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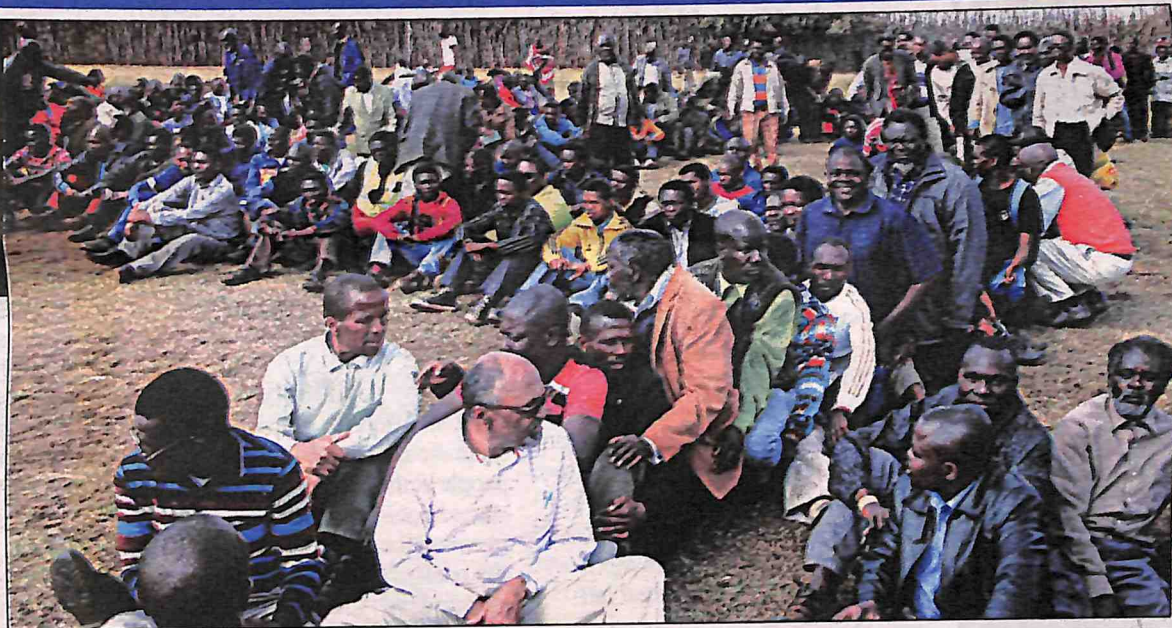
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## A NUMBER OF SWAZIS AWAIT THEIR TURN AT SIBAYA

**WAITING FOR THEIR TURN:** Some of the Swazi nationals queuing to make their submissions at People's Parliament yesterday. The people's parliament continues today. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)



## SIBAYA HIGHLIGHTS BENNETT GETS 20 MINUTES, USES THEM

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# SIBAYA KICKS OUT 2 SPEAKERS

... They said Christianity does not allow the Swazi Law and Customs practices

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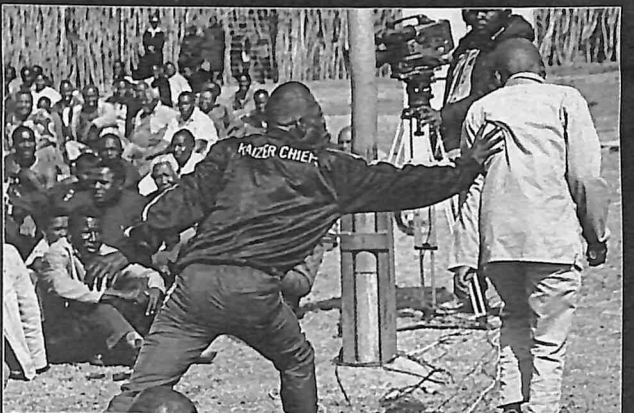


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**GO OUT:** Thulasizwe Mbuli being thrown out of the kraal before finishing his submission.

# ANGRY SIBAYA KICKS

## COVER STORY

By Mbono Mdluli  
Ludzidzini

**SUBMISSIONS** made by two speakers yesterday irked Sibaya, which led them to be kicked out of the forum.

The speakers' misdemeanour was to speak negatively about the Swazi Law and Customs.

They said the customary laws were not in consistency with the law of the Bible. One speaker, Banele Nkambule from Sidvashini, said he was sent by God to deliver the statement to His Majesty King Mswati III.

"I am sent by God to tell you, Your Majesty, that we should not mix Christianity with the ancestral religion because the two do not mix,"

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Nkambule said to loud screams of disapproval.

He went on to say the Bible was clear on how the nation should worship God. He quoted the book of Leviticus to try and support his statement.

### Efforts

But his efforts to support his statement did not bear fruits because the people at the cattle byre had already started booing him. He could not even say the chapter and the verse of the book of Leviticus.

Ludzidzini Acting Governor Timothy Velabo Mtetwa simply told

him to move away from the podium because what he was saying was not relevant. "Akusilo linyeva lelo wena wekunene. Bayethe!" Mtetwa said.

He was telling Nkambule that what he was talking about was not a problem to himself and other people.

Nkambule was then moved out of the cattle byre and a considerable number of people moved out of the cattle byre, showing that they were not happy with his submission.

### Oppressing

Another speaker also tried to do the same but he was not successful. Thulasizwe Mbuli accused govern-

## Quinton, Vincent make submissions at Sibaya

Stories by Gugu Simelane  
Ludzidzini

**MEMBERS** of the Trade Unions Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) yesterday took to the people's parliament to defend themselves from accusations that they 'ratted' on Swaziland at the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Conference in Geneva in June.

TUCOSWA President Quinton Dlamini and the Secretary General Vincent Ncongwane, speaking in their personal capacities, were amongst the first to make their submissions.

It was, however, noted that Ncongwane seemed to be ailing as he jumped the queue but while he was delivering his speech he became weak and was whisked away from the platform.

Dlamini said TUCOSWA has been in dialogue with government dating back to the 1990s with regard to labour issues but the talks have not yielded anything.

"A lot of people issues have been brought to the ministry of labour and social security's negotiation table but no action was taken," he said.

### Necessary

Dlamini said some of the facts that came up at the ILO Conference were not necessarily false but it was what actually happened.

"It is true that Muzi Mhlanga's tooth was removed as a result of a fall out with the police," he said.

Dlamini further stated that the minister did not directly say TUCOSWA was the one responsible for lobbying other worker representatives against Swaziland but some other people have mentioned

that it was indeed TUCOSWA.

He further clarified that African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) was not lost because of TUCOSWA but such was a decision made by the United States of America and US workers.

### Promised

He further promised to bring the documents and speech they presented at the ILO Conference to the King so he can get the clarity that TUCOSWA was not responsible for what they have been accused of. "TUCOSWA never said or lobbied that Swaziland be put under the Special Paragraph. ILO has their own judges that make decisions," he said.

Dlamini also lamented on the calibre of the people who are advising the King saying they were not being truthful, but promised that the record will be set straight.

## People request for personal assistance from King

**AS the people's parliament entered its fourth day, more and more Swazis declared their plight to His Majesty King Mswati III rather than submitting issues of national magnitude.**

This saw a few incidents of name-dropping that the people had been earlier warned against. Women mostly utilised the opportunity to submit as a chance to relay the plight they face in their lives.

Widows decried of having their ploughing fields being forcefully taken from them, facing the problem of taking care of orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC) yet they are aged and not working. Meanwhile, other asked the King to help them with their education. Sibongile Shongwe said the 'Bobandlanane' (chief's inner council mem-

bers) come to them and use the King's name in fraudulently getting land from the widows, but amazingly they sell the land to people who are not even from the same communities.

Ludzidzini Governor Velabo Timothy Mtetwa warned Sibaya against bringing issues that are not of national importance to this forum.

### Issues

"You must submit issues that will benefit the whole nation rather than issues that affect yourselves only. If you have a problem, there are specific routes that one has to take back in the communities, these issues should be addressed by chiefs. If you have exhausted all these avenues then you must mention it before you declare your plight," he said.

## Sibaya congratulates King on SADC chairmanship

**ALMOST** all the people who made submissions at the people's parliament congratulated His Majesty on assuming the chairmanship of the Southern Africa Developing Community (SADC).

The official handover will take place during the SADC Summit later this month.

Mnikati Ndlangamandla said he was quite happy that the King has been given the great opportunity to host and be chairman of SADC.

"Firstly, I would like to congratulate you Your Majesty on this very important role that you will be assuming," he said.

### Vision

"It shows that you were not just named Makhosetive, but it was a vision and it has now come to pass that you will be the leader of all nations, Your Majesty.

"The SADC Summit is attesting to your birth name," said one speaker.

## Bennett submits for 20 minutes instead of 5 minutes

**MBABANE** businessman Walter Bennett was given privileged treatment when he was allowed to make submissions for a good 20 minutes, while others were only given five minutes.

And he sure utilised the time as he raised a litany of important national issues. He now and again received a round of applause in his careful and eloquent usage of Siswati phrases.

Bennett said since it has been quite a while since the country had a people's parliament, he had quite a number of issues to discuss and relay to his King.

Bennett said he was actually pleased that TUCOSWA leadership

finally appeared before the people's parliament to give their side of the story as regards the Geneva episodes.

"I will not dwell on that issue, however, TUCOSWA has not yet given a straight and appropriate explanation of what they actually said in Geneva," he said.

### Shocking

He said it was quite shocking that while they were flown to Geneva at government's expense and accommodated in the same manner they did what they did. But Bennett said he trusts that though they might have done what they did he believes all Swazis would eventually come back to the King.

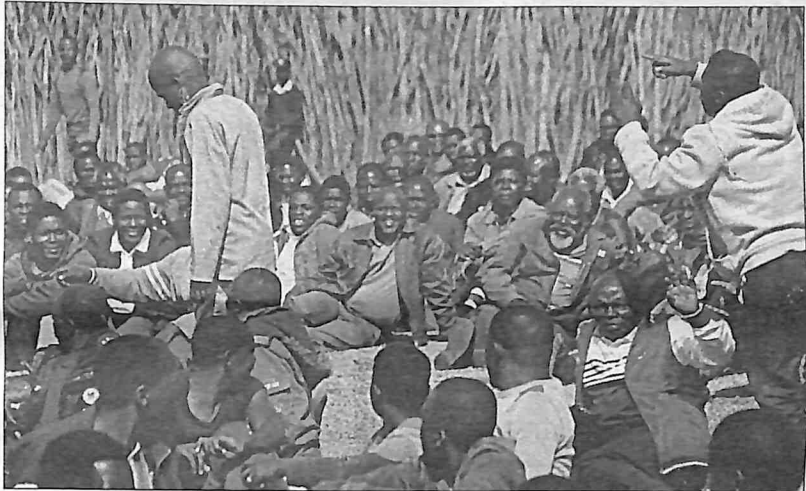


**PRIVILEGED:** Walter Bennett.

"We have seen it happening, Umbutfo Mangena (Jan Sithole) is now in parliament and we now have Jabulani here at the people's parliament interpreting," he said.



# OUT TWO SPEAKERS



**HAMBA:** The other people making sure that Mbuli moves out of the kraal.

ment of oppressing religious leaders in this country. He said the leaders tried so hard to preach the Word of God but were harassed by govern-

ment.

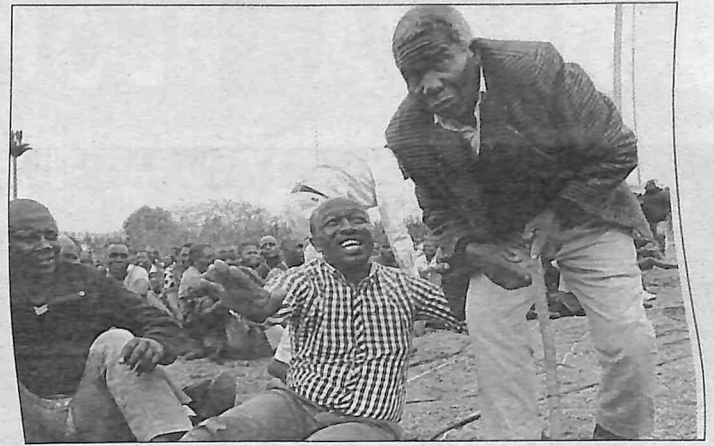
"We know clearly that the Bible tells us that Christianity and the ancestral religion do not go together.

If we want to truly practice the Christian religion, we have to stop worshipping ancestors," Mbuli said.

He was booed by the members of the people's parliament and Mtetwa did not hesitate to let him go away from the podium. "Kwakho wedywa loko wena wekunene. Lelive leli liyahambisana kakhulu nenkhohlo yebuKristu. NemaKhosi lombala aze alishumayelevi," Mtetwa said.

He was telling Mbuli that the authorities of the country were Christians and they encouraged Swazis to embrace Christianity as a religion. Mbuli then went back to sit among the people who had come to attend Sibaya. Mbuli was unfortunate though because the people showed clearly that they did not want him to be among them because of what he said.

They forced him out of the cattle byre.



**JUST WAIT:** Henry Mayisela being ordered to sit down.

## Macaleni Dlamini accused of stealing cattle at Sibaya

Stories by Samukelisiwe  
Ginindza  
Ludzidzini

**MACALENI Dlamini was accused of forcefully taking cattle in Mpolonjeni, Siteki.**

He was accused by Moses Mngometulu, the man whose cattle he allegedly took.

Mngometulu was talking during the fifth day of Sibaya (cattle byre) at Ludzidzini yesterday, where he was voicing his hurt before His Majesty King Mswati III.

"*Siyebelewa tinkhomo le Siteki, titsatswe tonkhe tami nangingekho ekhaya tatsatswa ngu Macaleni Dlamini bana Bongani Vilakati ngatsi nangiya kubo watsi Macaleni kimi uyinkhosi kwayena ngoba atfunywe nguwe Ngwenyama,*" Mngometulu said.

Loosely translating to "they

take our cattle in Siteki, all mine were taken while I was away from home by Macaleni Dlamini and Bongani Vilakati, who when I approached told me they were sent by you Your Majesty".

### Reason

Moses mentioned that he did query Macaleni on why he took all his cattle but he never got a clear reason and has since been facing serious altercations with the dip tank veterinary officers as he still has the permits.

"I have made numerous attempts to approach you Your Majesty in vain as I keep being turned back, so I am here before you to request a solution as I am beyond being hurt," he begged.

He also added that he feels like crying every time he sees Macaleni.

## Anti-Corruption must be more active - Bennett

**FORMER senator Walter Bennett said the Anti-Corruption Commission needs to be more active and have their presence felt as the country has more and more people misappropriating funds.**

"If there is a need for a supplementary budget for the Anti-Corruption Commission so that it is more active, government should see to it that such happens," he said.

Bennett also referred to the issue of Circular No.1 which was discussed at the last people's parliament. He said it was apparent that politicians were the only people who would ever have money, lamenting that schools are suffer-

ing, while politicians are enjoying a 32% salary increase. "They say it is an automatic increase, what is that? The country will run out of money soon in the way things are happening, what will happen then, they will run to His Majesty and report that the country has no money," he said. Bennett said politicians were giving themselves money as they please.

### Criticise

"I am not here to criticise the prime minister, but we have to find a way forward in all of this," he said. Bennett further said he was disappointed that from the last people's parliament there has been not change. "I ask you Your Majesty that there be a review on the

Constitution on the right to recall. The code of conduct of parliamentarians must be reviewed after a few years," he said. Bennett went on to punch holes on the issue of government parastatals and municipal councils that use state funds to push their agendas and take employees to court.

He said unlike the municipalities, the employees used their own money instead of state funds to defend themselves which put them in a bad financial state, since individuals' money run out while the municipalities does not. "Companies must stop spending too much money on soccer but instead they should invest a lot of money in education," he said.

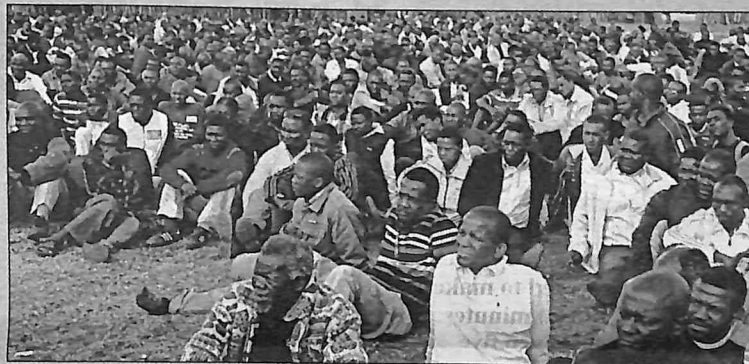
## CONCERNS ABOUT REPORTING BACK ON LAST SIBAYA

**A number of people at Sibaya were concerned that they were not given a report of what transpired after the last people's parliament that took place in 2013.**

Simangele Mtetwa of Mpolonjeni said she was expecting that the National Secretary Nhlanhla Dlamini would give Sibaya feedback on what transpired then.

She further spoke against the people who made submissions about their own personal problems saying they were using the wrong forum. "We are supposed to be discussing issues of national importance here and finding a way forward on these," she said.

Mtsetwa further said she does not believe that there are organisations that 'ratted out' Swaziland but instead government leaders go to the international forums to sign agreements that the country would adhere to certain laws but end up



**IN NUMBERS:** A section of the attendees of Sibaya.

not following them. "The international forums become concerned and they ask if Swaziland is adhering to the laws. Swaziland signed the Freedom Charter, but the people here are not told about these things.

### Problem

The problem is that the people around the King are so corrupt and they do not tell His Majesty the truth about matters. The

International Convention of Civil Rights was also signed and Swaziland agreed on having unions," she said.

Mtsetwa further said the exercise of electing members of parliament has proven not to be working for Swaziland. "There is no reporting back from the MPs, there is no cutting of terms for underperforming MPs," she said.

## People living with albinism must be taught self-defence - Sibaya

**SIBAYA has suggested that to stop the killing of people living with albinism, they should be taught self-defence.**

This was stated by Mlimi Maziya from KaLanga who mentioned that this can be successful by grooming them from a tender age to

join security forces of the country, where they would learn self-defence.

"They need to be groomed from a young age on how to defend themselves when attacked, so they should be put in these security forces where they will learn such," he said.

## I CAN CURE HIV/AIDS -TITI SHABANGU

**ONE Titi Shabangu claimed she cures HIV/AIDS with herbs.**

Officially, there is no cure for HIV/AIDS.

Shabangu said this at the people's parliament.

Shabangu, from Sihhohweni, said her land was fertile and full of trees from which she could gener-

ate the herbs to make tablets to cure HIV/AIDS.

### ARVs

"Lama ARVs ayabakhukumukisa labantfu bakho Silo babe nema mamasela futsi kani letihlahla tingeke talintsintsibalisa leligciwane kepha tingawashaya phansi uphele utsi nya," she said.



# SIBAYA - PEOPLE'S PARLIAMENT (DAY 4)



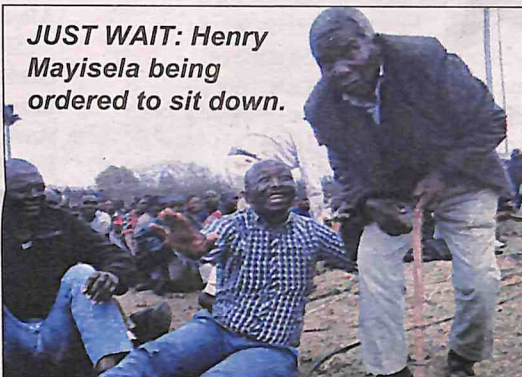
**STILL IN BIG NUMBERS:** Swazi nation came in numbers during the fourth day of Sibaya at Ludzidzini yesterday. The people's parliament continues today. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



**TRIO:** Liqoqo member Mtiti Fakudze flanked by Minister of Housing, Phiwayinkhosi Mabuza, and Minister of Commerce Industry and Trade, Gideon Dlamini.

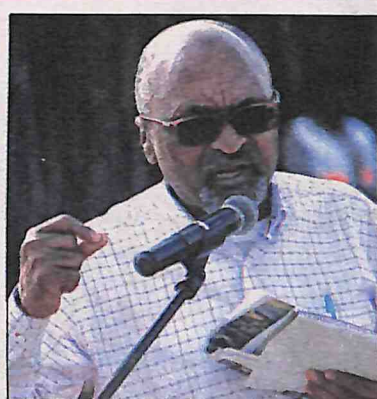
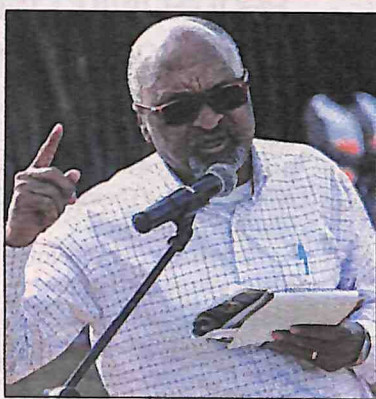
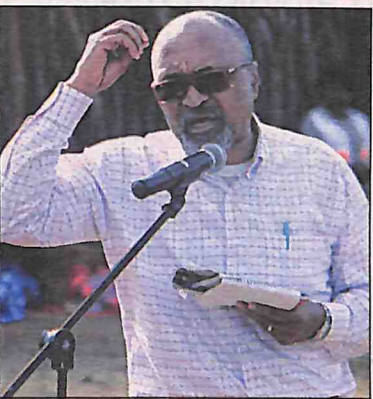


**ON HIS MAJESTY'S CALL:** Those who attended Sibaya seen on arrival.



**JUST WAIT:** Henry Mayisela being ordered to sit down.

## WALTER BENNETT'S CORNER



**MY FIRST POINT:** Businessman Walter Bennett stressing a point during the submissions.



**ATTENTIVE:** A section of the nation in attendance listening to submissions.

## LUNCH TIME



**IT'S LUNCH TIME:** The Swazi nation moving out of the kraal during lunch time.



**WE ARE ALL HUNGRY:** The people on their way to get food.



**NATSI SIFUNA KUDLA:** Some pupils from the surrounding schools also joined in for food.



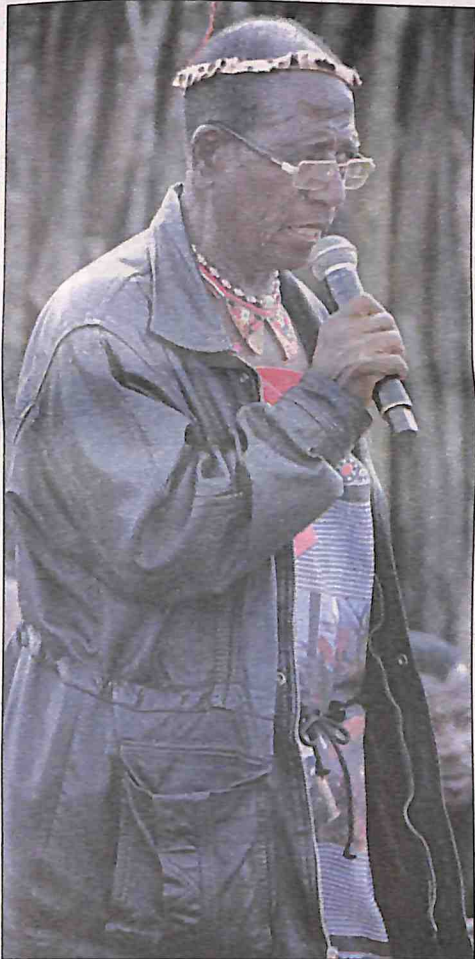
**MAKE ONE LINE:** A police officer controlling the queue.



**LIJAH SISU:** This gentlemen carrying their fair share.



# SIBAYA - PEOPLE'S PARLIAMENT (DAY 4)



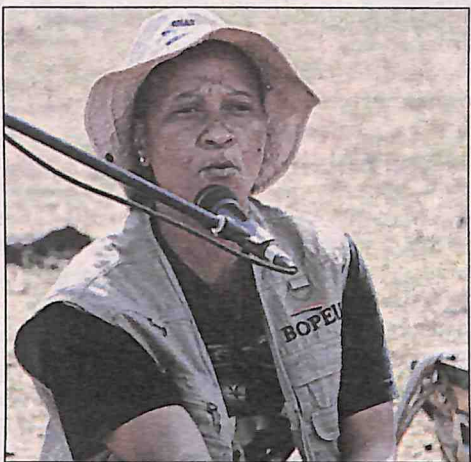
**THULA ULALELE:** Ludzidzini acting Governor, Timothy Velabo Mtetwa, making an announcement.



**SHOUTING:** Mahlipihlphi Dlamini expressing herself. (L) BAYETHE: Emmah Masilela making her submissions.



**WHAT MUST I DO:** Boy Andreas Nkomondze, of Gebeni, making his submissions.

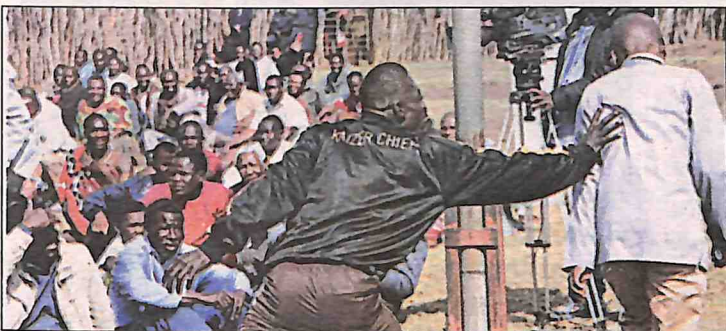


**MY TURN:** Martha Gama of Ezulwini making her submission, while other women waiting for their turn. (L) A FEW WORDS: Ludzidzini acting Governor's daughter, Simangele Mtetwa, also had something to say.

## SIBAYA KICKS OUT SPEAKER



**OUT OF ORDER:** Thulasizwe Mbuli being pushed away from the microphone.



**GO OUT:** Thulasizwe Mbuli being thrown out of the kraal before finishing his submission.



**HAMBA:** Other people making sure that Mbuli gets out of the kraal.

**ASUS'CAPHATA WENA MANI:** An angry man shouting at Thulasizwe Mbuli to sit down.



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Our beloved Lwandile Mngadi has answered the Lord's call. Memorial service will be held at Matsapha Evangelical Church on Friday, 12/08/2016 starting at 2pm.

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**Rest in Peace Seven.**



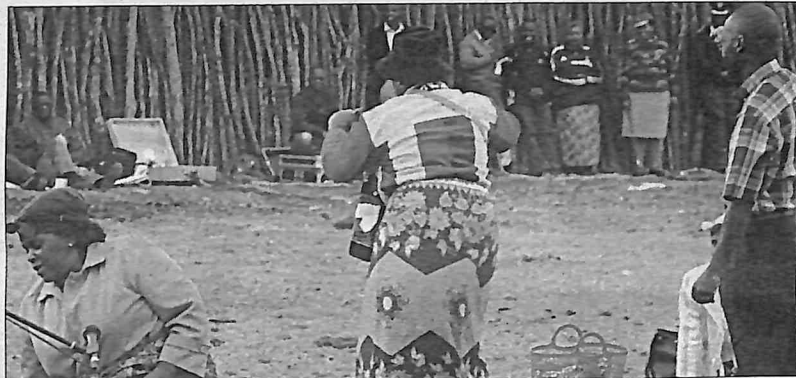
# Council employee slams officer's E140 000 salary

By Mbono Mdluli  
Ludzidzini

AN employee of the Municipal Council of Mbabane has slammed an officer, he did not name, who gets paid a staggering E140 000 a month. However it is known that the officer is CEO Gideon Mhlongo.

The employee was speaking during the people's parliament (*Sibaya*), at Ludzidzini Cattle Byre yesterday, saying the officer had made their lives miserable. Jabulani Fakudze said the officer had made it clear that he would retrench over 100 employees at the municipality. He said such behaviour cast doubts about the country's Vision 2022, saying it was dampening their hopes for the country. He was of the view that the way Swazis were treating one another in this country was the one thing that would hinder the realisation of Vision 2022. Fakudze said in the last *Sibaya*, which was in 2012, His Majesty King Mswati III spoke against retrenching workers. He said what was quite unfortunate was that they were facing the same situation.

He said the particular officer was the same man who was fired for corruption. "That man came back and he told us that he came here for one thing



**HAPPY:** Mahliphilphi Dlamini dancing after making her submission.

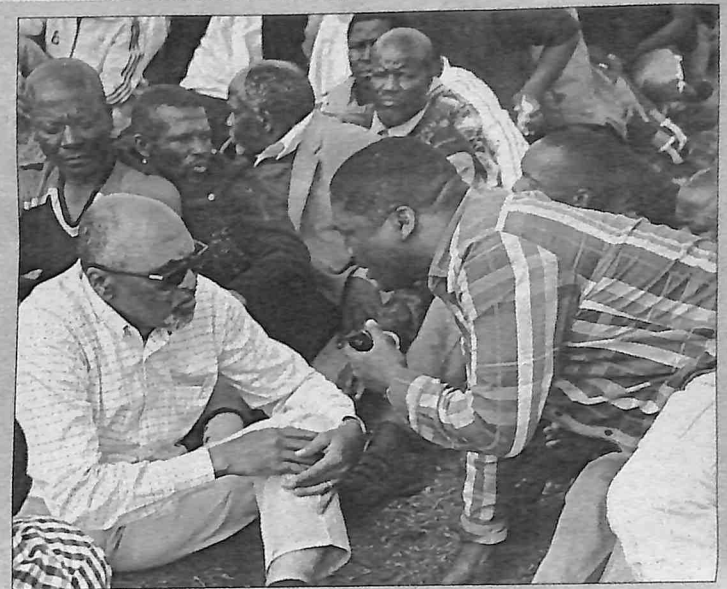
only, and that was to retrench us," Fakudze said. He went on to state at the people's parliament that their case was so serious that they even went to seek the King's intervention (*Kwembula Ingubo*). Fakudze lamented, however, that their act was not successful. He told the King that their situation was not fair because the man he was talking about was earning E140 000 per month as a salary. He said the officer's salary was way above what he was earning as a street sweeper, as he gets only paid E4 000 a month.

He also complained of the fact that the money they would earn, once they get retrenched, would last them for five

months. He asked the King to intervene and help them in this matter.

Meanwhile, Bheki Ngwenya urged government to provide a subvention for Matsapha Town Board because, according to him, this was not happening. "Workers there do not get decent pay," Ngwenya said.

He went on to say Matsapha was an industrial hub and that meant it was also working towards attaining Vision 2022. He urged Minister of Housing and Urban Development Phipwayinkhosi Mabuza to find time to his schedule to go to Matsapha to find out how things were going in that town.



**MESSAGE:** Walter Bennett talking to Jabulani Nxumalo.

## Maxwell wanted back at Youth Council

By Mbono Mdluli  
Ludzidzini

**FORMER Swaziland National Youth Council (SNYC) CEO, Maxwell Jele, is wanted back at the youth organisation.**

This was a suggestion made by Thulani Shongwe, yesterday during the people's parliament. He said the country

could not afford to lose Jele because it had invested a lot of money in him.

"Jele has been to many countries, attending youth-related courses abroad.

He knows a lot of issues in relation to the youth. All this knowledge he got through the financial muscle of the country, that invested a lot on him," Shongwe said.

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## No clapping of hands at Sibaya – TV

By Mbono Mdluli  
Lobamba

**CLAPPING hands is strictly prohibited when inside the cattle byre, at Ludzidzini Royal Residence.**

This was said by Ludzidzini Governor, Timothy Velabo Mtetwa yesterday during the people's parliament. Mtetwa repeatedly said this as people would now and again fail to control their emotions. They would show their support for a speaker by clapping hand or shout at the top of their voices in jubilation.

"*Bekunene, atishaywa tandla lapha esibayeni seNkhosi. KuseNkhosini lapha kuyahlonishwa. Bayethe!*" Mtetwa said. He was telling the people that they should avoid clapping hands and show respect in the cattle byre, because it belonged to the King. There are incidents where some people would clap hands when speakers were making submissions. Several speakers lambasted Mtetwa himself, together with Manzini Regional Administrator Prince Geokoma. Other acts that are prohibited in the cattle byre include naming and shaming individuals, using cellphones and crying.

Prince Geokoma was accused by speakers of hindering development in the Manzini region, while Mtetwa was accused of denying people



**THULA ULALELE: Ludzidzini acting Governor, Timothy Velabo Mtetwa; making an announcement.**

access to the King.

One example, where people clapped their hands, was when one speaker submitted that the retirement age for Swaziland should be reduced to 50 years of age. Sister Dlamini from Ludzidzini was of the view that this would help in reducing the rate of unemployment in the country.

"The death rate is so high in such a way that people die almost every day. It is almost difficult for people nowadays to reach the age of 60, which is the retirement age, in this country. To give opportunities for the youth to be employed too, I suggest that those who are working now should be made to retire at 50 years. By

doing so the youth will be able to get employed in this country," Dlamini said.

She went on to say the senior employees in the security forces should be motivated because they were no longer happy. She complained of the fact that some workers in the security forces would be promoted, even if they had only five years experience working there.

This happened in the presence of senior officials, who had about 15 years of experience, who would find themselves having to report to the junior officials.

### Problem

Dlamini said the problem was those promoted would also be given extra allowances for doing other duties during national events. "There are a lot of people who are not working in this country, they should be hired to work during national events," she said.

She also advised the King to stop going with one and the same people abroad when he was going on state visits or any other trips. She then warned the King of the danger of not attending to the plight of the officers in the armed forces.

She said these were the people who were responsible for his safety and if they were not happy, his safety would be at risk. This is how she received a round of applause, which was rebuked by Mtetwa.



What was a concern to Shongwe was the money that was spent by the nation in trying to groom him to be what he was. He said Jele still had a huge role to play in making sure that the destiny of the youth of Swaziland reached greater heights.

Jele is said to have had his contract not renewed by the SNYC in 2011.

This was after allegations that he had advanced himself a sum of E24 000 from the coffers of the council. This was one of the charges he is said to have been facing.

#### Reinstate

"If it is difficult to reinstate Jele as a leader of the Swaziland National Youth Council, I suggest that he should be consulted on youth issues, wherever he is because the country invested a lot in him," he said. Shongwe said this after he had thanked the King for coming up with the Swaziland National Youth Enterprise Fund.

He said this fund was coming directly from the King because he was a patron of Club 29, an organisation that was committed to improving the life of a young person.

Shongwe expressed his gratitude on the fund because to him, His Majesty was investing in the future of the country. He said the youth was the future of the country, so they should be taken care of for the country to have a brighter future.

He said the fund would help the youth start businesses that would employ a lot of other Swazis and the economy would improve by so doing.

# TV at pains correcting Swazis

By Sabatha Dlamini  
Ludzidzini

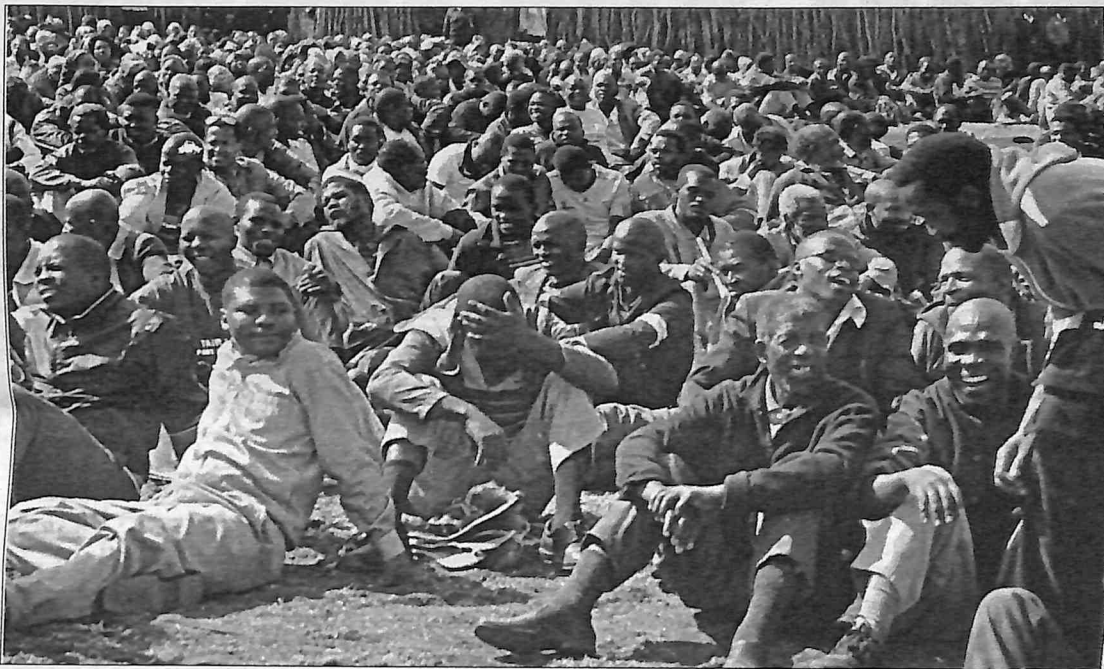
**ACTING Governor of Ludzidzini Royal Residence, Timothy Velabo Mtetwa was yesterday at pains trying to guide Swazis on the appropriate way for addressing His Majesty King Mswati III at the ongoing People's Parliament.**

It was quite apparent that some Swazis were not versed on the appropriate language, and cultural etiquette, they were required to adopt, the tough-talking governor would, from time, to time remind and redirect those straying from the acceptable norms.

Mtewa is substantive governor for Zombodze Royal Residence, near Kwaluseni in Manzini.

Amongst the unacceptable practices at the cattle byre, Governor Mtetwa listed the clapping of hands for whatever reason, even if it is in appreciation of a speaker's view-point; pronouncing insults, even if attempting to explain how one was insulted speakers are not allowed to repeat the insults.

It is also culturally wrong for participants to whistle in appreciation of a person's contribution, as such a salutation is only reserved for the head of the nation, the



**ALSO THERE:** Those who attended the people's parliament listening to the speakers.

Ingwenyama, in terms of Swazi cultural practices.

The People's Parliament is a Swazi version of a congress of the people, a long-held consultative gathering of the nation to discuss topical issues of interest to the nation. The scope of the discussions is broad and touches social, economic and political issues.

Other unacceptable practices

when within a royal residence include, but not limited to; folding your arms behind your back and, whistling. When parking your car always ensure it faces the residence.

The same principle applies to an individual or group of people who are seated; they have to face the residence.

Swazi kings have historically

availed this forum to their subjects to allow them to shape and influence national policies.

Participation in the national council was historically reserved only for men but over the years and in particular during the reign of the current monarch, the forum has been opened to women as well. The People's Parliament continues today.

## Phangothi Investments wins back its property

By Linda Jele  
High Court

**HIGH Court Judge Nkululeko Hlophe has set aside the sale of a property belonging to Phangothi Investments, after it was discovered that it was sold at a different place than advertised.**

He ordered the Registrar of Deeds to cancel registration of Lots 118 and 119, situated at Matsapha Industrial Area, from the name of Taga Investments back to the ownership of Phangothi Investments.

#### Property

The property was sold through Public Auction in Manzini, near Jubilee Park after Phangothi Investments had failed to settle its loan with Swazi Bank. Taga Investments purchased the two plots at E3 million reserve price. However, Phangothi Investments challenged the validity of the auction sale, on the grounds that it had taken place at a different place from that which had been advertised in the notice of sale, being 'outside the Manzini Regional Administrator's offices.

The company said the auction was held at the old Manzini Regional Administrator's offices, near the jubilee park, and this prevented other would be buyers from participating in the auction sale, which could have raised the purchase price.



**PRESIDING: High Court Judge Nkululeko Hlophe.**

The judge said the two places were very far apart and rejected Swazi Bank's argument that auction sales were generally conducted at that place.

"It can hardly be in dispute that the purpose of a sale by auction is to ensure that the property being sold is sold to the highest bidder, which is to say; it is sold for the highest possible price.

The underlying argument being that, if the property is sold at a different place than advertised, such has the tendency of defeating this purpose because other would be bidders may end up not attending, where their attendance could have influenced the sale towards achieving its purpose," judge Hlophe said. He said the improper mention of the address where the auction was

to be conducted, possibly resulted in the failure to allow as many, interested purchasers as possible who, through their participation would have curbed possible collusive dealing in the sale of properties in execution.

The judge also said the precise mention of an address for an action sale not only benefits the judgment debtor and the judgment creditor to enable the former to be paid handsome residue.

#### Possibility

"Instead, it is also meant to ensure that the property is sold for the highest possible price in an open and fair market so, as to eliminate the possibility of collusion to eliminate other bidders between any role payers; particularly the deputy sheriff conducting the sale and the eventual buyer, by either ambiguously advertising the place of the sale or improperly describing the property," judge Hlophe said.

He said ambiguity and inaccuracy should be discouraged in auction sales.

He found that the auction sale was conducted in a different place from that which had been advertised, therefore held that it was null and void. He set the sale aside and directed that the property should be re-registered in the name of Phangothi Investments. Taga Investments has said it had been granted a loan to purchase the property and was an innocent third party.



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## Community Mobilisers

SAFAIDS is a regional NGO working in southern African countries, including South Africa. Its mission is to promote effective and ethical development responses to sexual reproductive health and rights, HIV and gender. Under the MaxART programme SAFAIDS is conducting demand creation for the uptake of Early Access to ART implementation study and is looking for two Community Mobilisers to work in the Hhohho region.

#### Requirements

- A relevant Diploma plus a minimum of 3 years' experience in a similar position
- A good understanding of SRH and HIV issues and integrated programme delivery at community level
- Strong community mobilization skills and ability to organise and facilitate community events
- Must have basic M & E knowledge
- Excellent communication and writing skills. Knowledge of local language(s) is a must

Interested applicants should e-mail application and CV, information on current salary, benefits and contact details of three referees to: [recruitments@safaid.net](mailto:recruitments@safaid.net) by 12 August 2016. Please note that only short listed candidates will be contacted.



# ONLY ONE WOMAN NOMINATED AT NKHABA

By Sabatha Dlamini  
Mbabane

ONLY one woman, Shaina Sarah Maseko, has been elected to compete in the Nkhaba parliamentary race.

According to primary by-elections results released by the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) yesterday, Maseko got 264 votes at Nkhaba Chiefdom.

The highest votes went to former Swaziland National Sports Council Chairman, Menzi Dlamini, who accumulated 322 at Ekuvinjelweni.

The Nkhaba Constituency has five chiefdoms and the winners from the other chiefdoms were; Mkhosi Zephania Sikhondze of Ejubukweni with 63 votes, Samuel Mamba of Mdzimba with 77 votes and Sibusiso Thwala of Malanti with 32

## NKHABA REGION

INKHUNDLA	CHIEFDOM	MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT	M/F	No. Votes
NKHABA	Ejubukweni	Sikhondze Mkhosi Zephania	M	63
	Ekuvinjelweni	Dlamini Menzi	M	322
	Mdzimba	Mamba Samuel	M	77
	Malanti	Thwala Sibusiso	M	32
	Nkhaba	Maseko Shaina Sarah	F	264

## MANZINI REGION

LUDZELUDZE	INDVUNA YENKHUNDLA	M/F	No. Votes
LUDZELUDZE	Kudzeni	Shongwe Senzo	M 211
	Mbekelweni	Dlamini Ben M.	M 143
	Nkamanzi	Motsa Cyprian	M 53
	Sibuyeni	Mangwe Hezekiel	M 38
	Sigombeni	Dlamini Ambrose	M 75
	Vusweni	Dlamini Velamvuva Moses	M 58
	Zombodze	Motisa siphio Fihlakalo	M 112
	Lozitha	Dlamini Mhlabuhlangene	M 131

votes.

## Contesting

Under Ludzeludze Constituency, eight men would be contesting for

the vacant position of indvuna yenkhundla and those who won the primary by-elections are; Hezekiel Mangwe at Sibuyeni chiefdom,

BUCOPHO			
MAHLANGATSHA	Nsangwini	Maseko Fortune Nhlanhla	M 59
MANZINI NORTH	Mzinnene	Ndzinisa Mdumiseni C.	M 175

## LUBOMBO

LUBULI	Mabantaneni	Gina Sanele	M 277
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## SHISELWENI

SANDELENI	KaNzameya	Dlamini Elijah	M 50
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Velamvuva Dlamini of Vusweni chiefdom, Ambrose Dlamini of Sigombeni chiefdom, Cyprian Motsa of Nkamanzi chiefdom, Mhlabuhlangene Dlamini of Lozitha chiefdom, Senzo Shongwe of Ekudzeni chiefdom and Ben Dlamini, representing Mbekelweni chiefdom.

## Position

Meanwhile, the following candidates won by-elections for the position of Bucophu at the

following chiefdoms; Nhlanhla Fortune Maseko with 59 votes of Nsangwini under Mahlangatsha Constituency, Mdumiseni Ndzinisa with 175 votes of Mzinnene under Manzini North Constituency, Sanele Gina with 277 votes of Mabantaneni under Lubuli Constituency, Elijah Dlamini with 50 votes of KaNzameya under Sandleni Constituency in the Shiselweni region.

## Cops rebuked for 'ambushing' DD suspects

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

Donald Mavuso has sternly condemned the tendency by traffic police officers to launch surprise attacks and

further chase suspected drink-drivers.

Mavuso said such a tendency was one of the unprofes-

SENIOR Magistrate

sional conducts which also caused road accidents.

The senior magistrate was speaking during a trial of one of the drink-driving suspects. Mduduzi Sibiya of Mlindazwe had appeared before the court after he was arrested and charged with contravening the Road Traffic Act.

## Failed

He was alleged to have wrongfully, unlawfully and intentionally driven his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. It was alleged that a breathalyser test indicated that the accused person had 0.97 mg/l of alcohol in his blood system. Particulars of the offence also included that the accused failed to comply

with the police when they signalled him to stop, resulting in them having to chase after him for about five kilometres. It was alleged that the accused person was also staggering and had a strong smell of alcohol coming from his mouth. When the charge sheet was read to him, the accused person pleaded guilty to the charge while conducting his own defence. His plea was also accepted by the crown without leading evidence to prove commission.

## Guilty

He was accordingly found guilty by the court. In mitigation, the accused told the court that he did not see the police when they signalled him to stop as their motor

vehicle was hidden in the bush next to the road. He said he was surprised when a man who was dressed like a police officer suddenly emerged from the bush and attempted to stop him.

The accused said a motor vehicle which had its lights switched off then chased after him after he did not stop when the man signalled him to do so. He said at first, he thought he was being chased by thugs who wanted to hijack him. He said he only realised that it was actually the police when they eventually caught up with him. Meanwhile, the accused was eventually sentenced to three months imprisonment with an option to pay E1 000 fine.

## Soccer fan fined E3 000 for slapping cop

By Phesheya Kunene  
Mbabane

ONE of the scuffles that occurred during the Swazi Telecom Charity Cup games at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday resulted in one fan being fined E3 000 for slapping a female police officer.

The accused, Nkosingiphile Mbhamali, is alleged to have attacked the uniformed female police officer while she was trying to control one of the several skirmishes that erupted during the one day tournament. After the alleged hot clap, it is said Mbhamali was instantly whisked away into a police van, which resulted in him spending a



night at Lobamba Police Station.

## Charged

Mbhamali appeared before Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi after being charged with assault common, and he pleaded guilty to the offence.

Nhlabatsi then asked why he hit the police officer and the accused stated that it was a mistake as he had never beaten a person before. "I

was trying to separate people that were fighting when the police approached us, and I mistakenly slapped the female police officer who was in uniform. I am still shocked by this too, as it's uncharacteristic of me. I still cannot believe that I slapped a police officer," he said. As mitigation continued, Mbhamali further apologised for his actions and said he would never be found to have committed such an offence ever again.

"I am sorry Your Worship and as a first offender I ask the court to be lenient with me," he said. Mbhamali was found guilty as per his plea and was slapped with a fine of E3 000 or spend two years in jail cells.



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## "CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST" SINCEPHETELO MVA FUND HEAD OFFICE DEVELOPMENT, MBABANE

The Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accidents Fund (SMVAF) hereby invites locally registered window roller blinds contractors to indicate their interest in being selected to tender for the construction of the proposed office development.

### Project Background Information

The scope of the works entails the supply and installation of roller blinds to the 5-storey building that includes inter alia offices from Levels 0 – 5, Wellness Centre, Restaurant, Canteen, Gymnasium, Boardroom & Clinic. The development will provide about 8,900 square metres (Gross Building Area) of office space, accessed by two scenic lifts. The site is situated on Lot 3252, Mbhilibhi Street in Mbabane. The submitted Expressions of Interest will be evaluated and contractors who meet the pre-tender qualification criteria will be invited to tender for the roller blinds supply and installation contract.

### Required Information

- Interested parties are required to submit the following information:
- Letter of accreditation from their Blinds Supplier
- Documented experience of three (3) projects successfully completed during the last three (3) years
- Client satisfaction / reference letters for the last three (3) projects
- Company profile with curriculum vitae of key personnel
- Certified copy of Valid Trading Licence
- Certified copy of Tax Compliance Certificate
- Certificate of VAT registration
- Statement of joint ventures / partnerships (if tendering as a JV or partnership)

**Note:** A joint venture will be expected to provide full details of the joint venture arrangement and each member of the joint venture is to provide all information required.

### Closing date for submissions

Contractors who wish to be considered for selection as tenderers for the project are requested to submit the above requested information and hand deliver to the physical address below in a sealed envelope entitled, "Blinds Expression of Interest for Sincephetelo MVA Fund Head Office Development", NOT later than 3:00 pm on Friday, 19th August 2016. Late submissions shall not be considered.

The Chief Executive Officer, Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accidents Fund, 2nd Floor, Sincephetelo MVA Fund Building, Gwamile Street, Mbabane,

Enquiries are to be directed to the office of the CEO, by electronic mail ONLY, E-mail: [minenhle@mva.org.sz](mailto:minenhle@mva.org.sz)  
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# UMHLANGA REED DANCE PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY

By Sabatha Dlamini  
Ludzidzini

**THE arena, in which the annual Umhlanga Reed Dance is danced, is already green in readiness for this year's ceremony.**

Water sprinklers are watering the ground and a construction company is busy at work, renovating the structures within the cultural ground. The ministry of home affairs is responsible for the maintenance of the cultural ground.

The annual spectacular ceremony is set for this month and attracts several tourists all over the world. The ceremony is attended by unmarried girls who, in paying homage to Her Majesty the Queen Mother, are sent to cut reed from Mpisi farm at the Little Mbuluzi River between Mafutseni and Luve.

Junior girls are assigned to Lusushwana River at KaBham 'sakhe.

A temporal grand stand for those who shall be watching the event has already been erected and the preparations are at an advanced stage.

The traditional Umhlanga Reed



dance event would coincide with the Swaziland International Trade Fair, which is also hosted annually by the country.

The trade fair attracts exhibitors locally and regional from various countries in the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC).

## Busy

All these activities make the month of August a very busy period for the Swaziland Government and they provide an impressive opportunity for small-scale businesspeople to make money, mainly from vending.

With the upcoming SADC Heads of State Summit, a construction company tasked with upgrading the

Somhlolo-Nkhanini road is already completing the exercise.

Lobamba Member of Parliament Michael Masilela has already expressed his appreciation for the roads infrastructural developments, which come with street lights. Some marketing stalls have also been given a facelift around the Nkhanini and Lobamba areas.

These are usually the busiest streets during the cultural ceremonies.

His Majesty King Mswati III has also appealed to the Swazi nation to ensure the country is kept clean in preparation of the multitudes of visitors expected to flock into the country this month.

## BUSINESSMAN ESCAPES 'LANDELA' GANG'S CLUTCHES

By Observer Reporter  
Mbabane

**THE notorious 'Landela' gang has upped their tricks as they now target desperate sugarcane farmers in Lubombo Region.**

According to a victim, the crew famously known as 'Landela', almost stole his hauling machinery worth E1 million over the past weeks.

The businessman, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he received a call from an unknown man who claimed to have a tender for him. "The conmen are taking advantage of the fact that this year there are a few tenders."

He said he received a call and he was promised a big tender at Siphofaneni, where there are large farms of sugar cane along the Usuthu River. He said they arranged a meeting which was conducted under a tree.

## Fateful

"On that fateful day of the meeting, my instinct told me that there is something amiss where I was going."

He said he then asked his son to drive him to the meeting place. Upon arrival, he met four men who pretended to have a farm that was waiting to be harvested end of July and were looking for serious subcontractors to who have grab loaders.

"I was told to declare some of the items that I own and I told them I was going provide a cane loader and gleaners."

He said the Bells cane loader, which was bought from Swazi Track, is worth E1 million. The farmer said he came into agreement with the conmen that they would start working on a Monday.

"On our way home, my son warned me not to take the tender offered by the strangers. My son told me that amongst the four men, one was familiar. He told me he works with the notorious Landela gang in Matsapha-Manzini corridor."

## Conmen

The farmer said on the Sunday he got non-stop calls from the conmen, who wanted him to confirm the time and route the driver was going to use when coming to Siphofaneni.

"I then turned them down by telling them that the machinery had mechanical faults, so I need to take it for servicing."

Another source said the conmen are all over Siphofaneni, Big Bend and the surrounding areas.

"Another man was made to work at a certain farm for the whole season without getting paid."

In this particular instance, the conmen are said to have entered to a contract with the farmer and they submitted their personal account.

## 'Chiefs behind mushrooming homesteads'

By Sabatha Dlamini  
Lobamba

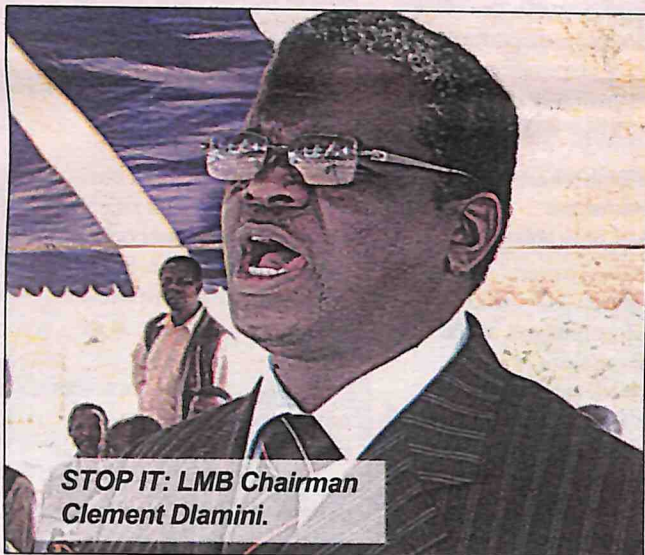
**SOME chiefs are said to be directly responsible for the illegal mushrooming homesteads in areas that are historically reserved as grazing land.**

Land Management Board (LMB) Chairman Clement Dlamini said his committee, although directly tasked with ensuring such illegal and uncontrolled settlement of people was prevented, had no instrument which it could invoke to reverse such societal damage if already done by the chiefs.

Dlamini said they don't even have penalties that they could impose on those chiefs violating the national resettlement policy.

The former minister for agriculture said the land management board was deeply concerned that in several areas land that was reserved for national projects or for food production has been wrongly utilised. "It is a pity that we have no authority over the areas in which no resettlement was done," said Dlamini.

He said his committee was only able to intervene on areas where proper resettlement was done by the area's authority and that some peo-



**STOP IT: LMB Chairman Clement Dlamini.**

ple were just violating the agreed arrangement. Dlamini said the responsibility to initiate the resettlement rested with the chiefs and that his committee was not supposed to impose it on them.

## Assist

"We only assist with technical expertise when are requested, otherwise it remains the sole responsibility of the chiefs to decide how to settle his subjects by setting aside settlement areas, grazing lands and food production areas," said Dlamini.

Dlamini and the members of the land management board have been to several chiefdoms, throughout the country, to appeal to residents and community leaders alike to desist from practices,

which eventually lead to the misuse of land, a scarce non-renewable resource. Some concerned Swazis have raised the matter at the ongoing people's parliament at Ludzidzini Cattle byre, accusing chiefs and their councils of allocating land willy-nilly without a care whatsoever on the future uses of the land.

Of major concern was that land, that should be used for food production, was now allocated to individuals for residential settlements to the detriment of the nation.

The effects of these bad practices and irresponsible actions are overgrazing which result in soil erosion and, most unfortunately, food insecurity.

## Network Interruption

Swazi MTN is accelerating modernisation of the network from Oshoek throughout the country's business corridor, up to King Mswati III International Airport.

The company will be modernising more sites between Ezulwini Matsapha and Manzini additional to the 52 that have already been commissioned in Mbabane and Ezulwini.

Much as most of the major changes are effected at night to minimise interruptions, some are effected during the day, making service interruptions inevitable.

Swazi MTN sincerely apologises for service interruptions and for inconvenience that is caused by the modernisation process. However, once the process is complete, our customers are going to enjoy seamless connections.

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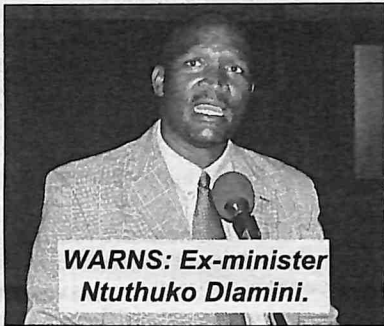
Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**FORMER Minister of Public Works and Transport, Ntuthuko Dlamini, strongly condemned foreigners who have acquired Swazi citizenship but did not attend the ongoing People's Parliament (Sibaya).**

Dlamini, who has ventured into the business world instead of politics, said the people's parliament has raised serious issues so far.

He wondered why the people who called themselves Swazis such as whites, coloureds and Asians did not attend the people's parliament.

"Who do they consider as their King because they do not attend almost all the Swazi culture functions?" Dlamini posted in one of the networking sites. He said the events included the Reed Dance, *Incwala*, *Lusekwane* and other events.



Dlamini said it was saddening because these people did not even allow their workers to attend to the King's summon. Worth noting is that most people who are employed at the factories in Matsapha and those engaged by foreigners in their shops did not attend the people's parliament but to them it was work as usual.

Dlamini warned the nation saying His Majesty King Mswati III should be very careful to these people as not only were they a threat to the nation but also the King himself.

He noted that these individuals were the engine of the country's

## Swazis want Sibaya held annually

**SWAZIS want the people's parliament to be an annual event.**

Musa Matsebula said he was amongst those who had been following the proceedings closely.

He has noted how the nation was making submissions to His Majesty King Mswati III about issues affecting them in the communities they live in. Matsebula said if it were up to him he would have the people's parliament hosted annually.

He said this would ensure issues the people raised were worked on and in the next year they would get feedback on how these have been dealt with.

economy. "Some are sponsors of the so called progressive movements, some are holders of big farms in the country and they think they are very smart," he said.

Adding, Dlamini said some had applied for Swazi citizenship but they do not want to be part of such important gathering.

## Hands off my property, says DJ Peace to Amandla

By Linda Jele  
Mbabane

**POPULAR Disk Jockey Mxolisi Mthethwa has filed a court application seeking an order barring Amandla Financial Services from re-attaching his personal belongings for a debt incurred by his company.**

Mthethwa, popularly known as DJ Peace, claims that his company, Peace Entertainment was early in the year ordered by the Mbabane Magistrate's Court to repay Amandla Financial Services E28 263 plus collection commission and six percent interest. He says he directs his company together with Makhosazana Dlamini.

He has alleged that on September 3, 2014, when

Peace Entertainment was granted the loan facility, he and Dlamini placed themselves as sureties. Each director signed their own deed of suretyship to the effect that in the event their company fails to honour its indebtedness, each would be responsible for half.

### Attached

However, Mthethwa has alleged, a messenger of court attached his personal belongings at his residence, instead of Peace Entertainment's assets which were available at its offices.

He submitted that such was erroneous, because the summons had been served on the company's premises. He also submitted that the legal operational procedure dictates that the judgment debtor's assets are first attached and only when that property doesn't settle the full amount owed, after

public auction, are the sureties' properties attached.

He claimed that in March, he paid Amandla Financial Services E12 000 and E3 000 in April. He claimed that he was only indebted to the creditor for E16 000, therefore the balance expected from him was E1 000.

"Immediately after I had settled my part of indebtedness as set out in the deed of suretyship, I elected to remove my personal belongings from my residence, which I believe I was entitled in the circumstances," he said.

### Claimed

However, he said on August 2, he was contacted by Amandla Financial Services General Manager Bongani Phakathi, informing him to sur-

render the personal belongings he had removed because they were under attachment. He claimed that Phakathi threatened to institute legal proceedings and charge him with contempt if he failed to pay the balance in the amount owed.

### Proceedings

He submitted that the financial services provider should institute legal proceedings against his co-director Makhosazana Dlamini and demand payment of the other E16 000. He submitted that he had settled a huge part of his indebtedness and would settle the E1 000 balance thereof immediately.

Amandla Financial Services is yet to file its responding papers in the matter. Mthethwa is represented by lawyer Vusi Thomo from Elvis Maziya Attorneys in the matter.



## Public praise speakers for bravery at Sibaya

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**WITH the People's Parliament (Sibaya) entering its fifth day today, members of the public have turned to the social networks to praise some of the speakers who have raised various issues of concern which delayed the country's economic and political development.**

Thousands of people have shown their love and respect for Their Majesties by attending the ongoing Sibaya after they were summoned since last week.

His Majesty King Mswati III urged the nation to speak their minds and highlight issues on how the country could improve its socio economic and political affairs, amongst other issues.

Some citizens have used this opportunity to voice out their frustrations on issues which touched mainly on the political front, with some suggesting that the nation should call a referendum to determine whether the

### BELOW ARE SOME OF THE COMMENTS FROM THE FACEBOOKERS:

#### BUTHELEZI PHILA

"Inkhosi ifunani ebhisinisi ichudzelana nebantfwabayo" bantfu bayatikhuluma eSibayeni"

User 1: kumatima lapha esibayeni

User 2: Kepha lokunye kulicinis ned libuhlungu

User 3: Liciniso noma libuhlungu alikhulunywe lonjengoba linjalo

User 3: Ngyabavuma labo bantfu maybe live leffu lingabuyela esimeni salo

User 4: Lolobajubako nabakhuluma cha maye akangjabulisi

User 1: Nani kumele banibite to account

country needs to switch to multiparty system or maintain the Tinkhundla system of governance.

#### Frustrations

Some of the submissions highlighted the frustrations experienced by many Swazis when it comes to the way the country is governed.

Following these proceedings at the Sibaya, some social networks such as the popular Facebook have been abuzz with comments praising participants of the people's parliament for their commitment to voice out their opinions which are meant to make

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User 6: We nid women now at parliament nabo bayosebentela bantfwababo

Buthelezi Phila TV unenkinga @Msha. Sive ngiyasitsandza ngekubhoboka ngalokusetifubeni futsi sente lesikutsandzako njengemalungelo aso

@Absa, Ngetie, Nothando n Innocent. Nasekuvoteni kanjalo lukhetfo seludvutane

@Lucky

User 7: Batsini bantfu bakitsi boo, asikho sisemaveni ngenca yekuswelakala

kwemisebenti.sita wakitsi. Sitjele Mhlonishwa

the country stable and better.

One of the Facebook users who commended the commitment of the nation for the submissions is Matsanjeni North Member of Parliament Phila Buthelezi, who stated that he was amazed by one of the participants who was of the view that the king was not expected to run or hold shares in businesses.

Buthelezi's post got over 40 comments from other users who also commended the participants of the people's parliament who spoke openly during the proceedings.

## Man gets 7 years for killing step brother

Linda Jele  
High Court

**A 23-year-old man has been sentenced to seven years imprisonment for killing his step brother.**

Wandile Dlamini was charged with culpable homicide after stabbing his step father's son Senzo Dlamini. The incident happened in September 2009 and Wandile spent a month in prison before he was admitted to bail. He appeared before High Court Judge Qinisile Mabuza on Thursday.

Wandile had been charged with murder, but he pleaded guilty to culpable homicide, a plea which was accepted by the crown. He was convicted by the court as per his own plea. In his mitigation, Wandile submitted that after the death of his biological father, his mother got married to Senzo's father. He also submitted that Senzo was four years older than him.

He said he and his mother then proceeded to stay at his step father's home and his relationship with Senzo was not good ever since they started staying together.

He submitted that the deceased was the aggressor in the incident and he retaliated by stabbing him with an okapi knife.

He submitted that the deceased was the author of his own misfortunes. He told the judge that he only went as far as Form Two at school and asked the court to consider that he had observed the bail conditions to the letter. The crown informed the court that Wandile was a first offender.

In passing sentence, the judge said she would consider Wandile's personal circumstances and submissions. However, she would have to



also take into account that Wandile took the life of his step brother and had carried a wicked knife at the age of 16 years.

"The question being, who was he arming himself against? I also have to take into account the interests of society. There are too many casual deaths in the country and would be offenders must be deterred from

committing such offences. Courts are enjoined to pass sentences that will send a message that such offences will not be tolerated," Judge Mabuza said.

She then sentenced Wandile to seven years imprisonment without the option to pay a fine. She suspended two years of the sentence for a period of two years on condition Wandile would not be convicted of an offence of which assault would be an element, during the period of the suspension.

She also stated that the period between September 21 and October 21, 2009, Wandile spent in prison would be deducted from the sentence.



# 'Avoid double membership'

Stories by Mbono Mdluli  
Ezulwini

**THE Swaziland Principals Association (SWAPA) has advised its members to divorce other organisations and register their organisation.**

SWAPA is now on the verge of signing a recognition agreement with government. They could not do so before because the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) objected, claiming that principals still belonged to them.

SWAPA Vice President, Welcome Mhlanga said this would not be an easy thing to do.

He was speaking during a farewell function for Hhohho principals, who had retired from the teaching profession, held at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre last Friday.

It was organised by the Hhohho branch of SWAPA where Senator Ndimiso Mdluli had been invited as a guest speaker.

The retired principals included Simon Mthunzi, Benson Dlamini, Julius Dlamini, Gladness Nkambule, Savinah Dlamini and Edward Mgavu.

"We have to avoid double membership at all costs because this is against the dictates of the Industrial Relations Act of 2000. We cannot be members of SWAPA and still belong to other organisation. We have to sign divorce papers with the other organisation and become fully fledged SWAPA members," Mhlanga said.

Mhlanga, however, did not name the organisation that he was talking about. However, it is a well known fact that members of SWAPA also affiliate under the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT).

## Growing

Mhlanga said the Hhohho branch of his organisation was working hard in growing its membership base. This branch is headed by Thabo Nkambule, who is a principal at Mater Dorolosa Primary School.

He urged them to share their recruiting strategies with the other regional bodies of SWAPA.

Mhlanga, when asked about the number of members they now have, declined to answer. He said this was still a secret.

He added that the way SWAPA was growing, it showed that the organisation was growing in leaps and bounds.

He expressed hope that the growth of the organisation would restore the dignity of school principals. He warned those who were taking SWAPA for granted that they were in for a big surprise.

The vice president then went on to say the cooperative belonging to them was growing too. "The treasurer of Emachawe Emfundvo, our savings and credit cooperative, told me that he is happy when he sees the way our money increases. This tells me that you also have confidence in Emachawe Emfundvo," he said.

SWAPA member Julius Dlamini said principals were actually recognised but it was only the organisation that was not recognised.

Dlamini was speaking on behalf of the retiring Hhohho principals.

"Principals were recognised by government the day they were appointed. It is only the organisation that has to be recognised now," Dlamini said.

He urged the principals to work towards making the teaching profession a respectful one. He said the future generation should want to be teachers; not to earn money, but to be dignified for plying their trade in such an important profession.

## Government's slow delivery irks SWAPA

**SWAPA is complaining about government's slow delivery which disturbs them in their work.**

SWAPA Vice President, Welcome Mhlanga, spoke strongly about the lack of service delivery shown by government. This was in regard to the grants that are supposed to be disbursed by government to schools across the country. He directed his complaint to Senator Ndimiso Mdluli, who is also chairperson of the Senate portfolio committee in the ministry of education and training. He was invited to the gathering as a guest speaker.

"The issue of government grants is a pain to the principals because it disturbs the operations of the schools. How can schools be expected to operate efficiently when pupils will write mock examinations without the grants being availed to schools?" Mhlanga asked. He mentioned the Free Primary Education (FPE), Orphaned and Vulnerable Children (OVC) and the European Union (EU) as being the grants that were not being disbursed in time to schools. He told Mdluli that the issue needed to be tackled with boldness. He urged the senator to make efforts to end this tendency by government so that schools could be run efficiently and effectively.



**STRESSING A POINT: SWAPA Vice President, Welcome Mhlanga, addressing the principals during the retired Hhohho principals' welfare function.**  
(Courtesy Pics)



**GIFTS: Senator, Ndimiso Mdluli (4th R) and St Mark's High School Principal Zanele Zwane (4th L) pose for a picture after giving gifts to the retired principals.**



**POSE: The retired principals sitting with Senator Mdluli (4th L). Hhohho Deputy REO Mvangelisi Simelane (L), SWAPA Executive Members; Thabo Nkambule (R), Mduduzi Bhembe (2nd R), Welcome Mhlanga (3rd R) and the rest of the principals.**

## We have been sidelined - Maphungwane residents

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**RESIDENTS of the Bhekizwe community, under Maphungwane Chiefdom, feel rejected and sidelined by the authorities of the area.**

They claim to be starving as no one seems to care about them. The community, which forms the larger fraction of Maphungwane, is known as the stronghold of the faction, refusing to accept Chief Maliwa as the rightful ruler of the area.

The residents were last month turned back from a food distribution exercise, which was facilitated by Caritas Swaziland, after it was alleged that the list of the residents went missing.

The residents have now appealed for food aid saying they are starving. Apparently, residents of the area had only benefitted once from the food aid early this year after government embarked on the exercise to intervene in the drought effects.

Maphungwane is one of the areas which are in serious need of food aid. Currently, residents of the area struggle to even get drinking

water.

The residents have alleged that they have been intentionally sidelined from many development projects by the authorities of the area. They pointed out that this became evident when they were turned back from a food distribution exercise.

Some of the residents have also alleged that they are having difficulty in accessing projects such as electricity schemes, which are usually partly funded by the constituency through the Regional Development Fund (RDF).

"Ever since we were labelled as the stronghold of the opposition faction, we have been struggling get any form of assistance from the traditional authorities of the area," said one of the residents.

The residents are now appealing to the public to assist with food aid. Some children from the area were recently reported to have dropped out of school due lack of food. Most children are said to be now attending school mainly for food than lessons.

In a previous interview, constituency headman Boy Matsenjwa had reported that the residents will receive their share of the food aid in the next distribution.

## Shops in Nhlanguano reject old coins

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlanguano

**SOME of the shops in Nhlanguano no longer accept pre-2014e Swazi coins.**

This has caused confusion for members of the public as they said this was way before the deadline that was announced by the Central Bank of Swaziland regarding the issue of old coins.

The Central Bank issued notices that some of the coins would stop circulating from September 1 and advised the public to return all the old coins.

Most of the people when coming to buy something in some of the shops are told that such coins were not accepted and this has caused frustration, for those who were not even aware of the arrangement.

Sonyboy Mahlaba, a taximan, said he found himself a laughing stock at Wozani Supermarket where he had gone to buy some items only to be told that the money he was carrying was no longer accepted at the shop.

"The lady on the till told me that they no longer take coins from 2014 backwards and only accepted those from 2015.

I tried to ask the reason with her but she told me that it was an order from the management. I was frustrated and when I

wanted to know how I could be assisted, she told me that there was no way and I left the shop disappointed," said Mahlaba.

Mahlaba said he was blank about the issue of old coins being removed from circulation, saying even then the shops needed to display a notice.

"I heard that the Central Bank issued a notice that some of the coins would no longer be in use. However, I don't think it was said this should happen before August. There are shops and other businesses which now do not take these coins.

## Screen

At Wozani Supermarket, for instance, when you reach the till, they screen all coins you bring and they don't take coins bearing years from 2014 backwards. They simply tell you that they can't take them and can't help you with anything," said Mahlaba.

Another taximan, only identified as Dladu, also said he encountered the same problem when he had gone to buy groceries from the same supermarket. "It's frustrating and some of us have all along been of the view that the coins will stop being taken at the beginning next month (September).

At Wozani Supermarket, I have been turned away several times. They sometimes tell me to go to the bank and this is time consuming," said Dladu.





**ALL SET:** A bedroom suit made by offenders at Matsapha will also be on display during the International Trade Fair.



**UPHOLSTERY:** Officers displaying a couch made by offenders in the Upholstery Unit which will be part of the items to be exhibited during the show.



**ON DISPLAY:** Chief Officer Nonkululeko Masuku showing a fruit dish from the Pottery Unit.

# HMCS GEARS UP FOR SITF 2016

Stories by Observer Reporter  
Mbabane

HIS Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase says the department is more than ready for the upcoming Swaziland International Trade Fair (SITF) 2016.

SITF will be staged at the Mavuso Arts and Exhibition Centre from August 26 to September 5.

Ntshangase said the 2016 Trade Fair likewise marked yet another era where the department would be afforded the opportunity to showcase to society, the various skills and rehabilitation programmes that are undertaken by offenders while serving their sentences.

Ntshangase explained that these programmes played a pivotal role in nurturing the lives of the offenders for them to become sound and law abiding citizens.

In view of this annual exhibition, he said the Correctional Services has embarked on a series of industrialisation programmes, processes and homemade products which would be unveiled during the event.

He elaborated that the treatment programmes which offenders undertake



**READY:** HMCS Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase.

as part of the rehabilitation process assisted them in the acquisition of skills which they would utilise upon release from custody.

## Preparations

"Preparations for the big extravaganza have commenced where a variety of eye-catching products are being crafted," he said.

Following that the department of Corrections was a security institution that functioned almost in isolation, Ntshangase said most of their activities were rarely presented in the public

domain.

He noted that it was during such events that the products manufactured by inmates were exhibited publicly.

He added that the departmental theme, 'Development Unusual: Improving SADC's Infrastructure and Industrialisation through Correctional Programmes' was in all respects guaranteed to accomplish the main goal of an industrialised, infrastructure improved region.

## Skills

Ntshangase believes that with the various skills acquired by offenders, be it in farming, tailoring, and upholstery, carpentry or metal work, building and maintenance; all will contribute immensely towards a better economy for the country, the region and to a larger extent, the African continent as a whole.

"Offenders who acquire skills in tailoring or brick-laying will leave the institution and put into practice these skills thus reflecting acutely on the gist of the theme. An offender who has acquired these skills upon release from custody does not necessarily need to be employed in any formal sector but becomes self-employed and further becomes a prospective employer thus improving the quality of life for other people," he said.



**HANDY WORK:** Inmates from Matsapha Correctional centre hard at work while officer Colani Bhisha supervises.

## HMCS takes any opportunity to showcase products

**WHILE HMCS is described as the school of innovation and the centre of excellence, the department does not take with feeble hands the opportunity to showcase its products.**

HMCS Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase said the department would be showcasing new innovated products.

He said the department was conscious of the competition ahead hence they were coming with products that would surely amaze.

The commissioner general said such products included but were not limited to top of the range bedroom suits, the in fashion garden swings for parks as well as comfortable couches from the upholstery unit.

## Exhibition

"Over the past years, HMCS has received awards for best exhibition under the government department category and strives to maintain this," he said.

Ntshangase said they were further humbled by the fact that for the past eight years which tallies with the time he took office, the department has consecutively scooped position one under the government departments category. He said even though competing at depart-

mental level during the fair neither presented challenges for his team, they were far from being complacent as a result of this huge success.

Ntshangase said they were working tirelessly to maintain such good record.

He expounded that HMCS would not only be taking part in the event but would also compete adding that such did not come easy.

Ntshangase said the products which would be exhibited during the event were of high quality and of various tastes.

## Diversity

"It is such diversity that promises to usher the country to the much anticipated first world status," he said.

Ntshangase said the first world status was not simply a lip service but would be attained through hard work and utmost dedication hence it was imperative for officers to operate on an international scale.

He applauded officers who were working relentlessly in a bid to usher the department to the first world.

The commissioner general then took time to invite all people from the different spheres to join the department in witnessing the attractive products which would be displayed during the Trade Fair.

## HMCS SECTIONS NOT TO BE MISSED DURING FAIR

● **Industries:** HMCS comprehends that there is various tastes for different people hence the industry section will present products ranging from leather products, tailored work, upholstery, carpentry to welded merchandises.

● **Crop production:** This unit will display the following farm produce; field crops, maize, beans, cowpeas, jugo beans, vegetables, cabbages, lettuce, beet-

root, carrots, green pepper etc.

● **Livestock:** The department takes honour in presenting homemade milk products and milk to Swazi citizens and international guests. These include feta cheese, sour milk and our own home made yoghurt as well as fish and honey.

● **Vulamasango School:** Like its success, the school's products are never a fairy tale. The school

will present products in the range of framing, fine art, art work, a table for their curriculum and trophies to confirm their success story.

● **Salon:** Situated at Mawelawela Women Correctional Centre, it is not just a salon but a college of artistic braids and during the event they will be displaying periwigs, toupees and other in-fashion wigs and cosmetics.



# S. Africans must stick to their culture - Makoko Chief

By Mbono Mdluli  
Makoko, South Africa

**SOUTH** Africans have been advised to stick to their culture, despite changes that come with legislations of that country.

This was said by Makoko Chief, Mbangiswa Isaac Mdluli on Saturday, during the *ummemo* ceremony in that area. The ceremony marked the end of the week-long work of building a Royal kraal at the Makoko chieftdom. Mdluli started by thanking everyone who attended the ceremony and urged them to continue doing so.

"Right now as we speak, there is a bill currently in our national parliament, this legislation will now allow the women of South Africa to enter any Royal institution wearing pants and without *doeks* on their heads. This is something that has been forbidden in our culture. Despite that, I urge all black people to stick to their culture in order to maintain their identity," Mdluli said.

## Delegation

He also stated that they were expecting a delegation from Swaziland to grace the event. However, their expectations were not met as only about two people had been sent from Swaziland.

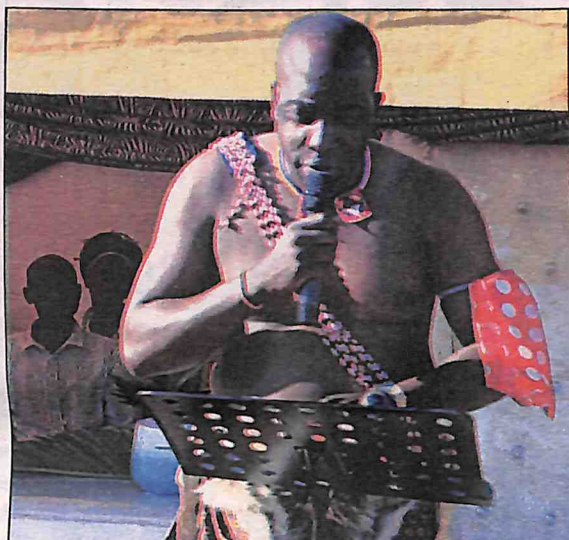
These included Prince Sicelo and Bheka Mabuza. Mdluli wanted to know why they did not grace the event. He asked Prince Sicelo to shed some light on what had happened.

The prince mentioned that the reason was mainly because the country was engaged in an on-going people's parliament, commonly known as Sibaya.

He said this was an event where the King summoned Swazis to the cattle byre at Ludzidzini in Lobamba. "The nation is summoned to Sibaya to either say something to the nation or let the people speak on issues affecting them," Prince Sicelo said.

He said the authorities saw it fit to send them to the event. His explanation was well received by those who listened to him. Mpumalanga House of Traditional Leaders Executive Member, Roy Nkosi, also urged the black nation to maintain the culture and tradition.

Nkosi, who is a chief at Nikwakuyengwa, next to Oshoek Border gate, said children should be taught about culture and traditions in schools.



**SIKHULU:** Makoko Chief, Mbangiswa Isaac Mdluli, delivering his speech during Ummemo on Saturday at Makoko Royal Kraal.



**MY TAKE:** MPHTL Executive Member Chief, Roy Nkosi, giving his remarks during the event.

## EYA 2016 ROADSHOWS SCHEDULE



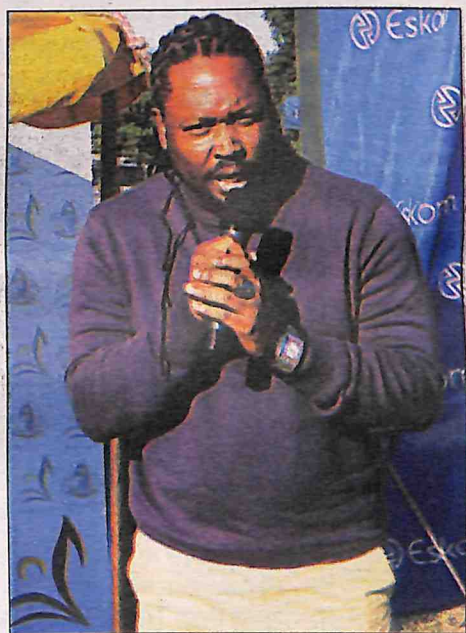
The Entrepreneur of the Year Awards (EYA) 2016 competition has been launched and is open to all Swazi owned micro, small and medium enterprises.

### Process:

1. Complete an application form and drop it at any SEDCO office nationwide. Deadline 26 August 2016
2. Judges will conduct on-site visits to verify submitted information after short-listing the potential winners.
3. The shortlisted applicants will be invited to a gala dinner where winners from each category will be awarded. There are no predetermined number of categories and winners

For more information join us in our regional roadshows in the following areas;

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Shiselweni	Nhlangano National Library	09 / 08 / 16	10:00am
Manzini	The George Hotel	12 / 08 / 16	10:00am
Lubombo	Siteki Hotel	16 / 08 / 16	10:00am
Hhohho	Sibane Hotel	19 / 08 / 16	10:00am



**REP:** Prince Sicelo explaining why Swazi delegation was not there.  
(Pics: Mbono Mdluli)

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Wonderboy Dlamini



WE MEET AGAIN: The former pupils posing for a group photo after their meeting on Saturday.

LUBOMBO CENTRAL ALUMNI  
PLEDGES SUPPORT TO SCHOOL

**FORMER** pupils of Lubombo Central High have pledged their support to the school to improve the welfare of current pupils and their academic performance.

About 50 former pupils gathered at the school on Saturday to formally form an alumni which is expected to assist in working on the challenges faced by the school.

The gathering of the former pupils has been viewed as a milestone by the school administration.

Speaking during the gathering, Principal Pilatu Vilane said the school was faced by numerous challenges which affected pupils' performance.

Vilane pointed out that some of the challenges faced by the school were a result of the drought situation.

The school is situated under Lugongolweni constituency, an area

which has been hit hard by the drought situation.

Vilane said in some instances, some pupils would absent themselves from school due to the shortage of bus fares.

It was also reported that some less privileged female pupils would also stay at home during their menstrual periods as they had no sanitary towels.

**Success**

Vilane further said the school lacked essential equipment, which was necessary in the classrooms.

When responding to the principal's report, Interim Chairman of the alumni Mzobanzi Dlamini, said the former pupils had committed themselves to collaborate with the administration in improving the learning environment.

Dlamini said the alumni would

make periodical contributions to the school to assist both the institution as a whole and individual learners.

In a nutshell, Dlamini said they would soon mobilise funds to cater for needy children. He said the alumni was determined to assist the learners get a better future.

Meanwhile, Chairperson of the school committee Simon Vilakati who is also a former pupil, said they were contemplating making visits to some of the children's homesteads to ascertain their welfare there. Vilakati, said it was evident that some pupils came from poor backgrounds hence the assistance of the administration was essential.

He said the collaboration with the alumni would therefore make the school's intention to attend to every child's welfare a success.

## RSSC school raises Swazi flag in SA

**THE** Thembelisha Preparatory School, Marimba Group, has triumphed over 18 schools in Southern Africa.

The Marimba Group from the school took part in the Education Africa International Marimba and Steelpan Festival held in Johannesburg on July 30 to 31, where they won the Primary School 'Proudly African' category, in which 18 Marimba Groups from primary schools around Southern Africa took part.

Marimba is a percussion instrument consisting of a set of wooden bars struck with mallets to produce musical tones. Thembelisha Preparatory School, owned by the Royal

Swaziland Sugar Corporation (RSSC), has taken part in this festival since 2007. Over the past nine years, the Marimba Group has won the Primary School Category Battle of the Bands trophy six times. Thembelisha Preparatory Principal, Gina Marucchi said the hard work, dedication and commitment to excellence paraded by the pupils was commendable. "We are so proud of both the junior and senior Marimba Groups. These players practice every break, after school, and at any available time," said Marucchi. "This is one of the reasons our team continues to win their category in the International Marimba and Steelpan Festival," the principal continued.

She commended the commitment of the marimba coach, Melody Mathabire who has coached the school's marimba groups over the years. "Thembelisha Preparatory School is fortunate to have Melody as a teacher on the staff. She has the expertise and experience to inspire our players to make ordinary music, sound extraordinary! Ms Mathabire specialised in mabire, marimbas and guitar as part of her degree. She also has Grade Five theory of music. Ms Mathabire has coached our players over all the years," she says.

RSSC Group Public Affairs Manager Sifiso Nyembe said; "It is refreshing to know that the investment that RSSC makes in education is proving to be worth it and the results are just amazing".

## Businessman Calu preaches entrepreneurship to pupils

**BIG Tree Filling Station Director, Issufo Calu has urged pupils to consider taking up entrepreneurship after completing their high school.**

Calu is a former pupil of Lubombo Central High School, and completed in 2002.

He was part of the gathering at the school which aims to launch an alumni before the end of this year.

Directing his speech to the

current Form Five pupils, Calu said entrepreneurship was one of the best ways for the youth to take the country to the desired first world status. He stated that one may not necessarily need to start a business with millions of

*Emalangen* but humble beginnings could lead to greater heights. Calu said, for instance, he first engaged in entrepre-

neurship by opening a small shop which earned him recognition as one of the most influential business people of the country. Meanwhile, another former pupil of the school, Nhlanhla Ginindza, also urged pupils to take their studies seriously as education was the key to their success. Ginindza is an attorney by profession and is a managing partner of N.E Ginindza Attorneys based in

Manzini.

Ginindza pointed out that determination was an essential element for every project to be successful. He further urged current pupils to be patient and pursue their dreams regardless of their challenges. He pointed out that at

some instances, one may find himself/herself having to spend some years at home while still trying to get to a tertiary institution.



ADVICE: Businessman Issufo Calu addressing the gathering.

## Cardiologists from Turkey helping Lubombo folks

**MINISTER** of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane yesterday met seven doctors from Turkey who specialise in cardiology and dental unit.

The doctors are currently at the Lubombo Hospital where they would be treating patients suffering from heart and dental diseases.

The doctors form part of a team known as 'Doctors Worldwide Turkey'.

The purpose of the minister meeting the doctors was to welcome and give them green

light in their enterprise to treat the nation of such illnesses.

Deputy Director Clinical Services at the ministry, Dr Velephi Okello said the doctors would be working at the hospital for at least a week.

Okello said the doctors would

be providing the services for free.

Apparently, Okello said the country was still short of heart specialists as there was only one currently based at Mbabane Government Hospital.

He said the Turkey doctors

would therefore help many patients who always make long queues to see the only available doctor in Mbabane. Okello said the Lubombo Hospital was currently the second government facility to have machinery

which is ready to be used for heart surgeries.

"We are happy to announce that we currently have heart specialists from Turkey who will be treating patients for free for at least a week," said Okello.

**... the Turkey doctors would therefore help many patients who always make long queues to see the only available doctor in Mbabane.**



# GIRL [13] HEADS FAMILY OF FOUR

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Bhudla

A 13-year-old girl has been forced to take care of her 84-year-old blind grandmother and her two younger siblings after they were all abandoned by their parents.

The minor who is still at school has been the head of her family since November, 2015.

She looks after her blind grandmother and her two younger siblings; one aged 10 (girl) while the other is a boy aged eight.

It is said their father a 40-year-old man, left them in 2009 under the pretence that he was going to buy bread at a local shop, but he never returned home.

This newspaper understands that the mother of all three children also left, under the guise that she was going to fend for them in 2010, after her husband and the father of the children disappeared.

## Visits

It is said the three children know their mother's whereabouts, as she went to start a new family a few homesteads away from theirs and never visits the children claiming that they were cursed.

The area's headmen (*bucopho*) Dumsani Mahlindza confirmed the minors have been abandoned by both their parents and that the 13-year-old is now heading the



**SOS:** The 13-year-old school going minor, who is forced to take care of her two younger siblings; an eight-year-old school boy (middle) and a 10-year-old school girl. (R) The minors' blind grandmother 84-year-old Gogo, Solani Dlamini. (Pics: Sizwe Dlamini)



family. Mahlindza said the young girl was responsible for all her family members.

"The child still goes to school and struggles with her studies as she never rests.

This is because, after school, she has to nurse and help her grandmother by cooking, cleaning the homestead, washing clothes and going around begging for help from neighbours. The young boy wanted to drop out of school and become a bus conductor but was advised against that, thus he is still at school," the headman said.

He said the minors would sometimes ask their school cook-er not to throw away any of the

leftovers as they would be used by the minors as supper.

"When schools are closed it is hard for us to get food, at times we visit our mother to ask for food," the 13-year-old minor said.

## Prayer

The minors' grandmother Gogo Solani Dlamini said as a family, they survived by God's grace adding that every midnight, they would wake up to pray that things would get better.

"The children wake up daily and go to school, we wake up every night to pray that the curse that is on the family disappears. We just want the children's parents back so that they live normal

children's life, as things are now, they are faced with many struggles," she said.

On that note, Indvuna of the area, Zizwe Mamba, said the father of the children was believed to be in South Africa, either dead or in jail.

Mamba expressed his displeasure at the grandmother who feared doing an operation as Good Shepherd hospital.

It is said the old woman refused to have the operation done in fear of losing her life in the process.

Mamba further stated that the mother of the minors has been contacted several times by the community, but she refused to attend to her children.

## Oslo pupils back in class

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlangano

Both the primary and high school had uncereemoniously closed for almost a month.

This was because parents and the Evangelical Church were locked in a tug of war over ownership of the two schools.

Each party claimed to be the owner and this then led to parents resorting to closing the schools until the differences were addressed by relevant authorities.

As the ownership dispute took charge, officials from the ministry of education were asked to intervene; however, their efforts hit a snag.

It is said the office of the Regional Administrator Themba Masuku was approached and at first, it looked like the task would be difficult.

## Strategy

The Swazi Observer understands that the RA then came up with a strategy to solve the dispute amicably.

It is said different meetings with concerned parties were held and some headways were realised.

The parties agreed that the schools should continue operating, while a lasting solution on their differences was still being sought.

## Consequences

Last week Thursday 1 000 pupils from both schools started attending classes.

Local Member of Parliament (MP), Sikiza Mhlungu, said things seemed to have returned to normal in the two schools.

**"The children are back in class and teachers have gone back to work. I personally went to observe the situation and I must point out that I am impressed."**

"The children are back in class and teachers have gone back to work. I personally went to observe the situation and I must point out that I am impressed. I am convinced that children have not just reported to class, but are learning, as the teachers are busy doing what they are paid for. I spent time going around the two schools and it was clear that everyone, teachers and pupils are hard at work.

## Plans

There are plans that we considered for them to catch up with work. A month without lessons taking place is too much and it could have had consequences," said MP Mhlungu.

MP Mhlungu said he would be monitoring the situation closely until he was satisfied that all was completely back to shape.

It is said talks to involve the church board, parents as well as the traditional leadership would start soon where the RA Themba Masuku is expected to mediate.

The talks were anticipated to start last Friday, but there was a postponement because of the people's parliament.



**NO NEED TO WORRY:** STAWU Deputy President, General Thulani Reginald Dlamini addressing workers.

## Court stops disciplinary hearing of STAWU Leader

By Ackel Zwane  
Mbabane

THE Industrial Court has issued an interim order interdicting a disciplinary hearing of Swaziland Transport and Allied Workers Union (STAWU) Deputy President General Thulani Reginald Dlamini from proceeding.

The matter appeared before Justice Dumisani Mazibuko.

STAWU instituted court proceedings on a certificate of urgency, upon learning that the disciplinary process, which com-

menced on August 2nd 2016 was punctuated with all indicators of being a sham.

The matter returns to court for a call on August 17th.

The disciplinary hearing commenced days after which Dlamini had filed litigation papers against his employer [Chrisilda Transport].

At the heart of the said litigation was failure by the company to comply with the Regulation of Wages (Road Transportation) Industry Order of 2013.

Dlamini is a renowned worker rights activist.

On December 2015 at



**UNITED:** Chrisilda Transport workers stand united.

STAWU national congress in Manzini he was elected the Union's Deputy President General by unanimous decision.

"Our duty is to guard against injustice to all our affiliates, we

shall assist the Court in the identification of such for appropriate redress," commented STAWU National Coordinator Sticks Nkambule who represented Mr. Dlamini in the hearing.



# UK SCOUTS PARTNER WITH LOCAL FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

By Simon Shabangu  
Malibeni

EMAVULANDLELA Swaziland Scout Association is hosting 38 United Kingdom (UK) counterparts, who are in the country for a partnership project where they are building a community centre at Malibeni.

Together with a team of 10 Swazi Rovers Scouts, UK Scouts are getting their hands dirty in the area located next to Mananga through laying the first few bricks of the project which will accommodate a conference facility, a library and an internet cafe.

Swaziland Scouts' International Affairs and Communication Commissioner (IC) Zodwa Gama said the group would be in the country for about 10 days having arrived last Sunday.

She said this project was a brainchild of Rover Scout Bheki Khoza.

The office of the IC coordinated the coming of the UK Scouts to the country, who started off their visit in South Africa where they spent three days.



EMAVULADLELA: The group of scouts from the United Kingdom with their local counterparts at the Malibeni area where they have partnered to build a community centre. (Courtesy pics)

Gama said work has already begun, adding that the group targeted to have the structure at slab level by the time they leave.

"They are currently camping at the site and doing the foundation in readiness for the slab.

They will soon be leaving Malibeni to spend a few days closer to the valley for sightseeing before returning to their home country. We are excited as the local

office because such partnerships will not only benefit us but the nation at large. Like in this specific case, the community will utilise the established facility once it is complete.

## Biggest

Young people will be the biggest beneficiaries as they will access the library and internet facilities once complete. We are also happy to have received support from the

authorities here under the leadership of Chief Mlungeli Mahlalela," she said. The UK delegation, led by Tracy Dobison, was also excited to be in the country and working hard to see the project take off.

She said in good time they would be back to check up on the project since work should continue even after their departure.

The Swazi team is made up of Rover Scouts led by Hhohho



**WELL DONE:** International Commissioner Zodwa Gama congratulating Bheki Khoza who is the brains behind the project.



**WORKING HARD:** It was all work for the group as they pushed to make a difference.

Regional Commissioner Luvivi Dladlu. The group also met one of the elders of the area only identified as Babe Dlamini who is the Indvuna; and received the chief's blessings to implement the project.



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## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR GRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

The Swaziland Economic Policy Analysis and Research Centre (SEPARC) in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) invites suitably qualified graduates to apply for placement for Graduate Internship, and undergo a 12-month intensive training programme. The Graduate Internship Programme is designed for motivated, driven, and dedicated individuals with leadership potential for policy research. This will include building capacities in the following: Research Skills in the area of interest, Personal Development, Leadership Development and on-the-job training. This will provide graduates internees with a solid foundation to build research careers and bring the necessary data and information for innovative policy solutions to sustainable socioeconomic development.

**Eligibility:** Recently graduated (not longer than two years), Swazi citizens in possession of the qualities and qualifications below.

**Education and Experience:** University degree / post graduate degree in the following policy areas: Economics, Trade, Industry, Climate Change and Sustainable Energy, Development Studies, Agriculture, Water, Health, Governance, within the public and private sectors space.

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**Applications:** Interested candidates can send a motivation letter, with a two-page Concept Note on the policy research area of interest, a curriculum vitae / resume, academic qualifications, and transcripts to [info@separc.co.sz](mailto:info@separc.co.sz) by 12th August 2016, under the subject: **Application for the SEPARC/ UNDP Graduate Internship Programme.** Any late applications will not be considered. Correspondence will be limited only to short-listed applicants.



## PUBLIC NOTICE-POSTPONEMENT OF WASTE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

This serves to notify the general public and government municipalities and businesses as well as head teachers from Lubombo, Hhohho and Shiselweni schools (as may be relevant) who were invited to attend the following workshops scheduled for this week of the postponement. This is to facilitate that the public attends, without any disturbance, the national Sibaya as announced:

### 1. PRESENTATION OF THE WORKING DRAFT SWAZILAND NATIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (NWMS) WORKSHOP. THE WORKSHOP IS POSTPONED:

Old Date	New Date	Venue	Time
4 <sup>th</sup> August 2016	16 <sup>th</sup> August 2016	Happy Valley Hotel	09:00Hrs

### ABOUT THE WORKSHOP:

In 2006 Swaziland ratified the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. The aim of this convention is to protect human health and the environment from the adverse effects of hazardous waste and to control the transboundary movement of waste. A review of the Solid Waste Management Strategy (SWMS) revealed some gaps in the implementation of the strategy. The Swaziland Environment Authority has developed a working draft **SWAZILAND NATIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (SNWMS)** which advocates for a paradigm shift from the cradle to grave approach to cradle to cradle (waste as a resource) approach. This is in response to the governmental ministerial reforms and any other changes that have taken place over the past fifteen years which have rendered the old strategy impossible to implement. The purpose of the workshop, amongst other things, is to present the working draft of the Swaziland National Waste Management Strategy (SNWMS) and to solicit input from stakeholders on the SNWMS.

### 2. WORKSHOP FOR SCHOOL PRINCIPALS ON PROMOTING THE SOUND MANAGEMENT OF WASTE IN SCHOOLS. THE WORKSHOPS ARE POSTPONED:

REGION	DATE	NEW DATE	VENUE
Lubombo	3 August 2016	9 August 2016	R.E.O Offices
Hhohho	4 August 2016	10 August 2016	Mbabane Central High School
Shiselweni	5 August 2016	11 August 2016	Everlyn Baring High School

### ABOUT THE WORKSHOPS:

These workshops are part of a project to strengthen the capacity and providing technical assistance for the implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plan. This project is aimed at building capacity to all change agents and decision makers. The expected outcomes include informed decision making on issues of waste management in schools and information dissemination to teachers and pupils.

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Guest Writer

## THE ESSENCE OF CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

**CORPORATE Social Responsibility (CSR)** which is also called: corporate conscience, corporate citizenship or responsible business, is a form of corporate self-regulation integrated into a business model.

CSR policy functions as a self-regulatory mechanism whereby a business monitors and ensures its active compliance with the spirit of the law, ethical standards and national or international norms. With some models, a firm's implementation of CSR goes beyond compliance and engages in "actions that appear to further some social good, beyond the interests of the firm and that which is required by law."

CSR aims to embrace responsibility for corporate actions and to encourage a positive impact on the environment and stakeholders including consumers, employees, investors, communities, and others.

● **THE TERM "CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY"** became popular in the 1960s and has been used indiscriminately by many to cover legal and moral responsibility more narrowly construed. Proponents argue that corporations increase long-term profits by operating with a CSR perspective, while critics argue that CSR distracts from business' economic role.

A study made in the early years of this 21st century, compared existing econometric studies of the relationship between social and financial performance, concluding that the contradictory results of previous studies reporting positive, negative, and neutral financial impact, were due to flawed empirical analysis and claimed when the study is properly specified, CSR has a neutral impact on financial outcomes of companies.

Some people or critics questioned the "lofty" and sometimes "unrealistic expectations" in CSR or that CSR is merely window-dressing, or an



attempt to pre-empt the role of governments as a watchdog over powerful multinational corporations but that applies to mostly developed countries.

Some sociologists viewed CSR as a form of capitalist legitimacy and in particular point out that what began as a social movement against uninhibited corporate power was transformed by corporations into a 'business model' and a 'risk management' device, often with questionable results, hence my writing this article, is in the interest of discussing CSR in the African or rather Swaziland perspective.

### ● THE VIEW OF ORGANISATIONS

CSR is titled to aid an organisation's mission as well as a guide to what the company stands for its consumers. Business ethics is the part of applied ethics that examines ethical principles and moral or ethical problems that can arise in a business environment, hence the ISO standards which is an international standard on CSR.

ISO 26000 is the recognised international standard for CSR.

Some organisations tend to, for example, adhere to the triple bottom line reporting when it comes to CSR issues. The Triple Bottom Line (TBL) refers to: people, planet and profit, People refers to fair labour practices, the community and region where the business operates, planet refers to sustainable environmental practices, Profit is the economic value created by the organisation after deducting the cost of all inputs, including the cost of the capital.

### ● DEFINING CSR

Corporate Social Responsibility is defined as "a company's sense of responsibility towards the community and environment (both ecological and social) in which it operates. Companies express this citizenship through one or all of the three ways, which are: through their waste and pollution reduction processes, contributing educational and social programs and by earning adequate

returns on the employed resources. A broader definition of CSR expands from a focus on stakeholders to include volunteering.

### ● CONSUMER PERSPECTIVE ON CSR

Most consumers agree that while achieving business targets, companies should do CSR at the same time. Most consumers believe companies doing charity will receive a positive response from the environment in which it operates.

Somerville (2009) states that consumers are loyal and willing to spend more on retailers that support charity as compared to those that do not. Consumers also believe that retailers selling local products will gain loyalty. Smith (2013) shares the belief that marketing local products will gain consumer trust.

However, environmental efforts are receiving negative views given the belief that this would affect customer service. Becker-Olsen (2006) found that if the social initiative done by the company is not aligned with other

company goals it will have a negative impact. Mohr et al. (2001) emphasises the importance of reaching the consumer when engaging in CSR.

The scope of CSR emphasised the official behaviour of individual firms. Later, it expanded to include supplier behaviour and the uses to which products were put and how they were disposed of after they lost value.

### ● ETHICS TRAINING

The rise of ethics training inside organisations, some of it required by government regulation, has helped CSR to spread. The aim of such training is to help employees make ethical decisions when the answers are unclear.

The most direct benefit is reducing the likelihood of "dirty hands fines" and damaged reputations for breaching laws or moral norms.

Organisations see increased employee loyalty and pride in the organisation that takes SCR as an important part of the organisation's engagement.

**The most common CSR actions includes**

● **Environmental sustainability:** recycling, waste management, water management, renewable energy, reusable materials, 'greener' supply chains, reducing paper use and adopting Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) building standards.

● **Community involvement:** This can include raising money for local charities, providing volunteers, sponsoring local events, employing local workers, supporting local economic growth, engaging in fair trade practices, etc.

● **Ethical marketing:** Companies that ethically market to consumers are placing a higher value on their customers and respecting them as people who are ends in themselves. They do not try to manipulate or falsely advertise to potential consumers. This is important for companies that want to be viewed as ethical.

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## ON THIS DAY

...JULY 26

1790 - The Columbia returned to Boston Harbor after a three-year voyage. It was the first ship to carry the American flag around the world.

1831 - The first steam locomotive began its first trip between Schenectady and Albany, NY.

1842 - The U.S. and Canada signed the Webster-Ashburton Treaty, which solved a border dispute.

1848 - Martin Van Buren was nominated for president by the Free-Soil Party in Buffalo, NY.

1854 - "Walden" was published by Henry David Thoreau.

1859 - The escalator was patented by Nathan Ames.

1892 - Thomas Edison received a patent for a two-way telegraph.

1893 - "Gut Holz" was published. It was America's first bowling magazine.

1910 - A.J. Fisher received a patent for the electric washing machine.

1930 - Betty Boop had her beginning in "Dizzy Dishes" created by Max Fleischer.

1936 - Jesse Owens won his fourth gold medal at the Berlin Olympics. He was the first American to win four medals in one Olympics.

1942 - Mohandas K. Gandhi was arrested Britain. He was not released until 1944.

1942 - CBS radio debuted "Our Secret Weapon."

1944 - The Forest Service and Wartime Advertising Council created "Smokey the Bear."

1945 - The U.S. dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki. The bombing came three days after the bombing of Hiroshima. About 74,000 people were killed. Japan surrendered August 14.

1945 - The first network television broadcast occurred in Washington, DC. The program announced the bombing of Nagasaki, Japan.

1956 - The first statewide, state-supported educational television network went on the air in Alabama.

1965 - Singapore proclaimed its independence from the Malaysian Federation.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**YOUNG THUG**  
(RAPPER) - August 9  
1991 - 24 Years Old



**WHITNEY HOUSTON**  
(RNB SINGER) -  
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Years Old.



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KEITH  
HARRINGTON'S CORNER**

WE continue with our series that we started last week on how we can stop certain things from repeatedly happening to us in our lives.

We discovered that in order to break Satanic reprisals, we must first of all fight against the Spirit that is fighting against the first born.

In the story below we see that the unfortunate situation that happened to the first born repeated itself in the life of his sibling brothers. All seven brothers became victims of the same misfortune.

We find our scripture reference in Matthew chapter 22:

● "23 The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him,

● 24 Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.

● 25 Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother:

● 26 Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh.

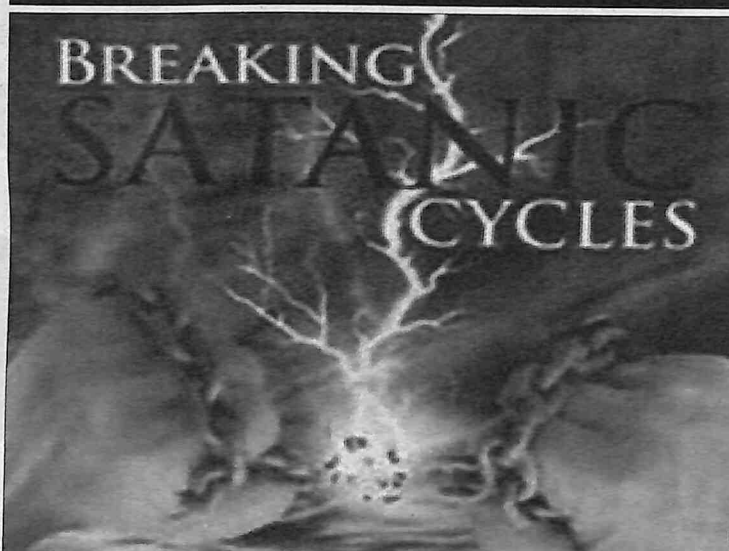
● 27 And last of all the woman died also.

● 28 Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.

● 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

## BREAKING SATANIC CYCLES - PART 2

● We discovered that in order to break Satanic reprisals, we must first fight against the Spirit that is fighting against the first born.



● 30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven." KJVlite

## TO BREAK CYCLES WE NEED TO: FIGHT THE SPIRIT OF WASTED EFFORTS.

In the story we can see a lot of waste, because there were 7 sons. All these sons got married to the same woman. This means that there were 7 weddings. They had to hire 7 wedding planners for the 7 weddings. They had to buy rings 7 times and spend money on catering, decor, drinks and if they were living in our time, it means hiring 7 fleets of cars. The Pastor would have to officiate 7 weddings and they had to exchange vows 7 times.

Just as you start thinking about this waste, the story continues to reveal that all 7 brothers died one

after the other. This now means 7 funerals. Cooking for the mourners 7 times. Purchasing 7 coffins. The list is endless. However, all this is wasted effort because from all these 7 weddings and 7 funerals, there was no heir born in this family. Not only was it an absence of a boy child, but there weren't any children at all born to any of these men.

Many people reading this article are victims of wasted efforts. I'm sure we're all exposed to a situation where in a family a man would start building a house, but before completing the foundation he dies. Then his son continues where his father left the building and before completing the house, when the house reaches roof level he also dies. Later in life when his son starts working he finally manages to put a roof on the house a fits

glass to the window frames, but doesn't get to plastering the walls because he also dies. This pattern shows that it will take generations in the same family just to complete one house. That is a result of wasted effort.

Sadly even men of God are not exempted from this spirit. Thus you will find Pastors who start churches in different areas and never stay in that area until the church reaches its maturity. Because every time he wants to take the church to the next level, rumours and scandals that caused him to leave the last church, start arising in the area that he moved to.

## Preaching

So after spending 50 years in the preaching ministry, men of God die without having anything to show, because they were always running from one area to another. Anyone who has multiple beginnings cannot leave a notable legacy for oncoming generations.

One of the things that can help you identify the spirit of wasted effort, is that this spirit will always cause you to have something that you look back at and have regrets. When you're a victim you're always blaming your failure on someone else. You have regrets over time that cannot be regained. The bad thing about this spirit is that you cannot withdraw from the wasted time and efforts.

May we strive to fight against and destroy the spirit of wasted effort. Wishing women in different parts of the world a Happy Women's Day.

## South African politics is at a crossroads

FOR the first time, in the history of our electoral democracy, the governing liberation movement, that came to power through Joe Slovo's "Sunset Clause," faces its own sunset as a party of choice.

The African National Congress (ANC) has experienced declines in the polls since the 2009 National and Provincial Elections, but nothing as seismic as this once glorious movement being shaken to the core by not achieving above 50% in four Metropolitan Municipalities (Nelson Mandela Bay, Tshwane, Johannesburg, and Ekurhuleni). Even bookmakers were never ready.

Whilst the ANC is declining, there is no opposition party that has grown enough to be an outright majority winner and lead any of the councils without needing assistance from another political party. Suddenly, the big talk in town is "The Big C" – coalitions. South Africa is not new to coalitions, even amongst the most



**CROSSROADS: ANC's Gwede Mantashe at the election result centre. Photo: (eNCA)**

unlikely and least expected bedfellows. At the dawn of our democracy in 1994, the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) led a coalition government with the ANC – its arch nemesis – in KwaZulu-Natal. In 2004 the ANC led a coalition government with the New National Party – NNP – (which was a revamped National Party) in the Western Cape Province.

## THE EFF DILEMMA

Besides Nelson Mandela Bay, there seems to be a coalition divide of either the ANC-EFF or the DA-EFF teaming up together.

The common denominator is the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF). Given that voters have shrunk the ANC to below 50%, in a number of municipalities including Rustenburg the home of Marikana, it seems a vote of no confidence in the organisation and a desire for the party to go to a little corner (opposition benches) and stare at the wall as punishment. The EFF will no doubt be tempted to listen to both the ANC and the Democratic Alliance (DA) because politics is about the attainment of power to preside over

state resources. The EFF, without winning a municipality, has an opportunity to lead some municipalities because of the bargaining power it holds. Most likely, the EFF will take a national perspective in conducting its horse trading, as a way to come out a winner, but also deal with two fundamental dilemmas it faces.

## THE DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE CARDS

The DA, South Africa's electoral growth success story, may feel it has worked too hard to give in to the EFF's demands. No doubt the DA will not want to give any Mayorship to the EFF, because it will risk having the EFF strong arming the DA to agree to its policies and that being translated to electioneering propaganda on how the DA sees relevance in EFF policies. On the other hand the DA appears to have serious anxiety (uvalo) over EFF policies and thus would want to lock the EFF outside the levers of power. However, this is an impossible zero sum game, which will never win negotiations. (eNCA)





# WHEN WOULD GHANA SEE AN END TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

**GHANA - I bring you warm greetings from Challenging Heights. I will like to start by acknowledging the fruitful partnership that exists between Challenging Heights and your ministry.**

Through our collative efforts over 40 000 Ghanaian children are going to benefit from free shoes distribution along the coastal areas of Ghana, thanks to Tom Shoes.

This letter promises to be the longest I have ever written to you, so I hope you have 10 minutes to read through to the end. I planned this letter to be a little personal, touch your heart, and provoke you into action.

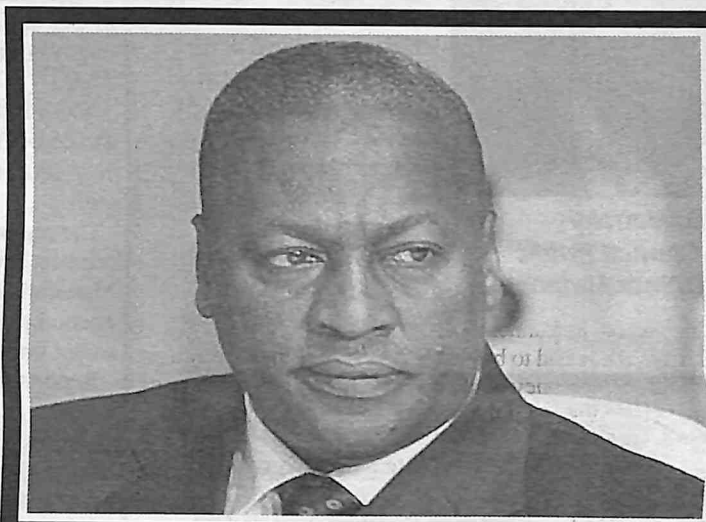
However knowing how charged our media landscape is, I fear that this letter could be leaked, and probably misinterpreted. I have therefore decided to direct the letter to your office, but also to copy the media, and some partners in this sector.

## Thanks

Before I proceed, I will like to thank Ambassador Robert Jackson, the American Ambassador to Ghana, for acknowledging the work of Challenging Heights during the human trafficking symposium. Over the years, Challenging Heights has worked closely with the US State Department, the Canadian High Commission, the Australian High Commission, the British High Commission, and a host of other agencies in furthering our fight against child trafficking in Ghana.

Nana, Ghana's Human Trafficking Act, was passed in 2005. It took us over 10 years to pass a Legislative Instrument (LI). Following the creation of the Human Trafficking Act, I am disappointed that it appears the Ghana Government has been setting up the consequential Human Trafficking board to fail.

We established the Human Trafficking Fund, and put in only GHC100 000, and for nearly a



**INTERVENE SIR: President of Ghana, John Mahama.**

decade no other money has been lodged into the fund. This is not only disappointing, but heartbreaking as well.

I love the warning issued by the American government, that if Ghana does not take urgent steps to address the issue of human trafficking in Ghana, we will stand a chance of losing over 500million dollars in aid. It is my hope that other governments will pile similar pressure on Ghana, in order to do what we are supposed to do for our own citizens who fall victim to trafficking.

Nana I have been so disappointed, and sometimes I feel real pain, in our government handling of the issue of human trafficking in Ghana.

It appears it is a non issue, and therefore government is unprepared to invest any of our tax money into addressing the issue.

Nearly every action that has taken place has been because some donors have provided funding; from the Human Trafficking Act itself, to the LI, to training of the security agencies, to nearly everything. Practical actions, rescuing victims have nearly remained the effort of civil society organisations.

Although we have enacted laws, set up structures, and taken some actions, it appears to me that a lot of government officials either do not believe that human trafficking exists, or they do not believe that human trafficking is a crime.

I recall that a few years ago, an MP from Sege publicly condemned the police for intercepting a truck load of children who were being sent to Lake Volta for the purposes of labour exploitation.

## Threatened

Just a few months ago, the DCE of Awutu Senya threatened to arrest me if my organisation, Challenging Heights, went ahead to rescue vulnerable children at risk of being trafficked to Lake Volta.

Human trafficking is an international issue, which is currently engaging the attention of every country, including the West. In the last couple of years, there is hardly a month that passes by without the US State Department being involved in one discussion or the other on human trafficking.

The President of America, Barack Obama, has made human trafficking and morden slavery one of his key focus areas, and regular-

ly makes comments on the issue.

Here in Ghana there is a deafening silence on the issue throughout our governance system. The President of Ghana, John Mahama hardly identifies with the issue.

Nana, trust me, children are being sold and bought for as little as GHC100 for purposes of labour exploitation, and this is happening right here in Ghana. On Lake Volta we have boys and girls, some as young as six years, working day and night, some working between the hours of 3am and 8pm.

They cast nets, paddle canoes, play outboard motors, mend nets, remove fishes, and dive deep into the lake to remove trapped nets. We have girls who have been thrown into perpetual servitude, and they serve as sex materials for men who work for older child victims, in addition to working as fish-mongers and cooks.

We have boys and girls who are oiling the wheels of Ghana's economy at the expense of their freedom, education, health, development, and future.

We have children who have resigned into believing that it is okay to torture children.

Above all, we have boys and girls who are living disposable lives. These children die needless unreported deaths, some through work related risks, others through work torture, while still others die as a result of neglect. Nana, I'm referring to thousands of children trapped in oblivion. A couple of weeks ago when we collaborated with the police to rescue those four boys who were sold for GHC125 each, we had a bonus child who had been in slavery for five years. Does this tell you anything about the situation? Oftentimes I look at your ministry's budget and I don't see enough financial commitment. Your budget does not give me any hope that we will be able to address this issue sooner.

● **James Kofi Annan.**

## Wit and Wisdom

62. We have enough youth, how about a fountain of SMART?

63. "Those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities"

64. The two most common things in the Universe are hydrogen and stupidity.

65. Hard work has a future payoff. Laziness pays off now.

66. Life may have no meaning. Or even worse, it may have a meaning of which I disapprove.

67. God Bless America, where laws are passed to protect people from the legal system.

68. "To argue with a person who has renounced the use of reason is like administering medicine to the dead."

69. The intelligence of a group is inversely proportionate to its size.

70. Lottery: A tax on people who are bad at math.

71. Warning: Dates in Calendar are closer than they appear.

72. Under capitalism, man exploits man. Under communism, it's just the opposite.

72. I judge a religion as being good or bad based on whether its adherents become better people as a result of practicing it.

74. There's an old proverb that says just about whatever you want it to.

75. If advertisers spent the same amount of money on improving their products as they do on advertising then they wouldn't have to advertise them.

76. Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries.

77. I would never die for my beliefs because I might be wrong.

78. Plagiarism is copying from one source; research is copying from many.

79. Only adults have difficulty with child-proof caps.

80. Ever notice that the people who are late are often much jollier than the people who have to wait for them? Genius may have its limitations, but stupidity is not thus handicapped.

82. Life isn't weird; it's the people in it.

83. I AM, therefore I THINK!

84. There are many humorous things in the world: among them the white man's notion that he is less savage than the other savages.

85. No one is perfect, but some of us are closer than others.

86. If it jams, force it. If it breaks, it needed replacing anyway.

87. It's not what you say in your argument, it's how loud you say it.

88. Anytime things appear to be going better, you have overlooked something.



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## VITALS

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

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 08 AUG 2016		
CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	13.6750	14.7250
British Pound / SZL	17.8520	17.9173
Japanese Yen / SZL	7.4426	7.4691
Swiss Franc / SZL	13.9541	13.9923
Botswana Pula / SZL	1.2978	1.3052
Australian Dollar / SZL	10.4012	10.4461
Canadian Dollar / SZL	10.3771	10.4119
Mozambique Meticals / SZL	4.9726	5.0536
Euro / SZL	15.1546	15.2100
Gold	1,333.5000	
Oil	42.0600	

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Moving Forward

# MCM OWED OVER E60m IN RATES

...Defaulters halt the hub's development as Council grapples with insufficient budget, soil used to repair pot holes

By Manqoba Makhubu

**THE Municipal Council of Manzini is owed over E60 million in rates.**

Public Relations Officer Mathokoza Thwala said this affected service delivery of the Council hence stalled overall development of the country's hub.

"The amount of money received through rates payment determines the quality of service that can be rendered to the public. Therefore, if the Council receives 50 percent of the total rates payment, consequently, the service we can provide to the public also slows down. However, with a 100 percent payment of rates, the service output can also match the payment."

He said under the current circumstances, it was difficult for the Council to meet the required service delivery.

"Some of the tarred roads have potholes whilst the gravel roads are also not well maintained. While this does not refer to all the roads, but it is still unfair to those who have

duly paid their rates and the Council," he said.

Despite flexible payment procedures put in place by the Council, a lot of ratepayers have not even paid a cent in rates.

Thwala said there was an arrangement for ratepayers who can't afford to pay the lump sum to pay in monthly instalments.

He said the instalments were broken down according to the remaining months before March 31, which was the end of the Council's financial year.

He said that arrangement was even better, as it exempts ratepayers from the 15 percent interest for default payment.

However, he expressed thanks to ratepayers who paid their rates accordingly, adding it has been

through their payments that the municipality has managed to push part of its development projects.

Thwala urged defaulting ratepayers to pay up.

He reminded them that they were under a legal obligation to pay rates to the Council according to the Rating Act, 1995.



**NOT GOOD: Manzini Municipal Council Public Relations Officer Mathokoza Thwala.**



## MFU TO ASSESS MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTREPRISES

By Manqoba Makhubu

**THE Micro Finance Unit will conduct a survey to assess the performance of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) in Swaziland.**

The survey, to be conducted between this month and October would also assess the sector's contribution to gross domestic product, employment and exports, as well as identify key drivers and the constraining factors of the sector.

In a statement, MFU said the survey would also inform the monitoring and evaluation framework of

the country's financial inclusion agenda.

"The MSME Finsorpe Swaziland 2016 will interview a sample of 3 000 households with a business from a total of 405 enumerating areas across the country, of which 309 will be in the rural communities."

IPSOS South Africa, a research house, has been engaged to conduct the survey. A steering committee comprising of MFU, the Small and Medium Enterprise Unit, Small Enterprises Development Company, Central Bank of Swaziland, and the Central Statistics Office was established to

guide implementation of the survey, whilst FinMark Trust South Africa would provide technical advice.

"The findings of the survey would help the country establish the business coverage of the MSMEs, segmentation and market concentration, share contribution to GDP, employment and exports and the financial coverage."

MFU said although the Swaziland Poverty Reduction Strategy and Action Plan (PRASP) recognised the SME sector as one of the key pillars supporting growth of the economy, the lack of information on the performance of

the sector remained a constraining factor to the financial institutions that should extend services and policymakers to improve the environment.

Therefore the organisation said financial services could help foster an economic growth through promoting the development of a supportive infrastructure and systems that would ease access to credit for a well-prepared MSME sector to contribute to economic growth, employment creation and exports.

"Improved access to finance is regarded pro-growth and also means to reduce income inequality and poverty," said MFU.

## PETROL SUPPLY SECURE - DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

By Linda Dlamini

**MOTORISTS should not worry about the continued strike by the Chemical, Energy, Paper, Printing, Wood and Allied Workers' Union (CEPPWAWU) which has affected the delivery of oil.**

A senior government official said the department of energy under the ministry of natural resources and energy was monitoring the situation very closely.

"We are in constant communication with petrol suppliers in South Africa to ensure there is no petrol shortage."

"We communicate daily with petrol suppliers and also with retailers," he said.

The source said currently the strike has had a minimal impact on motorists as the petrol supplies have not been disrupted.

"The order book is being filled on a day-to-day basis so motorists should not be overly concerned about the strike in South Africa."

"Even if the supply from South Africa should be disrupted, the alternative would be to source petrol in Mozambique," he said.

The senior official added that some petrol retailers already import petrol from Mozambique and therefore any problems encountered in South Africa would have no major impact.

Reports from Business Report said 15 000 workers aligned to CEPPWAWU went on strike on July 28 after a deadlock in wage talks with the National Petroleum Employers' Association (NPEA). The union wants a one-year nine percent increase, while NPEA offered seven percent in the first year and an increase linked to next April's consumer price index plus 1.5 percent in year two.

"The strike has led to fuel shortages at certain stations. Gauteng was the hardest hit, with 10 percent of stations running dry," Business Report reported.

A previous strike by CEPPWAWU in 2011 affected refineries, although they continued to operate. Hundreds of fuel stations, however, ran dry as the bargaining sector also covers fuel tank drivers and depot workers.



# WE ARE INDEPENDENT, GUIDED BY VALUES - SERA

*'We have always been guided by our values in carrying out our duties...'*

By Manqoba Makhubu

**FOLLOWING** questions with regards to the Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority's (SERA) independency, and investors' selective treatment, SERA affirm that they are independent and guided by their values in carrying out their mandate.

This reportedly follows allegations that the authority was not independent and does not treat potential investors alike.

"As a regulator, we always seek to live and operate through following our own values, which ensures quality of service in our conduct and way of life. It so happens though that, sometimes our independency as a regulator gets questioned as we carry out our mandate.

## Guided

"We have always been guided by our values in carrying out our duties and this has always ensured that we report the facts to the ministry, as well as



**WE ARE INDEPENDENT: Manager of Consumer and Stakeholder Management Sikhumbuzo Nkambule.**

government and the Regional Electricity Regulators

Association of Southern Africa (RERA)," said the Manager of

Consumer and Stakeholder Management, Sikhumbuzo Nkambule.

The Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority (SERA) is a government category A parastatal, under the ministry of natural resources and energy, with a mandate of overseeing control of the energy supply industry in Swaziland, through internationally approved regulatory practises.

Nkambule said their values, which comprised of professionalism, integrity, transparency, accountability, fairness, accessibility and responsiveness; were the backbone of their conduct and mandate.

Adding, he said their membership to RERA ensured that they adhered to regional regulatory practices.

"Over and above adhering to SADC regional regulatory practices, we are also guided by the Regulatory Act of 2007 in carrying out our mandate in the various spheres of our services," he said.

## SADC member states to work together to promote tourism

By Linda Dlamini

**THE** Southern African Development Committee (SADC) committee of ministers, responsible for tourism, have recognised the need for SADC member states to work as a collective for the promotion of tourism in the region.

This recognition was expressed during the seventh meeting of SADC ministers responsible for tourism recently held in Gaborone, Botswana.

The meeting was hosted by the government of Botswana.

According to a statement by the SADC Secretariat, the meeting was called to review the progress made on the implementation of the regional tourism programme in the SADC region and the exchange of views on topical issues relating to or impacting on tourism in the SADC region.

"The meeting also took the opportunity to review the outcomes of the mandate, the Ministers had given to the Board of the Regional Tourism Organisation of Southern Africa (RETOSA), to transform RETOSA into a viable organisation, that coordinates the regional tourism issues in the region; ensuring that it is not only sustainable, but adds the much needed value to the SADC tourism sector," said SADC.

"RETOSA constituted an appropriate vehicle for the region to achieve this objective, with the support of the SADC Secretariat, addressing the regional tourism policy and legislative harmonisation," reads the statement as part.

## Capacity

The SADC Secretariat reported that SADC ministers also appealed to council to ensure that there was adequate capacity at the Secretariat to coordinate and address issues of regional tourism coordination within the framework of the on-going restructuring of the SADC Secretariat.

The ministers also directed the RETOSA board to review the RETOSA Charter and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SADC Secretariat and RETOSA, and align them to the revised structure and mandate of the organisation and any other imperatives.

The secretariat revealed that the meeting received a presentation from a representative of the Caribbean Tourism Organisation (CTO), Ms Carol Hay, on its strategy in promoting, championing and coordinating the tourism industry in the Caribbean States, with the objective of benchmarking RETOSA with other similar regional entities around the world.

"The meeting also received a report from the RETOSA Board on the revised mandate of RETOSA, its revised organisational structure and road map towards implementation of the Ministers decision to resuscitate RETOSA. The organisational structure shall commence with a lean structure, which will grow to the ultimate approved structure over time, on a phased basis," reads the statement as part.

The statement said the meeting was attended by Ministers and Deputy Ministers from Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia and Zimbabwe. The other countries were represented by Permanent Secretaries/Director Generals and Senior Officials.

## SNHB DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH LAND INVENTORY

By Linda Dlamini

**THE** Swaziland National Housing Board (SNHB) does not have sufficient inventory of land especially in the Mbabane-Manzini corridor, where significant urbanisation is experienced.

This observation was made by a study undertaken by Setsabile Nhlabatsi and Cliff Dlamini, which appeared in the American Journal of Economics, Finance and Management, titled 'Enabling the Affordable Housing Mandate: The Case of the Swaziland National Housing Board.'

## Institution

"The institution first has to buy the land from private property owners, at market rates, before it can incur development costs," the study observed.

Though the organisation receives ad hoc parcels of land from government, the study revealed that the impact on property prices has not been evident as the plot prices are still as high as those of private developers. The reason was found to be the high input costs.

"For instance the input costs

include the development and borrowing costs charged by the development contractors and commercial banks respectively," reads the journal as part.

Another challenge faced by the institution, the study noted, was the insufficient financial resources available for property development.

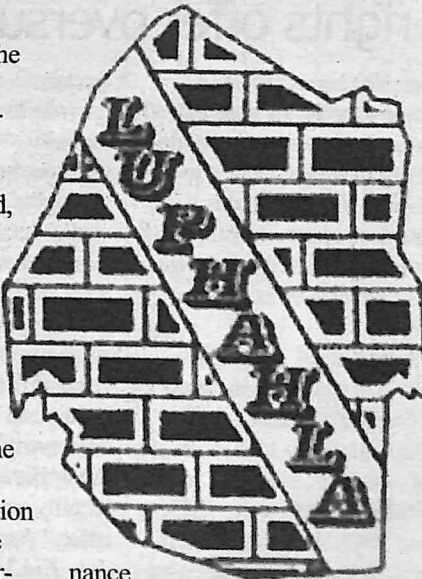
## Loans

"The organisation uses commercial bank loans to finance its housing developments and pledges some of the owned properties as security.

"It does not receive subvention from government, despite the mandate to charge below market rates and the formation of the institution is such that annual rental escalation rates are determined by the Public Enterprise Unit (PEU), in consultation with Cabinet," the study noted.

The researchers highlighted the fact that SNHB manages rental units that are more than 26 years old having been handed over by government in 1988.

"These units have outdated infrastructure and are due a major refurbishment especially plumbing and electrical works. They are now a high maintenance



cost, which cannot be covered by the sub-market rental charge," the study said.

The study surmised that faced with the challenge of shortage of funds, the SNHB therefore resorts to reactive maintenance and repairing broken equipment as opposed to replacing it with new ones.

"Some revenue is also lost as some of the older units are declared by the local authority as unfit for human occupation and have to be demolished," the study said.

The study further uncovered the issue that the SNHB's remuneration package was not competitive and that has resulted in high staff turnover and loss of critical skills.

"The institution spends a lot of time training new employees on internal systems and procedures and developing them to perform at their best. Due to the controlled salaries, the institution is however not able to retain its employees, as they quickly leave for better paying companies," reads the journal as part.

## Study

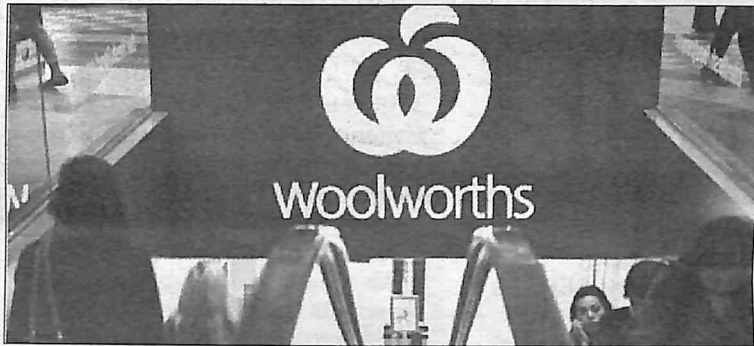
The study revealed that the general understanding of the affordable housing mandate is that SNHB should provide housing that is priced at below market rates.

The study indicates that even though the country had an objective to provide below market rate housing, there was no proper foresight as to how that was going to be possible in the longer term without subvention.

"The rental stock handed over to the institution ages and needs refurbishment but the rental collections are not sufficient to cover the maintenance and management costs," the study noted.



# WOOLWORTHS TO SPEND R2.1BN ON SYDNEY SUPERSTORE



**CAPE TOWN - Woolworths yesterday outlined plans to spend up to R2.1-billion on a "world-class" department store on 11 levels for its Australian subsidiary David Jones.**

The South African retail group said it had sold its Market Street property in Sydney to Australia's Scentre Group for A\$360-million (R3.8-billion) and would be using

up to A\$200-million (R2.1-billion) of the proceeds to develop the adjacent Elizabeth Street building to offer "the best of fashion and food available in the southern hemisphere".

## Limited

The group said a three-year lease-back of the Market Street building would ensure limited disruption to David Jones' customers. The rede-

velopment is expected to be completed in the second half of 2019.

In September last year, Woolworths appointed John Dixon, who led the turnaround of Marks & Spencer's £5-billion food business, as chief executive officer of David Jones, the iconic Australian department store chain it bought in August of 2014.

Woolworths added that the David Jones head office, currently housed in the two Sydney buildings, would be relocated to Melbourne and consolidated in a new campus with the group's other Australian subsidiary, Country Road Group.

The company said it expected synergies and productivity benefits of at least A\$10-million per annum from 2019.

*Africa News Agency*

## Sasol reports slight decline in sales of petrol and diesel

**JOHANNESBURG - Sasol's (SOL) sales of petrol and diesel — what it refers to as "white product liquid fuel" — declined a fraction to 58.8-million barrels in the year to end-June from 59.2-million the previous year.**

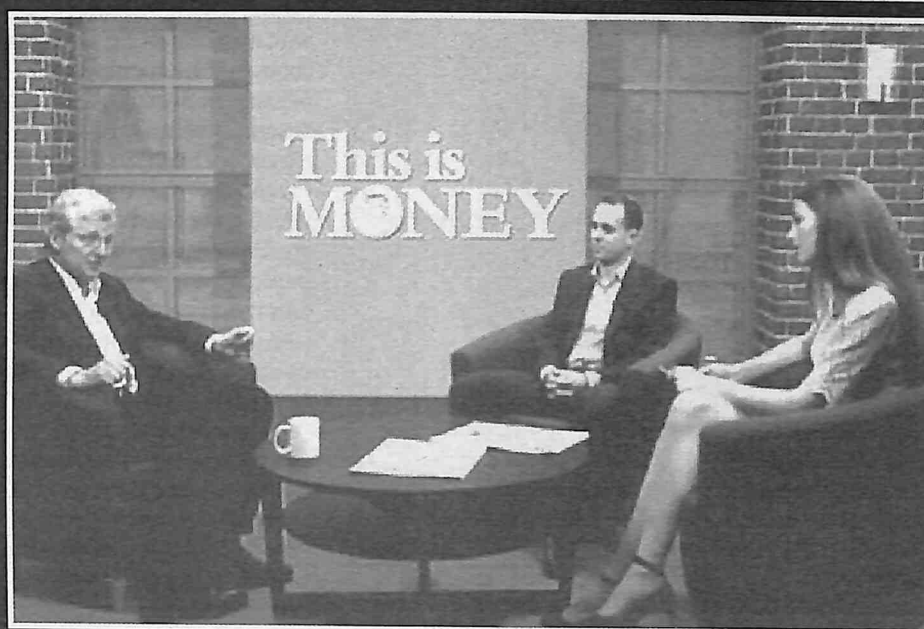
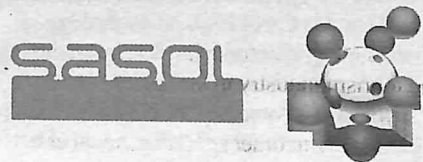
Its total fuel sales include "black product" — chemicals like bitumen which is used to make tar — which grew to 2.5-million barrels from 2.3-million barrels, the group said in a production update on Friday ahead of its financial results scheduled for release on September 12.

Total liquid fuel sales of 61.3-million barrels were 2% higher than the forecast given in its interim results. Sasol's Secunda synfuel plant increased production by 1% to 33.2-million barrels and its Natref refinery by 1.4% to 21.2-million barrels.

Its Oryx gas-to-liquid plant in Qatar reported a 9.4% drop in production to 4.72-million barrels, which the company said was due to an extended planned statutory shutdown in the third quarter of Sasol's financial year.

"Subsequent to the shutdown, utilisation rates averaged above 100% of nameplate capacity. The financial year's utilisation rate of 81% is in line with our previous market guidance" Sasol said.

Canadian natural gas production fell 5% to 20.7-billion standard cubic feet while Mozambican gas production rose 4.8% to 114.4-billion standard cubic feet. *iNet Bridge*



**BUSINESS MEETING:** Declining ownership is seen as another sign of property market in crisis, but is this true? Ed Mead, of estate agents Douglas and Gordon, joins the Property Show, to look at the state of the market and whether prices will keep rising. And as an experienced agent he also answers the question many of us will have asked: 'How on earth do people afford London homes?'

## Ascendis Health rights offer oversubscribed

**JOHANNESBURG - Ascendis Health announced yesterday that its R1.2bn rights issue, which closed last week, has been more than three times oversubscribed.**

The company said it had secured the required funding to conclude its recent R7.3bn acquisitions of global pharmaceutical company Remedica, based in Cyprus, and European sports nutrition company Scitec. Remedica is a specialist generics pharmaceutical company with a presence in

over 100 countries and a major supplier of pharmaceuticals to non-governmental organisations active in medical relief. Scitec is a European sports nutrition company that sells its products in nearly 90 countries globally.

About half of Ascendis' sales will now be generated by foreign operations and products will be sold in about 144 countries. Founded in 2008 and listed on the JSE since 2013, the group's strategy is based on organic,

acquisitive and synergistic growth locally and internationally. "Notwithstanding the conclusion of a successful rights offer to fund the deals, Ascendis secured additional irrevocable undertakings from existing and new strategic shareholders to the total value of R2.3bn at the time of the release of the circular, and entered into an underwriting agreement with Absa Bank and HSBC Bank to fully underwrite the rights offer," Ascendis said yesterday. *Fin24*

## Union lambastes contractors as petrol strike drags on

**JOHANNESBURG - Independent contractors delivering fuel to petrol stations as part of the contingency plan to prevent them from running dry could be paid thousands of rands, according to a union representative.**

Clement Chitja, head of collective bargaining at the Chemical Energy Paper Printing Wood and Allied Workers Union (Ceppwawu), told Fin24 that independent contractors are paid by delivery for their services, as opposed to the hourly rate members are paid.

"One delivery by contractors could be up to R12 000, whether the delivery was completed in an hour or not," said Chitja. Members are paid R98 per hour, he said. The petrol strike, which started on July 28, is entering its second week. An agreement between unions and employers could not be reached at a meeting held last week.

There is a possibility that unions will meet again with the National Petroleum Employers' Association (NPEA) at some point, said Zimisele Majamane, deputy chair of the NPEA.

*Fin24*



## ESKOM WORKERS STRIKE OVER PAY

**JOHANNESBURG - The National Union of Mineworkers said yesterday that 10% of its 15 000 members at Eskom had embarked on a strike after wage negotiations failed.**

Paris Mashego, the union's Eskom energy sector coordinator, said members had downed tools at Thuthuka, Matla, Dover and Arnot power stations, but warned about the possibility of a full-blown

strike come tomorrow. Eskom spokesman Khulu Pasiwe said employees were not supposed to go on strike as the power utility was classified as an essential service.

"The normal human resource processes are going to unfold for people involved in the unprotected strike," said Pasiwe.

Eskom received reports at 2am yesterday that a road leading to Arnot power station in

Mpumalanga had been blocked. Pasiwe said police had unblocked the road and brought the situation under control.

"People who are meant to go to work are at work. All 27 power stations are operating as per normal at this stage."

Eskom is concerned about staff working on late shifts. "When people go on strike, they sometimes intimidate others. *Timeslive*

## Hacked bitcoin exchange users lose 36% of deposits

**TOKYO - Hong Kong-based Bitfinex said all users will lose 36% of their deposits after the bitcoin exchange concluded its review of a \$71m hacking attack.**

To compensate its customers, Bitfinex said users will receive tokens that may later be redeemed or exchanged for shares in its parent company. Following the announcement, bitcoin climbed to \$594 as of 10:55 a.m. on Sunday in Tokyo, based on prices from Coinbase.

The virtual currency dropped 12% to \$577.23 in the week through Friday, its



largest weekly decline since June, according to Bloomberg prices.

"After much thought, analysis, and consultation, we have arrived at the conclusion that losses must be generalised across all accounts and assets," the exchange wrote in a blog post on Saturday.

"In place of the loss in each wallet, we are crediting a token labeled BFX to record each customer's discrete losses."

Efforts to reach Bitfinex were not immediately successful. *Bloomberg*





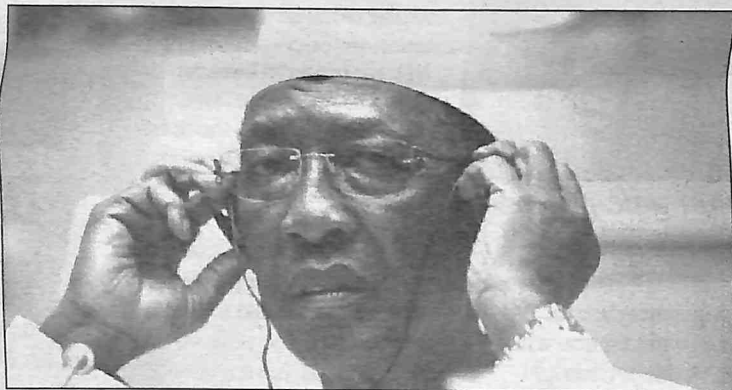
# CHAD PRESIDENT SET TO BE SWORN IN FOR FIFTH TERM

**N'DJAMENA** – Chad's President Idriss Deby was set to be sworn in yesterday for a fifth term in power, facing persistent resistance from an opposition that alleges his re-election was a "political hold-up".

Heavily-armed security forces cracked down at the weekend, using tear gas to disperse opposition activists who rallied despite an official ban in the poor, land-locked nation.

One young protester was shot dead on Sunday, opposition and police sources said.

"We are in the right. It's the government that is acting illegally by preventing political parties from expressing themselves," Saleh Kebzabo, Deby's nearest rival in the April presidential vote, said on Saturday.



**SWORN IN:** Idriss Deby, the President of Chad and the newly-elected chairperson of the African Union, follows proceedings during the 26th African Union Summit at the African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa.

Various groups had planned a day of mourning yesterday, when Deby is to be inaugurated in the capital N'Djamena before about a dozen African heads of state and other guests such as French Defence Minister Jean-

Yves Le Drian.

On Friday opposition activists announced they had filed a complaint in court alleging high treason against Deby, saying he attempted the "illegal taking of power by violence" and "misuse

of public money". Deby came to power in 1990 and was re-elected in a first round vote in April with 61,5 percent of ballots cast against 12,8 percent for Kebzabo, according to official results.

The opposition called Deby's re-election a "political hold-up", saying their own count showed no candidate won outright at the first stage. The election campaign was marred by a clamp-down on demonstrations by unions and rights groups demanding a change of leadership and democratic reforms.

Arrests and disappearances of activists are common in the nation of 12-million.

The situation in the oil-producing semi-desert country, a key player in the fight against west African jihadist groups, has been tense in recent months.

AFP

## Major parties still negotiating for coalition partners

**JOHANNESBURG** - With the elections done and dusted, political parties are now scavenging for coalition partners.

The DA and the ANC are now courting smaller parties to join forces with them.

There were no outright majorities secured in Johannesburg, Ekurhuleni, Tshwane, Nelson Mandela Bay and in many other councils around the country.

Though many of the parties locally don't share the same values, these analysts say when it comes down to a push, differences can be set aside.

"Politics around the world tells us this, when it comes to acquiring power, people will be remarkably flexible and pragmatic," said Professor Richard Calland.

"Politics is about acquiring power and getting into government."

eNCA commentator Angelo Fick said in that coalition negotiation, there might be negotiation around individual posts.

"One party might want the economic portfolio another might want to have the portfolio of local infrastructure."

The EFF have indicated that they are not particularly interested in posts, but rather principles.

But reaching an agreement that will please everyone is no easy feat, with the balance of power sometimes shifting towards the party with the trump card.

"Those smaller parties now have the opportunity to get, on paper, an agreement from the majority party, what it is that they're willing to do for this party in order to get them to form a coalition with them," said Fick.

eNCA

## KERRY TO VISIT KENYA FOR TALKS ON SECURITY

**Nairobi** - US Secretary of State John Kerry will visit Kenya this month for talks with President Uhuru Kenyatta over regional security.

Presidential spokesperson Manohar Eshpisi said on Sunday Kerry would hold discussions with Kenyatta and Foreign Affairs Minister

Amina Mohammed on the upheaval in South Sudan and security in violence-plagued Somalia.

When Kerry was in Kenya last year, he urged Kenyatta not to close Dadaab, the world's largest refugee camp, without stability in Somalia and called on South Sudan's warring leaders to form a tran-

sitional government.

Kenyatta has since said Kenya will close Dadaab camp this year.

South Sudan is threatened by a return to civil war after another falling out between President Salva Kiir and former vice president Riek Machar.

AP

**ACCIDENT:** Footage of the incident outside Katie's Classic Cars and Coffee in Great Falls, Virginia, shows the motorist desperately trying to dislodge her red Mercedes (main and inset, left) from the bonnet of the super car (right). An onlooker says above the intermittent wailing of the Ferrari's alarm: 'That's a big, big problem over there'. Katie's is a weekly gathering that claims, on its website, to attract 'automobiles of every type imaginable'.



## Zim says Beitbridge shutdown won't happen

**HARARE** - Police in Zimbabwe was "out in full force" to stop an attempted shutdown of the country's main border with South Africa yesterday, Home Affairs Minister Ignatius Chombo has been quoted as saying.

Chombo told the state-controlled Sunday Mail: "We would like to assure all Zimbabweans and foreigners travelling into the country that all our ports of entry will be open for business as per normal."

"Our law enforcement agencies will be out in full force to

maintain peace and order," he added.

Using the hashtag #Beitbridgeshutdown, protesters have been urging a shutdown of Beitbridge border post yesterday, partly to show Zimbabweans' anger over an attempt to ban many South African imports. *News24*

## BRIEFS

### Somalia schedules presidential election

**MOGADISHU** - The chief of Somalia's electoral commission announced on Sunday that presidential elections will be held on October 30. Omar Mohamed Abdulle says the presidential vote will be held after the selection of members of the upper and lower parliamentary houses takes place between September 24 and October 10. He said members of parliament will elect a new parliament speaker on October 25.

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### Blackout costs Kenya businesses millions

**NAIROBI** - Businesses in Nairobi and other major towns in Kenya suffered losses running into millions of US dollars after a countrywide electricity blackout engulfed Kenya. Although the actual figure in losses is yet to be calculated, it is estimated to be billions of Kenyan shillings, going by similar incidents in the past. Kenya's sole electricity provider, Kenya Power, put out a brief notice through their social media platforms announcing the nationwide blackout long after citizens had complained about the blackout and its consequences. Kenya Power did not provide further details. It took almost eight hours before power was restored but for many businesses the damage was already done in terms of loss of the day's earnings.

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### Mugabe End Near - Tsvangirai

**MDC** - T president Morgan Tsvangirai on Sunday said President Robert Mugabe's rule is coming to an end as discontent continues to



grow over his leadership, with war veterans joining calls for the 92-year-old leader's resignation. Addressing thousands of MDC-T supporters after the party's fourth demonstration in Masvingo Sunday, Tsvangirai said this year's Heroes Day was being celebrated at a time Mugabe was persecuting former freedom fighters. "We are meeting today, a day before the Heroes Day commemorations, but we are meeting at the darkest hour of our nation," he said. Zimbabwe is in a crisis.

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### Libyan forces prepare 'decisive' assault

**TRIPOLI** - Libya pro-government forces backed by US air strikes said on Sunday they would soon launch a final assault to retake the coastal city of Sirte from the Islamic State jihadist group. The countdown of the final stage of the military operations against Daesh has started, forces loyal to the Tripoli-based national unity government said in a statement, using an Arabic acronym for ISIS. The operation's leaders held intensive meetings to prepare for the final and decisive battles to eradicate the Daesh gang from the city of Sirte, they said in a statement. *AFP*

### Magufuli urges prayers on peace, unity

**TANZANIA** - President John Magufuli has called on Tanzanians to continue praying for peace and unity as well as working hard in everyone's field of work. President Magufuli made the remarks on Sunday when he went for prayers at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Chato Diocese, St Stephen Anglican Church, Chato Diocese, African Inland Church (AIC) Chato and Omar Bin-L-Khattab Mosque in Chato. According to a statement from the Directorate of Presidential Communications, Dr Magufuli stressed the importance of adhering to the Holy Scriptures, especially in working hard to hasten the country's development.

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# Focus on SA scene

## Delays expected after CT Metrorail blaze

CAPE TOWN - Metrorail commuters in Cape Town can expect delays and cancellations on its southern line.

A fire damaged several carriages at the Retreat Station depot on Sunday.

Fire and emergency services managed to extinguish the blaze.

Police are investigating the cause of the fire.

eNCA

## Vote ANC decision haunts NFP

JOHANNESBURG - So concerned was Zanele kaMagwaza-Msibi about losing her R1.9-million-a-year ministerial job that she offered National Freedom Party votes to the ANC in last week's elections, her detractors claim.

But her spokesman denies it.

The deputy minister of science and technology and NFP leader did not vote in her home town of Ulundi on Wednesday.

Two days before the elections, NFP and ANC leaders announced that the NFP, disqualified from taking part, would vote for the ANC in KwaZulu-Natal. They claimed they had kaMagwaza-Msibi's blessing.

The pact appears to have backfired - the IFP regained ground it lost to the NFP in 2011. "We are the sacrificial lambs on the political altar," said an angry member of the NFP national working committee, who asked for anonymity. *Timeslive*

## A cry for justice from a young man living with albinism

MBOMBELA - Young graduate and activist on the Albinism Truth, Tau Mebo, exercised his special vote last week in Pretoria where he lives and works in the psychology sector.

Originally a resident of and former student from Mbombela, Mpumalanga, Mebo said he was disappointed at how the government's impressive speeches in high places about supporting people with albinism were not actually supported by real action.

He said there was no evidence that government actually cared and argued that government was doing little to stop inhumane acts against desperate unemployed people living with albinism.

"There are doctors in public hospitals that don't recognise albinism as a disability and merely see it as a skin condition."

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## Zikalala starts ANC election performance assessment

JOHANNESBURG - In a moment of humility, ANC bosses in the party's KwaZulu-Natal heartland put their vibrant election celebrations on hold to admit the party needed to take a long and hard look at itself.

But they refused to go so far as to apportion any blame to party president Jacob Zuma.

At a press briefing in Durban after the results were announced, ANC provincial chairman Sihle Zikalala said the party needed to "do an assessment" of the results.

eThekweni, Buffalo City



CHAIR: ANC provincial chairman Sihle Zikalala.

and Mangaung are the only three of eight metros where the ANC has an outright majority. Zikalala said: "We do need an assessment. What has gone wrong in eThekweni, it is not only about eThekweni. What has gone wrong throughout the

country and what has gone wrong to cause serious contestation for councillorships? We are going to have an analysis.

"The question of the president being linked to poor performance, it does not exist.

"If we base our assessment on factors that are not tested we will not be able to respond to those issues. As the ANC, we have a challenge to deal with the issue of the decline. Do not start by attributing it to the leader of the ANC without looking at conditions in each area. It will not be fair." *Timeslive*

## Injured Oscar Pistorius gets visit from brother and on-off ex-girlfriend, suicide bid denied

PRETORIA - Carl Pistorius, the jailed Paralympian's brother, and his on-off girlfriend for five years Jenna Edkins have visited him to check on his condition after he sustained an injury at the weekend, dis-

puting rumours that he had tried to commit suicide.

Correctional Services confirmed on Sunday that Oscar Pistorius was taken to Kalafong hospital to be treated for injuries on his wrist.

"Jenna and I have ... seen

Oscar and he is doing well under the circumstances.

He is in good spirit," Carl Pistorius said via Twitter.

"He slipped in his cell and injured himself, nothing serious."

Carl said the suicide rumours were "completely untrue", adding it was "great" to see his brother. "He sends love to everyone, especially Aimee."

Reuters

## Major parties still negotiating for coalition partners

JOHANNESBURG - With the elections done and dusted, political parties are now scavenging for coalition partners.

The DA and the ANC are now courting smaller parties to join forces with them.

There were no outright majorities secured in Johannesburg, Ekurhuleni, Tshwane, Nelson Mandela Bay and in many other councils around the country.

Though many of the parties locally don't share the same values, these analysts say when it comes down to a push, differences can be set aside.

"Politics around the world tells us this, reveals this that when it comes to acquiring



power, coming into power people will be remarkably flexible and pragmatic," said Professor Richard Calland.

"Politics is about acquiring power and getting into government."

eNCA commentator Angelo Fick said in that coalition negotiation, there might be negotiation around individual posts.

"One party might want the

economic portfolio another might want to have the portfolio of local infrastructure."

The EFF have indicated that they are not particularly interested in posts, but rather principles.

But reaching an agreement that will please everyone is no easy feat, with the balance of power sometimes shifting towards the party with the trump card. *eNCA*



## IEC apologises to Zuma for anti-rape protest

JOHANNESBURG - The Independent Electoral Commission of SA (IEC) said it has apologised to President Jacob Zuma for the anti-rape protest by four women during his speech, which was broadcast live on television.

IEC deputy chairman Terry Tselane yesterday said on Twitter the commission was "greatly compromised" by protest.

"Protests are protected by the constitution (without talking about the merits and demerits of the protest) but IEC was greatly compromised."

In another tweet, Tselane said: "The protest on Saturday took the IEC by surprise and if we knew we would have handled it differently. We apologised to the President [Jacob Zuma]."

Manning

Four young women who were manning the EFF desk at the IEC results centre throughout the week, went to the front of the stage and held placards that referred to Zuma's rape trial in 2006.

They held up placards that read "10 years later", "Remember Khwezi", "I am one in 3," and "Khanga" while the President delivered his speech. The placards were in apparent reference to Zuma's rape trial a decade ago.

Zuma was acquitted of raping a then 31-year-old HIV-positive family friend at his home in Johannesburg in 2005.

Facing the audience with their backs to the President, the women continued their silent protest for the duration of his short speech.

He seemed oblivious to the protest as he spoke. The women were bundled away by the presidential protection services after Zuma left the podium.

The protest angered the ANC Women's League (ANCWL), whose president Bathabile Dlamini blamed the IEC and demanded answers about the protest.

Africa News Agency

## Eskom warns against illegal strike as NUM downs tools

JOHANNESBURG - Workers downed tools yesterday at three South African power stations with more set to follow as a wage strike began at state-run utility Eskom, but the company said its operations had not yet been impacted and branded the stoppage illegal.

Paris Mashego, NUM's energy sector coordinator, told Reuters that wage talks with the utility were in deadlock over the weekend.

Eskom provides almost all the power to Africa's most industrialised economy but it was not immediately clear what impact

the strike may have on its ability to keep the lights on.

An Eskom spokesperson said operations had not yet been impacted and reiterated the utility's view that its members are prohibited by law from striking.

"Across all of our 27 power stations everything is operating as

normal at this stage," spokesperson Khulu Phasiwe said.

"And no one from Eskom is allowed to go on strike because we are defined as essential service providers. Technically anyone who is not at work today (yesterday) will have to explain themselves to their bosses," he

said. He added that Eskom did not feel that negotiations had collapsed. The utility is offering pay hikes of 7% to 9%, while NUM is looking for increases ranging from 12 to 13 percent. Phasiwe also said NUM members early yesterday morning had blocked roads leading to the Arnot power station east of Johannesburg but police had been called in and the roads were now clear.

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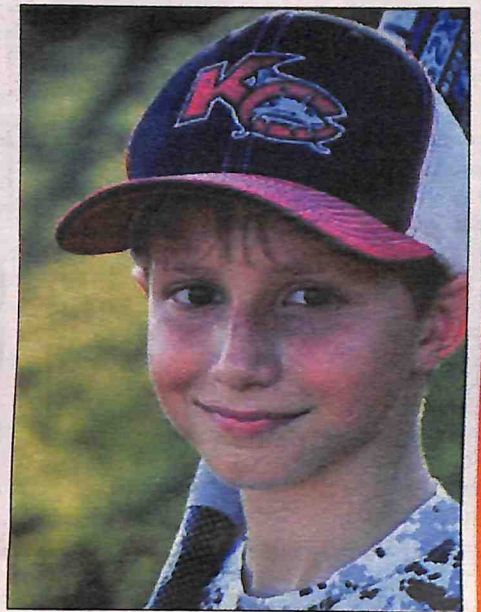
# SON OF STATE SENATOR DIES IN ACCIDENT

- Caleb Thomas Schwab, 10, was killed in accident at a park in Kansas City
- The accident occurred at the Schlitterbahn Water Park on Sunday
- Police said the boy died in an accident on the world's tallest slide, Verruckt
- The Verruckt slide is 17 stories tall and drops riders 168 feet at 65mph
- Cause of death hasn't been confirmed, according to authorities
- Caleb is the son of Republican member of Kansas House of Representatives Scott Schwab
- Family's pastor issued statement on behalf of Schwab family thanking community for their outpouring of support during this tragedy
- Park and Verruckt slide were closed pending the investigation
- Spokeswoman from park said Caleb died on the ride, but couldn't say if he fell from the slide when he was killed



...on the world's tallest water slide that towers over Kansas City water park at 168ft

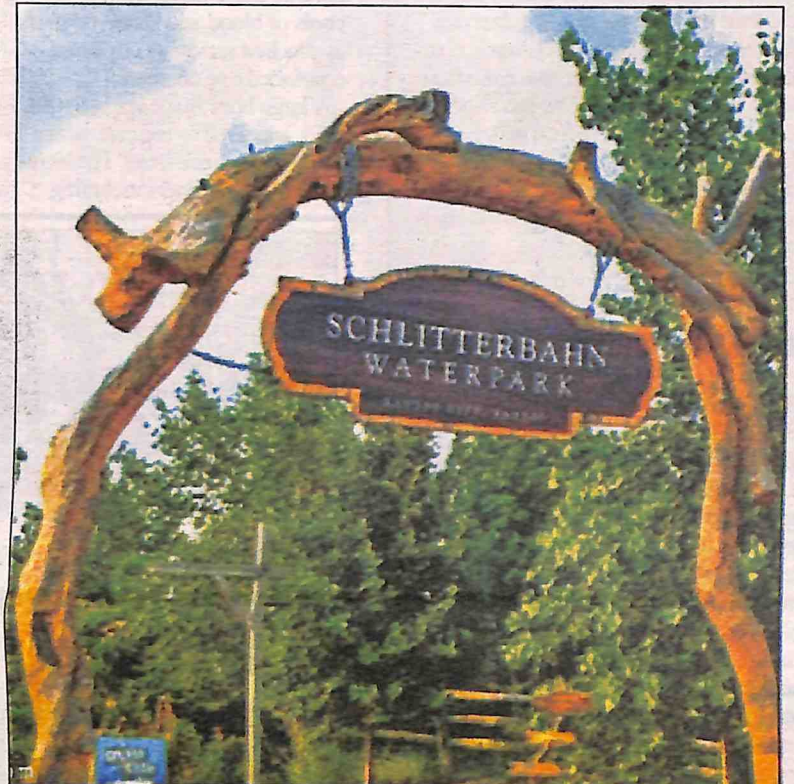
**NOT FOR FAINT-HEARTED:** Prosapio said the park's rides are inspected every day and are checked by independent inspection agencies at the beginning of the season.



**RIP:** Caleb Thomas Schwab, the son of Republican member of the Kansas House of Representatives Scott, died on Sunday at the Schlitterbahn Water Park while on the park's 168-foot water slide.



**UNSAFE RIDE:** The Verruckt water slide (pictured) opened in July 2014 after its opening date was pushed back three times for additional safety testing. (Daily Mail)



**KANSAS -** The 10-year-old son of a Kansas lawmaker died in an accident while on the world's tallest slide at a water park in Kansas City, USA.

Caleb Thomas Schwab, the son of Republican member of the Kansas House of Representatives Scott Schwab, and his wife Michele, died on Sunday at the Schlitterbahn Water Park while on the park's 168-foot water slide.

Winter Prosapio, spokeswoman for Schlitterbahn, said Caleb died on the 17-storey Verruckt water slide, according to the Kansas City Star. However, Prosapio could not say whether or not the boy fell from the ride. She said the park's rides are inspected every day and checked by independent inspection agencies at the beginning of the season.

It was elected officials day at the water park as lawmakers and their families received free admission, lunch and a day of fun. The family's pastor issued a statement on Sunday night on behalf of the family.

"Michele and I want to thank the Olathe and Kansas City, KS communities and all our friends and family for their outpouring of support and compassion as it relates to the sudden loss of our son, Caleb Thomas Schwab. 'Since the day he was born, he brought abundant joy to our family and all those who he came in contact with.

"As we try and mend our home with him no longer with us, we are comforted knowing he believed in his Saviour, Jesus, and they are forever together now. We will see him another day.

"Your continued prayers are welcome and appreciated. We appreciate your understanding of our family's need for privacy during this difficult time of grieving."

Police spokesman Officer Cameron Morgan said the boy's cause of death has not been confirmed. Unified Government Mayor Mark Holland issued a statement on Facebook to the family expressing his condolences. "My thoughts and prayers go out to the family of the boy who died today in a

tragic accident at Schlitterbahn."

Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins tweeted: "My thoughts and prayers are with Rep Scott Schwab and his family at this devastating time."

Friends and colleagues gathered at the Schwabs' home to comfort them hours after the tragedy.

Scott Schwab was first elected to the Kansas house in 2003, representing District 49, covering Olathe. Schwab and his wife have four sons.

"They are an amazing, resilient family, full of faith," Clint Sprague, lead Pastor of Life Mission Church, told the Kansas City Star.

Sprague, who has known Caleb's parents since they were in college, said Caleb loved sports and played soccer.

#### Active

The 10-year-old was also active in his church, Sprague added.

Authorities originally said Caleb was 12 years old but Sprague confirmed that he was actually 10. While running for reelection in

2014, Schwab said his "primary reason for my desire to serve in the Kansas House is to help create an economic environment for kids like mine to have a future here in Kansas".

Kansas City Police Chief Terry Zeigler confirmed to NBC that officers are conducting a death investigation at the park.

The park was closed pending the investigation as multiple agencies arrived at the scene earlier Sunday.

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## Military rifles found in child porn raid

**GLOUCESTER CITY** - Authorities conducting a child pornography investigation say they found more than six dozen firearms while executing a search warrant at a New Jersey home. Camden County prosecutors say 34-year-old George Walker was arrested at his Gloucester City residence. Detectives say they found several hard drives and digital media devices containing numerous child porn videos. They say they also seized 81 firearms, including six military-style rifles, along with numerous containers of ammunition and about 25 high-capacity magazines. Walker was charged with possessing and distributing child porn. Prosecutors say weapons charges are pending. Walker's bail was set at \$50 000. **AFP**

## Hunger a weapon in Syria, Yemen, Nigeria

**PARIS** - While grain silos in many western countries may overflow this winter, tens of millions of people risk going without food, as hunger is being used more than ever as a weapon of war. More than 50 million people living in 17 conflict-ridden countries are in "severe food insecurity", two UN agencies warned recently. The protracted conflicts in Yemen and Syria place those two nations at the top of the list established by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP). In Yemen, 14 million people - over half the population - are now considered to be facing a food crisis or emergency. **AFP**

## Rebel launches battle to retake Aleppo

**BEIRUT** - A Syrian rebel alliance on Sunday announced the start of a battle to recapture the whole of Aleppo, the day after they broke a government siege on rebel-held areas in the country's second city. The "Army of Conquest", a coalition of rebels and jihadists including the former Al-Nusra Front, said in a statement it would 'double the number of fighters for this next battle'. We announce the start of a new phase to liberate all of Aleppo," after a week of continuous fighting, the group said. "We will not rest until we raise the flag of the conquest over Aleppo's citadel," it added. **AFP**

## Dozens dead in Tropical Storm

**PUEBLA** - Landslides triggered by Tropical Storm Earl's remnants have killed at least 38 people in Mexico, officials said Sunday, as a new storm threatened the country's Pacific coast. A total of 28 died in central Puebla State, at least 15 of them minors, as landslides buried several houses, the state government said. The other 10 died in similar circumstances in the eastern state of Veracruz, its governor said. In the town of Huauchin-ango, the amount of rain that normally falls in a month came pouring down in just 24 hours, the Puebla government said. A hill crumbled and came sweeping down on an adjacent village, killing 11 people including eight minors, it said. **AFP**

## Portuguese minister mugged in Rio

**RIO DE JANEIRO** - Portugal's education minister has been mugged in an upscale Rio district, media reports and police in the Olympics host city said Sunday. The tourist division of the civil police said in a statement that "a minister of a foreign state" was attacked Saturday in Ipanema. A 26-year-old man was arrested along the beach front and the victim's belongings were returned to him, the statement said. **AFP**



# SCORES KILLED IN SW PAKISTAN HOSPITAL BLAST

**QUETTA** - At least 20 people were killed and dozens more wounded after a blast at a major hospital in the Pakistani city of Quetta, an AFP reporter and officials said, with fears the toll could rise.

Graphic video footage from the scene showed bodies strewn on the ground, some still smoking, among pools of blood and shattered glass as shocked survivors cried and comforted one another.

A large burn mark against white brick appeared to indicate where the explosion occurred. The blast came after mourners including

journalists and lawyers gathered at the hospital following the fatal shooting of a senior local lawyer, officials said. Many of the dead appeared to be wearing black suits and ties.

"More than 20 people have been killed, including two cameramen in the blast," said Daud Khilji, a senior administration official in Quetta. The figure was confirmed by an AFP reporter on the scene and senior police official Akbar Raisani, who said at least 40 others had been wounded. A number of lawyers and some journalists had gathered at the hospital following

the death of the president of the Balochistan Bar Association in a separate shooting incident early this morning," Akbar Harifal, the home secretary of restive Balochistan province where the explosion occurred, told AFP.

The lawyer, Bilal Anwar Kasi, was targeted by two unknown gunmen as he left his home in the morning for work. There were no immediate claims of responsibility for either attack. Balochistan, which borders Iran and Afghanistan, has oil and gas resources but is afflicted by Islamist militancy, sectarian vio-



**BLAST:** At least 20 people were killed and dozens more wounded after a blast.

lence between Sunni and Shiite Muslims and a separatist insurgency. **AFP**



**GEM:** While most of the obvious tourist landmarks - the Statue of Liberty, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Taj Mahal - charge entry fees, many of the lesser-known hidden gems around the corner don't. Lonely Planet is releasing on Tuesday a veritable travel bible of spots around the world where you can have great experiences on a shoestring, titled 'The Best Things in Life are Free'. MailOnline Travel rounds up 15 of the most intriguing suggestions. Clockwise from top left - Yoyogi Park in Tokyo, Chateau de Versailles in Paris, Sydney Harbour National Park and Pig Island in the Bahamas. Inset is Singapore's Gardens by the Bay.

## Japan's emperor hints at abdication

**TOKYO** - Japanese Emperor Akihito said yesterday he is concerned his weakening health may make it hard to fulfil his duties, in a speech seen as flagging a possible future abdication.

"I am worried that it may become difficult for me to carry out my duties as the symbol of the state with my whole being as I have done until now," he said in an address to the nation.

"There are times when I feel various constraints such as in my physical fitness," the 82-year-old said.

Akihito spoke obliquely, but the government is expected to interpret his comments as meaning his wish is to eventually step down. It can then begin creating the necessary legal mechanism which currently does not exist.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in a swift response to the emperor's speech said the government would take the emperor's remarks "seriously".

"Considering the emperor's duties, as well as his age and the burden (of the job), we have to firmly look at what

we can do." Speculation about the emperor's future emerged last month with reports he had told confidantes that advancing age was making it harder to perform his ceremonial duties and that he would like to step down in a few years.

The address marked only the second time for Akihito to speak directly to the nation, the first having been in the days after the March 2011 triple earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster as he sought to calm a nation undergoing its worst crisis since the war. **AFP**

## Cuba blames US for surge in unsafe migration

**HAVANA** - Cuba has blamed the United States for encouraging illegal and unsafe immigration by tens of thousands of Cubans who have left the country in the past two years.

Havana released a statement on Sunday saying Cubans leaving the country illegally were the "victims of the politicisation of the migration issue by the US government which stimulates illegal and unsafe immigration", Reuters news agency reported.

The US policy of welcoming Cubans without visas contradicted normalisation efforts between Havana and Washington, the statement added.

More than 46 500 Cubans arrived and were admitted to the US without visas during the first 10 months of the US government's fiscal year 2016, according to the Pew Research Centre. That figure compares with more than 43 000 Cubans in 2015 and just over 24 000 in 2014.

Unlike citizens of other countries, Cubans who make it to US borders have special entry privileges under the Cold War-era Cuban Adjustment Act, which gives Cuban citizens special welfare benefits and allows them to apply for permanent residency after 366 days in the country. Under the act, Cuban who set foot on US territory are treated as legal immigrants, while people from any other country are considered illegal.

The large increase in the number of Cubans attempting to reach the US, particularly by overland routes through South and Central America, coincides with the restoration of diplomatic relations between Washington and Havana. There are fears among ordinary Cubans that diplomatic normalisation between Havana and Washington will mean they lose their privileged entry status to the US. Regional governments have also responded to the increase in Cubans travelling overland to the US by closing down border routes. Nicaragua was the first country to close its borders in November to Cubans travelling overland to Mexico and on to the US. **News24**





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# SWAMA CUTS LIST OF TRADE FAIR ARTISTS

By Nomfundo Sifundza

**THE Swaziland Arts and Music Association SWAMA has reduced the number of artists scheduled for this year's trade fair from 17 to 10 in total.**

The association resorted to this decision, compelled by the Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority's (SIPA) limited budget for entertainment.

SIPA is offering each music association E80 000, from which this sum is divided amongst all the artists.

## Satisfied

The SWAMA executive felt, rather than have artists paid a minimum amount, it only made sense to send a few artists to the trade fair, so that they are satisfied with the

Tribal Misfits.



formance nitty gritty's as our artists deliver nothing but the best on stage" he added.

Afro-Soul sensation, Sands has confirmed that he and his management have reached agreements with SIPA management for him to perform at the trade fair. "My manager Tom Churchyard informed me that I am scheduled for the trade fair and I am thrilled with this news" he said.

## Airplay

The artist whose music has been receiving airplay on various South African media stations; including Mzansi Magic's soapie series 'Isibaya', said he would not be able to disclose his performance fee. As those were merely management issues but invited the public to come in numbers as he will be singing their favourite songs.

Other artists, who are likely to be on the list are rapper King Kangaroo, Chakalaka, Mshikishi and Tribal Misfits. Although the final list has not been compiled yet, Mtsetfwa confirmed that only 10 artists who will make the cut. DJs and dancers included.

money paid.

As the copyright act has been passed in the House of Assembly, SWAMA Public Relations Officer Menzi Mtsetfwa affirmed, "we believe it is not encouraging when our hardworking artists are paid a mere E6 000 for performances they have dripped blood and sweat over. That amount only caters for the per-

## Mindblowing designs for SADC Summit Fashion Show

By Phumelele Mkhonta

**LOCAL designers, who have been incorporated in the SADC Summit Fashion Show, which will be on August 26 and 27, expressed their excitement and anticipation on this making of history.**

The fashion show is an initiative by the Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture (SNCAC). The idea is to host a fashion show that will incorporate the visiting countries that will be represented during the SADC Summit.

SNCAC CEO, Stanley Dlamini called for Swazi designers to be involved in the making of history and quite a number of designers heeded his call. According to Top Model Swaziland's Director, who is also the shows spokesperson, designers that are involved are Bongzi Gray, Fundzi, Mbally, Tracy Thring, Tanele Tfwala, Slindile Bhembé, Velile Masinga and many more.

"I feel really honoured and excited to partake in such an event because it one way of marketing ourselves as an individual designers and to raise my brand-TeeTeeDesigns. It is also a great opportunity to build a good relationship with other designers from other countries and gain more knowledge," commented TeeTeeDesigns' Tanele Tfwala. On the other hand, Velile

Masinga specifically highlighted that this is a great platform for the Swazi fashion industry to be elevated and taken seriously.

"I am hoping that we will get great support from Swazis as we make history. And yes, personally I cannot wait for the show," said Masinga. Local models that have been incorporated in the SADC Summit Fashion Show are from Top Model Swaziland models. "We have models from Botswana, Zimbabwe, South Africa, and Malawi. In Swaziland, we will have models from TMS and other models that came for a castings call who we started training them last week. This week TMS is joining us while Bongzi Gray is their choreographer. We also have Peter from South Africa who will be the final choreographer."

"Being part of the SADC Fashion Festival as an agency means a lot to us as we are growing in the industry. Since the beginning of this year we have been doing international shows. We get recognition in other countries like Zimbabwe they invited TMS for their festival in October. November we doing another SA show," said TMS's Mbalenhle Manana.

The show will be at Woodlands in Ezulwini and tickets cost E100 for general, E200 VIP and E400 VVIP. Tickets are sold at Perfume Hut in Manzini, Galitos at Mbabane and Matsapha and Movie Zone Gables at Ezulwini.

## Tonic Deep impresses at Ligwalagwala FM

By Phumelele Mkhonta

**MEGA Sound's deejay Khanyokuhle 'Tonic Deep' Mkhonta impressed South African listeners with his beautiful set on Ligwalagwala FM on Saturday night.**

Mkhonta was featured on Ligwalagwala FM's Fortune Ntekati's show. Where he was given a 30 minutes set and a five minutes interview.

Ligwalagwala FM is a South African radio station which is under South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC). Based in Mpumalang, the radio station mainly presents Swazi content.

The deejay was scheduled for the interview on the same day he was due to play at Coyotes in Nelspruit CBD, where he is the resident DJ. This time he was invited to play at Sanele Javisto's party, who is also the club's manager.

Mkhonta explained that he got the slot on Ligwalagwala FM through Senzo Kgatla, who also works at the radio station.

"I met Senzo at Coyotes in Nelspruit where I usually play.

He loved my sets and connected me to Fortune

Ntekati who is a broadcaster. Ntekati, set-up everything and there I was at Ligwalagwala FM doing what I love.

"There was a positive response from the audience; calls were flocking in after my set with music lovers commending me. One caller even called me 'sbali' trying to link me with his Swazi wife," commented Mkhonta.

The deejay played deep house music which

is his area of specialty. "My preferred genre as a DJ, is deep house, but I was able to fuse my set with dance music.

This experience really meant a lot to me and I hope my territory expands from here," he commented.



**HOISTING THE SWAZI FLAG: Tonic Deep pose.**

## MARCUS POURS OUT NEW JOB EXPERIENCE IN SONG

By Nomfundo Sifundza

**MARCUS has released a single titled 'packing shelves'.**

In the song the rapper pours out his experience with fans that spot him at his new job, where he packs goods into shelves.

Marcus, real name Mcebo Mnisi started working at Spar, early this year, as he thought he was not going to get recognition as an artist. He is rather humbled that his fans still notice him and furthermore respect his hustle.

The single 'packing shelves' was produced by Nico Neves and made its first airing last week Friday. The rapper posted a link on his Facebook page and to most of his Whatsapp contacts in which the song could be downloaded from.

## Assistance

The rapper says the song was inspired by his workplace environment. Most members of the public, who request his assistance thereafter send blessings on to him. He says he appreciates all the blessings and the



respect people have for him.

Marcus is currently employed at Spar, Mbabane. The rapper says his place of employment does not define a single thing about him, nor does it have any impact or change to his musical ability.

"Some young people have a mentality of looking down upon people who pack shelves, but I am very humbled by those who realise that I

am only trying to earn cash before I go back to school in September" he said.

## Venturing

The young rapper is pursuing a Diploma in Business Management at EURO Africa College in Matsapha. On his musical career, he made it known that he is looking forward to venturing into the South African music industry.



# SPONSORS POUR IN FOR SWAZI REALITY TV

By Nomfundo Sifundza

SWAZI Reality Media, the company behind the upcoming reality TV shows that will be aired on Swazi TV has seen more sponsors coming onboard.

The company has secured the endorsement of two major industry stakeholders in the likes of YH Properties in Mbabane and Movie Zone Cinemas in Ezulwini, respectively.

YH Properties, which is owned by Ndumiso Michael Hlatjwayo, is a real estate and construction company based in Mbabane that specialises in property development, sales, letting and development.

They will offer their professional real estate skills and property management to the Swazi home make-over show as part of the reality television production.

They will be involved in renovation and in some cases construction of new houses for lucky families.

## Tickets

Movie Zone Cinemas has indicated through its Manager Sanele Dlamini that they would be offering movie tickets to beneficiaries, who would have won in in-studio competitions and also via SMS competition, during Swazi Reality TV productions.

Swazi Reality Media will be conducting auditions for presenters tomorrow at one of the sponsor's facilities, Happy Valley Hotel. The company is searching for six young people who will present the reality shows on Swazi TV.

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The auditions will be part of the Swazi Reality TV production. Xolani Fidelis who is the Director of the company said; "Swazi Reality TV management is going all out to get new, exciting and vibrant talent from the culture-rich human resource base of Swaziland.

## Audition

All young people of Swaziland are invited to audition for these historic television productions.

The successful candidates will be unveiled and profiled days after the audition. Some will present reality news, life-style, entertainment and of-course the industry specific reality aspects of Swaziland," he said.

## JOYOUS' MNQOBI TO HOST CONCERT IN SD

By Nomfundo Sifundza

JOYOUS Celebration's Mnqobi Nxumalo will be in the country in October for a concert promoting his latest album called 'My Side of the View'.

The 27-year-old singer, composer, producer, and performer while working for the SABC embarked on his musical route. He recorded an album that he produced himself from instrumentation until mastering with the help of his other upcoming friends.

His solo Christian album titled 'He's a wonder' made a huge impact on those who got themselves copies and further opened doors for him.

Nxumalo has worked with many great artists and has written songs for artists like: Joyous Celebration (Angeke Ngisuke - Joyous 18; Bayede - Joyous 19; Bengingazi - Joyous 20; 'Grateful' - Joyous 20); Dominion; Pastor Jabu Hlongwane; Mahalia Buchanan; Xolani Thabethe, and many more. He's currently working with Joyous Celebration as a vocalist, songwriter and arranger.

## Harmonic

Nxumalo's harmonic golden tunes describe his music genre as contemporary gospel, urban gospel and neo-soul with a classical feel. He takes praise and worship to a higher, wider and dynamic level.

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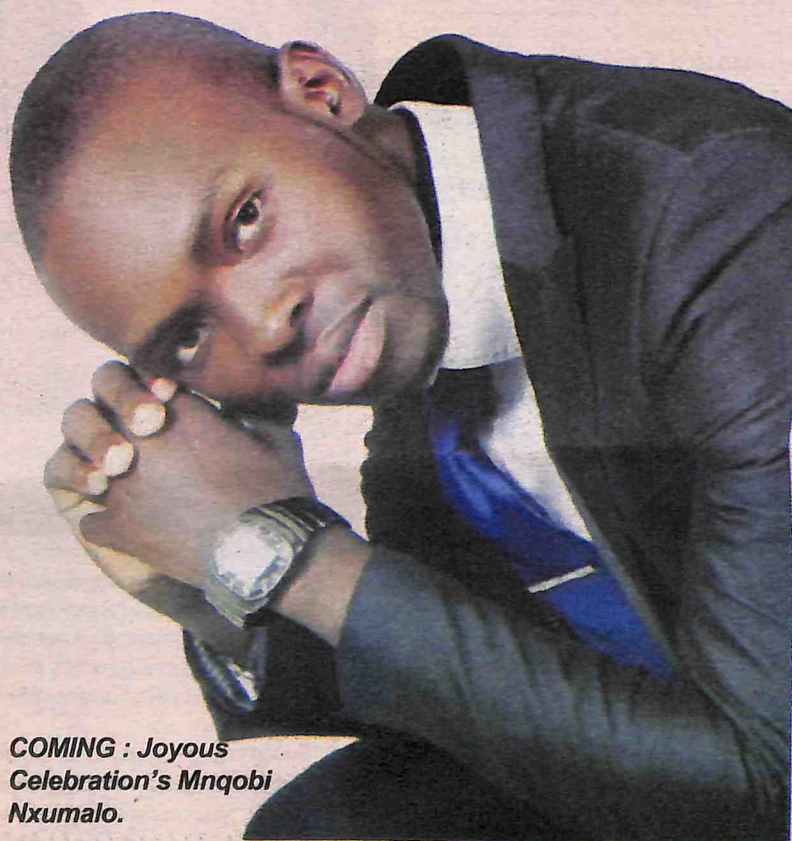
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## Excited

"He's very excited about the show and looking forward to praising and worshipping with Swazis. "The artist would be coming with

other guest artists who are yet to be revealed.

Tickets will be out in two weeks and we are looking forward to the support and to a great experience," organiser Mpendulo Ndwandwe said.



COMING : Joyous Celebration's Mnqobi Nxumalo.

## ARTISTS MOURN SBU NXUMALO'S UNTIMELY DEMISE

By Phumelele Mkhonta

PEACE 2's founding member and lead singer, Sibusiso 'Sbu' Nxumalo's sudden demise has shaken the music industry, especially Illa and DJ Xtra Luv who worked hand-in-hand with the deceased during the group's prime.

Peace 2 was a kwaito group based in Manzini and made waves in the early 2000s with their hit song 'Mpatha'. They were known for their orange overalls and dance moves.

Sifiso 'Illa Penboy' Mntungwa, who was also part of Peace 2, expressed his sadness over Nxumalo's demise. Illa's career was started with Peace 2 before transforming into hip/hop.

"May his soul rest in peace. I pass my deepest condolences to his family and friends. He will always be remembered for his contribution in building our local music industry and helping a lot of young artists. The industry will forever miss him. He was a great friend," said Illa.

On the other hand, Terrence 'DJ Xtra Luv' Ginindza although stating he was not so close to the deceased, but he



RIP: The late Sibusiso 'Sbu' Nxumalo.

shared the stage with him in gigs and they enjoyed each other's company.

## Shocked

"I am shocked and it is very sad as Nxumalo was a hard worker. May his soul rest in peace and the family be comforted in this dark hour. I have worked with the group on several occasions. It is a great loss to the music industry," said Ginindza.

The kwaito star died of a heart attack after he learnt of his mother's passing on. Their funeral will be held at Maliyaduma on Saturday.



QUEENS: Dzeli, Khole and Thandwa Dlamini.

## ARTS AWAKE HOST QUEENS

By Majaha Nkonyane

AS the world celebrates Women's Month, Arts Awake prepares to host another show dubbed 'The Story of Queens'.

The show is yet another that incorporates only women after the show dubbed 'The Story of Four Queens' which was a mixture of poets and musicians.

"We will be celebrating women in all spheres of our country whether in business, professionals, entrepreneurs, corporate leadership, and home makers.

In this event, we are encouraging women to tell their stories. And we are excited to host an amazing all women cast," the organiser Nontobeko 'Beko' Dlamini said.

The show will host three musicians and two poets. Featured would be afro soul jazz songbird Khole who recently was awarded

with the Swaziland Delphic singer 2016 and performed at the Total Gold Series.

Another would be Eunice Nkambule, a jazz singer who has performed in and out of the country and also worked with acclaimed artists such as Judith Sephuma and Themba Mkhize.

## Music

It was also revealed that Thandwa Dlamini, a career driven young woman and singer who is currently working on her EP, will be sharing her music on the show.

The event will be hosted by the versatile Nana Sambo.

Poet Dzeli, who recently had her one woman show, is a script writer and lecturer who will be representing the poetry industry. Meanwhile Nqobile Ndlamandla is a young career woman who has made a name for herself as a poet and will also represent on the poetry.



More from Grounders Market

# VINTAGE CLOTHING SESSION



**SO VINTAGE:** Founder of Tiwi's Closet Tuiwonge Gondwe did not miss the show. Her stable was also packed with ravishing stuff. (Pics: Phumelele Mkhonta)



**TIP OF THE ICEBERG:** Stalls were packed with beautiful items.



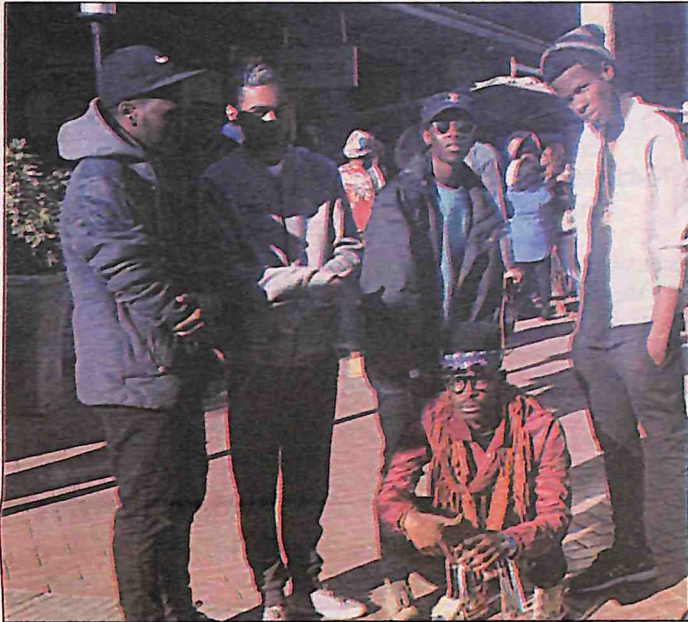
**FOR THE LOVE OF FASHION:** Fashionista and part-time designer Nongcebo Malinga looking serenely different in the 'self-made' vintage look.



**DEVIANT FASHION SENSE:** Thando Maseko and Nongcebo who looked armyish in an outfit she hand made for herself.



**HEAD-TURNERS:** These three surely stole the show with their different fashion sense as they took fashion to another level.



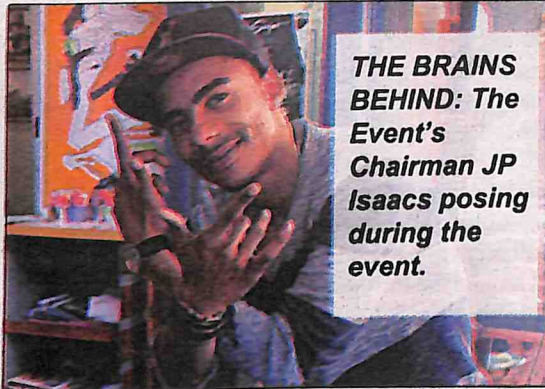
**THEM BOYS:** Hip/hop artist Tasty (kneeling down) with his co-anchors. Tasty stole the show with his track 'Walk in My Shoes'.



**SLAY:** Fashion was the order of the day. These three portray just the tip of the iceberg of what the day constituted of.



**ON THE ONES AND TWOS:** DJ Sbudah dishing out music that lit the atmosphere.



**THE BRAINS BEHIND:** The Event's Chairman JP Isaacs posing during the event.



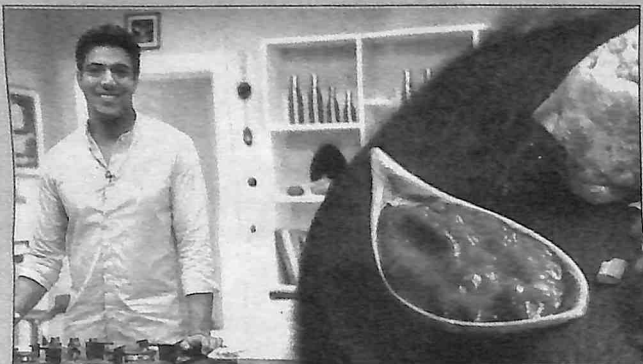


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## HIGHLIGHTS



**Snack Attack**  
Today 17:00 | Zee World (166)

A snack is a special treat that can fill the space between two meals. This is the idea behind the cooking show, 'Snack Attack'. Chef Ranveer Brar brings you innovative snack recipes using everyday ingredients

and giving it a snack attack twist. The show is extremely exciting with an immense variety and explosion of snack flavours from sweet, sour, salty to spicy. Tune in every Tuesday and Thursday at 17:00 CAT.

**Custom Built**  
Today 19:00 | The Home Channel (176)

'Custom Built' is a series that breaks the rules of standard home renovation. Each episode, designer/builder Paul Lafrance tackles two projects that he customises for clients with spectacular results.



**Brief Encounters**  
Today 21:00 | ITV Choice (123)

With a touch of glamour, gutsy humour and an overwhelming desire to improve their lot in life, four women strive for happiness and fulfilment in this heart-warming new six-part series. In early 1980s England, Steph, Pauline, Nita and Dawn wrestle with the pressures of family, husbands and making ends meet. However, a chance meeting between Steph and Nita is destined to kick-start a transformation

for them all as they grasp the opportunity to become Ann Summers party organisers. Set to an iconic eighties soundtrack, this joyful, uplifting, character-driven drama will see these four unlikely friends blossom, gaining confidence and independence as their ambition is ignited. As wives and businesswomen they discover hidden strengths, shaking up not just their town, but their relationships, too.

**The living and the dead**  
Tomorrow 20:02 | BBC First (119)

Supernatural series set in rural England in the 1890s. When Nathan Appleby, a pioneering psychologist, inherits Shepzozy House in a beautiful but isolated Somerset valley, he decides to make a new life for himself and his adored wife, Charlotte. But soon the idyll is compromised by strange and disturbing occurrences that all seem to inexplicably swirl around the increasingly troubled Nathan. Is he being haunted? Why? And by whom?



The answers will shatter every belief this man has ever held and threaten everything and everyone he has ever loved.

# AFRICA'S FIRST MEDAL

**CAMERON VAN Burgh** claimed silver in the men's 100m breaststroke as Britain's Adam Peaty broke his own world record for the gold medal.

Van der Burgh lost ground from the first touch at the wall and couldn't make up time as Peaty motored away.

Van der Burgh admitted later that he couldn't have done much more.

"I am super stoked to add a silver to my gold (from London)," said Van der Burgh. "I knew from the warm-up I could not go 57 (seconds). So if Adam was going to plan and he did his job then..."

"My body feels super strong but my stroke was not connected, my timing was off. I was a bit on, a bit off," he added.



## AMAGLUG-GLUG stumble

**AMAGLUG-GLUG** went down 1-0 against Denmark after wasting an abundance of chances against the European side.

A lapse in concentration saw the Danes capitalise, and then injuries to Erick 'Tower' Mathoho and Abbubaker Mobara saw the side depleted.

The good news is that Brazil picked up only one point as they failed to score against Iraq in the group's other match on the night.

This means the South Africans have a chance of getting through if they beat Iraq in the next game and Denmark beat Brazil, or Brazil beat Denmark comfortably, or they draw. It can never be easy for us South Africans, can it?

## PHELPS' GOLDEN AGE CONTINUES

**MICHAEL Phelps** started his 2016 Olympic Games with a continuation of his golden legacy as he added his 19th gold medal to his personal tally.

Phelps swam the second leg of the men's 4x100m freestyle to claim his 23rd Olympic medal. He remains the most-decorated Olympian in history.

The next best person in Olympic history is Russian gymnast Larisa Latynina, who has a haul of 18 medals. Kirsty Coventry is the most-decorated African Olympian in history with seven medals – two gold, four silver and one bronze.

## TLC's search for its African presenter is back

**THIS** year the popular entertainment TV channel, in association with Colgate Optic White, is looking for that special person who has the winning style and Colgate smile to land the chance to present TLC's 'Most Extreme', a brand new, four-part series coming to TLC Entertainment (135) in 2017, plus an extra one-off special documenting the winner's story.

Featuring some of the most hilarious, gripping and outrageous moments from TLC's history, TLC's 'Most Extreme' will be a must see for die-hard fans of the channel and a fantastic platform to launch a new presenting talent to DStv customers across Africa.

### Across

From July 25 to August 21, TLC fans from across the continent are invited to submit a 90-second video audition showcasing their presenting skills and explaining why they have what it takes to be the perfect presenter.

Candidates will also be required to read a pre-written script to camera, details of which, plus full entry criteria, can be found on the Next Great Presenter website.

Last year, over 1 500 TLC fans



**ON THE HUNT:** TLC's 'Most Extreme' will be searching for a presenter to host their show.

from across the continent entered the highly-contended competition, and after 60 000 votes, Namibia's David Mbeha was crowned the winner.

### Competition

This time around, the competition is set to be even bigger, with more amazing prizes up for grabs for the lucky winner, including a luxury holiday for two, plus of course the opportunity to travel to London to film the four-part series in one of TLC's studios.

"The success of TLC's Next Great

Presenter 2015 exceeded our expectations in every way and we are extremely excited to roll the competition out for a second year and amplify it further through our partnership with Colgate Optic White.

After receiving more than a thousand entries from across the continent, it only made sense to bring this campaign back and once more showcase the exceptional talent that Africa has to offer," says Lee Hobbs, VP of Channels, Emerging Business, Discovery Networks CEEMEA.



International  
Celebrity News

## Lewis Bloor blasts Heavy D in booze-fuelled row

**LONDON**- They were never going to be the best of friends. But Lewis Bloor and Heavy D's relationship hit a brand new low during Sunday's episode of 'Celebrity Big Brother.'

The two men clashed in an explosive row on the Channel 5 series, which was so bad it saw crewmembers intervene to avoid potential violence. The men clashed during a booze-filled row, which was sparked by



**FIGHT: Lewis Bloor and Heavy D.**

Marnie Simpson hiding wine in the pantry room. As the booze flowed, so did tempers - especially when Heavy D found the secret stash and became agitated. Storming out into the garden, he launched into a typically foul-mouthed rant while Marnie,

Stephen and Lewis were in the swimming pool. *DailyMail*

## Amber Rose 'such a nerd' in bedroom

**LA** - Amber Rose isn't exactly who you think she is. As the talk-show host continues her candid conversations on 'The Amber Rose Show,' the topic of sex toys came up with guest Kandi Burruss Friday evening. Before you make your assumptions or get all judgmental, you may just want to hear what Amber has to say. Spoiler alert: She's never tried one. "I feel like I'm just such a nerd in the bedroom. People really think that I have orgies all day and, like, I do



**NERD: Amber Rose.**

these crazy sex acts," Amber explained to the Real Housewives of Atlanta star and creator of Bedroom Kandi. "I'm like, 'I'm really just a normal girl.'" "I cannot believe that!" Kandi added. "But you know what, I find that some of the people we think are the biggest freaks or whatever, they are so wack in the bedroom. I think it's just because you're outspoken and don't mind just being open about your conversations and you're very sexy honey." *eOnline*

## Michelle hosts star-studded birthday party for Obama

**WASHINGTON DC**- President Barack Obama's final birthday in the White House appeared to be one he will never forget. One day after turning 55, the president was treated to a private celebration in Washington D.C. planned by nobody other than his wife and First Lady Michelle Obama. While the top secret gathering appeared to be a social-media free event, many



**HBD: Michelle and Barack Obama.**

famous guests couldn't help but share their excitement with fans both before and after the party. "Tonight was a night I will never forget. #BarackObama #happybirthday," Nick Jonas wrote on social media early Saturday morning. Today show co-host Al Roker added, "An honor to attend President @BarackObama 55th birthday celebration at @WhiteHouse tonight." *DailyMail*

## Tragic secret behind Dr. Phil's marriage revealed

**LA** - TV shrink Dr. Phil and his wife Robin share secret family heartbreaks - they both survived agonising childhoods with fathers who were drunks. RadarOnline.com has reported how Dr. Phil grew up with a binge-drinking father, and wife Robin has also revealed that her late dad Jim Jameson was a drunk and a gambler who once lost the family's furniture! "My entire life I lived in uncertainty," said Robin, 52. "I can remember as a young child



**TROUBLE: Dr. Phil and wife Robin.**

wondering if we would even eat that night. And if we would even still be in our home at the end of the week." Dr. Phil's reaction to his father's drinking was to shun booze and Robin confesses that's a major reason why she married him. "When I was 12 or 13 years old, I vowed that when I fell in love, my husband would not drink alcohol," she said. "Phillip does not drink and that is a big part of my marriage." *eOnline*

## SA Celebrity News

## Riky Rick hits back at Julius Malema

**JOHANNESBURG** - Hip-hop star Riky Rick has broken his silence on the damning accusations made by EFF leader Julius Malema last week. Riky Rick, who recently signed to Mabala Noise, was named by Malema as one of the artists who apparently received R5 million to join the label. In a press conference at the IEC results centre broadcast on live TV on Friday, Malema said ANC Youth



**HITS BACK: Riky Rick.**

League Treasurer General Reggie Nkabinde headed up the music group. He said artists signed to the label received "not less than R5 million" and that the funds came from dodgy government tenders. "Bhek... There is no R5million I ever received from anyone. @Julius-S-Malema DO NOT LIE TO THE PEOPLE," wrote Riky on Twitter. "Anyone who knows me knows how hard we work for what we have... @Julius-S-Malema included. Don't ever get it twisted," he added. *Sowetan*

## Third Johannesburg date added to Celtic Woman

**JOHANNESBURG** - Big Concerts. Celtic Woman have been named as Billboard magazine's World Album Artist of the Year six times and showcase world-class vocalists and a Celtic violinist. Since their formation in 2004, Celtic Woman has sold more than eight millions copies of their nine CDs and eight DVDs. *TimesLive*



**HEADED FOR SA: Celtic Women.**

Concerts has confirmed that a third date for Irish singing sensation Celtic Woman has been added after massive demand. Celtic Woman will now be performing at MonteCasino on September 16, 17 and 18 at Carnival City. The group will be supported by the Mzansi Youth Choir with tickets on sale from

## Making of a Murderer season 2 promises 'lots of new info'

**JOHANNESBURG** - The world's obsession with Steven Avery is about to get renewed with news of a second season and the promise of a lot more information being revealed. Avery's story gripped audiences since the docu-series' release in 2015. He was sentenced to life in prison for the murder of Teresa Halbach, a crime he denies committing. "There is a ton of info that wasn't explored just in the confines of the episodes we've already done," Netflix's Ted Sarandos said during the TCA summer press tour. "There's a lot of new information



**COMING SOON: Murderer Season 2.**

coming up." "The new episodes will reveal all of the new evidence we have developed to show Steven is innocent," said his attorney Kathleen Zellner. The new episodes will follow Avery and well as his co-defendant, Brendan Dassey. *TimesLive*

## Former Idols SA star Thami Shobede's second shot at fame

**JOHANNESBURG** - Last year he missed out of the coveted Top 10 spot in Idols SA, the Mzansi Magic singing reality contest, and this week he earned the coveted golden ticket for him to progress to the next round of the competition. Shobede's unforgettable warm tone has earned him followers even outside of the television show. In fact, this is something he hopes to capitalise on and grow in the near future. On Sunday, he hosted



**RISING STAR: Thami Shobede.**

a show at the Joburg Theatre where he sang his original compositions and some covers. He invited friends he made in Idols such as last year's winner Karabo Mogane and runner-up Mmatema Moremi. "I was born in the rural areas of Mtubatuba away from a lot of things, but I was filled with ability to sing and the possibilities seemed many," said Shobede. *Sowetan*

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

The war has a dramatic verdict. Lerato and Ma'Mnisi celebrate what it means to be a woman. Iris and Jabu try to keep things together. Samson takes in the consequences of the Ngwenya deal.



**UNDERFIRE: Samson.**

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Charlie is shaken and offended when she is accused by a confrontational



Morongwa. Influenced by Gabriel, Nikiwe decides to take decisive action against her father. Lerato's plan to get rid of Aunt Tilly backfires.

**OOPS: Lerato.**

Muvhango

TODAY

Vusi gets an ultimatum to choose between his chieftaincy and the love of his love. Nthabeleng finds Ndalamo and James in her office. Mpho watches as Mulimisi goes on one knee for Shonisani.



**BUSTED: Ndalamo.**

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Emmanuel backs Mapula up. Puleng makes a drastic decision about her future. Bash tries to confess his feelings for Reneilwe. David is happy that Solomon is blaming Lerato.



**DECISION MAKER: Puleng.**





## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

**CAPRICORN** - You have a sense of justice and an innate ability to understand the law, whether natural or manmade. You could find yourself correcting a situation at work that would cause a great loss if you did not call attention to it. Showing others the way through or beyond the problems in business or life is easy for you. You can sense how to manipulate the opportunities of life-lucky. Making money is second nature for you-keeping or investing the money you earn or win is the challenge. Relationships are important to you and you may want to plan ahead for some special celebration or set aside some time to spend in giving a loved one special attention.



**AQUARIUS** - You have a remarkable ability to accomplish and achieve in life. Your ambitions are backed up by your willingness. You can be very emotional and others might find you a bit too aggressive from time to time. You try hard and successfully push on toward whatever goals you have in mind. A conservative by nature, you tend to stand up for the status quo. If it makes sense, you love it, and if it does not, you feel guilty about it: that's what it's like now. A loving attention to details and a sense of satisfaction in doing what is right are some of the qualities that come to your attention.



**PISCES** - You could be most persuasive with others today-perhaps you are a top salesperson. Whatever the circumstances, the situation is a natural for self-expression and lends itself to your particular ideas. A careful attention to details and a sense of satisfaction in doing what is right are some of the qualities that bring the customers to your store or gain you better business. Your optimum job is just being you and this indicates a career in front of the public: politician, salesperson, consultant, etc. This time brings a sudden change of fortune for the better and is considered to be a truly lucky time. This evening you and a friend or loved one may enjoy some new form of art. You may even decide to purchase some art for an investment.



**ARIES** - You could receive unexpected support for whatever you want to accomplish now. Your professional life runs smoothly. You give loving attention to details and have a sense of satisfaction in doing what you enjoy. The ability to break away and express your independence, as well as anything unusual or different, is also valued. You may enjoy getting away from routine and doing something completely different this evening. Take a little trip, or get outside. A call from a friend this afternoon may have you completing the plans for some fun activity. This may mean a bingo or card game with friends, or even planning a fall garden.



**TAURUS** - You are at your mental best with sharp ideas and clear thoughts. This is an excellent time to make decisions and take care of mental work. This is a favourable day for you-a day geared toward accomplishments, luck, good news, etc. Your mind is exceptional in its clarity. All that is mental comes to you without struggle or labour-ideas, thoughts and mental things of all kinds. A real guide or pathfinder, your sense of truth and direction are very clear. You already know the way to accomplish things and solve problems-you need no education to success.



**GEMINI** - If it makes sense, you love it-if it does not, you feel guilty about it: that's what life feels like now. There are a loving attention to details and a sense of satisfaction in doing what is right. Circumstances can throw you into a position where you must use your mind and deal with communications, service or enclosed hidden interests. You may deal with education, psychology, spiritual enlightenment or teaching techniques today. Your mental activity and the world of



communication you enjoy are powerful. You want to be accepted by all and you work very hard to do what is expected of you.



**CANCER** - If it makes sense, you love it-if it does not, you feel guilty about it: that's what life feels like now. There is a loving attention to details and a sense of satisfaction in doing what is right. Circumstances can throw you into a position where you must use your mind and deal with communications, service or enclosed hidden interests. You may deal with education, psychology, spiritual enlightenment or teaching techniques today. Your mental activity and the world of communication you enjoy are powerful. You want to be accepted by all and you work very hard to do what is expected of you.



**LEO** - There are clear-minded insights into your own plans and methods at this time and this is a very good time to communicate your goals and put them into words. This is a good time for decisions. Everything may be pouring in at once; it's all good news. Your career direction gets encouragement and life's problems should find easy solution. You may benefit from an older person or one in authority. You are able to use good common sense and can feel the trends to make all the right moves. This is the time to get ahead with action. You can demonstrate a great deal of understanding and sensitivity about the needs of others.



**VIRGO** - Ideas regarding new business or private inventions should be put in writing with your name and date included. Without opening, mail one copy to you and one copy to your manager, director, etc. This will ensure you against someone taking your ideas. You have a creative burst of energy today that could show monetary results. You may enjoy the rewards of your creation within a short period of time. This creative energy of yours takes hold and may surprise even you. The secret here is to go with the flow. Do not squelch the desire to create. Your career will be anything but ordinary and leave it to you to find unusual ways of supporting yourself. You bring a lot of mental skill and understanding to whatever you do at this time.



**LIBRA** - Go for it! Do it now and ask questions later-you are a born leader-not afraid to try things out on your own. Your sense of mission makes for impulsive, sometimes rash and brave actions. Your motto may be to keep moving projects forward. Higher-ups are impressed with your work. Complete projects and stay focused-someone could try and lead you in another direction. You have a deep sense of responsibility and purpose and will encourage others along this line.



**SCORPIO** - You might like to ignore responsibilities and do some socialising, but your schedule demands that you tend to business for now. You find ways to steer away from arguments where you have not had much previous information of content. You give much effort to bring the focus back to the issue at hand or to steer others back to the current project. You put forth a lot of effort in your career, however you became involved. This afternoon someone will express his or her appreciation for your abilities and the way you accomplish your goals.



**SAGITTARIUS** - You may find yourself leading a group. This could mean a tour or instructing others in safety, etc. There could also be community work. Anything that is selfless or serves the common good is where you can be found today. There is a greater demand for self-discipline in your work-your superiors are impressed with your overall improvement. Your mind tends to move into the direction of helping others and that may be where you will find your most important work. Ideas connected with group work and goals are a natural-making your inner vision real.

## BABY BLUES



## BUCKLES



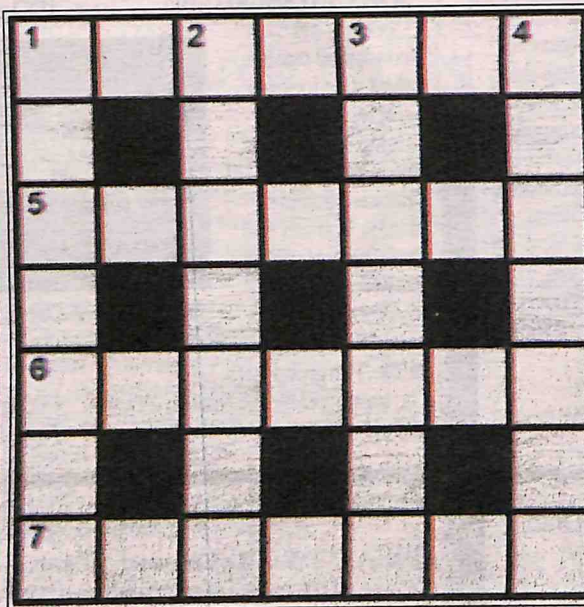
## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## Mini Crossword - 02

## PUZZLE CHOICE

Puzzle Choice



## Down

- Pressing
- Temporary relief
- Breed of dog
- Animal oil extracted from wool

## Across

- Sunshade
- Prolong
- First letter
- Imp



## A resident in seaside hotel

A resident in a seaside hotel breakfast room called over the head waiter one morning. "I want two boiled eggs, one of them so undercooked it's runny, and the other so overcooked, it's tough and hard to eat. Also, grilled bacon that has been left on the plate to get cold; burnt toast that crumbles

away as soon as you touch it with a knife; butter straight from the deep freeze, so that it's impossible to spread; and a pot of very weak coffee, lukewarm." "That's a complicated order, sir," said the bewildered waiter. "It might be quite difficult." The guest replied, "Oh, but that's what you gave me yesterday!"

## USELESS FACTS

- Average number of people airborne over the US any given hour: 61 000.
- Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
- Iceland consumes more Coca-Cola per capita than any other nation.
- In the early 1940s, the FCC assigned television's Channel 1 to mobile services (like two-way radios in taxis) but did not

re-number the other channel assignments. 5. The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments. 6. Firehouses have circular stairways originating from the old days when the engines were pulled by horses. The horses were stabled on the ground floor and figured out how to walk up straight staircases.

BRAinteasers  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## Answers to yesterday's brain teasers

- My name is Ruger, I live on a farm. There are four other dogs on the farm with me. Their names are Snowy, Flash, Speedy and Brownie. What do you think the fifth dog's name is?  
**Answer:** Ruger.
- I am an odd number.

Take away one letter and I become even. What number am I?

**Answer:** Seven (take away the 's' and it becomes 'even').

## Today's Brainteasers

- What word looks the same backwards and upside down?
- A boy fell off a 30 metre ladder but did not get hurt. Why not?



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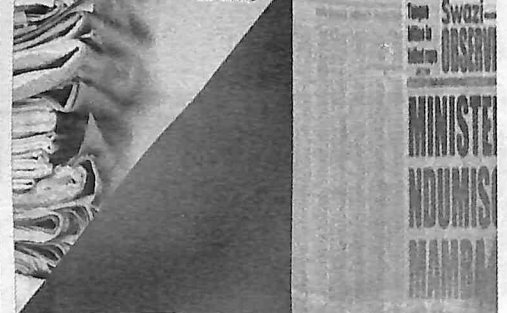
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# SERENA, VENUS LOSE FIRST EVER OLYMPIC DOUBLES MATCH

RIO DE JANEIRO - Serena and Venus Williams lost an Olympic doubles match for the first time, as they were stunned in the opening round of Rio 2016 by the Czech Republic's Lucie Safarova and Barbora Strycova 6-3, 6-4.

The Williams sisters entered Sunday's match with a 15-0 career record in the Olympics, winning the gold medal in women's doubles every time they entered the event - in 2000, 2008 and 2012.

The American duo were top seeds in Rio and coming off a 14th Grand Slam championship together at Wimbledon a month ago, but are heading home early.

Neither Safarova nor Strycova, meanwhile, had ever won an Olympic doubles match, going a combined 0-3 with other partners. They are unseeded in Rio.

They weren't even supposed to be playing together at the Olympics. Strycova was a late replacement for Karolina Pliskova, who withdrew from the tournament.

Indeed, Strycova and Safarova



**STUNNED:** Serena and Venus Williams react after their loss during the Rio 2016 Olympics.

had only played one match as a team before Sunday night - and they lost that, in a Fed Cup match last year.

## Pair

The Czech pair did their best to keep hitting shots toward Venus

when she was at the baseline, while Serena was left to stand near the net and watch those exchanges.

The Williams sisters appeared to be getting back into the match in the second set, which was even at four-all. *Daily Mail*

# Rosberg lacks Hamilton's 'killer instinct' - Marko

LONDON - It is Lewis Hamilton's "killer instinct" that in 2016 will deliver championship victory to him for a third consecutive time.

That is the view of Red Bull's Dr Helmut Marko, when asked to nominate a favourite in the increasingly two-horse title race between Hamilton and his Mercedes team mate Nico Rosberg.

Another former Formula 1 driver, Marc Surer, agrees.

"Hamilton is a fighter" Surer told Sport Bild magazine: "Lewis will be world champion this year for the fourth time."

Surer said: "When Nico was so many points ahead at the beginning of the season, many people wrote Hamilton off. But look at where he is now.

"Nico is a perfect driver, but Hamilton is a fighter."

"Killer instinct will make the difference"

Hamilton could fall behind Rosberg once again after the summer break, as he will take a grid penalty for using a sixth



**NO KILLER INSTINCT:** Nico Rosberg.

engine of the season.

But Red Bull's Marko thinks that after the nine remaining races of 2016, Hamilton will once again be champion.

## Instinct

Marko said: "He has the killer instinct that Rosberg does not, and at the end of the year, that is what will make the difference."

*Wheels24*

# CSA ACTS AGAINST MATCH-FIXING CRICKETERS

CAPE TOWN - Cricket South Africa (CSA) has thrown the book at four players found guilty of match-fixing offences.

Former Proteas wicket-keeper Thami Tsolekile has been handed a 12-year ban.

He was found guilty of trying to fix Ram Slam T20 and destroying evidence.

Titans bowler Ethy Mhbalati was given a 10-year suspension for taking money which was intended to

facilitate match-fixing activity.

He was banned along with another bowler Pumelela Matshikwe, who received an effective seven-year ban.

## Suspended

All-rounder Jean Symes was suspended for seven years for accepting a bribe. The CSA investigation was led by independent attorney and former International Cricket Council head of legal, David Becker, and former police colonel

and current head of CSA's Anti-Corruption Unit, Louis Cole.

## Investigation

The investigation, which involved months of evidence gathering and co-operation with the ICC's Anti-Corruption Unit, came as a result of the international nature of match-fixing activities.

The investigators have also engaged with the SAPS, the Hawks and independent forensic experts. *eNCA*.



**GOOD BYE MILAN:** Inter Milan head coach Roberto Mancini.

# INTER MILAN PART WAYS WITH ROBERTO MANCINI

ITALY - Mancini's second spell at the San Siro has come to an end, after less than two years of being appointed, with the club yesterday announcing his departure on their official website.

"F.C. Internazionale Milano confirms that it has parted company with head coach Roberto Mancini by mutual agreement," read the statement.

"Inter would like to place on record its thanks to Roberto for the work carried out with the team since joining in

November 2014."

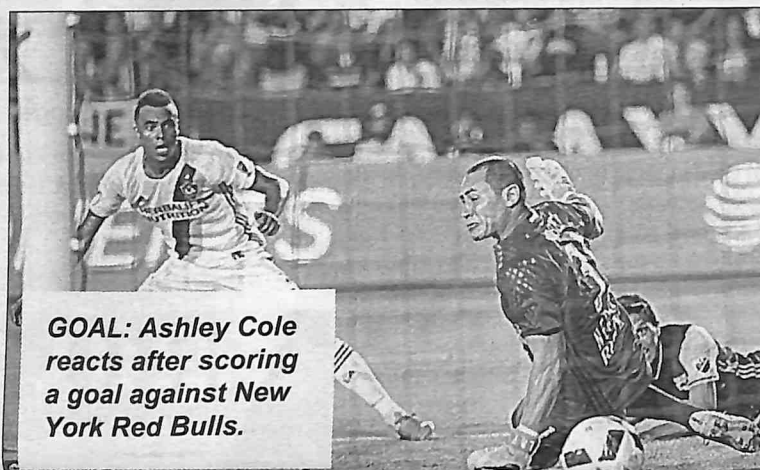
The announcement comes shortly after Inter lost 4-1 to Bayern Munich and 6-1 to Tottenham Hotspur in their recent pre-season friendlies.

This follows on after the club finished in fourth place on the league standings despite leading the way at the Christmas break last season.

## Reports

Reports in Italy already suggest former Ajax Amsterdam boss Frank De Boer is favourite to replace the former Manchester City gaffer.

*Kickoff*



**GOAL:** Ashley Cole reacts after scoring a goal against New York Red Bulls.

# ASHLEY COLE EARNS LATE POINT

NEW YORK - Ashley Cole scored in the dying minutes to earn Los Angeles Galaxy a 2-2 draw with the New York Red Bulls on Sunday.

Gonzalo Veron put the Red Bulls ahead in the 68th minute and Sean Davis looked to have sealed the win six minutes later when he put the visitors 2-0 up. However, Steven Gerrard set up Mike Magee in the 80th minute to give the Galaxy hope

before Cole snatched the equaliser with two minutes remaining as Los Angeles extended their unbeaten run to eight matches.

In other Major League Soccer games, Clint Dempsey scored all three goals for Seattle in a 3-1 win over Orlando City.

"It's a huge win for us," Dempsey said. "If we have any hopes of making a run we needed to start now. We need to build on it." *Daily Mail*

# Surfing's 1st world champion, Farrelly, dies

SYDNEY - Bernard "Midget" Farrelly, who won surfing's first world championship and was a pioneering surfboard designer, has died aged 71, Surfing Australia confirmed yesterday.

Farrelly became the first Australian to win a major surfing title when he won the Makaha Invitational in Hawaii in 1963. He won the first official world championship off Sydney's Manly beach the following year and was world championship runner-up in 1968 and 1970.

## Midget

Surfing Australia said Farrelly, known as Midget for his diminutive stature - he stood 170cm and weighed 66kg - was Australia's first surfing superstar.

He was a supreme stylist who "possessed an elegance and positioning superior to other surfers of his time."

Farrelly's success boosted surfboard sales in Australia and he became an influential designer of short boards.

*AP*





## DJOKOVIC IN TEARS AFTER LOSING TO JUAN MARTIN DEL POTRO

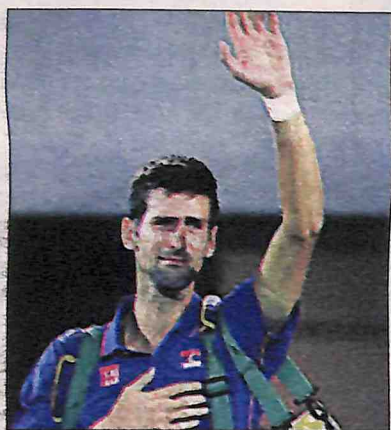
**RIO DE JANEIRO - World NO. 1** Novak Djokovic crashed out of the Olympic men's singles in the first round, losing in straight sets to Argentina's Juan Martin Del Potro in a defeat he called 'one of the toughest' of his life.

Djokovic, who also lost to Del Potro in the bronze medal play-off in London in 2012, had no answer to the power of the 2009 US Open champion, who sealed a 7-6, 7-6 victory in almost two and a half hours.

The 27-year-old, who has dropped to 141st in the world after almost two years out with wrist problems, did not face a single break point on his serve and hammered 29 forehand winners past a helpless Djokovic.

An Olympic gold medal is the biggest prize missing from the Serbian's trophy cabinet after he finally won the French Open in June, becoming the first man in 47 years to hold all four grand slam titles at once.

Djokovic's winning grand slam run



**CRY BABY:** Novak Djokovic left the Rio court in tears after being beaten at the Olympic singles event. (Daily Mail)

came to an end with a shock third-round loss to Sam Querrey at Wimbledon, but the 29-year-old had bounced back by claiming his 30th Masters title in Toronto last week and was a hot favourite in Rio.

He was visibly emotional as he left the court in Rio after defeat, departing in tears following his surprise defeat to Del Potro.

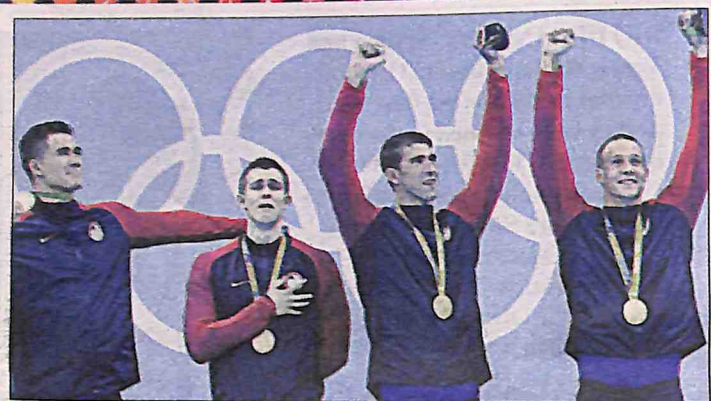
"No doubt this is one of the toughest losses in my life and in my career" he said afterwards. "It's not easy to handle, especially now, just after the wounds are still fresh."

"But, you know, you have to deal with it. It's not the first or the last time that I have lost a tennis match. But the Olympic Games, yeah, it's completely different."

"Delpo was the better player and he just deserved to win. That's sport. He just came up with some extraordinary tennis and I have to congratulate him."

"I'm very sad and disappointed from my side to go out in a tournament this early, but on the other hand I'm glad a good friend of mine, and somebody who has struggled the last couple of years with injuries, is back and playing at this level."

Daily Mail



**EMOTIONAL:** Ryan Held (second left) broke down as he stood on the podium with Nathan Adrian (left), Michael Phelps (second right), and Caeleb Dressell after winning gold in the Men's 4x100m Freestyle Relay. (Daily Mail)

## Ryan Held breaks down after winning gold medal

**RIO DE JANEIRO - Team USA's triumphant performance in the pool in the 4x100m relay had Americans across the world cheering, but the moment was all too much for swimmer Ryan Held when he stepped onto the podium.**

Held, who swam the third leg in the race, broke down in tears as he was presented with his gold medal alongside Michael Phelps, Caeleb Dressel, and Nathan Adrian.

The 21-year-old from Springfield, Illinois, struggled to hide his emotions as the Star-Spangled Banner played throughout the area.

When the US flag was hoisted to the rafters, he placed his head in his hand and wept with joy. Incredible photos show the moment Held was overcome with emotion, and also the heartwarming reaction of his teammates who were quick to throw their arms around him and celebrate to put a smile back on his face.

"I didn't think I was going to cry. I was too tired to cry, I didn't think I could cry," Held said. "I've heard the national anthem hundreds of times, but

as soon as that played it was just something different. The tears just started rolling down my face."

On the stroll around the deck, gold medals slung around their necks, Dressel lost it, too. He brought his right arm across his face to wipe away tears.

"They were making us cry," said Phelps, who had a tear roll down his cheek while posing for photographers.

Adrian smiled as he comforted his younger teammates.

"I love a little emotion," he said. "I had to fight back some tears myself." Phelps had counseled Dressel and Held ahead of time that it was OK to sing and cry on the medal stand.

"It's good to see the emotion of those young guys. It shows they really do care and they love what they're doing," said Phelps, who earned his record 19th Olympic gold medal.

Held marvelled at his good fortune to have helped add to Phelps' glittering collection.

"Holy cow, it's unreal, unbelievable," he said. "To be with him and to be teammates on his last hoorah, it's amazing."

Daily Mail

## Annemiek van Vleuten ok after high-speed crash

**RIO DE JANEIRO - Van Vleuten, 33, had pulled clear with 10km to go, but came off her bike on a sharp turn while travelling at speed down the Vista Chinesa descent.**

She lay motionless while help arrived. Cycling's governing body, the International Cycling Union, said she "continues to be under examination" but has "no serious medical problem". She was diagnosed as having severe concussion and three small fractures in her lower back and was admitted to intensive care for 24 hours. On Saturday, Italy's Vincenzo Nibali broke a collar bone when he crashed on the same descent while leading the men's race. Former Olympic individual pursuit champion Chris Boardman told the BBC the course was dangerous.

"I am past commenting - I am angry about it," he said. "I went down and had a look at the course and saw those edges. We knew it was way past being technical; it was dangerous. The people who designed the course and said what safety features were needed had seen it as well and left it. "We knew the descent was treacherous. I looked at that road furniture and thought, nobody can crash here and just get up. It is really bad and that is what we have seen today."

The UCI said Van Vleuten was "conscious and could communicate" as she was taken to hospital following the crash. Her Netherlands team-mate Anna van der Breggen went on to win gold in three hours, 51 minutes and 27 seconds. Van der Breggen, asked about passing her stricken team-mate at the side of the road,



**SAFE:** Van Vleuten. (Google)

said: "It really shook me when I saw Annemiek crashed in the road. If you see her like that, it changes everything."

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# ARSENAL EKE OUT VICTORY AGAINST MAN CITY

LONDON - The Citizens went into the half-time break with a slender lead after Sergio Aguero had broken the deadlock on the half-hour mark.

However, the Gunners fought back strongly after the half-time break as goals from Alex Iwobi, Theo Walcott and Chuba Akpom fired the London outfit into a two-goal lead. Nigeria international Kelechi Iheanacho reduced the deficit two minutes from time, but it was a case of too little, too late as Arsenal held on for the win.

Earlier, Liverpool were brought crashing back down to earth following their 4-0 win over Barcelona as Jurgen Klopp's former side Mainz inflicted the same score on the Reds.

Daniel Brosinski handed

Mainz the lead from the penalty spot in the 15th minute, before Jhon Cordoba doubled their advantage on the stroke of half-time.

Yunus Malli notched Mainz's third after the interval, while Yoshinori Muto rubbed further salt in the wounds of the Reds with Mainz's fourth on 74 minutes. Antonio Conte's Chelsea were also in action and produced a strong team performance as they clinched a 4-2 victory over Bundesliga outfit Werder Bremen at Weserstadion.



The Blues raced into a two-goal lead early on, Eden Hazard and Oscar both getting on the score-sheet inside the opening 10 minutes of play.

Claudio Pizarro pulled one back from the penalty spot in the 32nd minute, only for Diego Costa to restore Chelsea's two-goal cushion just moments before the half-time whistle. Lennart Thy gave the hosts a way back into the contest when he slotted home after the half-time break to make it 3-2, but Pedro Popped up in the 90th minute to put the result beyond doubt.

*kickoff*

## Mourinho dedicates Community Shield win to LVG

CAPE TOWN - Manchester United Manager Jose Mourinho has dedicated his side's Community Shield success to their former boss, Louis van Gaal.

The FA Cup winners beat the Premier League champions Leicester City 2-1 in the traditional season curtain-raiser at Wembley on Sunday thanks to solo effort from Jesse Lingard and a late header by new signing Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

Van Gaal was in charge of the Red Devils when they beat Crystal Palace in the last season's FA Cup final, also at

Wembley, but was sacked just days later after the English giants could only manage fifth place in the league.

### Selection

Mourinho also had a word for seven players that were not selected in the squad for Sunday's clash, telling BT Sport: "I want to dedicate this to eight people; for the seven people who were not selected - Ashley Young, Phil Jones, all of them - and also to Louis van Gaal.

"He won the FA Cup. Without him, we wouldn't be here now celebrating."

Although pleased that United won their first piece of silverware of the campaign, the Portuguese coach was far from happy with their performance.

Mourinho insisted that there is still hard work to come ahead of their Premier League opener against Bournemouth on Sunday.

"I think it's an important victory but we have lots of work [to do]. I would not be ambitious if I said we had a fantastic performance, because it was not a fantastic performance," he declared.

*Daily Mail*

## Payet returns to West Ham training

LONDON - Dimitri Payet has reported back to West Ham training a week before their Premier League opener, after being awarded extra time off following his Euro 2016 exertions.

The 29-year-old midfielder starred for France throughout the tournament but was left crestfallen as Didier Deschamps' men lost 1-0 to Portugal in the final last month.

Payet was set to complete two individual sessions on Saturday and Sunday, before joining up with the

rest of the squad yesterday as they prepare to take on Chelsea at Stamford bridge.

### Former West Ham

defender Tony Gale has caused some controversy after revealing that he believes Manuel Lanzini, not Dimitri Payet, was key to the club's success last season.

The Hammers enjoyed a strong first season

under Manager Slaven Bilic as they finished seventh and secured Europa League football.

"Lanzini is a special player," he told Sky Sports. "For me everyone was going on about Payet last season but Lanzini was the one that made it happen. He runs between the lines and he's so important for West Ham."

It now remains to be seen if the likes of Lanzini and Payet can shine again for Slaven Bilic's side next season.

Second season syndrome is something that has affected a number of players in the Premier League and it would not be surprising if the Hammers duo suffered some sort of dip in form.

*Daily Mail*

BACK: Dimitri Payet.

...while Liverpool were brought crashing back down to earth following their 4-0 win over Barcelona



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- Provides web management services focusing on achievement of the following results:
  - Identification of the opportunities and ways of converting business processes into web-based systems to address the issues of efficiency (office management system, donor profile software, knowledge management systems).
  - Creation and maintenance of the CO web site and intranet ensuring that the content is updated and meets the requirements of UNDP.
- Provides administrative support focusing on achievement of the following results:
  - Provision of advice on and assistance in procurement of new equipment for the CO and UNDP supported projects, provision of technical specifications and information on best options in both local and international markets, review of quotations and bids.
  - Maintenance of an up-to-date inventory of the software and hardware.
  - Maintenance of the inventory and stock of supplies and spare parts in cooperation with the Procurement Unit.
  - Cost Recovery for IT services provided to UNDP supported projects and other Agencies
- Ensures facilitation of knowledge building and knowledge sharing in the CO focusing on achievement of the following results:
  - Identification and promotion of different systems and applications for optimal content management, knowledge management and sharing, information provision.
  - Recommendation and organization of trainings for the operations/ projects staff on ICT issues.
  - Sound contributions to knowledge networks and communities of practice.
  - Member of the UN IT Group.

#### MINIMUM RECRUITMENT QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor Degree in Computer Science. A Master's Degree in Informatics is an added advantage.
- 5 to 7 years of working experience in network administration and use of hardware/software, telecommunications facilities, knowledge of database packages, experience in web design & management.
- Fluency in spoken and written English.
- Experience with the UN is an added advantage

#### CORE COMPETENCIES

- Demonstrates commitment to UNDP's mission, vision and values
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- Shares knowledge and experience and provides helpful advice to others in the office
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- Good knowledge of PC/LAN operating systems, Microsoft Windows, corporate protection systems, programming with UNIX, Perl, PHP, SQL, HTML, JavaScript, knowledge of web design, knowledge of Novell Network network administration, ERP
- Ability to provide input to business processes re-engineering, elaboration and implementation of new systems
- Focuses on result for the client and responds positively to feedback
- Consistently approaches work with energy and a positive, constructive attitude
- Demonstrates openness to change and ability to manage complexity
- Demonstration of creativity and dynamism.

#### Remuneration

The post is on a Fixed Term contract (FTA) for initial 1-year renewable based on performance.

All candidates are requested to send their applications online on the below address:

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Kindly note that applications received through email or hard copy will not be considered. Candidates should apply on or before 16th August 2016. Qualified women candidates are encouraged to apply.





## Pirates still 'winless' in pre-season prep

SOEWTO - Orlando Pirates have continued their winless pre-season preparations, following losses to Mamelodi Sundowns and African Stars in the Dr Hage Geingob Cup.

The Mayfair-based outfit finished in last position of the four-team tournament held in Namibia over the weekend, after falling to consecutive penalty losses against Sundowns and Stars respectively.

Assistant coach Bradley Camell said that, despite being disappointed with the results, the tournament provided an ideal platform for the Soweto giants to try out various combinations ahead of the new season.

### Combinations

"Look, obviously we are disappointed and were looking to get a better outlook but at the end of the day it was about preparing for the new season. We used this match to try out various combinations," he told the club's website.

"For us it is about building blocks, we have a puzzle to build and we have about two to two and a half weeks to build this puzzle. We need to make sure we focus and look to see improvement.

"We have another friendly on Wednesday and another one the following week so we can get to a good rhythm where the coach wants to go." *Sport24*

# KEKANA TO WEAR 'DOWNS ARMBAND

**TSHWANE - Mamelodi Sundowns have appointed South Africa international midfielder Hlompho Kekana as their captain ahead of the 2016/17 upcoming Premiership season.**

The Chloorkop-based outfit were crowned victors of the 2016 Dr Hage Geingob Cup for a record third time this weekend, with Kekana subsequently being selected as the man to take over from former skipper Ramahlwe Mphahlele - who has

moved to Kaizer Chiefs.

"Being appointed captain of Mamelodi Sundowns is just a title bestowed on me, as the team is made up of many good leaders who will be surrounding me, who I would want to lead any time," he told the club's official website.

"What is important is how you respond, as I know that I will be working with professionals and we all have a common goal - to win trophies for Mamelodi Sundowns."

The 31-year-old has been in fine form for Masandawana over the past two seasons and will lead the side in their quest for CAF Champions League gold this term.

"It will be a massive experience for me and will require of me to be level-headed and always be the best I can be and work with my team-mates for the success of the club," he added.

With the likes of Denis Onyango, Thabo Nthethe,

Wayne Arendse and Teko Modise boasting the necessary qualities and credentials to lead the team, Kekana revealed that his appointment came as a surprise to him.

"I really did not see this coming. I know that I am an emotional player and have invested my soul in football. I always want to win and this is the spirit in the rest of the team. I have done much behind the scenes in terms of leadership," he explained. *Sport24*



**GAUTENG - Kaizer Chiefs are alleged to have transfer-listed Siyanda Xulu after the player leaked tactical information to Mamelodi Sundowns ahead of the Telkom Knockout Cup final in December last**

## XULU LEAKED TACTICS TO 'DOWNS

year.

Xulu had a below-par first season at Chiefs after arriving as marquee signing at the beginning of the 2015/16 campaign. He was expected to revitalise his career at Naturena after struggling to make an impact for Rostov in the Russia Premiere League.

However, the defender played

just five league games for the Glamour Boys last season before falling out of favour under Steve Komphela in the second half of the campaign.

Nonetheless, Sunday World reported that Xulu was placed on the transfer list by Chiefs after leaking information to Sundowns prior to the Telkom Knockout Cup final. The

Brazilians won 3-1 as Amakhosi were outsmarted on the day by Pitso Mosimane's charges.

Chiefs, at the time, denied the player's listing was due to the leaking of tactics with manager of football Bobby Motaung telling Goal.com website, "The recommendations we got, were because of the playing aspect of it in terms of his contribution."

## The team chemistry is growing, says Billiat

**GAUTENG - Khama Billiat revealed that the team chemistry at Mamelodi Sundowns is growing with the club claiming victory in the Dr Hage Geingob Cup over the**

weekend.

The current Premiership champions clinched the pre-season tournament for a record third-time, defeating Orlando Pirates 3-1 and Namibian side Tigers FC 4-2.

"We never underestimate any of our opponents. We prepare thoroughly and do our match analysis

regardless of the opposition," Billiat told the club's website.

### Preparing

"The same amount of work that was put in preparing for Orlando Pirates was the same when we were preparing for final against Tigers FC."

*Sport24*

## MOLANGOANE STILL PUSHING FOR CHIEFS MOVE

**JOHANNESBURG - Molangoane is wanted by Chiefs - who he has already trained with during pre-season after agreeing to a pre-contract with them as a free agent late last term - but Chippa are insisting that he remains under contract with them for another two years.**

The situation is now threatening to get messy as Molangoane has told Chiefs that he is a free agent and Amakhosi are sticking with that route rather than having to buy him from Chippa, where he has been playing

for the past two years.

The matter will now be settled via the boardroom with Molangoane having turned to the PSL DRC in his bid to secure his release from the Port Elizabeth club.

Molangoane has not trained with Chippa since pre-season after he was chased away from camp prior to last campaign's season-ending game against Chiefs after it emerged that he had signed a pre-contract with the very same Amakhosi.

Chippa coach Dan Malesela has

also already indicated that the 28-year-old is not in his plans anymore as he prefers to work with players who want to be at the club.

Molangoane is now keeping fit with the academy where he spent time just prior to breaking into the professional ranks seven years ago.

Through his actions he has made it known that he is not keen on returning to Chippa and is disputing the contract the Chilli Boys say he has with them.

*Sport24*

## Chiefs coach impressed with Ekstein's focus

**JOHANNESBURG - Ekstein, who saw little game-time last term, played in the F.A.M.E Charity Cup on Saturday having also featured in the Carling Black Label Champion Cup the week-end before.**

"He has always been a good player. It's only now that he is starting to be more serious and you can see the amount of work he puts in," Komphela says.



**IMPRESSES:**  
(L) Hendrick Ekstein

"I'm sure everybody has seen what he can give and it will only benefit us."

Meanwhile, Komphela says he

has a welcome headache in terms of team selection. The former Maritzburg United boss rotated his squad at Peter Mokaba Stadium as Chiefs lost 3-0 to Baroka FC on penalties in the final.

"We are okay. It is a great headache, 22 players feeling positions and you saw the first game and the second one. Now out of those 22, you have to bring 11, it's a nice headache."

**CAPTURED:**  
Golden Arrows  
have signed  
Siphelele  
Magubane.

## ARROWS CONFIRM MAGUBANE CAPTURE

**JOHANNESBURG - Golden Arrows CEO, Gordon Masondo, has confirmed that the KwaZulu-Natal side has completed the signing of Siphelele Magubane.**

Magubane has been on the books of FC Cape Town in the National First Division.

Following a successful trial under Clinton Larsen and his technical team, the winger has

been added to the roster for Abafana Bes'thende.

"I can confirm that we have signed Siphelele Magubane," said Masondo.

The 23-year-old joins the likes of Zimbabwean midfielder Danny Phiri, Vuyani Ntanga, Lerato Lamola and Limbikani Mzava among some of the new signings for Arrows.

*Soccer Laduma*



# WEEKEND SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

## POGBA DRIVEN TO MAN U TRAINING GROUND

**MANCHESTER** - Paul Pogba has landed in England ahead of his world record £110million move from Juventus to ex-club Manchester United.

The France midfielder's return to Old Trafford has been the transfer story of the summer but is nearing completion with Pogba driven to United's Aon Training Complex in a Chevrolet Camaro yesterday afternoon to undertake his medical after landing on a flight from Nice having been in New York. He was joined in the car by one of United's security staff. Pogba is moving back to United - the club he left for just £800 000 in compensation in 2012 - for a new world record fee. United's training base includes facilities where Pogba's medical will be undertaken.

He is expected to sign a five-year contract worth £290 000 a week once that is completed. *Daily Mail*



## Ronaldinho rejects shock offer

**BRASILIA** - The Brazilian was reportedly offered what was effectively a trial by Australian side Wollongong Wolves last week.

It has now been said that Ronaldinho has rejected Wolves once again, with club director Dean Merola admitting they could not afford the kind of cash the former Barca star wanted for the one match he was offered to play in.

"He knocked us back. It wasn't commercially viable to spend the money he asked for," he told Outside90.

"Good luck to any club that wants his services for the upcoming season.

"But we will still put on a great show Wednesday night and have one of the biggest crowds the FFA Cup has ever seen!"

Xavi: the first thing Pep told us at Barca had he agreed, Ronaldinho would have played for Wolves on Wednesday, a match during which he would have been on display to several other teams across the world, which could have perhaps led to him being offered a full-time contract with a club. *Soccer Laduma*

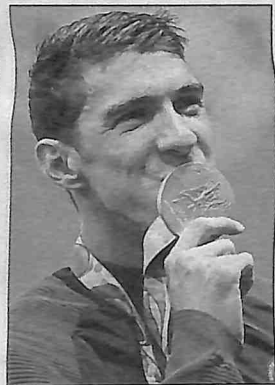


## Phelps earns his 19th gold medal

**RIO DE JANEIRO** - Team USA's swimming team celebrated a double victory on Sunday after taking home two gold medals.

Michael Phelps won his 19th gold as part of the men's 4x100m freestyle relay team, while Katie Ledecky broke her own world record to win gold in the Women's 400m freestyle.

Phelps, a 22-time Olympic medalist, swam the second leg of the relay for Team USA - despite not competing in any freestyle events at the U.S. trials or in the preliminaries in Rio. He was cheered on by his girlfriend Nicole Johnson, who was sat with



their son Boomer, and Phelps' mom Deborah. *Daily Mail*

## Peaty sets new world record at Rio



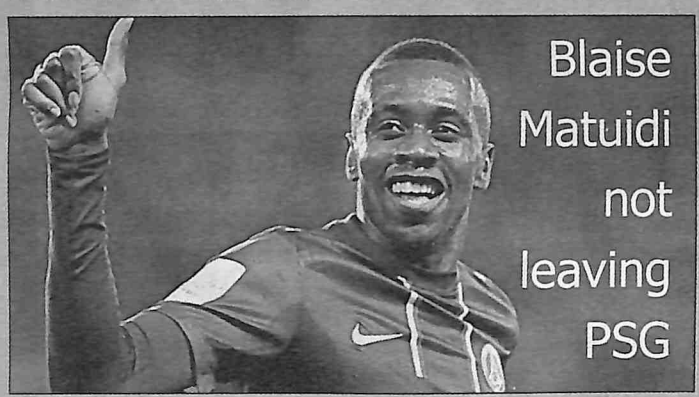
**RIO DE JANEIRO** - Adam Peaty, who said he started life without privilege and hated water as a boy, has become the first British gold medallist of Rio 2016.

But he did far more than simply that. In the space of 57.13secs, he destroyed his own world record, he honoured his country, and he sent seismic waves bouncing across the swimming world.

He flashed a boyish smile. He looked at the clock. He hugged the vanquished. He held his hands to his side. He punched his fist.

*Daily Mail*

Blaise Matuidi not leaving PSG



## Manchester United lift Community Shield but...

**MANCHESTER** - Manchester United lifted the first trophy of the new season by winning the Community Shield on Sunday, but that might prove to be a negative for the campaign ahead.

No side has managed to win the Premier League after lifting the trophy since United themselves in 2010-11. That season they beat reigning champions Chelsea 3-1 before going on to win the title with 80 points, nine ahead of the Stamford Bridge side. *BBC*



## RUSSELL KNOX BEATS FAVOURITE JERRY KELLY

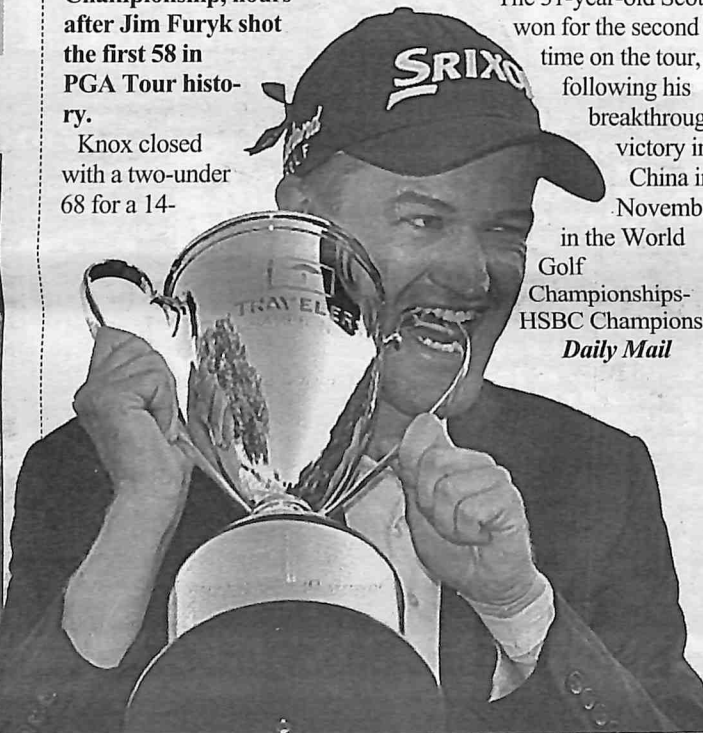
**UNITED STATES** - Russell Knox saved par with a 12-foot putt on the final hole to beat hometown favourite Jerry Kelly by a stroke on Sunday in the Travelers Championship, hours after Jim Furyk shot the first 58 in PGA Tour history.

Knox closed with a two-under 68 for a 14-

... to take Travelers Championship after Jim Furyk seals PGA Tour history

under 266 total at TPC River Highlands.

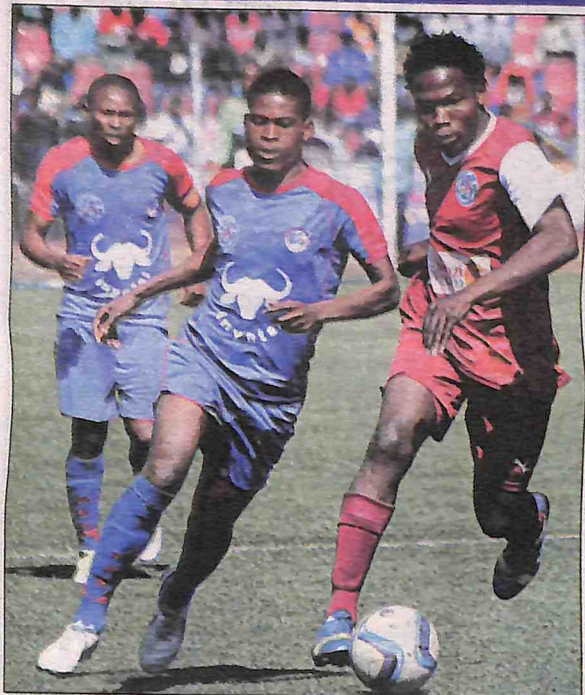
The 31-year-old Scot won for the second time on the tour, following his breakthrough victory in China in November in the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions. *Daily Mail*







# SWAZI TELECOM CHARITY CUP 2016 | PICTURES

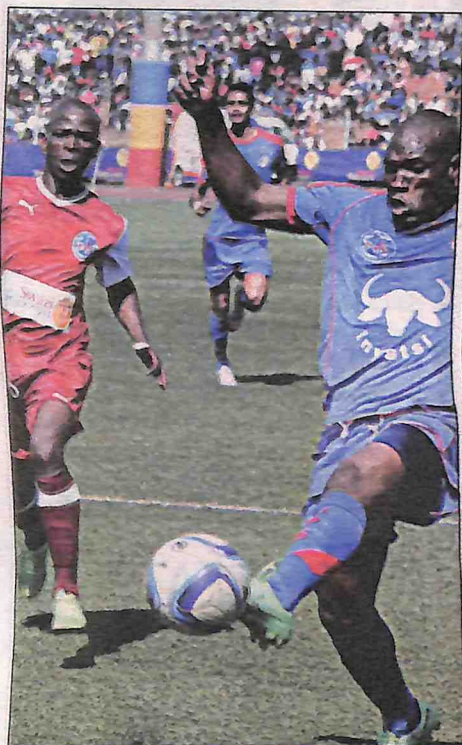


**INGWE MABALA-BALA:** Royal Leopard players being introduced to the PM by the team's captain Barry Steenkamp.



**TOUCH MY BLOOD:** Motsa celebrating with the supporters.

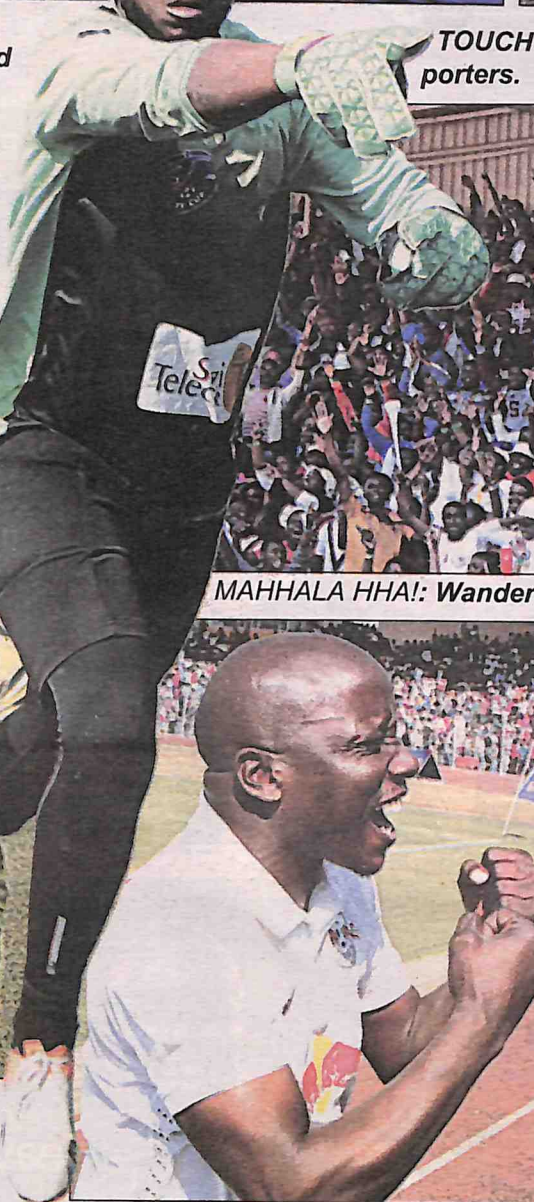
**MY BALL:** Manzini Wanderers' Sifiso Matse winning the ball from Mbabane Swallows' Njabulo Ndlovu, during the semifinals. Wanderers won 6-5 after penalties. (Pics; Lucky Simelane)



**MY BALL:** Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa winning the ball from his opponent.



**YOU DID WELL:** Mfanafuthi 'Taribo' Bhembe celebrating with one of the marshals.



**MAHHALA HHA!** Wanderers followers on cloud nine.



**DAB:** Wanderers players celebrating their second goal.

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**YES:** Wanderers coach Julius Chakupewa, who watched the game from the stands, celebrating the victory against Swallows.



**IT'S A GOAL:** Mbabane Swallows players celebrating the second goal.



# SWAZI TELECOM CHARITY CUP 2016 | PICTURES



**THE BEST:** Under-20 Player of the Tournament Desmond Mlambo, of Mbabane Swallows, accepting his award from the PM.



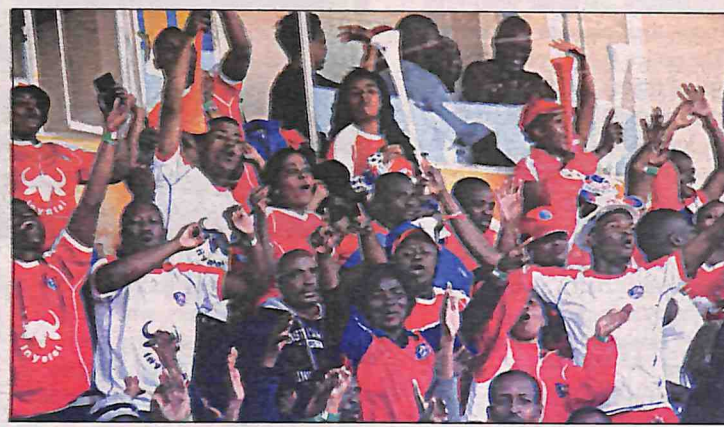
**GOLDEN FOOT:** Top Goal Scorer, Allie Matse of Manzini Wanderers, receiving his award from the PM.



**GIVE WAY:** Royal Leopard's Barry Steenkamp negotiates past Mbabane Highlanders' Banele Manyatsi.



**DANGER ZONE:** Wanderers goalkeeper, Mbongeni Motsa having a tough time.



**IN SONG:** Jubilant Swallows supporters.



**CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME:** SPTC management posing before their clash against MPs.



**POLITICIANS:** MPs XI getting ready for their game against SPTC management during the Swazi Telecom Charity Cup at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.



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## BID NOTICE UNDER OPEN INTERNATIONAL BIDDING FOR THE SUPPLY OF FOOD RELIEF ITEMS UNDER NO. WVS/EFSP/OOI/FY16

World Vision Swaziland in partnership with USAID invite quotations from competent and experienced bidders in Swaziland for the supply of food items as indicated below.

Commodity	Tonnage (MT)- Matsapha
Maize Meal	1965
Pulses	295
Cooking Oil	137
CSB++	50
Total	2447

For submission documents with clear specifications and branding details, all interested suppliers **MUST** contact the Supply Chain office at: [beketele\\_sigwane@wvi.org](mailto:beketele_sigwane@wvi.org), [jane\\_muyondo@wvi.org](mailto:jane_muyondo@wvi.org) ensure to include both email addresses

### ELIGIBILITY:

Following documents must be submitted after firm order:

- Performance Bond/Bank guarantee issued by first-class international bank (10% of contract value)
- Commercial Invoice(s) on letter headed paper addressed to Ordering Party
- Pro-forma Invoice(s) (addressed to Consignee)
- Waybills/Delivery Notes, signed by Consignee
- Certificate of Origin, stamped by Chamber of Commerce (the commodities should be derived from crops grown in Africa)

### BID SUBMISSION:

Sealed bids and labeled "WVS/EFSP/001/FY16" must be delivered to World Vision Swaziland head office in Mbabane Ning Group Office Park 694 Somhlolo Road. Bidders must register their bids in the tender book and drop them into a bid box located at the reception between 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday to Thursday and 9:00am to 1:00pm on Fridays.

**ADDRESS:** Secretary Procurement Committee *World Vision Swaziland*, Ning Group Office Park 694 Somhlolo Road, Mbabane.

### DEADLINE OF SUBMISSION:

The latest date of submission is Friday 22nd August, 2016 at 11:00am.

### BID OPENING:

Bids shall be opened on Friday 22nd August, 2016 at 11:15am.

**Note:** World Vision Swaziland reserves the right to reject any or all Bids. Any kind of lobbying will lead to automatic disqualification.

For any clarification, contact the Supply Chain, [beketele\\_sigwane@wvi.org](mailto:beketele_sigwane@wvi.org), [jane\\_muyondo@wvi.org](mailto:jane_muyondo@wvi.org) if you don't hear from us by 30/08/2016, consider your bid to have been unsuccessful.



## football talk

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● Jose Mourinho claims Paul Pogba, 23, will become the world's best player at Manchester United, something he could not achieve at Barcelona or Real Madrid because of Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo. (*Daily Star*)

● Christian Benteke's agent has confirmed Liverpool have yet to receive any new offers for the Belgium striker, but the 25-year-old hopes to leave Anfield before the end of the transfer window. (*Guardian*)

● Everton have been angered by what they see as Chelsea's attempts to unsettle striker Romelu Lukaku, with the Blues yet to bid for the 23-year-old. (*Liverpool Echo*)



● Officials at Goodison Park will meet Lukaku's agent, Mino Raiola, in the coming days as they look to resolve the forward's long-term future. (*Daily Express*)

● Arsenal defender Gabriel, 25, was carried off against Manchester City in Gothenburg, leaving the Gunners without a fully fit senior centre half for the start of the season, which could intensify their attempts to land £40m-rated Valencia centre back Shkodran Mustafi. (*Daily Mail*)

● But Arsenal Manager Arsene Wenger has suggested the club will not be signing a new centre-back before their opening Premier League game against Liverpool on Sunday. (*Metro*)

● Wenger has hinted that Theo Walcott, 27, will be used as a winger this season. (*Daily Star*)

● West Ham are close to completing the signings of Swansea striker Andre Ayew, 26, and Olympiakos left-back Arthur Masuaku, 22. (*Talksport*)

● Swansea are ready to break their transfer record and pay around £15m to bring Atletico Madrid striker Borja Baston to the Liberty Stadium. (*South Wales Evening Post*)



● Tottenham will complete the signing of Marseille midfielder Georges-Kevin N'Koudou, 21, this week, with 22-year-old Clinton Njie heading the other way. (*La Provence, via HITC*)

● France defender Eliaquim Mangala, 25, and Wilfried Bony, 27, appear to be edging towards the exit at Manchester City after being left at home for the game with Arsenal in Gothenburg. (*Manchester Evening News*)

● Zlatan Ibrahimovic, 34, labelled Manchester United as the "biggest club he has played for" after scoring the winning goal in the 2-1 Community Shield victory over Leicester. (*Sun*)



# THE SUCKER PUNCH

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## Congrats to Royal Leopard

**THEY** showed class, endurance and stamina in front of over 10 000 football lovers, who joined His Majesty King Mswati III during the one-day soccer spectacular.

Let us once again salute Royal Leopard for successfully defending their SwaziTelecom Charity Cup on Sunday at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

'Ingwemabalabala' were in a class of their own on the day as they first humbled Mbabane Highlanders 2-0 in the semi-final to book their place in the finals.

The police side displayed a high level of fitness and their cup experience helped them outclass the new look Highlanders, a team that chased shadows for prolonged stages of the match before bowing down to the well oiled Leopard through goals scored by the seasoned striker Barry Steenkamp and the ever improving and speedy Bonginkhosi 'Manyovu' Dlamini.

The second match pitting two giants; Mbabane Swallows and Manzini Wanderers took the spectators by surprise after Wanderers' gallant performance against the star-studded 'Birds', who were given a good run for their money.

Despite coming to this match as underdogs, Wanderers dished out a five-star performance in the first half which for sure looked like a horror movie to Swallows. The 'Weslians' were all over Swallows hence the match went to the break with the hub giants leading 2-0. Two of their goals were disallowed for offside and that should tell you the hub based side were just all out to destroy Swallows.



**WELL DONE:** His Majesty King Mswati III presenting a trophy to SwaziTelecom Charity Cup champions Royal Leopard on Sunday.

It has been a long time since we witnessed such a splendid performance by Wanderers, who surely took Swallows by surprise with their future prospects showing no respect for the capital giants inside the field of play.

### Scorer

Wanderers' Allie Matse scored a brace during the match and further won the top goal scorer award. It was the 'Weslians', who advanced to the final with a hard-fought 6-5 victory after penalties as Swallows made a dramatic comeback in the second half, forcing a 2-all draw.

A lot of people thought Swallows would have it easy against the hub giants but that was not the case on the day as Swallows were left bemused.

The final pitted Royal Leopard and the surprise package

Wanderers where the police side continued to roll as they clinched the trophy with another 2-0 win. The Sifiso 'Nuro' Ntibane-led side showed depth and stamina against their opponents in this match as Wanderers struggled to cope with Leopard's tactical discipline to defend their trophy at the expense of the much improved Wanderers. Lack of experience and fatigue got the better of Wanderers players as they faltered towards the end of the match.

Despite losing in the ultimate prize which could have ended their 11-year trophy drought, Wanderers' technical team, players and fans need to take the positives from this good performance going forward and continue working hard towards the revival of the giant which is an integral part of local football.

The two other teams Swallows and Highlanders should do a post-mortem of the Charity Cup and prepare for the new season. It was also inspiring to see the big four supporters embracing each other in the name of football as we witnessed less violent incidences throughout the day. This is what FIFA encourages and we want to see more of it in other tournaments.

Special thanks go to the football stakeholders and the sponsor for organising such a great tournament aimed at changing lives of the less privileged citizens in the country through football. Indeed charity was the winner and congratulations are in order for the gallant Royal Leopard, who have set a new record by becoming the first team to lift the season opener trophy for the fourth time.

## Wanderers making a tendency to hire unqualified coaches

**IT happened with Zimbabwean mentor Shepherd Murape and we gave Manzini Wanderers a benefit of the doubt but the same blunder has once again occurred.**

Wanderers are making a bad habit of hiring ineligible coaches, who do not have the right qualifications to take charge of a Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) team in the country.

The National Football Associations (NFAS) made it clear that for any coach to be eligible to lead a PLS team, he has to hold a CAF Licence B and this message was loud and clear. But Wanderers went for yet another Zimbabwean coach in Julius Chakupewa, who was hired a few weeks ago and astonishingly, the team was once again making headlines for the same error. He too, just like Murape, did not have the proper qualifications demanded by the

FA. I do not want to believe the team's management is ignorant of the FA's demands but their actions are proving my sense of doubt wrong. They seem to be so keen on their desire to have a foreign coach taking over the team so much they choose to go against the association's governing rules.

### Screening

If the team was abiding to the FA requirement, they would take careful consideration when screening and hiring a coach, making sure that he meets the obligation. It's not doing the brand any good.

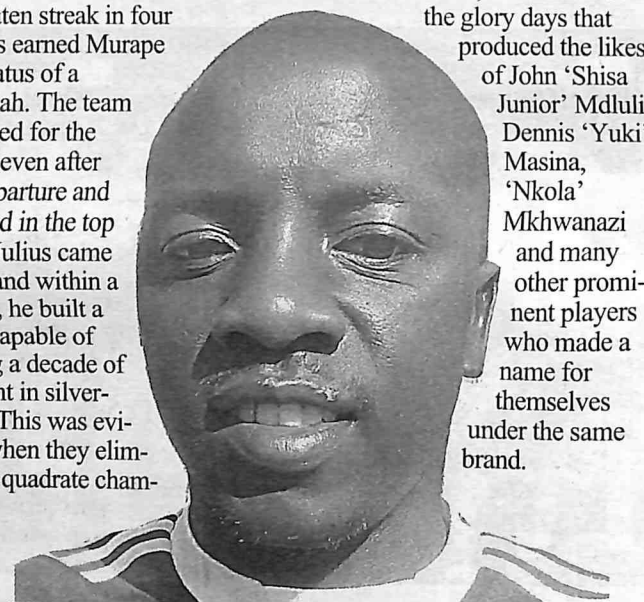
After training the team, leading to the Charity Cup, the coach could only watch from the stands and I think that disturbed the team somehow. This is one area the team should work on, get suitable qualified coaches.

On a positive note though, it makes so much sense as to why the team opts for the coaches that

they go for. Murape's arrival at Wanderers brought a glimpse of hope for a team that was destined for the wilderness. The situation was so bad that an unbeaten streak in four games earned Murape the status of a Messiah. The team changed for the better even after his departure and finished in the top eight. Julius came along and within a month, he built a team capable of ending a decade of drought in silverware. This was evident when they eliminated quadruple champions

Mbabane Swallows in the Swazi Telecom Charity Cup on Sunday at Somhlolo. An overhauled, promising and competent

Wanderers, a reminder of the glory days that produced the likes of John 'Shisa Junior' Mdluli, Dennis 'Yuki' Masina, 'Nkola' Mkhwanazi and many other prominent players who made a name for themselves under the same brand.



**UNFIT:** Zimbabwean coach Julius Chakupewa.



# Felix a world class player, says SuperSport analyst

By Sanele Jele

**SOCCER - SOUTH African SuperSport analyst Thomas Kwenaithe has labeled Mbabane Swallows midfielder Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst as a world class player.**

Kwenaithe made these remarks on Sunday during the SwaziTelecom Charity Cup played on Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium.

Kwenaithe said coaches needed to understand the player.

"There is one thing that many coaches fail to understand about Felix, he is more like Collins Mbesuma or Jamie Vardy.

"All the midfielders have to do is supply him with the ball. He is composed inside the box and deadly when it comes to aerial balls," Kwenaithe said.

The former MTN writer of the year analyst also said Royal Leopard's Bonginkhosi Dlamini should be



**WORLD CLASS PLAYER:** Swallows' Felix being marked by Wanderers' Sihle during the Charity Cup semi-finals.

recalled to the national team because he was an exceptional player.

"He is aggressive, quick and very

dangerous when going forward. He is quite a valuable player who can play in the PSL," he said

Kwenaithe said the standard of play on the day was not that bad considering it was a pre-season tournament.

## Fascinated

"I loved the atmosphere at the stadium and was fascinated with the attendance. Coming to the games, I think the second game between Swallows and Wanderers was my best game. "It was quite interesting to see Swallows coming back from 0-2 to force a 2-all draw. Otherwise, all the other games were worth watching," Kwenaithe said.

Police side Royal Leopard defended their title after beating Manzini Wanderers 2-0 in the final.

Leopard cruised past Highlanders 2-0 in the first semi-finals while Swallows lost 6-5 on penalties after playing to a 2-all draw in 90 minutes.

## Castle Premier Challenge activation hits Malkerns

By Sabelo Majola

**SOCCER- MALKERNS residents should brace themselves for fun, excitement and laughter as the Castle Lager Premier Challenge will this weekend hit Ngwenya's Don Kiluminati Shopping Complex.**

This will be second activation meant to create hype on the winner takes all tournament after the successful one at Nhlanguano (T-junction).

The next football showpiece taking centre stage will be the fourth edition tournament that has an increased package of E800 000. The package was increased by E100 000 from last year's

E700 000. The day's activities will start at 10am and this was confirmed by the tournament's PRO Mxolisi Dlamini yesterday.

He said now that the SPTC one-day tournament played on Sunday at Somhlolo was over, they would be all out in publicising the eight-team knockout tournament set to kick-off on August 20.

## Great

"We invite the Malkerns community and surrounding areas to the Castle Premier Challenge activation to come and win great prizes."

The festivities will start at 10am and prizes to be won include branded Castle Lager bags, T-shirts and hats,

amongst others. "There will be the now popular four-aside tournament whose winners would walk home E800 richer plus a trophy."

Just 16 teams will be allowed to register for this tournament. The Castle Lager brand previously mentioned that they would be placing an inflatable pitch at three outlets where consumers would be invited to buy a case of 750ml Castle Lager bulk packs to participate in order to be allowed to register their team to play.

Meanwhile, teams to compete for the lucrative prize are Royal Leopard, Highlanders, Young Buffaloes, Swallows, Midas City, Green Mamba, Manzini Wanderers and Sundowns.

## 30 PARTICIPANTS FOR FIFA REFEREEING COURSE

By Sabelo Majola

**SOCCER - THE world football governing body, FIFA, has sent two refereeing instructors to help sharpen the skills of local football referees.**

Carlos Henriques and Mark Mzenge started their assignment yesterday at Lobamba Technical Centre where 30 participants are attending the five-day course which was officially opened by National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Vice President Nichodemus 'Ace' Mashwama, who was standing in for the president.

Henriques is more on the technical aspect while Mzenge is looking on the physical side.

## Responsibilities

Mashwama welcomed the two experts before forwarding his gratitude to the referees for their continued contribution towards the successful implementation of football competitions. He commended them for carrying out their responsibilities in the best way possible.

## NAMES OF THE 30 PARTICIPANTS:

Mbongiseni Fakudze, Simanga Nhleko, Leticia Viana, Petros Mbingo, Sifiso Nxumalo, Gcina Mamba, Zamani Simelane, Simphiwe Nxumalo, Thulani Sibandze, Mnelisi Metiso, Phinda Ndzimandze, Celumusa Malinga, Sifiso Zondo, Mbongeni Shongwe, Ntokozo Mthembu, Mfanisibili Ndzinisa, Mandela Mndzebele, Celumusa Siphepho, Sambulo SimelaneNomkhosi Sibiya, Tencwala Soko, Sebenele Tsabedze, Bhekani Zulu, Thokozani Dlamini, Siboniso Ngcamphalala, Theminkosi Magagula, Wandile Dlamini, Wandile Magagula, Sibusiso Nxumalo, Theminkosi Dlamini.

"Your assignment is very important, you have come to sharpen the skills of our football referees, technically and physically, both aspects of which are central to the responsibilities in the game of football.

## Discharge

"We trust that FA has accorded you the most optimal treatment for you to be able to discharge your responsibilities as mandated by FIFA," said Mashwama.

He outlined FIFA projects in appre-

ciation of what the governing body had done to improve the standard of football in the country.

"We know that FIFA has done many great things for the country, we have this very Technical Centre, an artificial turf at Somhlolo National Stadium, the Sigwaca Football House and the upgrade of the King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium in Nhlanguano in which we owe gratitude to FIFA," he said.

## Refereeing

He then requested referees to pay attention to all the information to be delivered in the course to better enhance their refereeing skills and uplift the flag of the country both locally and internationally.

Meanwhile, the referees have pleaded for patience from fans, as they implement the new rules that were recently introduced by FIFA.

Understanding that multiple football supporters may not be exposed to the evolution brought by FIFA in pursuit of making sure the game progresses in the right direction, the referees are calling for teams and supporters to be patient with them.

## 'Bayethe Wena Waphakathi'

By Sabelo Majola

**SOCCER - THE National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) has expressed its great indebtedness to His Majesty King Mswati III, the Royal household, the head of government, Members of Parliament, various stakeholders, the football family and the entire Swazi populace for the successful SPTC Charity Cup 2016 that was hosted at Somhlolo National Stadium.**

The FA released a statement forwarding their copious gratitude to His Majesty on his continual ambition in seeing the country develop in all areas, including the country's most revered sport, football. "The NFAS and the entire football family has committed itself to establish virtuous and tortuous way to ensure and assure football business sustenance; all done to assist the visionary efforts of His Majesty, the King. Indeed a spirit of charity was abound in the whole atmosphere of the stadium, particularly the massive support, in terms of the number of fans and society of interest in attendance. As football, we feel humbled by such a combination of experiences, for collections from this tournament are destined to charitable works aimed at changing the lives of the

disadvantaged of the land. We henceforth salute the presence of His Majesty in such an experience," reads the statement.

Further acknowledgement was directed to the Swaziland Post and Telecommunications Corporation

(SPTC) for their continued investment in football, in particular, the trust

bestowed upon football that it has the capacity and best vehicle to address societal challenges of the land.

## Attributes

"Football will

endeavour to protect these inherent attributes and

the productive union

that has subsisted

between SPTC and

football since 2002.

The massive attendance at the stadium

is an unmatched sign

of approval of such an

excellent partnership and

investment by SPTC to foot-

ball. Football remains

indebted to SPTC".

The FA also con-

gratulated champions

Royal Leopard on

defending the title,

Mbabane Swallows

Under-20 team as

well as all the players

that won in the indi-

vidual prizes.

"We are also humbled

by the great behaviour of fans

at the stadia and their undivided

focus to the whole-day football

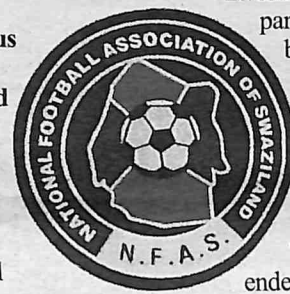
festivity. All stakeholders that

made the event a success are

equally acknowledged, including

the significance of the media insti-

tutions."



## MARITZBURG RELEASE MIKE

By Sanele Jele

**SOCCER - SOUTH African Premiership side Maritzburg United have parted ways with former Mbabane Swallows player Mike Mohammed Anas.**

The Ghanaian striker is free to join a team of his choice, after being handed his clearance by the KZN outfit.

Having initially been put on the club's transfer list, the 21-year-old has been allowed to go and further his career elsewhere. The Pietermaritzburg side has agreed on a settlement figure with the player; with the club Chairman Farouk Kadodia confirming to the Siya crew that Anas had been issued with his clearance.

## Linked

Anas has been recently linked with Golden Arrows. Abafana Bes'thende are also expected to finalise a deal with Orlando Pirates' Helder Pelembe and it remains to be seen if the KZN club will still be keen to add

more forwards to the squad for next season.

Mohammed, who joined Mbabane Swallows as a free agent from Manzini Wanderers, was cleared to the Kwa-Zulu Natal Province-based team for a transfer fee of not less than E1million.

The player joined Maritzburg in August 2014 after impressing coach Steve Komphela, who was then the head coach at the Pietermaritzburg outfit, signing a three-year-contract, which ends in 2017.

## Struggled

Mohammed has, however, struggled for game-time under new coach Ernst Middendorp and was released by the team.

Although he has been put on transfer by South African Absa Premiership outfit Maritzburg United, Mohammed is worth over E2 million.

According to the transfer market, the Ghanaian-born star is now worth 131 000 pounds which is equivalent to E2 489 000.



# SPTC deducts outstanding voting loans from teams

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCKER – YOU can run but you can never hide.**

SwaziTelecom Charity Cup 2016 runners- up, Manzini Wanderers, are set to be slashed an undisclosed amount from their E450 000 prize money by the sponsor, in respect of the outstanding E681 600 balance, which they accumulated last year during the televoting exercise.

A source close to the matter asserted that a certain percentage of the team's prize money would be deducted by SPTC.

## Fact

Wanderers are one of the teams that benefitted from SPTC's credit facility last year, as they eventually won a Toyota quantum after accumulating the highest number of votes.

"SPTC will definitely deduct some money from Wanderers' E450 000 prize money but the executive has yet to meet with the relevant parties over the matter. The team won't lose all the money, due to the fact that the executive will also consider that they also need money, to sustain themselves," the source said.

SPTC has been generously extending a credit facility for teams towards the SwaziTelecom Charity Cup voting exercise since 2012.

Sought for comment, Premier League of Swaziland Chief Executive Officer, John Mazibuko said, they were still to meet to discuss issues concerning the recently ended one-day tournament.

"The executive is yet to discuss matters pertaining to the Charity Cup and I am not in a position to commit myself any further until the meeting takes place," he said.

Manzini Wanderers General Manager, Patrick Gamedze, said they were yet to be informed about the matter, when contacted yesterday.

"For now we know nothing about the deduction of our prize money and it would be folly for me to make any comment," he said.

Swaziland Posts and Telecommunications Corporate (SPTC) Communications Manager, Nqobile Magagula could not be drawn for comments on the matter.



**STILL TO MEET:** Swaziland Chief Executive Officer John Mazibuko.

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## 'BULL' TWINS OFF TO LEOPARD

- Pair expected to start training today
- Set to link up with 'Papi' Sikhondze, who is now with the police side
- Seven players have already left the team

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCKER – CAPITAL city giants Mbabane Highlanders are on the verge of losing their 'terrible' twins Lungelo and Fanelo Tsabedze, who are linked with a move to Royal Leopard.**

It has been reliably gathered that the national Under-23 pair is on their way to 'Ingwemabalabala' after another former Highlanders player Xolani 'Papi' Sikhondze, who made his official debut for the blue and white ensemble on Sunday during the SwaziTelecom Charity Cup played at the Somhlolo National Stadium. A reliable source close to the players said the twins had already made their minds about joining Leopard.

## Season

"I can safely say that they are both on their way to Leopard and are likely to start training with the team tomorrow (today), with the hope of securing jobs with the Royal Swaziland Police Services. I was with both players yesterday and they said their days at Highlanders had come to an end," the source said.

The Tsabedze brothers joined



**GONE:** Lungelo and Fanelo Tsabedze with Mbabane Highlanders Managing Director Bheki 'Rubber' Simelane.

Highlanders during the 2012/13 season and went down with the team to the National First Division after the team was relegated. They helped the Highlanders regain promotion to the premier league a year later.

They were also part of the Meck Mwase-led side that finished second during the 2015/16 MTN Premier League, where Lungelo was named the player of the year and joint top goal scorer. The duo was not part of the Highlanders team that lost 0-2 to Royal Leopard after

Lungelo spent three days training with the black and white outfit, in preparation for the one-day soccer spectacular. Royal Leopard Public Relations Officer, Frank Hurube, downplayed the matter when contacted yesterday.

## Comment

"I only heard from football circles that the two players might be joining us. All I can tell you is, nothing official has reached my office yet and as I speak they are not part of our camp," Hurube politely said.

Efforts to get Mbabane Highlanders Managing Director Bheki 'Rubber' Simelane were futile as his cellphone was out of the network when tried several times yesterday. The two players are set to add the list of players, who have already left the team before the start of the new season. These are Vusimuzi Zungu, Kingsley Makhatho, Patrick Meso, Jimmoh Moses, Xolani 'Papi' Sikhondze, Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze and Enzo Motsa, who have all left the 'Black Bull'.

## Mandla Mpofu set to replace Julius at Wanderers

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCKER – FORMER Zimbabwean national Under-23 mentor, Mandla Mpofu, is set to replace his countryman Julius Chakupewa, as the head coach of Manzini Wanderers.**

It is understood that Mpofu is now leading the race to take over the 'Weslians' hot seat after parting ways with Chakupewa, who failed to produce the CAF B license required by the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Technical Director's office.

A source within the team said members of the board have

tipped Mpofu to take over the reins at the maroon and white outfit.

## CV

"The board has been impressed with Mpofu's CV and they felt he should take charge of the team, as his philosophy suits the culture of the team. The decision will be taken in a meeting to be held this week." The source indicated there were other coaches, who have also applied for the position.

"A final decision will be taken before the end of the week, as they are looking for a candidate who will add value to the team and improve the brand, following their impressive run in the

SwaziTelecom Charity Cup where they finished as runners-up." Wanderers General Manager Patrick Gamedze said they would be replacing Chakupewa with the other candidates, who were shortlisted for the job.

"We will opt for other candidates as we had shortlisted a few coaches alongside Chakupewa, so it won't be a problem getting another one to lead the team. We will continue with the search for a new coach

until we get the right candidate," Gamedze said.

Mpofu was shortlisted together with his two countrymen, Luke Masomere and Godfrey Tamerepi, who has now joined Manzini Sundowns.

The hub giants started the new season on a high note after beating rivals Mbabane Swallows 6-5 (after penalties) in the semi-finals of SwaziTelecom Charity Cup, before losing 0-2 to eventual champions Royal Leopard in the final.

