



**CONTROVERSIAL: Hlaudi Motsoeneng.**

Motsoeneng's re-appointment as SABC's head of corporate affairs, and the company's financial status. Members of Parliament were unanimous in their call for the board to be dissolved, saying it was dysfunctional. Outgoing Public Protector Thuli Madonsela found that Motsoeneng had lied about his matric certificate. Board members Krish Naidoo and Vusi Mavuso announced their resignation during the parliamentary committee meeting on Wednesday.

They both announced their departures after speaking out on the board's conduct and poor processes.

Addressing a full auditorium, Motsoeneng said he does not need the SABC to survive.

Some of the board members sat quietly in front while Motsoeneng and SABC chairperson Prof Mbulaheni Maguvhe gave each other turns on the podium.

Maguvhe said he will not be resigning from his position.

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## Third force at work in #FeesMustFall - Phahlane

**C**APE TOWN - The police have received information that the #FeesMustFall movement has been infiltrated by people who have different objectives to the students leading it and are planning to provoke "another Marikana", acting national police commissioner Lieutenant General Khomotso Phahlane said on Thursday.

"We have noted with concern information at our disposal

which suggests that the #FeesMustFall initiative has been infiltrated by forces with agendas not aligned with those who seek free education to advance themselves," he told a media briefing in Pretoria.

"The agenda of those with ulterior motives is to provoke the police to the point where there are fatalities, attempting to create another Marikana," he added.

Phahlane declined to name

those implicated in fomenting violence in the name of the student movement that this week forced universities around the country to close.

"I have not named anybody and I am not tempted to do so," he said when pressed.

He added that criminals were taking advantage of the protests and said this was evident in the discovery of drugs on campuses.

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## Zuma wishes Tutu a 'joyful' 85th birthday

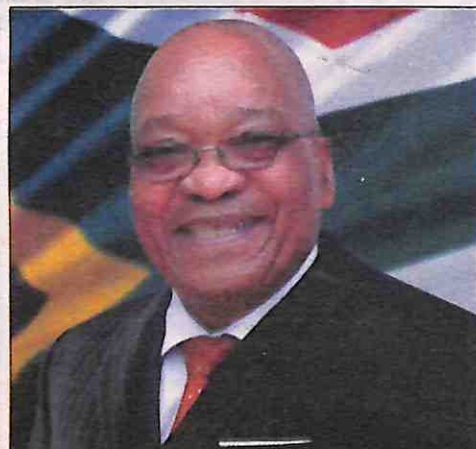
**C**APE TOWN - President Jacob Zuma wished Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu a happy 85th birthday yesterday.

"Archbishop Emeritus Tutu has contributed immensely to the freedom and democratic dispensation we achieved as a country. He continues to inspire the nation and the world in the promotion of human rights, justice and the wellbeing of all, especially the poor," Zuma said in a statement.

"We wish him a joyful birthday, good health and comfort and urge the nation to keep him and his family in their thoughts and prayers."

Tutu was discharged from hospital last month. He was admitted only days after previously being discharged following a surgery.

"The Arch" underwent the surgical procedure to address the cause of recurring infections resulting from past treatment received for prostate cancer. *News24*



**BEST WISHES: President Jacob Zuma.**



## BRIEFS

## Opposition leader denies charges, freed

**LUSAKA** - Zambia's opposition leader Hakainde Hichilema, pleaded not guilty on Thursday to unlawful assembly and sedition charges and was released on bail after spending a night in custody, his party said. Hichilema, leader of United Party for National Development (UPND), is scheduled back in court later this month. If convicted, he could face up to seven years in jail. Hichilema was arrested on Wednesday along with his Vice President Geoffrey Mwamba in the country's copperbelt region, after they attempted to visit party members detained in various prisons. "UPND president Hakainde Hichilema and his Vice-President Geoffrey Mwamba have not pleaded guilty on two different counts," the party said in a statement. *AFP*

## 11 killed in Central African Republic

**BANGUI** - The United Nations peacekeeping mission in Central African Republic says 11 people were killed and 14 injured in violence this week sparked by the killing of a military official. Mission spokesperson Herve Verhoosel said in a statement on Thursday that calm had returned to Bangui's PK5 neighbourhood, a mostly Muslim enclave where the violence took place. On Twitter, he said 14 people were unaccounted for and might be hiding in fear of more clashes. Army Commander Marcel Mombeka was shot dead in his car in PK5 on Tuesday, sparking unrest that prompted peacekeepers to intervene. Central African Republic has seen deadly sectarian violence since the president of a decade was overthrown in 2013, though a peaceful vote brought President Faustin Archange Touadera to power in February. *AP*

## Peace agreement could destabilise Mali

**BAMAKO** - Citing a lack of progress on the peace process in Mali, the United Nations peacekeeping chief has warned that the UN mission there would not be able to fully carry out



its mandate as long as the signatories to the peace agreement do not resolutely engage in its implementation. "If the relative respite in recent months leads us to expect a possible improvement of the situation on the ground, we need to face the fact that persistent delays in the implementation of the peace agreement and new violations of the ceasefire are incompatible with lasting stabilisation, albeit partial, of the situation," Under-Secretary-General for UN Peacekeeping Operations Hervé Ladsous told the UN Security Council on Thursday. *Africa News Agency*

## Renewed protests indicate need for probe

**ADDIS ABABA** - Humanitarian group, Amnesty International, has called for a probe into a deadly stampede that occurred in Ethiopia last weekend. At least 52 people were crushed to death during an anti-government protest at a massive religious festival. The country's Oromo community had gathered on October 2 in the town of Bishoftu near the capital Addis Ababa to their Irreecha (thanksgiving) ceremony to mark the end of the rainy season. Fresh protests, however, erupted a day after the deadly stampede. Amnesty International said the renewed protests underlined the need to probe the stampede. *News24*



## MUGABE IN SURPRISE VISIT TO MALAYSIA

**KUALA LUMPUR** - Zimbabwe's 92-year-old strongman Robert Mugabe was to pay a surprise one-day working visit to Malaysia yesterday, the Southeast Asian country said.

Malaysia's government said late on Thursday that Mugabe will have a meeting with Prime Minister Najib Razak but otherwise gave scant details on the purpose of the rare visit or the

reason for the last-minute notification. The foreign ministry said it was the Zimbabwean president's first working visit to Malaysia since 2000, but he has previously visited Malaysia and Singapore for medical procedures. Mugabe's health has been increasingly under the spotlight in recent years. He has denied reports of ill-health and vowed to stand for reelection in 2018, but this year has seen demonstrations

against his rule, which stretches back to Zimbabwe's independence in 1980. Mugabe and former Malaysian prime minister Mahathir Mohamad, who stepped down in 2003, shared a close relationship and a love of anti-Western rhetoric in defence of the developing world.

A Malaysian foreign ministry spokesperson said there would be no public events or media access during Mugabe's visit. *AFP*



**SURPRISE VISIT:** Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe.

## Mugabe's son-in-law appointment latest in list of controversial appointments

**HARARE** - Should we call it Simbabwe or Zimbabwe? And come to think of it, what's new about nepotism?

With anger still raging high in Zimbabwe over the appointment of President Robert Mugabe's son-in-law Simba Chikore as Chief Operating Officer at the troubled national airline, some on social media are pointing out that the 92-year-old isn't the only president to have recently appointed a close relative to a lucrative

state post in Africa. As Simba and his wife Bona Mugabe sneaked into parliament to watch dad's opening speech on Thursday (prompting fevered speculation that Bona herself might be heading for some juicy new post), News24 gives you examples of other controversial family appointments in Africa this year. Did the appointees have the necessary qualifications for the job? You be the judge.

Liberia: President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf named her son

Charles Sirleaf as head of the central bank in February, provoking a lot of head shaking.

Charles Sirleaf, who studied (and lectured in) Economics and has an MBA, previously served as deputy governor of the central bank. His mother had him temporarily suspended in 2012 for failing to properly declare his assets. She obviously felt that slap on the wrist would convince Liberians she was serious about corruption. It didn't.

*News24*

## Morocco vote pits Islamists against liberal party

**RABAT** - Moroccans voted in parliamentary polls yesterday, five years after an Islamist-led government took office following Arab Spring-inspired protests that toppled regimes across the region.

The Islamist Justice and Development Party (PJD) aims to fight off a liberal opposition which says it wants to roll back the "Islamisation" of Moroccan society.

But the real power will remain in the hands of King Mohammed VI, the scion of a monarchy that has ruled the

North African country for 350 years.

The PJD came to power in 2011, months after massive street protests prompted concessions from the monarchy.

A new constitution transferred some of the king's powers to parliament, at a time when autocratic regimes were falling in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya. Prime Minister Abdelilah Benkirane's PJD heads a coalition including communists, liberals and conservatives.

The PJD says a second term would allow it to press ahead

with its economic and social reforms.

While in government, it passed a controversial reform of the retirement system and followed a relatively liberal economic policy.

Its task has been complicated by the unstable world economy and a drought this year that has hit Morocco's vital agricultural sector and sent growth plummeting.

It has also been weakened by rising unemployment and what critics say is a failure to make good on promises in 2011 to tackle corruption. *News24*

## I Coast opposition attacks 'undemocratic' new constitution

**BIDJAN** - At least 23 opposition parties in Ivory Coast on Thursday denounced as "undemocratic" President Alassane Ouattara's new draft constitution, claiming it would jeopardise peace in the country.

Ouattara, 73, was re-elected to a second five-year term in October 2015 promising to draft a new constitution, notably suppressing a clause on national identity that has fuelled bloody civil conflict.

Other proposals include setting up a vice-presidency and a Senate of which a third of members would be nominated by the president. The opposition parties called on "Ivorians to defeat this undemocratic initiative that seriously threatens peace and stability".

"You have to vote 'No!'," the coalition's spokesperson Said Morifere Bamba told a news conference, adding that Ivorians were being asked to vote in less than three weeks on a 57-page constitution "they have not even had time to read".

The new constitution was expected to be examined by a committee yesterday before being adopted by lawmakers next week.

The so-called "Ivorian-ness" clause in the existing charter, which took effect in 2000, stipulates that both parents of a presidential candidate must be born on Ivorian soil, and not have sought nationality in another country. The clause became widely resented by people in northern Ivory Coast, many of whom have family ties in Burkina Faso and Mali, and raised a hurdle for Ouattara's bid for the presidency. *Africa News Agency*



**NEW CONSTITUTION:** President Alassane Ouattara.

## Sudan, allegations of its use of chemical weapons

**JOHANNESBURG** - "The ambassador is not prepared to comment on that issue," a spokeswoman at the Sudanese Embassy in Pretoria told the African News Agency (ANA) yesterday morning after comment was requested on allegations that Sudan government forces have used chemical weapons in Darfur. On Wednesday the European Union (EU) Parliament called for an international investigation, led by the Organisation

for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), into Sudan government forces' alleged use of chemical weapons in the Jebel Marra area of Darfur, according to the EU parliamentary website. "The European Union deplores the use of chemical weapons against civilians in the Jebel Marra area of Darfur by the Sudanese Government and highlights this is a serious violation of international norms and also a war crime," said a

resolution endorsed by all seven groups of the EU parliament. The EU president was instructed by the lawmakers to send their Sudan resolution to the European Council and Commission, the Sudanese government, the African Union (AU), the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General, the Co-Presidents of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly and the Pan-African Parliament (PAP), and to OPCW. *News24*



# World News

## Britain must pay the price for Brexit - Hollande

**P**ARIS - French President Francois Hollande has sent one of the strongest warnings yet that Britain will have to pay a heavy price for leaving the European Union, adding to deep concern in financial markets.

He called for "firmness" by the EU powers in Brexit negotiations to avoid the risk that other countries might seek to follow Britain's lead and leave the bloc.

The comments added to jitters on financial markets, where the pound yesterday morning suffered its biggest drop since Britain voted in a June referendum to leave the EU.

"There must be a threat, there must be a risk, there must be a price, otherwise we will be in negotiations that will not end well and, inevitably, will have economic and human consequences," he said in a speech on Thursday evening. "Britain has decided on a Brexit, I believe even a hard Brexit. Well, we must go all the way with Britain's will to leave the European Union. "We have to have this firmness" otherwise "the principles of the European Union will be questioned" and "other countries or other parties will be minded to leave the European Union in order to have the supposed benefits and no downsides or rules."

Hollande made the speech to mark the 20th anniversary of the creation of the Institut Jacques Delors, a think tank founded by the former president of the European Commission.

AFP



**REPAIRING:** Residents repair their homes after the passing of Hurricane Matthew, in Sous Roche in Les Cayes, Southwest Haiti.

## Death toll rises to at least 339 in Haiti

**M**IAAMI - Matthew, the first major hurricane threatening a direct hit on the United States in more than 10 years, closed in on Florida on Thursday after killing at least 339 people in Haiti on its destructive march north through the Caribbean. Carrying extremely dangerous winds of 130 mph (215 kph), the storm pounded the northwestern part of the Bahamas en route to Florida's Atlantic coast, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said. Matthew's top sustained winds had dropped to 130 mph by Thursday night. But it remained a Category 4 on the five-step Saffir-Simpson scale of hurricane intensity as it neared Florida, where it could either plow inland or tear along the Atlantic coast through Friday night, the Miami-based center said. Few storms with winds as powerful as Matthew's have struck Florida, and the NHC warned of "potentially disastrous impacts." The U.S. National Weather Service said the storm could be the most powerful to strike northeast Florida in 118 years. Hurricane conditions were expected in parts of Florida late on Thursday or early yesterday and a dangerous storm surge was expected to reach up to 11 feet (3.35 metres) along the Florida coast, Ed Rappaport, deputy director of the Miami-based NHC, said on CNN. **AFP**

## Trump, once a data skeptic, spending millions on data

**W**ASHINGTON - Donald Trump once called data "overrated" in politics. But with Election Day swiftly approaching, the Republican presidential nominee is spending millions of dollars on data and digital services in an effort to land donations and win over voters.

Ushering Trump toward a more analytical approach are Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law and adviser, and Brad Parscale, the campaign's digital director and a veteran Trump Organization consultant. Both men - friends - are new to politics and have built a team largely without Washington operatives, whom they dismiss as overpaid and overrated. "People underestimate our data and digital because we haven't

been outspoken about what we're doing," Parscale said in an interview.

Modern political campaigns gather up as much data as possible to raise money and identify, reach and turn out voters. They use voter registration files, commercially available information about consumer habits and beliefs, and much more. The most effective campaigns - think President Barack Obama's - will arm their employees and volunteers with those analytics to knock on the right doors and make the right phone calls. Data also underpin effective media and digital outreach. "Digital" encompasses mobile apps, advertisements on websites, short videos on social media platforms such as Facebook and Snapchat, and more.

The Trump analytics team

has become increasingly confident in its work, saying the campaign has raised more than \$150m online and produces tens of thousands of different kinds of online content every day to keep up the cash flow and connect with voters.

On big-news days - such as the debate coming on Sunday - the team creates 100 000 pieces of digital content.

"We are data-driven all throughout the campaign," Parscale said. "We don't spend a single dollar unless we know exactly what it's going to buy, who it's going to help us reach." Trump is up against Hillary Clinton's seasoned team. Her director of analytics, Elan Kriegel, helped secure Obama's re-election victory four years ago. **AFP**

## Tony Blair hints at political comeback

**L**ONDON - Britain's former prime minister Tony Blair hinted that he wanted to make a political comeback in an interview released yesterday.

Blair, 63, made the comments to Esquire magazine shortly after announcing he was winding down his controversial but lucrative government advisory business.

But he remains deeply unpopular in Britain for his role in taking Britain into the 2003 Iraq war.

Blair told Esquire magazine that it was "an open question" what his future role would be.

"I don't know if there's a role for me... There's a limit to what I want to say about my own position at this moment," he said.

"All I can say is that this is where politics is at. Do I feel strongly about it? Yes, I do. Am I very motivated by that? Yes. Where do I go from here? What exactly do I do? That's an open question."

As leader of the Labour party, Blair won three consecutive general elections from 1997 onwards on a platform of centrist policies.

The party has since shifted sharply to the left under veteran socialist Jeremy Corbyn, a strident opponent of the Iraq war and of Blair himself.

Blair acknowledged there had been "a huge reaction" against his brand of politics but said that centrists must fight back. "I think it's too soon to say the centre has been defeated," he said. "We've got

to rise to that challenge".

Last year, Blair said he felt "more sorrow, regret and apology than you may ever know or can believe" after the Chilcot report found the invasion of Iraq was based on flawed evidence and badly executed.

Pollsters YouGov have found that Blair currently has a public perception rating of -63, with people they surveyed who disliked him describing him as "self-serving" and "money-grabbing".

Last month, Blair announced he was winding up Tony Blair Associates, his advisory business, which has worked with countries including oil-rich Kazakhstan and its autocratic President Nursultan Nazarbayev. **AFP**



**COMEBACK:** Former British Prime Ministers Tony Blair (R) and David Cameron (C) attend the funeral ceremony of former Israeli President Shimon Peres at Mount Herzl cemetery in Jerusalem last month. Blair has hinted at a political comeback. (AP)

## BRIEFS

### 4 Killed, 13 Injured in train blasts

**NEW DELHI** - At least four people were killed and 13 others injured as two explosions hit a passenger train in Pakistan's Baluchistan province, reports channel Dunya News. The bombs went off yesterday near the village of Mach, about 40 miles southeast of the Baluchistan's provincial capital of Quetta. The first explosion targeted the locomotive of the Jaffar Express while the other hit a coach. The wounded passengers were taken to nearby hospitals, some of them are in critical condition. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack, though ethnic Baluch rebel forces claimed similar attacks in the past. **Reuters**

### Wing debris found in Mauritius

**SYDNEY** - A piece of wing debris found in Mauritius is from the MH370, Australia said yesterday, the latest fragment discovered along western Indian Ocean shorelines that has been linked to the missing passenger jet.

The composite debris, recovered from the Indian Ocean island nation in May, "was a trailing edge section of Boeing 777 left, outboard flap, originating from the Malaysian Airlines aircraft registered 9M-MRO (MH370)", the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) said in a report. **AFP**

### Philippines tells US no joint patrols

**MANILA** - The Philippine defense chief said yesterday that he told the U.S. military that plans for joint patrols and



naval exercises in the disputed South China Sea have been put on hold, the first concrete break in defense cooperation after months of increasingly strident comments by the country's new president. **AP**

### 20 soldiers dead in attack on post

**NIAMEY** - A local official says gunmen have killed around 20 Niger soldiers guarding a camp of Malian refugees. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorised to brief the press, said on Thursday the assailants targeted a military post near the camp in the Tasara region. He could not say how many gunmen were involved or where they came from. He said that besides the fatalities, three soldiers were injured and had been transported to the town of Tahoua for treatment. Northern and central Mali remain unstable nearly four years after France led a military intervention to drive out Islamic extremists. **AP**

### Cop acquitted in shooting black man

**NORFOLK** - A jury in Virginia on Thursday acquitted a white police officer who had been charged in the shooting to death of a mentally ill black man holding a knife. Norfolk police officer Michael Edington faced one count of voluntary manslaughter for shooting David Latham in June 2014. Outside the courtroom, the 'not guilty' verdict revealed the nation's stark fault lines over race and policing. Jeffery Swartz, one of Edington's attorneys, praised the jury for setting aside "national issues and biases" and showing that the criminal justice system "still works". But Latham's family said justice remains elusive for black men and people with mental illness. **AP**



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Relatives and friends are informed that **Mr Josiah Mthokozi Dlamini** has gone to be with the Lord. Memorial service at 3pm 07/10/2016 at Sigombeni Methodist Church. Funeral on 08/10/2016 at his home eManyeveni (Sigombeni) following a night vigil. Announcement by family.



Friends and relatives of **Aaron Shiyokwakhe Nkambule** are notified that he has responded to the Lord's call. Funeral will take place on Sunday 09/10/2016 at 5am at Nyakeni (Vusweni) after a night vigil. Announcement by family.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Manyovu Bethwell Sting Mnisi** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ekhaya kubo eMalanti Royal Kraal ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 08/10/16 ngemuva kwemlindzelo. Kutawuba nenkonzo yekumkhumbula eWinners Chapel Ngwane Park nga 1400hrs emini. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguGubudla Mncina Indvuna.



**Satisa bonkhe baka Zwane** eKukhulumeni emaKhungutja naseNtongozi nebakaShongwe kuBulunga, Matsapha naseNgculwini nelibandla lakhe kuMatsapha eGagasini C.O.C ngaphasi kweMngameli M. Zwane kutsi **Mngameli kazi Nomsa Shongwe** akasekho emhlabeni. Kucelwa Arch Bishop Z. Dlamini eMbukwane atochuba umsebenzi. Imemorial yakhe ika Helemisi nga 2pm ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 08/10/16. Uyogcinela ekhaya kakhe eNgculwini ngeliSontfo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumyeni wakhe Mngameli M. Zwane egameni lemndeni.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni wa **Tsiwane Beauty Ntshakala** ula Khumalo lobekendze kuSikobho kutsi sewusishiyile emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bakaNtshakala bonkhe lapho endze khona nebakubo bonkhe baka Khumalo. Inkonzo yekumkhumbula mhlaka 07/10/16 itocala nga 1pm eHosana, bese kuyalindzelwa ekhaya lakhe eMlindazwe uyafihlwa ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 08/10/16 nga 05.30am. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni waka Ntshakala



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Sarah K. Mkhabela** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ekhayalakhe eNgculwini ngeMgcibelo emvakwemlindzelo simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.



Relatives and friends, it is with great sadness to announce the sudden passing of **Tikholisile Constance Dlamini nee Ndlovu**. She will be laid to rest at her marital home eKutsimuleni (emaHhlonwane) on Sunday on the 09/10/16 after a night vigil. Announcement by the Dlamini family. Don't be afraid I'll go before you "says the Lord"



Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni wa **Duma Michael Mamba** lobekatiwa ngekutsi **Logwaja** asebenta emasotjeni kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ngeliSontfo mhlaka 09/10/16 ekuseni emvakwemlindzelo ngeMgcibelo ekhaya kubo eSihlangwini ngaphakathi Lavundlamanti. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguyisewakhe Moses Mamba



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ka **Lobamba**, bakaMazibuko Ejozi, bakaHlatswako Ebuseleni, libandla lakhe iNational Assemblies of God kaLobamba, tihlobo nebangani kutsi **Inkhosikati La Mazibuko (Makhosazana)** lobekendze kumntwanenkosi Mthabathe wakaLobamba longasekho, sewusishiyile emhlabeni.



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Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Shashasha Sigasini Vilakati** wase Kutsimuleni kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bakaVilakati eGundvini nebakaMnisi ekhabo nina nabobonkhe bantfwabakhe, kwatiswa nebekhakhakhe kaMhlanga. Ufihlwa ngeliSontfo mhlaka 9th October 2016 emvakwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguMacija Norman Vilakati egameni lemndeni. Sifeshi kuseMganwini



Relatives, friends of **Nomsa Dinah Makhubu** are notified that she is late. Funeral at 6:00am after a night vigil at her parental home Motshane. Call 7604 4317, 7840 3425



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Michael Zwangendaba Jele** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ekhaya lakhe eLuvu ngeMgcibelo emvakwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni wa **Absalom Nkomedlemnceleni** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa mhlaka 09/10/16 ngeliSontfo. Umlindzelo ngeMgcibelo ekuDwalile. Kwatiswa bekhakha bakaDladla eNtongozi, bekhakhakhe bakaMaseko eMafutseni, baka Mkoko eMafutseni nebaka Shabangu eTimbutini naseMbekweni. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.

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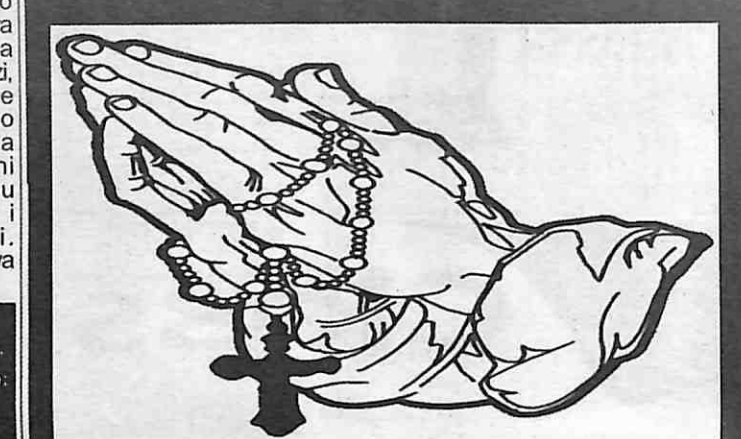
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Relatives and Friends of **David Maglazi Mndzebele** are notified of his demise. He will be laid to rest on Sunday 09/10/16 morning after a night vigil on Saturday 08/10/16. Announcement by family

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## 'Klopp's celebrations inspire Liverpool players to perform'

**L**ONDON - Jurgen Klopp's enthusiastic and passionate celebrations act as a spur for the Liverpool players, says Nathaniel Clyne.

The former Borussia Dortmund coach, who will mark a year in charge at Anfield today, is renowned for his energy and animated persona on the touchline and has proved to be an immensely popular figure since his appointment.

Clyne feels that Klopp has drilled the Liverpool players into a hard-working unit and his own position at right-back means that he is never far from the manager's encouraging noises.

"With the way he wants to play, he wants us to press, press and counter-press," Clyne, speaking at the launch of EA SPORTS FIFA 17, told Goal. "We need to be really fit and we worked really hard in pre-season and training to get us to where we want to be."

"Everyone wants to do well for their manager because he gets involved. He basically wants to be on the pitch and you can see that from the goal celebrations when he runs up and down the touchline. If you see a manager do that, it makes you put in even more effort on the pitch. Clyne is also playing his own role in helping Liverpool to progress by offering advice to some of the younger members of the squad."

"There's a lot of good, young players out there," he added. "There are a few. I see some of their games and they are doing really well." **GOAL**

## Pep Guardiola credits Johan Cruyff for managerial rise

**L**ONDON - Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola says he owes his managerial career to the late, great Johan Cruyff.

The 45-year-old former Bayern Munich manager, who learned his trade as a footballer and a coach with Barcelona, feels he was lucky to have met Cruyff. Speaking at the launch of the autobiography Johan Cruyff: My Turn, Guardiola revealed just what the former Ajax and Barca star meant to him as a coach and a person. He said: "I was a lucky guy, I coached City, Bayern and Barca because I met him."

"I thought I knew about football but when I met him, a whole new world opened in front of me."

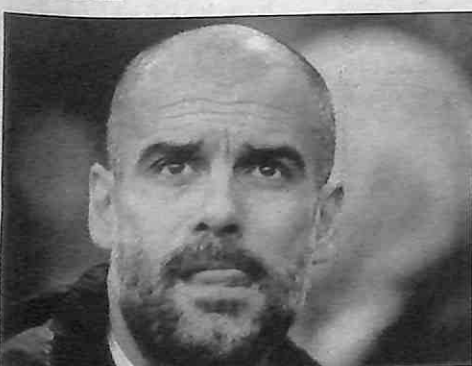
"He taught us - not only me, but a generation of players - to understand the game, to understand why you took that decision."

"Football is the most complicated game, it's very open and you have to take a lot of decisions. His impact on people was enormous."

He further added: "He wasn't sitting during training sessions, he was playing with us, but better than us. He would not tell us how to do things, he would do them. Every single training session was a masterclass."

"He had knowledge, charisma, personality. Everyone knows about football, everyone, but there's not many people that you will follow if he tells you to. You followed him."

**TEAMTALK**



**IN MEMORY: Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola.**

# Man Utd target Isco 'doing his talking on pitch'

**M**ADRID - Former Real Madrid striker Fernando Morientes has praised Isco for attempting to prove a point on the pitch, as speculation over his future continues to rage.

Isco was heavily linked with a potential move away from the Spanish giants in the summer, with Tottenham and his old side, Malaga, reportedly taking an interest in acquiring his signature, while Manchester United have been linked more recently.

The 24-year-old has admitted that it is not up to him if he will stay at the Santiago Bernabeu but Morientes sympathises with the midfielder's plight, praising his maturity.

"All the players are selfish, we want to play as much as possible," he told Goal.

"Last match-day, Isco played and, ultimately, when you play for a team like Real Madrid with so much games and competitions, you always find your moment to talk on the pitch."

"That's what Isco is doing, talking on the pitch

and not in the media. That's interesting."

"We have the Isco case, the James case... Real Madrid always have these kinds of cases. They're great players. Usually one player has to be ruled out and it's the manager who has to take this decision."

Morientes, who won the Champions League three times as a player, is also intrigued by the friendly rivalry between Alvaro Morata and Karim Benzema for a starting spot under Zinedine Zidane.

"They are great players that are fighting for a single position, as Zidane has proved he loves 4-3-3 formation," he added.



**TARGET: Isco.**

"They are in charge of materialising all the chances created by Real Madrid. At the end, Zidane has to decide as he sees how players are every day."

Real have failed to win their last three league games but Morientes maintains that Los Blancos are on track, as they sit joint-top alongside Atletico Madrid.

"It has been like this in the past, it's like this in the present and it will be like this in the future," he replied when asked about the pressure that the club are under.

"It's part of Real Madrid and the responsibility of managing this club. Those who have played [for Real Madrid] know what happens when you lose or draw a game."

"Being leaders alongside Atletico Madrid, it's difficult to say it has been a bad start. It's true that feelings during the last three

games have not been the best but, if Real Madrid had won all the points, then they would have too much advantage."

"I think that means more interest for La Liga and for the competition. We'll see what happens."

**GOAL**



**APOLOGIES: Graziano Pelle.**

## Pelle apologises for tantrum

**R**OME - Italy forward Graziano Pelle has been kicked out of the national squad over his angry reaction to being substituted against Spain when he refused a handshake from coach Giampiero Ventura.

The Italian football federation (FIGC) said in a statement that the 31-year-old had been excluded from the squad which will travel to Skopje to face Macedonia in their Group G World Cup qualifier on Sunday. Pelle, who has already apologised for his tantrum, was taken off on the hour after an ineffective display in the World Cup qualifier which ended in a 1-1 draw on Thursday.

"The coach, in agreement with the FIGC, has decided to exclude Graziano Pelle... for disrespectful behaviour when he was substituted," the FIGC said.

"To be part of the national team involves the sharing of values which are worthy of the national team, starting with respect towards the staff, teammates and fans."

Ventura had initially appeared to play down the incident even before the former Southampton player, who is now based with Chinese club Shandong Luneng, had apologised.

"Pelle was angry, I think this was not so much because of the substitution as the way we had played up to that point," he said after the game. "It's part of football, it's something I've seen many times in my career. But when you wear the Italy shirt, you need to be careful."

Pelle admitted on Instagram that he had "messed things up."

"It was unacceptable behaviour, firstly against the coach and also, towards my teammates, who have always shown me to have important values in this fantastic Italy group we belong to."

**Reuters**

## Why Neymar would be the perfect signing for Paris Saint-Germain

**M**ADRID - The French champions chased the Brazil star last summer and it is easy to see why they were so keen on the 24-year-old Barcelona ace.

Since losing Zlatan Ibrahimovic in the summer, Paris Saint-Germain have not looked the same force that they were with the Sweden forward. Of course, some of this is simply due to a team adapting to new coach Unai Emery's style, but a portion of their struggles must be accounted for by the loss of their talisman.

No serious attempt was made to replace the 35-year-old attacker in the summer. Hatem Ben Arfa and Jese were never realistically going to become superstars in the centre-forward line, with the former added to provide flair from the periphery of the squad and the latter joining to give Emery another wide option.



**WHY?: Neymar.**

Edinson Cavani has, therefore, been left as the sole centre forward in the team. When required in Ligue 1 he has performed, scoring eight times to date already this season, yet doubts linger over the Uruguayan's capacity to shine in big games. He flopped against Arsenal in the Champions League

and against Monaco in Ligue 1 (despite getting on the scoresheet), so PSG cannot risk him being their only option.

The long-term goal of the French side is to supplement him with Neymar, and the Brazilian would prove to be the ideal addition to their ranks.

Not only would the Barcelona star immediately bolster an attacking line that is light in numbers, he would be able to settle in rapidly as he would join a small colony of his countrymen in the capital - Thiago Silva, Marquinhos, Maxwell, Lucas Moura and Brazil-born Thiago Motta.

Indeed, PSG is a club with a long history of helping Brazilians to outstanding success. Rai remains an icon of the Parc des Princes side nearly 20 years after he departed, while Ronaldinho famously thrilled the Parisian crowd for two seasons

before moving to Barcelona.

If Neymar was to make the reverse move, he would fill the void for a headline-grabbing star in the PSG squad. The 24-year-old is used to such pressure, as he fields it each time he turns out for Brazil - and he has shown that he is capable of coping with it, too. He helped the Selecao to Olympic gold in 2016, while their disastrous performance at the 2014 World Cup only came after he had departed the competition through injury.

Capable of playing anywhere across the forward line, he has primarily featured from the left for Barca. That could suit PSG, who would use Angel Di Maria to come in off the right flank and continue with Cavani at the forefront of their attack. The unpredictable Lucas would likely be the player sacrificed.

**GOAL**





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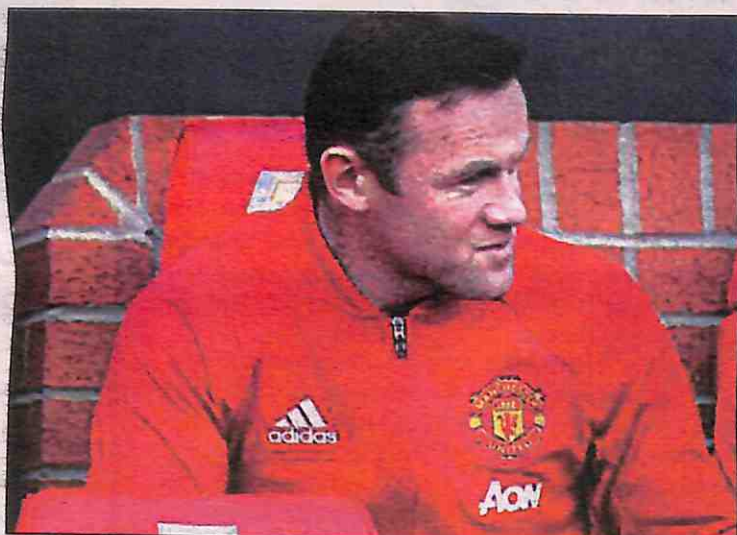


# You can't criticise Rooney - Lingard

**M**ANCHESTER - The Manchester United and England winger Jesse Lingard believes that hammering of his captain's performances is unfair, given his extensive successes in the game over the years. Nobody should be criticising Manchester United and England captain Wayne Rooney because of what he has achieved in the game, according to Lingard.

The winger - recalled to the England squad and hoping to win his first senior cap in the World Cup qualifier against Malta today - does not feel his skipper at club and international level deserves recent negative publicity for his performances.

Rooney has lost his place in United's starting XI and has also seen his position for the national team questioned despite being



kept on as captain after Euro 2016 by former manager Sam Allardyce and new interim boss Gareth Southgate.

"I think that, really, because [of what he's achieved], no-one can

say anything [bad] about him," Lingard told reporters of England's record goalscorer.

"He's determined to get back and hopefully he can do that. I think he's very determined.

"Even though he hasn't been playing for the club, he's still supporting us and he's going to get back into the fold. He's remained captain here, which is great, and that will be great for his confidence as well.

"I've known Wayne for a long time and he's very determined to play. He's got a love for the game which hasn't left him. He's been a top professional on and off the field for us and we look up to him as well.

"For the club, he's a great leader for us - as young lads, we can speak to him whenever we want and he always helps the young lads, which is good. He's been doing it now for a couple of years."

Rooney has only scored once in 11 appearances for United and England in 2016-17. **Goal**

## Griezmann perfect signing for Chelsea

**L**ONDON - Antoine Griezmann must be Chelsea's prime target next summer if they are to battle for honours on all fronts.

Roman Abramovich is showing signs that he is ready to up his investment in the Blues again after splashing out £115 million in the summer, while all top-flight English clubs are feeling the benefits of a record breaking Premier League TV deal.

The France international reportedly has an £88 million release clause after he renewed his contract in June, but the figure is not out of reach for the Blues. The arrival of the international break will allow Chelsea to take stock of what they have under new boss Antonio Conte, who started the season well, but saw his side's quality exposed by both Liverpool and Arsenal.

Finishing in the top four remains the main aim for the club this season, but the defeats to two title-chasing sides have humbled a team trying to recover from the hangover of a tenth-place finish last season. **Goal**

## Bradley seeks Ferguson effect at Swansea City

**L**ONDON - Bob Bradley hopes to apply aspects of the management style that made Sir Alex Ferguson such a phenomenal success at Manchester United, after taking up the reins at Swansea City.

The 58-year-old, who has taken over from the sacked Francesco Guidolin, revealed how he visited the Aon Training Complex, more commonly known as Carrington, a number of times during Ferguson's time in charge.

The former Chicago Fire, United States, Egypt and Le Havre manager explained how Ferguson's personality was entrenched in every aspect of United, and that he made each and every member of staff feel

important.

Bradley told NBC Sports: "I have always talked about when I was the US national team coach, what it was like when I'd go to Carrington.

"What always struck me was how with all the great players and all the success, how Sir Alex's personality was all over every part of the club.

### Joke

"He knew everyone's name and how he would joke with people in the kitchen.

"People sometimes from the outside have opinions of me but if anybody took the time to talk to equipment men and women I've worked with, medical staff, assistant coaches, behind-the-scenes it has always been important to me

to understand to make sure that every one of those people knows how important they are."

Bradley is the first American to coach in the Premier League and was quick to point out the only thing that matters is how he applies himself to his new club.

"This point is very important," said Bradley. "I know this part of the story is important for the game in the United States. It has always been a battle for coaches and players to earn respect.

"That's never been the reason that I've done things but I've always understood that's part of the responsibility. But, that story doesn't mean one thing here. **Teamtalk**

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## Arsenal wonderkid Iwobi should win Golden Boy award

**L**ONDON - The Gunners star Alex Iwobi, faces stiff competition from the likes of Marcus Rashford and Renato Sanches but his performances last season warrant more than just a nomination for the award.

It's been a whirlwind 12 months for



**WONDER:**  
Arsenal's  
Alex Iwobi.

Arsenal's Iwobi. The 20-year-old's career highlights so far include scoring in each of his first two Premier League starts last season and being selected in the starting XI which faced Barcelona at Camp Nou - but there's much more to the Nigeria international than meets the eye.

Iwobi's backstory is well-known now. He joined Arsenal's Hale End academy system at Under-9 level and signed his first professional contract in May 2014 after almost being released by the Gunners on two separate occasions. There were doubts over whether he would ever be good enough for the top flight but continuous hard work on and off the training pitch has helped him become a favourite in Arsene Wenger's current forward line.

"Alex Iwobi was with me when he was nine and 10 years old" former Arsenal academy chief Liam Brady told Goal.

"He has blossomed into an exciting mature player and has also demonstrated his football intelligence, being able to play with the likes of Mesut Ozil and Santi Cazorla."

Wenger is a huge admirer of Iwobi's family-orientated character and ability to stay humble at a time where everything is going right for him. Having been nominated for the prestigious Golden Boy award last week it's a trait which will come in handy over the next few years. The progression of Iwobi from reserve player to first team star remains a magnificent achievement and it's no surprise to see him playing regularly for Nigeria's national team either. **Goal**



# South African SOCCER

courtesy of Kick-Off website

# Mashaba explains why Rantie dropped

## Sundowns youth midfielder involved in horrific car crash

**JOHANNESBURG** - Mamelodi Sundowns youngster, Keanogetswe Boikanyo, has been involved in a horrific car accident.

It was revealed by the Siya crew on Wednesday that former Sundowns and Kaizer Chiefs' development player, Tshowana 'Dida' Mokonyana, passed away in a car accident.

On further investigations, it has now been revealed that Boikanyo was travelling with Dida and was involved in the car accident that took place during the early hours of Tuesday morning.

According to Tshidiso Moloi, who is University of Pretoria defender Thabo Moloi's brother, Boikanyo and Mokonyana were together with two girls in the car at the time of the accident.

As confirmed by Tshidiso Moloi, the BMW 220i that was involved in the accident belongs

to his brother, Thabo Moloi. Thabo Moloi is currently on loan at Tuks from SuperSport United. "I am Thabo Moloi's big brother and I was with the guys prior to the car accident.

"The car that was involved in the accident was taken from me by the guys. I was with the guys on Monday afternoon and everything looked fine, without anything bothering us.

"When we decided at night (on Monday) that we were tired and it was time to go sleep, we went to Thabo's house, my brother. Because there were (too) many of us to sleep in one house, it was decided that others should go and sleep at Tshepo's house.

"Tshepo (Mosiathlaga) plays for AmaTuks (on loan from SuperSport United). I drove with Tshepo and the other guys and girls that were there with us."

**SOCCELRADUMA**

**JOHANNESBURG** - Bafana Bafana coach Shakes Mashaba has provided clarity on the reason behind striker Tokelo Rantie's axing from the current squad to face Burkina Faso and Ghana.

Bafana are currently in Ouagadougou, where are preparing to face The Stallions in their 2018 World Cup qualifying Group D opener this evening.

Rantie was amongst the list of strikers named by Mashaba a fortnight ago to help the nation begin their road to Russia on a positive note.

However, the Genclerbirligi frontman failed to report for duty on time and has since been dumped from the squad, with Mashaba explaining shedding light on what transpired in recent days.

"We don't condone these kind of things," the coach told SowetanLive. "I wash my hands. We sent a call-up letter to the club and they released him [Rantie].

"And the manager [Barney Kujane] did make follow-ups and found out he has been released, but when the manager calls because he needed his passport to arrange the visas, he did not answer.

"Eventually they spoke to Tokelo's sister, who said Tokelo is here [in



Parys] sleeping.

"They [Kujane and Rantie] managed to talk and they agreed he would come to camp, but he did not show up. Again [Kujane] tried to get hold of him."

The issue has since been raised to SAFA, who will now launch an investigation into the matter and ultimately make a decision on their course of action against the 26-year-old former Bourmemouth striker.

"We felt what's the use of letting him come [to camp]? The matter will be

dealt with by the hierarchy at Safa. We've already written an e-mail."

Shakes will now have to decide between Eleazar Rodgers, Thamsanqa Gabuza, Sibusiso Vilakazi and the uncapped Thobani Mncwango on who will lead the line for his charges.

Bafana will lock horns with the Burkina tomorrow evening at 20h00 (SA time), before returning home to face Ghana in an international friendly at the Moses Mabhida Stadium next Tuesday evening.

## Buchanan looking forward to special return

**BLOEMFONTEIN** - Kaizer Chiefs midfielder Keagan Buchanan is excited to make a "special" return to the Free State Stadium and play in front of Bloemfontein Celtic supporters.

Buchanan is expected to make his official return from an eight-month injury lay-off when Amakhosi take on Phunya Sele Sele in the annual Macufe Cup tomorrow. The 25-year-old suffered a serious knee injury in training with Celtic back in January, before making the switch to Naturena during the off-season.

He has since fully recovered and managed a few appearances with the club's Multichoice Diksi Challenge side but will likely make his first team debut against his former employers - a return he has described as "special".

"Ja, we'll see [whether I start or not].

Obviously, it's something special to go back and play in front of my old supporters and against my old team," said the industrious centre-mid. Buchanan, who will be donning the famous number 10 shirt in his first season with the 'Glamour' club, says he will not put himself under pressure to perform but rather use the opportunity to show coach Steve Komphela that he is ready to help the team.

"I'm not going to put myself under pressure, I'm just going there to play and try and show the coach, 'you know what, I'm putting up my hand' to show that I can help the team," he added.

"It's also important, obviously, to get the minutes under my belt. Being out for so long it's about getting my touches and confidence back, so this will be a good test for me."

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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Expressions of Interest are invited from suitably qualified service providers/contractors for the provision of general maintenance services for buildings; including offices and institutional houses for the Corporation. Interested companies should provide a detailed company profile and copies of a valid Construction Industry Council certificate, valid tax clearance certificate (for government parastatal tender), valid trading licence, labour compliance certificate and the latest (2015) audited financials. Experience in ISO compliant environments will be an added advantage.

Expressions of interest must be addressed to:

The Managing Director  
"General Maintenance of Buildings and Institutional Houses"  
Swaziland Water Services Corporation  
Emftonjeni Building  
Corner MR103 and Cultural Village Drive  
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Submissions must reach the above address not later than 16:30hrs on the 14th October 2016. Any submissions of documentation received after the said time will not be accepted.

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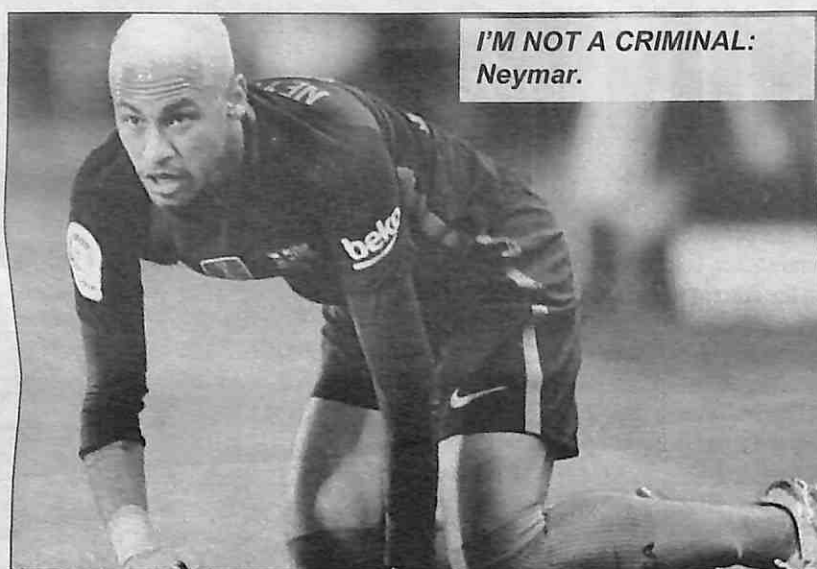


# PROSECUTION DEMANDS NEYMAR, BARCELONA BE CHARGED WITH FRAUD

**B**ARCELONA - Prosecutors have asked for charges of fraud and corruption to be brought against Neymar, Barcelona and Santos in relation to the Brazil international's move to Camp Nou.

Barca president Josep Maria Bartomeu and predecessor Sandro Rosell have also been named in the case, which has been raised by Brazilian investment company DIS.

National Court judge Jose de la Mata initially threw out the case in July over a lack of evidence but that decision was overturned in September and the prosecution has now called for the charges to be processed. DIS claims that it is due a 40 per cent cut of the fee that Barcelona paid to sign Neymar from Santos in 2013 - something which it says it has not received in full, given the secrecy over the full cost of the transfer. Barca initially claimed that Neymar cost a total of €57m but the figure was later revealed to be much greater, with Bartomeu declaring that over €100m was ultimately spent on the deal. Barca have protested their



**I'M NOT A CRIMINAL:**  
Neymar.

innocence throughout the case, with Neymar insisting that "I'm not a criminal" when the proceedings were initially thrown out.

The club said in September that they will prove their innocence, along with that of Neymar, Rosell and Bartomeu, when the case is taken to trial.

Why Neymar would be perfect for PSG "In this trial, FC Barcelona will

maintain the argument they have always defended during this long process and will demonstrate the innocence of all the investigated parties," they said in a statement.

The case is unrelated to a second legal proceeding against Barca and Neymar, which concerned allegations of tax fraud in relation to his transfer.

**Goal**

## FA boss to plead guilty in FIFA case

**B**ROOKLYN - A former Costa Rican soccer federation president, who was arrested last year in a US corruption probe involving the sport's global governing body Fifa, was expected to plead guilty yesterday, according to court records.

Eduardo Li, who is also a former member of the executive committee for the North and Central American and Caribbean soccer confederation, CONCACAF, is set to appear in federal court in Brooklyn for a plea hearing, court records show.

A lawyer for Li did not immediately

respond to a request for comment.

Li, a former president of Costa Rica's soccer federation FEDEFUT, is one of 42 individuals and entities charged as part of a US investigation that has rocked Zurich-based Fifa and the soccer world.

The 57-year-old was among seven soccer officials taken into custody in a dawn raid on a luxury Zurich hotel in May 2015. Li had at the time been a member-elect to Fifa's executive committee.

US prosecutors have accused the 42 defendants of engaging in schemes involving more than \$200

million in bribes and kickbacks, which were both sought and received by soccer officials for marketing and broadcasting rights to tournaments and matches. Sixteen people and two sports marketing companies have pleaded guilty to US charges.

Li had been scheduled to face trial in November 2017 with seven other defendants.

At a September 19 hearing, Assistant US Attorney Evan Norris said prosecutors were "in ongoing plea discussions with several of these defendants." © Reuters

## Keys beats Kvitova in Olympic rematch

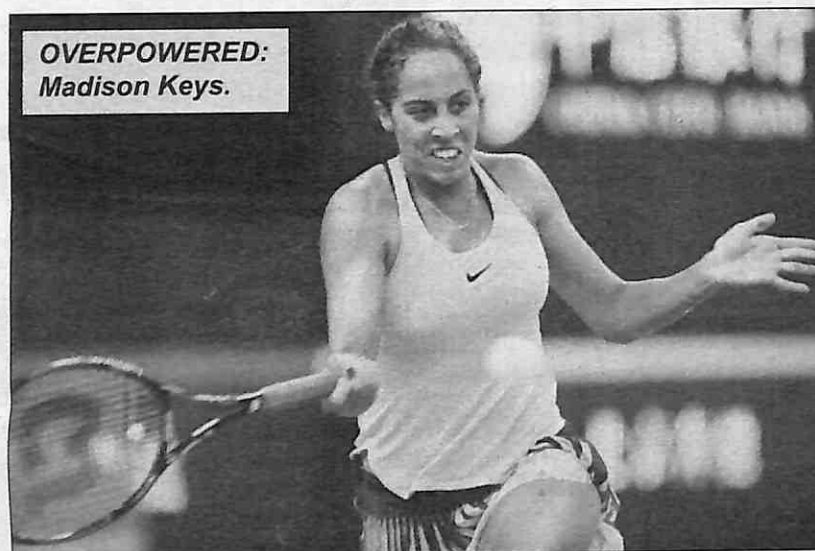
**B**EIJING - In an Olympic effort Madison Keys overpowered Petra Kvitova in the China Open quarterfinals on Friday in their first meet since the Czech denied the American a bronze medal in Rio.

It took two hours and 40 minutes, three sets and two tie breaks for Keys to exact revenge over the double Wimbledon champion, 6-3, 6-7 (2/7), 7-6 (7/5).

A double fault by Kvitova turned the first set in favour of Keys, but she pulled back in the second pushing it to a tie break, which she won.

There was little between the pair in the final set, but Kvitova's 32 unforced errors to Keys' 25 ultimately cost the Czech a semifinal place - and ended her eight-match winning streak. "She made it really tough today. I'm just really happy that at the end I was able to get my serve back on track and get myself ahead in the tiebreaker," Keys told reporters after the match.

Kvitova has had a year of up and downs since she split with her coach of seven years David Kotyza after the Australian Open in January.



**OVERPOWERED:**  
Madison Keys.

She ended last year runner-up in the WTA Finals in Singapore but this season she has failed to get past the round of 16 at any of the Grand Slams, and her ranking fell to 16 - its lowest since 2011.

Keys, 21, made her top-10 debut this year after winning her second career title in Birmingham in June.

The big-hitting youngster - who is often cast as a successor to 22-Grand Slam champion Serena Williams - is

also chasing her first qualification for the elite WTA Finals in Singapore, which features the season's top eight players. With her quarterfinal win she moves into seventh in the Race to Singapore leaderboard, but Briton Johanna Konta is hot on her heels and she needs to win the title in Beijing to clinch her spot.

Konta played home favourite Zhang Shuai for a semi-final place later yesterday. © AFP

## Rosberg strikes first blow in Japan

**T**OKYO - World championship leader Nico Rosberg ended the opening day of practice for the Formula One Japanese Grand Prix in a strong position after setting the pace in both sessions yesterday.

The German set his fastest time of one minute, 32.250 seconds on an overcast afternoon in Suzuka in the second of yesterday's two sessions, after also having topped the timesheets at the end of the morning's opening 90-minutes of running.

Rosberg's Mercedes teammate Lewis Hamilton was second in both and while the Briton was 0.214 seconds off his title-rival's pace in the morning he closed the gap to just 0.072 seconds in the second session.

Rosberg extended his advantage over Hamilton to 23 points in the overall standings after the reigning champion was forced to retire 16 laps from the finish while holding a comfortable lead during the last race in Malaysia.

Hamilton heads into Sunday's Japanese round desperately needing to revive his title hopes by clinching a third successive win at the Suzuka circuit.

Their Mercedes team could also wrap up their third successive constructors' crown tomorrow.

Kimi Raikkonen ended third-

fastest for Ferrari, 0.323 seconds off Rosberg's pace. The Finn had been fourth-quickest in the morning behind teammate Sebastian Vettel, who was fifth fastest in the second session.

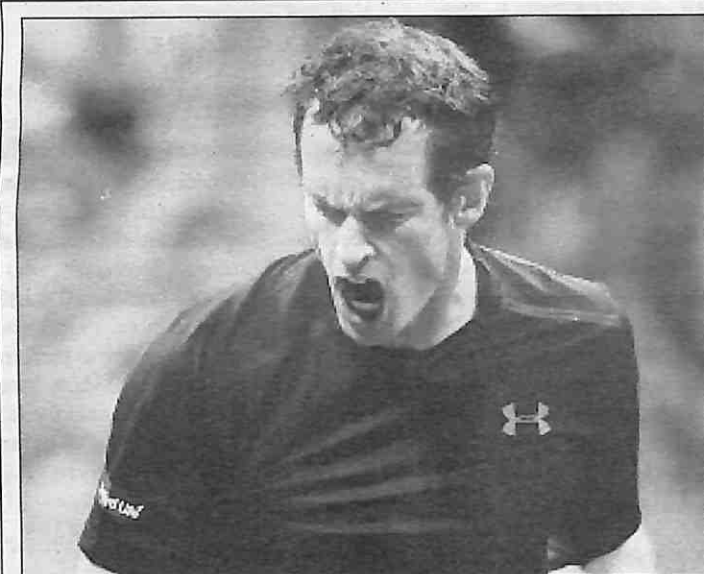
Vettel heads into the weekend carrying a three-place grid penalty for tipping Rosberg into a spin in Malaysia.

Max Verstappen, sixth in the morning, split the two scarlet cars in fourth. His teammate Daniel Ricciardo who inherited the win in Malaysia after Hamilton retired, fell to 12th in the second session from fifth earlier after he was forced to abandon his flying lap when the virtual safety car was deployed after Esteban Gutierrez ground to a halt by the side of the track.

Force India, locked in a battle for fourth in the overall standings with Williams, continued to show a strong turn of speed.

Mexican Sergio Perez went sixth fastest ahead of German Nico Hulkenberg with the duo having set the seventh and eighth-fastest times in the morning.

Fernando Alonso, who survived an encounter with the barriers after losing control of his car at the fast Spoon corner early in the first session, ended the day eighth. © Reuters



**TOP MAN:** Andy Murray.

## MURRAY, FERRER THROUGH TO CHINA OPEN SEMIS

**B**EIJING - Andy Murray beat Davis Cup teammate Kyle Edmund and David Ferrer dispatched German youngster Alexander Zverev as experience won out over youth in the China Open quarterfinals yesterday.

The three-time Grand Slam champion was forced into a tense 20-point tie break in the first set by his 21-year-old compatriot, finally clinching it with a forehand passing shot.

But Edmund who upset 18th-ranked Roberto Bautista Agut in the second round was unable to hold his serve in the second, conceding the match 7-6 (11/9), 6-2.

Zverev, 19, was looking to cap a breakout season with a second title in Beijing, but was unable

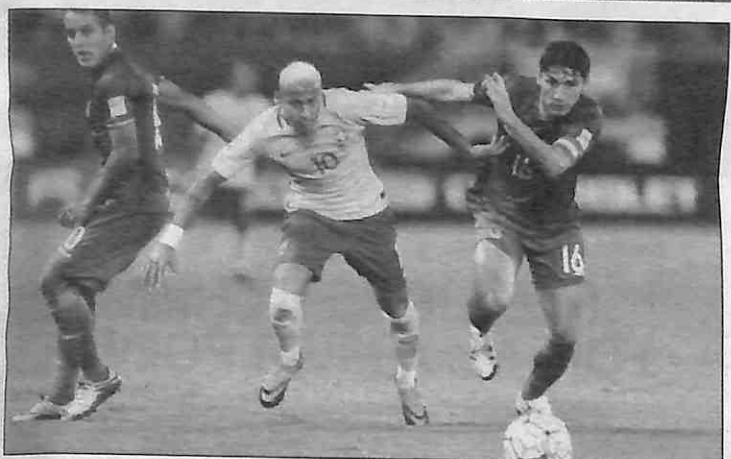
to capitalise on his first set lead as he was overpowered by Ferrer 6-7 (4/7), 6-1, 7-5.

The German upset the Swiss world No 3 Stanislas Wawrinka to win his maiden ATP title at St. Petersburg in September, having downed No 9 Tomas Berdych in the semis.

In Beijing he beat 10th-ranked Austrian Dominic Thiem in the first round, making him the first teenager to defeat three top 10 players in a row since Boris Becker in 1986.

Despite the loss, Zverev who started the year ranked 83 is expected to rise to 21 when the new rankings are released Monday as he edges towards a place in the top 20 for the first time. © AFP





**TWO VS ONE:** Brazil's Neymar, centrer, fights for the ball with Bolivia's Ronald Raldes, right, during a 2018 World Cup qualifying soccer match in Natal, Brazil. (AP)

# BRAZIL, URUGUAY ROMP AS CHILE CRASH

**Q**UITO - Brazil and Uruguay scored easy victories to maintain their lead at the top of South America's 2018 World Cup qualifying tournament on Thursday as Chile lost ground after crashing to defeat in Ecuador.

A virtuoso performance from Barcelona superstar Neymar lay at the heart of Brazil's 5-0 mauling of Bolivia in Natal, with the striker launching the rout with his 49th international goal. Neymar set up two more as Brazil produced their most stylish performance of recent memory to rattle in further

goals from Gabriel Jesus, Filipe Luis and Liverpool duo Philippe Coutinho and Roberto Firmino.

## ARGENTINA HELD

Argentina, held 2-2 by Venezuela in their last game in September, dropped another two points in their trip to Lima to face Peru.

The Argentinians, missing injured captain Lionel Messi, looked to be heading for victory after Everton defender Ramiro Funes Mori gave the visitors a deserved lead after 15 minutes. Hutes.

## CHILE ROUTED

But the day's results left clear daylight between Chile and the qualifying positions, with the back-to-back South American champions suffering a mauling against Ecuador.

Chile were torn apart as Ecuador produced a rampant display at the Estadio Olimpico Atahualpa.

Goals from Manchester United's Antonio Valencia, Ferencvaros's Cristian Ramirez and Espanyol's Felipe Caicedo secured the points for the hosts. © AFP



## Cavani nets twice in comfortable win

**M**ONTEVIDEO - Uruguay retained top spot in the CONMEBOL section of 2018 World Cup qualifying with Edinson Cavani scoring twice in a 3-0 win over 10-man Venezuela on Thursday. After being put under early pressure, Oscar Tabarez's men struck through Nicolas Lodeiro and a Cavani double at the Estadio Centenario in Montevideo.

The victory only came after the hosts were fortunate not

to fall behind as Adalberto Penaranda and Salomon Rondon missed excellent chances.

But Luis Suarez set up Lodeiro in the first half before Cavani scored seconds after the break and again in the 79th minute to see Uruguay stay top.

Any chances of a Venezuela comeback were all but ended when Oswaldo Vizcarrondo saw red in the second half - before Cavani's second - as they remained

bottom and winless after nine matches.

Venezuela were the livelier of the two teams early on, although Carlos Sanchez did flash an effort wide for the hosts in the ninth minute.

The visitors were unable to capitalise on a flurry of corners, with Penaranda particularly impressive.

A loose ball fell for the Paris Saint-Germain forward and he found the bottom corner within a minute of the restart. **Goal**

## Substitute Cardona secures last-gasp victory

**A**SUNCION - Substitute Edwin Cardona's last-gasp winner earned Colombia a dramatic 1-0 victory over Paraguay in the CONMEBOL section of 2018 World Cup qualifying.

Cardona replaced Luis Muriel in the 77th minute and produced a deft finish in second-half stoppage time to bring Paraguay's unbeaten run at home in this campaign to an end. Colombia, who were without the talismanic James Rodriguez due to a



**MAGIC MAN:** Edwin Cardona.

calf injury, had dominated the opening period but Muriel, and Carlos Bacca, were guilty of spurning a glorious chance to convert a cross from Juan Cuadrado in the 11th minute. Cuadrado

felt aggrieved not to be awarded a penalty before half-time following a rash challenge from Gustavo Gomez, but referee Julio Bascunan was unmoved.

It was Paraguay's turn to dominate in the second half, but Farid Diaz denied Dario Lezcano the opener with a goal-line block. It proved to be a pivotal moment as Cardona produced a late moment of magic for Colombia to open up a four-point gap over sixth-placed Paraguay. **Goal**

## Mori goes from hero to villain

**L**IMA - Argentina were held 2-2 by Peru in the 2018 World Cup qualifiers on Thursday, their second successive away draw without injured talisman Lionel Messi, which dropped them to fifth in the South American group.

Defender Ramiro Funes Mori put Argentina ahead after 15 minutes but was responsible for Peru's late penalty equaliser that was converted by Christian Cueva. In between, Peru's veteran striker Paolo



**DREAM GAME:** Everton's Ramiro Funes Mori (right) had an eventful game for Argentina in the draw with Peru. (DailyMail)

Guerrero equalised early in the second half and Gonzalo Higuain restored Argentina's

lead in the 77th minute.

After nine matches, the halfway point in the South American qualifiers, Uruguay top the table with 19 points followed by Brazil on 18 and Ecuador, Colombia and

Argentina all on 16. Peru climbed one place to eighth with eight points. **DailyMail**



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### 1. COMMUNICATIONS AND PR OFFICER

**Objective:** Beneficiaries, implementation partners and stakeholders know the Project as a reliable organisation with clear tasks.

**Output:** Clear communication messages with contents and format appropriate to the media used and the audience targeted; both for internal and external communications

#### Activities

- Propose and ensure consistent branding of the Project in all communications;
- Support all Project staff in developing and using visual formats in interaction with the Project beneficiaries;
- Support all project staff in communicating the Project objectives and activities to the Chiefdom leadership;
- Orient Project staff on personal communications skills, especially in participatory settings;
- Advise the National Project Director on all contacts with press and media, including the preparation of press releases;
- Review the present CDP (Community Development Plan) format into a format that is more concise and more action-oriented, giving the CDC (Community Development Committee) a more concrete understanding of their plan, what is in it, and what is to be done;
- Develop protocols for the organisation of participatory meetings;
- Contribute to the review of the CDP procedures, ensuring a consistent high-level of participation by the communities and their representatives;

#### Qualifications

- A diploma (from a reputable institution) or higher in communication studies or related field;
- 5-years experience in communications and PR, preferably in the context of rural development;
- Versatility in software for desktop publishing, and in lay-out potential of standard Office applications for word processing and beamer presentations;
- A relevant network in the press;
- Keen insight in human communication and an ability to coach all levels of staff in their communication style;
- Open-minded and direct.

### 2. PLANNING, MONITORING & EVALUATION (PME) OFFICER

**Objectives:** Continuous improvement and innovation in project activities

**Output:** (i) concise and SMART plan documents for all types of activities; (ii) up-to-date monitoring information and (iii) lessons drawn from periodic evaluation and review activities

#### Activities

- Oversee implementation of comprehensive baseline surveys;
- Prepare and keep up-to-date the Project RIMS;
- Advise stakeholder on all planning documents (CDPs, MoUs, innovation platforms, AWPBs, Gender and Youth Action Plan and others) using a Logical Framework approach, with due attention to setting specific and realistic targets;
- Support collection of monitoring and evaluation data;
- Initiate and facilitate periodic review workshops for the Project, or parts thereof;
- Advise the Project management on planning, monitoring and evaluation;
- Prepare for review by Project Management, draft quarterly progress reports, and coordinating the inputs from the various fields.

#### Qualifications:

- BSc or higher in Management, development studies or related field;
- 10 years broad experience in rural development programmes;
- Proven experience in planning, monitoring and evaluation of development programmes;
- Proficient in the use of logical frameworks;
- Experience in facilitation of interactive planning and evaluation sessions
- Excellent writing skills
- Analytical skill

#### Remuneration

SWADE offers a market related salary commensurate with qualifications, experience and level of responsibility.

#### Applications

Interested individuals should send their applications, including their CVs, references and certified copies of their certificates to the Human Resources Manager, SWADE, P.O. Box 5836, Mbabane; 4th Floor, Dlanubeka House, Mbabane or email to [recruitment@swade.co.sz](mailto:recruitment@swade.co.sz) (Closing date: 21.10.2016). If you had not received correspondence from SWADE within 21 days of the closing date, please consider your application as having been unsuccessful.



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# MTN Premier League 2016/17

PREVIEWS



**Tambuti**  
Head coach: Alou Badara  
Captain: Thokozani Mkhulisi  
Key players: Roy Mamba, Gabriel Goshen, Zwakele Dlamini  
Match winner: Mpendulo Ngidi

**Sundowns**  
Head coach: Godfrey Tamerepi  
Captain: Phumlani Dlamini  
Key players: Darren Christie, Ndimiso Shongwe, Mlamuli Nkambule  
Match winner: Navara Ndzimandze

## WOUNDED TAMBUTI FACE OFF WITH 'DOWNS'

Stories by Sabelo Majola

*Tambuti vs Manzini Sundowns  
Mayaluka Stadium, 4pm*

**S**OCCER - Having suffered their first defeat at the hands of Red Lions, since gaining promotion to the Premier league of Swaziland, Tambuti have a date

with Manzini Sundowns who are yet to lose a match. The action will unfold at Mayaluka Stadium this afternoon.

Tambuti started well, winning their first game in the elite league against Midas City whom they defeated 1-0. The Big Bend sugar belt side couldn't maintain the good start to the league as they

fumbled against Red Lions, conceding two goals. Tambuti faces an acid test against Sundowns who are yet to lose a match. The Manzini based outfit have four points so far after two games, having won their first match in the league against Midas City and drew against Sea Birds in the opening games.

## Can the Sea Robbers rob maximum points from 'Mamba'?

*Green Mamba vs Moneni Pirates  
Somhlolo National Stadium, 4pm*

**T**he last time Green Mamba played against Moneni Pirates was when the latter eliminated the former in the SwaziBank cup quarterfinals with a 2-0 defeat, a cup which Pirates went on to win before they were relegated to the National First Division in 2015.

Before that, Green Mamba had defeated Pirates with the same score line in the league. This is enough for one to realise that there is no superior team over the other between these two sides and this is surely going to be a great encounter.

### Campaign

Green Mamba are looking for their first win in the campaign, having lost to the defending champions in the opening games while playing to a stalemate against counterparts Young Buffaloes in their second game. The 'Buccaneers' lost 2-0 to Manzini Wanderers in their first

**Green Mamba**  
Head coach: Hebert Maruwa  
Captain: Siyabonga Mdluli  
Key players: Shaka Nkwanyana, Njabulo Tfwala, Phinda Ginindza  
Match winner: Phinda Dlamini

**Moneni Pirates**  
Head coach: Mlamuli 'Sputla' Zwane  
Captain: Mncedisi Dlamini  
Key players: Bongani Ndzimandze, Xolani Ngwenya, Menzi Simelane  
Match winner: Fanelo 'Order' Mamba

game of the campaign but they made sure to get all maximum points against Sea Birds in their second game, winning 2-1 to bag their first three points since re-gaining promotion to the elite league after a season in the wilderness.



**Green Mamba's Phinda Dlamini and Moneni Pirates' Mlamuli 'Sputla' Zwane.**



Red Lions FC.

## RED LIONS ITCHING FOR MAXIMUM POINTS

*Red Lions vs Young Buffaloes  
Somhlolo National Stadium, 2pm*

**R**ed Lions have convincingly accumulated four points in two matches in the new season and their attitude and 'never back down' spirit poses a great threat to their opponents Young Buffaloes who are yet to win a match in the campaign.

Red lions suffered a humiliating 5-0 beating from Young Buffaloes in their last meeting last season and the team will be out to correct this.

The Fairview based ensemble played to a stalemate against Mbabane Highlanders in the opening games this season, a better result after suffering the same degrading 0-5 defeat at the hands of Highlanders last

season.

Seemingly, Red Lions have re-enforced this season and are on a course to causing upsets and getting all maximum points. Under the guidance of Zweli Botsotso Khoza who is no stranger to the team's technical bench, having served as assistant coach under Ernest Mavuso last season, the team looks compellingly solid.

### Revamping

Buffaloes have only one point in two games and the army side has not done much in terms of revamping their squad for the new season. They only added one player to last season's squad in former Moneni Pirates' Ndimiso 'Karas' Dlamini. Their 1-0 defeat at the hands of Mbabane Swallows in the opening games was followed by a 0-0 stalemate against Green Mamba in the grand opening games of the league.

**Red Lions**  
Head coach: Zwelibandzi 'Botsotso' Khoza  
Captain: Kwere Mazibuko  
Key players: Enzo Molsa, Roger Bahiya, Mthokozisi Hlatshwako  
Match winner: Solomon Oladele

**Young Buffaloes**  
Head coach: Dominic Kunene  
Captain: Mphile Tsabedze  
Key players: Dumisani Mdluli, Sandile Gamedze, Bertram Dlamini  
Match winner: Sanele Ngcamphalala



**Young Buffaloes coach Dominic Kunene.**





# IMBUBE KING'S MARATHON 2016

## REGISTRATION



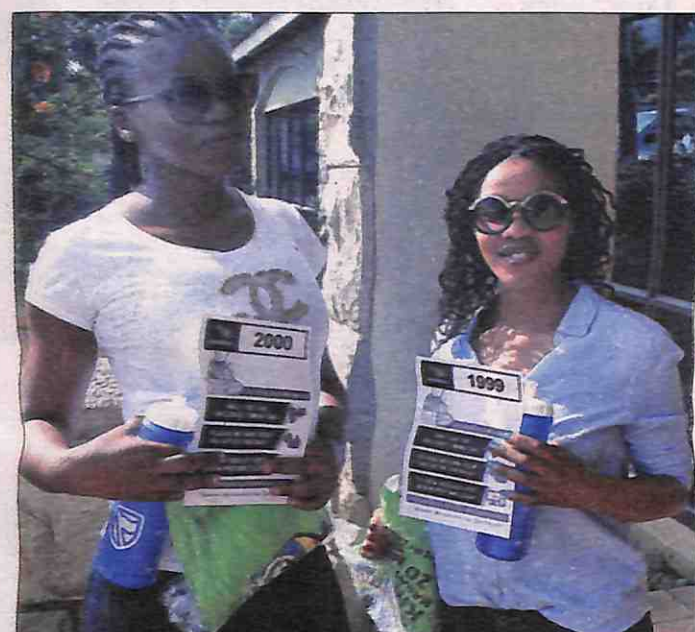
**QUEUEING:** The que for Imbube Marathon race numbers at Happy Valley Hotel yesterday. Over 2 500 athletes registered for the inaugural marathon. (Pics: Sabelo Majola)



**BRING IT ON:** Gcina Mavie, Ntokozo Simelane and Thembinkosi Khoza clad in Imbube marathon branded T-shirts.



**PARTICIPANT:** Seasoned athlete Sipho 'Malalephenduka' Dlamini will be participating in the 10km race.



**10KM:** Tigcebile Dlamini and Nomvuyo Shabangu posing with their race numbers. They registered in the 10km race.



**HELPING HAND:** Former Wanderers coach Jerry 'Mbazo' Gamedze handing out equipment to the athletes.



**IN NUMBERS:** Some of the athletes in one of the ques for numbers and equipment.



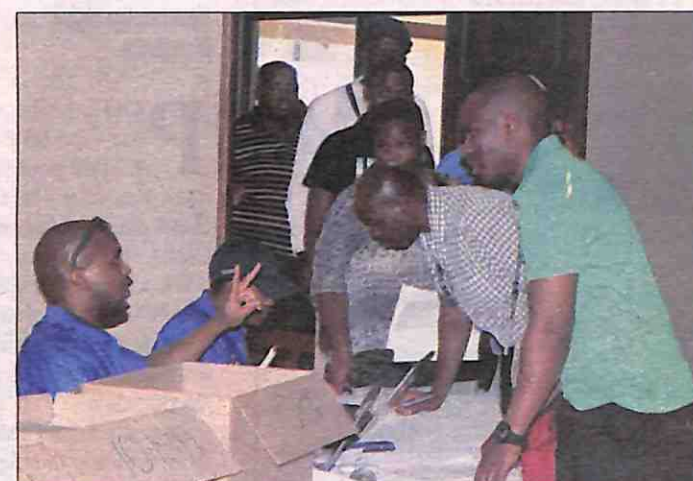
**ALL SET:** 42.2 athlete Bongani Gina from Ngculwini posing with his race number and goody bag.



**NOT LEFT OUT:** Ncane Dlamini will be participating in the 10km race.



**ME TOO:** 21km athlete Sibusiso Dluclu posing upon receiving his race number.



**ASSISTANCE:** Athletes getting assistance from one of the officials who was handing out the race numbers.



**ATHLETES:** Even the young came through to collect the race numbers.





WITH: BANELE 'BUNN' NDLANGAMANDLA

Firstly on behalf of the whole Swazi Basketball Family I would like to congratulate Mr. Mandla Shongwe the Secretary General of the Swaziland National Basketball Association on tying the knot over the past weekend. We wish him happiness in his marriage.

Now let's talk about the action.

If you weren't there to witness it first hand, please hold on to your chair cause the Knicks have shocked the league and specifically shocked the Manzini Superstars. Yes that's right the Knicks, ladies and gentlemen have done the unexpected and upset Manzini Superstars.

I don't think anyone who was watching the game saw it coming. It started very dull as Superstars grabbed an early lead of around 4 to 7 points but not enough a lead to win the game. The Knicks weren't letting it slip away as they had been accustomed to doing during the first round of the season.

Veteran Sutha and their centre Sifiso, were getting the points inside the paint that usually eluded the Knicks.

The game all the while looked like it was Superstars for the taking until the momentum shifted in the third quarter in favour of the Knicks thanks to a classic long three point shot from another Knicks veteran, Bheki Magongo to even up the score.

#### Seemed

Superstar's forward 'KG' seemed adamant in ending any hopes the Knicks had, by snatching the lead back with basket after basket in the fourth quarter, Bongikhosi and 'Sandz' were not letting up either, driving into the heart of the Superstars 2-3 defense collecting baskets and fouls.

With a minute to go Knicks were up by two points.

Superstars Guard Sam attempted a three pointer to win the game, rushed the shot and missed, only to let the Knicks get their second win of the season. Steels right now look like a team on a mission, like some serious work is being put in. They somehow managed to break the league's record for most points scored in a game even with a limited squad. They beat Tridents 111 to 53. Tridents managed to put up a good first quarter fight but once Steels made the adjustments the outcome of the game seemed more and more bleak for the Simunye side. Steels trio of Mzwakhe Phiri, Richard Lubasi and Banele Bun all dropping 20 plus points each made this a resounding victory for the green and black side.

The game which had the most hype on social media because of the verbal altercations of States and Lucky was disappointing to the say the least. The game lacked any real fire from either team.

The Jazz dictated the pace of the game, picking off Pacers with easy baskets.

Pacers showed rare moments of finding weaknesses in the Jazz defense but nearly not enough to stop the lead from stretching. Game ended 90-57 to the Jazz continuing their undefeated streak to eight games in the league. The headline, epic clash between Raptors and Imbumba had to be postponed to Thursday night at Waterford due to the shortage of officials as they were enjoying slices of Mr. Shongwe's wedding cake. Postponing the game only seemed to heat up this Mbabane derby further.

As word from coronation park says it was seen that the two teams had a short disagreement over the training venue they both utilize on Tuesday night. Both leaders, Tying and Mandisa not willing to back down. Both teams training at the same place and at the same time. The road to the play-offs has just started and is already hot.

*This is Swazi Basketball...*

# RAMPAGING 'WESLIANS' MEET CITY IN EL LEAGUE

By Sibusiso Masilela

**S**OCCER – High flying Manzini Wanderers will be looking to maintain their unbeaten run in the Esibayeni Lodge Under-17 E200 000 League when they take on Midas City at the Trade Fair ground tomorrow.

The hub giants have so far recorded a one hundred percent start in the new season and will be hoping to keep the momentum at the expense of struggling capital city side which is yet to get a point this season.

#### Followed

The match will be followed by an intriguing affair between defending champions Young Buffaloes and Royal Leopard at 11.30pm

The Somhlolo National



**STRUGGLING:** Midas City Under-17 will be playing Manzini Wanderers at the Old Trade Fair Ground tomorrow.

Stadium will tomorrow morning host a double header dubbed as the battle of the two cities where Mbabane Highlanders will lock horns with whipping boys

Moneni Pirates who are fresh from a 7-0 drubbing from Green Mamba

Last season's runner-up Mbabane Swallows, will

entertain an improved Manzini Sundowns who are now under the tutelage of development specialist Penuel Malinga.

#### The full fixture

##### Today

##### Trade Fair Ground

Red Lions vs Green Mamba 9am  
Tambuti vs Sea Birds 11am

##### Tomorrow

##### Somhlolo National Stadium

Highlanders vs Moneni Pirates 9am  
Swallows vs Manzini Sundowns 11am

##### Uniswa Sports Ground

Midas City vs Manzini Wanderers 9.30am  
Royal Leopard vs Young Buffaloes 11.30am

#### Esibayeni Under-17 League

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Manzini Wanderers	3	3	0	0	8	2	6	9
Green Mamba	3	2	1	0	11	2	9	6
Red Lions	3	2	1	0	10	6	4	6
Royal Leopard	3	2	1	0	7	4	3	6
Mbabane Swallows	3	1	1	1	7	3	4	4
Young Buffaloes	2	1	0	1	5	3	2	4
Mbabane Highlanders	2	1	0	1	2	0	2	4
Manzini Sundowns	3	1	1	1	3	3	0	4
Tambuti	2	0	1	1	1	3	-2	1
Sea Birds	3	0	2	1	2	8	-6	1
Midas City	2	0	2	0	0	6	-6	0
Moneni Pirates	3	0	2	0	2	16	-14	0

## All is set for Tibu Investment E7 000 Pool KO

Stories by Sibusiso Masilela

**P**POOL - All is set for the Tibu Investment E7 000 pool tournament slated for The George Hotel and the Manzini Pool Clubs, respectively.

The tournament will see mouth watering clashes taking place following the draw conducted this past Wednesday.

Stones, who are fresh from winning the big four challenge will take on a wounded Way Inn whom they managed to beat during the recent tournament

#### The full draw

Mankayane Eagles vs George  
France vs Police College  
Mbabane vs Tigers  
Scandza vs Legends  
Nicks vs Stairs  
Bhunya vs Bel Air  
Sun of Kings vs Figaredo  
Way Inn vs Stones  
Figaredo vs Lions

while Matsapha Zone giants Poltrain have a date with France.

Other intriguing fixtures will see Scandza who had an impressive run during the Police College tournament take on Legends and the match will be followed by yet another tricky clash

putting Nicks Stairs.

Manzini Regional Pool Association (MRPA) Chairman Muntu Dlamini confirmed the fixtures when contacted yesterday.

"The tournament will be played in a round robin format and we are hoping to finish by.

We are very grateful to the support we have received from the sponsor (Tibu Investment) and their contribution will go a long way towards the development of the sport in the country," he said.

## PPK HOSTS NATIONAL TEAM PLAY-OFFS

**P**POOL - With only a month remaining before the All Africa Games qualifiers, the Piggs Peaks zone will today host the national team play-offs.

The association will be selecting eight players to form part of the Uganda bound national squad.

According to Pigg's Peak Regional pool Association Chairman Muzi Myaba, the games will be held at The Game room pool bar starting at 10am. "We are inviting all pool players around the area

to attend the games in great numbers as we will be selecting eight players who will join the Mbabane and Manzini regions for a spot national team to travel to Uganda.

We are looking forward to unearth new talent which will do the country proud during the international competition," he said.

Meanwhile Billiards Association of Swaziland (BAS) Interim Chairman Muntu Dlamini said the Mbabane Zone and Manzini

regions will host the squad selection playoffs in two weeks time. "We have agreed that these two regions, which are the most active in the sport will produce 32 players who will compete to produce top ten players in both males and females. We are hoping that the selection will be complete by October 20," he said.

He said from the 10 players, only five would compete during the championships and the other three would be reserve players.

## It's all systems go in VA Cup quarter-finals today

By Sibusiso Masilela

**V**OLLEYBALL - The battle for the 2016 Zone VI Club championships continues today at the Police College where the Ezulwini Re Insurance Company VA Cup games will be in full swing.

Today will see the eight male teams fighting to advance in the semi finals and the finals of tournament slated for next Sunday at the Mavuso Sports Centre.

The losers of the quarterfinals will play in the plate finals whose champions will be determined later this afternoon in both categories. Swaziland National Volleyball Association vice Secretary Eric Zwane urged all teams to keep time today so that they may conclude all the activities on time.

He stated they would also conduct the draw for the ladies category which would be followed by a technical meeting.

"The technical meeting will start at 8am where the draw will be conducted. The quarterfinal fixture will kick off an hour later. The plate finals will also be played on the day," he said. The country is expected to send four teams to the Regional club showpiece to be hosted by Namibia in December.

#### Ezulwini Reinsurance Company VA Cup Quarterfinals fixture

Males			
RSP	vs	Mahlanya	
RSSC	vs	Ludzeludze	
Correctional	vs	USDF	
Customs	vs	Mshinande	



# WE WILL WIN THE IMBUBE MARATHON - LOCAL ATHLETES

By Sabelo Majola

**ATHLETICS** - Swazi athletes have vowed to push until the very end to win the inaugural Imbube Marathon today.

Thousands of athletes enthusiastically cramped the Happy Valley Hotel yesterday in a rush to get their race numbers in the three different categories of the race. They portrayed confidence on attaining a podium finish ahead of the visiting

athletes coming from as far as the United Kingdom, United States of America (USA), Ghana and Ethiopia.

Interviewed yesterday the country's top athlete Winile Mavuso said she understood that she would have to overcome the energy demanding Malagwane Hill all the way to the finish line to win the race. The RSP athlete said she was hard at training in preparation for the marathon.

"Even though I'm not content

with my level of fitness at the moment I'm ready for the 42.2 km race. Getting a top three finish will be a great achievement for me and I will give it my best shot," she said.

Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF) seasoned athlete Melusi Sihlongonyane, who won the USDF Wafa Wafa race, also vowed to attain a podium finish and make

the country proud.

"My level of confidence is at the peak and I want to make the nation proud by winning the half marathon race in just over an hour. It won't be easy but I've been dedicating so much time in training so I believe the hard work and determination will pay off," he said.

Veteran athlete in Siphio 'Malalephenduka' Dlamini, who

has represented the country in the international stage over the years, will be participating in the 10 km race. He said he strongly believed in the local athletes whom he said had a lot of potential and are capable of winning the race.

He further thanked His Majesty for such a race with great rewards, something he said was rare in his days as an active athlete.

"Our athletes have an advantage because they have been using Malagwane Hill for training so it shouldn't be a problem for them to overrun foreign athletes who will be running for the first time over the hill," he said.

Worth noting is by yesterday the registered number of athletes was over 2 600, something that resulted in the SNPF organising committee ordering more race numbers from Pretoria, South Africa yesterday.



## City Ride boost for Observer XI ahead of PMT Games

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER** - The mighty Observer XI has received a major boost ahead of PMT Social after receiving five soccer balls from local shuttle services City Ride.

The sponsorship, which also includes transport to two games, was officially launched at the Swazi Observer offices in Mbabane yesterday.

Presenting the sponsorship was one of the company's Directors Shanice Coglein who said they were happy with their partnership with the Swazi Observer team.

"The sponsorship is meant to strengthen our relationship with the Swazi Observer and we hope this sponsorship will go a long way in motivating the team head of upcoming tournaments," she said.

Receiving the donation was Observer on Saturday Editor Alec Lushaba who expressed gratitude



**BOOST:** Observer on Saturday Editor Alec Lushaba, Observer XI captain Paradise Mamba and Mhlaba Dlamini accepting soccer balls from City Ride's Directors Nella Hillary, Shanice and Collin Coglein yesterday. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

to the company for the kind gesture. "We are very grateful to City Ride for supporting our soccer team. We are hoping the partner-

ship will only continue to grow as we have other joint initiatives with them," he said.

Sharing the same sentiments was

Observer XI captain Paradise Mamba who said the donations would help the team conquer the upcoming social games.

## Ingwenyama Cup finals in March next year

By Sabelo Majola

**SOCCER** - The second edition of the SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup finals have been slated for March next year.

This was said by the tournament's PRO Lenhle Masuku during the sports show aired by the Swaziland Broadcasting and Information Services (SBIS) yesterday morning.

The tournament, sponsored by the Sincemphetelo Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (SMVAF), has already started in the regions. Masuku stated

they were hoping to stage the finals in March but could not confirm the actual dates.

"If all goes well the final will be in March but the actual dates are still to be confirmed," he said.

Masuku then invited the nation to attend, without fail, the games that would be scattered all over the regions.

"Its all systems go in the Ingwenyama Cup this weekend and supporters should go all out and support their respective teams. There are many exciting games in line including the likes of

Ludzeludze Killers and Sisonke who gave a sterling performance last year," he said.

The regional contest of the tournament is sponsored to the tune of E200 000 and the champions will take home a lucrative E40 000.

The contest will include quarterfinal, semi-finals and final which is where the winners will be crowned. The regional champions and seven other teams will then join the 24 premier league teams to make it 32 teams to compete in the main tournament.

## SRIC E60 000 Darts League official launch today

By Sabelo Majola

**DARTS** - The Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation (SRIC) E60 000 Darts League will officially be launched today.

The event, which is expected to be graced by amongst others, officers from the Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC), will be held at the

Matsapha Correctional Services starting at 3pm.

SNSRC Media Officer Dumisani Ntiwane expressed the organisation's delight at SRIC's continued sponsored to the sport. Ntiwane said sponsorship money goes a long way in inspiring players and promoting the sports.

"There are phases when it comes to sports. The first phase is mass participation where everybody joins and

plays and the other phase is competition. Both phases are important in sports but when it comes to competitions, it is where such sponsorships come in handy as it drives the athletes to work hard, as there is motivation at the end in terms of prizes.

"Council is pleased to see such partnerships grow from strength to strength because it can only mean a bright future for sport," he said.

## 'Bull' loans SA player to Malanti

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER** - Mbabane Highlanders have loaned their South African born player Kabelo Themba to National First Division outfit Malanti Chiefs.

The midfielder who could not be registered by the black and white side after they were denied by the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) has joined the Malanti based outfit on a three months deal.

Information gathered by this publication is the player will return to Highlanders during the December/January transfer.

Highlanders Public Relations Officer Sifiso Magagula said he was not aware of the matter when contacted yesterday.

"I haven't been briefed about any development concerning the player you are talking about and I am yet to find out about his next move from the Managing Director's office," he said.

Meanwhile, his Malanti counterpart Lungile Dube confirmed the player's presence in their camp when sought for comment. "I have seen the player at training but I am yet to get feedback about him with the board of Directors," she said.

The former Baroka FC player was left in the cold alongside Zimbabwean striker Anesu Gondo who is now in the books of police outfit Royal Leopard.



**GRACES:** Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati.

## Agriculture minister joins Bishop Hlatshwako in church sports day

By Linda Jele

**SOCCER** - Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati is expected to grace a fundraising event for League of Churches President Bishop Samson Hlatshwako's church today.

The Gwamile Apostolic World Faith Church will be hosting the fundraising concert and sports day at the Princess Pholile Hall in Malkerns at 9am.

The event will see Amadodana choirs battling it out in a soccer tournament to be followed by a fundraising concert in the evening.

According to the church's Young Men's Guild President Sidumo Mamba, the event was aimed at raising funds to purchase the church's public address (PA) system which shall be used in its activities nationwide.

Mamba said there would be a variety of sporting activities during the day, ranging from soccer, netball, aerobics, sack race and other activities for children.

"This will be an annual event aimed at keeping church members healthy and physically fit. The Amadodana groups that will participate in the soccer tournament will stand a chance to win a trophy. We are inviting organisations like Shukuma Swaziland, Swaziland Red Cross Society and PSI to join us on the day," Mamba said.

Mamba said the evening service would see choirs like Ukukhanya Kwamadodana, Ukuphila Kwamadodana, Insindiso Yamadodana rendering music and entrance would be E50 per head. He said ticket holders would stand a chance to win prizes in a raffle draw that will be conducted during the night with the first prize being a smart phone. Second and third winners will win a blanket and a perfume, respectively.



## FIXTURES

### TODAY

#### WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS - AFRICA

20:00	Burkina Faso	v	South Africa
17:00	Gabon	v	Morocco
19:30	Congo DR	v	Libya
20:00	Ivory Coast	v	Mali
22:00	Senegal	v	Cape Verde

#### WORLD CUP QUALIFYING - EUROPE

18:00	Azerbaijan	v	Norway
18:00	Armenia	v	Romania
18:00	Montenegro	v	Kazakhstan
18:00	England	v	Malta
20:45	Germany	v	Czech Republic
20:45	Northern Ireland	v	San Marino
20:45	Poland	v	Denmark
20:45	Scotland	v	Lithuania
20:45	Slovenia	v	Slovak

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