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MAJESTIC GREET-INGS: His Majesty
King Mswati III greeting the throngs of
people who crammed
the Sibaya on the last
day of the People's
Parliament at
Ludzidzini Royal
Residence yesterday.
(Pic: Simon Shabangu)
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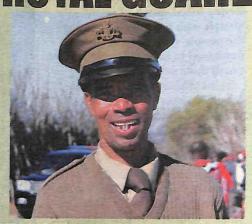
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- To look into elderly grants
- Reminds Swazis about Kwembula Ingubo
- Assures Nation that all submissions will be attended to
- Wants more job opportunities created

PASTOR WARREN EMPLOYED AS ROYAL GUARD



YES SIR: Well-known Pastor Moses
Warren is now a Royal Guard as he
was spotted at Ludzidzini Royal
Residence where he was on duty yesterday on the last day of the Sibaya,
which was officially closed by His
Majesty King Mswati III.

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KING TO ACT ON ALL SIBAYA SUBMISSIONS

COVER STORY

Stories by Samukelisiwe Ginindza, Gugu Simelane and Mbono Mdluli Ludzidzini

HIS Majesty King Mswati III yesterday lifted spirits of many Swazis who have been attending the people's parliament when he promised to take convincing action on all their submissions.

Ingwenyama, when closing the people's parliament he commissioned last week, yesterday said he had been following the submissions and it was clear to him that his people needed action.

In his address that was punctuated by satisfied screams of *Bayethe*, the King told the nation that the submissions would not be taken for granted because they came from the hearts of Swazis.

He said Sibaya by nature is for such issues where the nation gathers to map out a way of living and how best they would like to be governed. He said he drew a lot of inspiration from what Sibaya discussed.

There were loud roars of *Bayethe* when His Majesty said people would be followed-up on their varying issues they raised during the people's parliament to ensure they are rightly addressed.

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BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati III addressing the nation at the Sibaya during the last day of the people's parliament. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

made their submissions they revealed their names, chiefs and areas they come from. This would make it easy for the follow-ups I am talking about. I must emphasise that what was discussed here will all be addressed," said the King.

Ingwenyama also hailed the nation for heeding royal summons an indi-

cator that they still respected their culture. He stated that the respect paraded at Sibaya did not go unnoticed. He said some visitors who happened to be around during the people's parliament were greatly impressed to realise that in Swaziland the nation is allowed to gather and express what they feel.

'Kwembula ingubo kusengakavalwa'

HIS Majesty King Mswati III expressed concern about the lack of job opportunities in the country.

...King wants more jobs

His Majesty was addressing the nation on the last day of the people's parliament held at Ludzidzini Royal Residence.

"Indzaba yemisebenti nine bekunene ivisana buhlungu kakhulu, kutawubuketwa tingoni letingabona lawo matfuba avela live lonkhe ngoba emadvodza nebafati ngibo labasimise imiti," he said.

He added that from the different opinions raised during the people's parliament, he noted the seriousness of the need for job opportunities in the country, which is why jobs would be created through all sectors such as tourism and infrastructure.

"Loku lobekukhulunywa ngulabantfu lapha kuyakhombisa lokutsi kute imisebenti oq ngako ke ematfuba kumele avele ikakhulu kutekuvakasha netakhiwo," His Majesty assured.

APOLOGY

IN our yesterday's edition we carried a story under the headline 'CJ failing to improve judiciary'. In the story we singled out the Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala yet the failure was attributed to the whole JSC which he chairs. We would like to offer our sincere apologies to the chief justice for the error.

OMBUDSMAN

HIS Majesty King Mswati III
has encouraged people to feel
free to bring their different
issues to him.

"Kwembu.
bekunene ki
kungumham
lokutsi nitib

This culture is known as kwembula ingubo eNkhosini. This is where a person or persons seek audience with the King to present whatever problem they are faced with in their communities.

However, the King stressed that Swazis must adopt the culture of exhausting all existing channels before taking their matters to him. These include taking their issues to chiefs or princes.

very clear that his doors are tacalways open for his people to come and talk to him.

"Kwembula ingubo nine bekunene kusengakavalwa, kungumhambo weSiswati, kuhle lokutsi nitibeke letindzaba tenu ngoba intfunja ayisatfolakali ngako ke litfuba nasenilitfolile awubese uyabindza," he encouraged.

Loosely translated to "No one stopped addressing personal matters to the King as it has always been practiced in our culture, it is wise to report to the king if you fail to get solutions from your chiefs because channels like these are rare, so when you get them, utilise it.""

His Majesty was referring to the different people who brought before him personal matters during the people's parliament.

King supports elderly people

HIS Majesty King Mswati III supports the elderly of the country and has urged the nation to do likewise.

He urged people to take it upon themselves to look after the elderly, related to them or not. "I am delighted that the country still respects the elders as we need them as they are a great asset to the nation and taking care of them is commendable," His Majesty added.

He urged people to take care of the elderly as their prayers were needed for one's suc-

He therefore promised to look into the submissions that related to the grants the elderly get.

Sibaya is not for letting off steam - Ingwenyama

HIS Majesty King Mswati III said Sibaya is not a place for letting off steam or useless talk but the submissions made there are taken seriously.

The King said all the proceedings were recorded and issues raised reviewed and the necessary action taken.

He said Swazis were lucky to have a parliament that is elected in the constituencies where they are represented as well as the people's parliament where they make their voices heard.

He further said Swazis who

were present at the people's parliament should be proud of themselves when the outcome of the Sibaya is finally out.

Brag

"The people here must brag and tell others that they were part of the Sibaya that recommended and made decisions on the different matters when the report is published," he said.

The King said he heard what the nation submitted and a way forward would be taken, and the nation would definitely see the results

PEOPLE IMPRESSED WITH SIBAYA 2016

The nation has nothing but praise for the recently held Sibaya.

The feeling is that this time around, Sibaya was free and very open and it left them with hope that their issues would be attended to as also promised by the King. "I am delighted that I heard my King tell us he will be working on the elderly grants issue and further urged people to take care of them. This country will change for the better. He also mentioned that job opportunities for all will be open and since his word is final, all we have is praise for our King,' George Mpanza said.

Mgcashula Dlamini also mentioned that good fruits from the cattle byre would soon be seen.

"All aspects of life are learnt through the people before us, taking care of the elderly will see information, especially as far as cultural is concerned persevered for more generations to come," he said. He went on to add that elderly people are also good in decision making as they think broader and deeper.

Nomasontfo Mchunu; "I was also hoping for better paying job opportunities in the country and today I am going back home

with a smile and a sigh of relief because my king has assured us that such will soon be created and since he confirmed that he has been listening to our requests, I am certain he will also work on free education even in high school," she said.

Nonkululeko Ginindza said she was glad Sibaya ended and all the aspects have been addressed, especially the elderly grants review and the lack of chiefs in some chiefdoms.

"All that was making my life miserable was addressed, especially the elderly grants as we are raising orphaned and vulnerable children with the money," she added.

Bishop Obed Mavuso mentioned that this country is blessed to have a king like this one.

"Sibaya salonyaka singijabulise kakhulu, ku tough langaphandle ngoba labantfu labalamaceleni ache (King) bakhombisile kungayitsandzi ngoba kube bebayitsandza ngabe abayoneli langaphandle ngalokukhohlakala nemibango yabo chief," he said. He added that he hoped the fighting between chiefs for land would be followed to come out with the truth and maintain peace.



WE WANT SAME EDUCATION SYSTEM IN SADC - MAKHUBU

SIPHO Makhubu from KaPhunga urged His Majesty King Mswati III to work on a same education system in the whole SADC during the 36th summit.

"If the education system was equal in all the SADC countries our children would freely go to universities in other countries without doing matric," he said. He added that some pupils end up giving up on tertiary education after they are rejected in universities for not having matric yet they passed with flying coll

tion after they are rejected in universities for not having matric yet they passed with flying colors in local Form 5. He then donated a cow to His Majesty.

LA NINA STRATEGY FOR THE COUNTRY

SKHUMBUZO Dlamini from Nhlambeni has suggested that more funds be channeled to Red Cross Baphalali, to buy more cars for community outreach, in the wake of the pending La Nina. La Nina is the opposite El

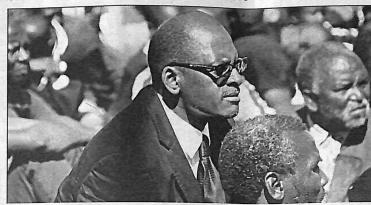
Nino where it rain nonstop. Dlamini added that these cars will ensure that first aid workers reach the disaster stricken areas in time and safely to help those hurt and in distraught.

"The cars that they have

now are only in small numbers and will not be enough for the whole country when the said floods take the country by storm," he said.

He went on to mention that the government of Swaziland should work

hand-in-hand with the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) to ensure that those disturbed by the consequences of floods are helped promptly, to avoid being left in the open longer.



IN THE MIX: Magistrate Phathaphatha Mdluli was also spotted at the Sibaya.

MP Owen doubts MPs shun Tinkhundla

MANZINI South Member of Parliament (MP) Owen Nxumalo doubts if there are MPs who shun their constituencies.

This follows an outcry from the public that MPs were no longer seen in their constituencies.

The people said they would only see their MPs when it was time for elections. After that, they would then vanish into the cities or towns.

In response to that, Nxumalo said he doubted that there were MPs who would do such things.

"How can MPs do that? We serve the people and we depend on them for the positions we currently occupy as legislators. I doubt if an MP worth his salt would do that, unless if that MPs no longer wants to go back to be a legislator," Nxumalo said.

Nxumalo had a solution for the people, who had such irresponsible legislators in their constituencies.

He advised them to approach the office of their respective regional secretaries.

He said the secretaries had a responsibility of monitoring the performance of the MPs in their respective regions. The secretaries would then call the MPs to order if they were not consistently engaging their voters in their respective constituencies.

Nxumalo said the MPs must also make use of community meetings to get people to talk about the laws that were being enacted in Parliament. He also agreed with Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) Commissioner Ncumbi Maziya. Maziya advised MPs to provide the food they used to campaign during elections at the Tinkhundla centres. He said providing the food would attract their voters to go to Tinkhundla centres to talk about the legislations enacted in Parliament.

On the issue of politicians getting 32 percent salary raise, Nxumalo said parliamentarians were not responsible for coming up with such a raise.

He stated that there was a consultant that was engaged on that issue and they were not the ones that engaged the consultants. They never approached anyone to negotiate salary increment.

The legislator said he was also touched by the concern the public had for the elderly in the country.

He said they would make sure that in the next budget, the salary increment for the elderly people would be catered for.

"It is our duty as parliamentarians to make sure that the elderly are taken care of. The outcry from the Sibaya tells us that the people are sending us to make sure that is catered for in the next budget. We were elected by the people, so we must do as they say," he said.

Ex-soldier lives a pauper's life

A former soldier now lives a pauper's life after he had his benefits withheld from him.

Mngisi Dlamini told this sad story yesterday at Sibaya when he was making a submission to His Majesty King Mswati III.

Dlamini is one of the people living with disabilities.

He entered the cattle byre at Ludzidzini Royal Residence being carried by about four men, who assisted him to sit among people who were in a queue to make submission at the podium.

When his time to submit came, he was also supported, by the very same men, to where the microphone was situated. It took some time for him to reach the podium.

This prompted Acting Ludzidzini Governor, Timothy Velabo Mtetwa, to tell them to hurry up to save time.

"If he does not have a wheelchair, you must hurry up and report that to the minister. We hope she will help by providing him with one," Mtetwa said.

Minister of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane was in the cattle byre when Mtetwa made those remarks.

She laughed at the statement like the rest of the people who were in the cattle byre. It was then found out that he was walking using an aid of a standard walker. Dlamini then related his sad story.

"Your Majesty, I have come to you to talk about this thorny issue that has been haunting me for some time.

"I was injured at work and I could not get my benefits to take care of me while at home. I cannot do anything, as we speak, and this happened since 1989.

"I just sleep all day long. I fully depend on my wife, who usually goes to Johannesburg to buy some products to come back and sell," Dlamini said.

Helped

The former soldier said when his wife was not at home, he would just lie down all day long at his home. He would be helped by children who are living with him when they come back from school.

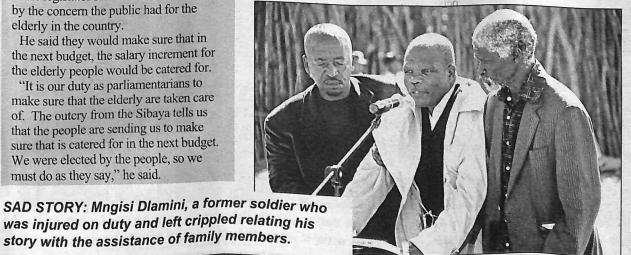
He said he tried every means possible to get his money, but he was not successful. One of the people present at Sibaya was heard shouting at him, asking where he was working. He responded by saying he was working as a soldier.

His response was followed by a loud sound from the people who showed their surprise.

Dlamini went on to ask for a monthly pay for people living with disabilities.

He told the King that E240 in three months was a very little amount of money.

"Such a small amount does not last for us, because we take care of other people, including children. Even if the money is meant to take care of me alone, it would not be enough," he said.



JOURNALISTS HARASSED BY SECURITY FORCES - SKY

JOURNALISTS expressed their dissatisfaction with the way they were being ill-treated by armed forces at Sibaya.

This was heard when one of the local journalists, Sibongile 'Sky' Sukati, took to the podium at the people's parliament to express the feelings of the scribes.

Sukati stated that such an attitude by the members of the armed forces, was uncalled for and was not healthy for a nation that was in the process of portraying a positive image to the international community.

"Your Majesty, my submission is going to be short. I am one of the people who ply their trade by writing news stories. I am not happy with the way in which we are treated by members of the security forces when there are national events of this kind," Sukati submitted. Sukati stated that during the people's parliament, there was a journalist who encountered a bad situation whereby he had his working tools forcefully taken from him while he was on duty. The tools are said to have been taken by members of the security forces. Sukati went on to state that such treatment was not good for a country that was

still going to host the upcoming SADC summit.

The 36th SADC summit of Heads of State and government will be held in this country from August 22, 2016.

Journalist from outside the country would be coming to report on the event. Sukati wondered how her colleagues from the regional, continental and international community were to be treated if the security forces workers were to continue with their hostile attitude. She advised that such should not happen if the summit was to be successful.

Sukati went on to remind the forces and the people's parliament about the importance of a journalist in the country.

"Most of the issues that are being talked about here are because of the work of the journalists who report about these issues. Right now, most of us are objecting to the 32 percent increase of the politicians because such had been reported in the media," she said.

She urged the members of the armed forces to work together for the good of the country, more especially during the upcoming SADC summit.



IN NUMBERS: The nation listening attentively to the King's speech.

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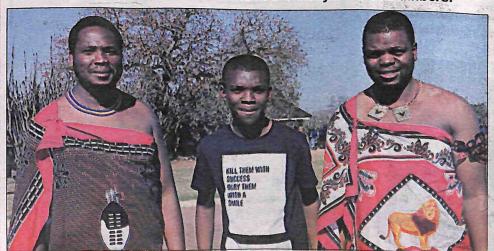
BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati III adressing the nation on the last day of the Sibaya at Ludzidzini Cattle Byre yesterday. The King officially closed Sibaya which lasted for almost a week. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



WENA WAPHAKATHI: The nation greeting His Majesty on his arrival for the sixth day of the people's parliament.



LADIES CORNER: Women also attended the Sibaya in their numbers.



WERE IN ATTENDANCE: Prince Mlayeto, who is the Chief of Nkwene, with Prince Manzolwandle and his son Siyabonga after the Sibaya.



MHLEKAZI: Her Majesty Indlovukazi joined by Balondolozi and Emazinyane as they awaited the King's arrival.



SIBLINGS LOVE: Lucky Diamini and sister Mimi also attended.



ON ARRIVAL: Dumsile Sigwane among the general public arrive.



ALSO THERE: Nhlangano businessman Justice Nxumalo, Manzini South MP Owen Nxumalo, Shiselweni RA Themba Masuku, Minister of Public Works Lindiwe Dlamini and lawyer Sabelo Masuku.



END OF THE ROAD: The nation leaving the cattle byre on the last day of the people's parliament, after it was officially closed by His Majesty.

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MORE FROM PEOPLE'S

By Mbono Mdluli Mbabane

THE People's Parliament (Sibaya) came to an end after seven day yesterday.

A lot has been said by the Swazi nation after His Majesty King Mswati III commissioned the Sibaya last Wednesday.

The King gave Swazis the green light to freely express themselves on issues affecting the country; be it political, social, economic and cultural.

The Swazi Observer brings you a review of some of the issues that were raised by the nation since Sibaya started.

Drought

- The King said, since drought caught the Swazi nation off guard, thus the issue must be discussed and strategies formulated on how it could be tackled in future.
- Drought has proven to be a challenge in the whole of Africa, and Swaziland should be informed on what to do **King.**
- The educated should also use technology to find ways on how best to deal with cases of national emergencies such a drought King.

Respect and Peace

- His Majesty King Mswati III urged the Swazi Nation to be respectful during the upcoming Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Heads of State Summit and Umhlanga ceremony this month.
- For the SADC Summit to be a success, the nation needs to welcome the King's visitors with warm hands and treat them in a respectable manner The **King**.
- Swazis are a nation famously known for their respect and you must not fail the country when the visitors arrive **King.**
- Country leaders and important

The King gave Swazis the green light to freely express themselves on issues affecting the country; be it political, social, economic and cultural.



BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati III addressing the nation at the Sibaya during the last day of the people's parliament. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

dignitaries will this month come to the country not only for the SADC Summit but also for the Umhlanga ceremony, these people needs to be treated with upmost respect and be well accommodated in the country

- King.

- I am pleased that our king emphasised on respect, so we hope it is going to be that thing that will help stop the violence and gruesome killings that seem to be taking over the country – Nokuthula Sithole (Buhleni).
- Swaziland is known for being one of the peaceful countries because we are respectful Minister for Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David Ngcamphalala.
- Senator Ndumiso Mdluli stated that the whole of SADC would be coming to the country and they should find Swazis being a nation that respects any person of any kind in order for them to have a good impression on the country.

Vision 2022

- Reaching Vision 2022 will be a milestone for the country as that will mean a number of successes for the country **King**
- In 2022 the country will be in a state where everyone will have access to food, education, health, and water **King**
- Electrification will be everywhere in the country and people will access running water in their homes instead or fetching water from streams and rivers – King.
- Every Swazi must put an effort for the success of Vision 2022because everyone wishes to live a better life and if Swaziland reaches that stage it will be a success **King.**
- The King said the nation should discuss this in the People's Parliament deliberations and come up with ways that will lead the country to the right desired direction.

SADC Summit

- The nation needs to give their input on the matter of the SADC Summit **King**.
- Thuli Dlamini from Manzini
 North said she was ready to welcome the leaders from different
 countries of the SADC region coming for the summit here in
 Swaziland.
- His Majesty said since the SADC Summit and the Umhlanga ceremony will be this month, he requested the nation at large to exhibit respect to the Kings' visitors.
- If anyone is planning strike during the SADC Summit they must please stop then after the Summit they must go to negotiate with government whatever they want to say Pastor Moses Warren.

• Mandla Dlamini was of the view that the 2022 dream is currently only for the rich because as things stand the rich will be richer by then and poor even poorer.

Education

- The Swazis were of the view that the current education system is not addressing the needs of the people of the country.
- Dvokodvweni MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini said the education system should now be focused on teaching people vocational skills than channelling people to go and look for white collar jobs.
- In schools, our children are no longer taught to know but instead, they are taught to pass to the next level. We end up producing people who are less skilled Lomangisi Mdluli.
- The convention on education discourages corporal punishment and I do not know if that is right for the country because it is now difficult to punish pupils in our schools
- Khanyisile Matsenjwa.
- Free Primary Education is good. We need to introduce such in high schools – **Thandi Msibi (nee Gama)** from Mbekelweni.
- Welfare of teachers should be given priority to improve education in the country. Teaching is the mother of all professions Queen Shongwe from Mpolonjeni, Mbabane.
- Once our children finish primary school they become stuck as some parents cannot afford taking them through to high school, which is very essential **Thandi Msibi** (nee Gama)

Youth

• Sihle Masinga, a youth from

- Dvokolwako in the Hhohho region, wondered how the country would become a first world country if numbers of unemployed people remained high.
- One woman from the Red Cross Society, who refused to be mentioned, felt the youth are the ones who should be given more opportunities to be employed as they are the future of the country.
- Employing people who are past their retirement age is not good for the youth as such people should be at home – Red Cross Volunteer.
- Sebentile Sikhondze from Zitheni mentioned that she attended the cattle byre to address issues pertaining job creation especially for the youth.

Women and other vulnerable groups

- Women are victimised and killed and we suffer from the hands of men who are supposed to love and protect us, so we need His Majesty's intervention Sibahle Mkhontfo (Mbelebeleni).
- People living with albinism should not be treated like animals to be killed for some false beliefs **Teresa Dlamini** from Ntondozi.
- There is a group of people who want to kill me for coming up with a certain Non Governmental Organisation (NGO). MTN and police seem to be working with such people to have me killed Nonjabuliso Maphumulo from Gege.
- Women are dying everyday and it seems no one cares about it. The law must be passed so that the woman and children are protected from this violence Phumelele Dlamini (Siphocosini).
- Phinda Mavuso, who lives with albinism, said every time they walked they had to look over their shoulders as people shouted that they saw a person worth E2 million when they saw them.
- I am here to report to His
 Majesty that my uncle forged a
 death certificate for my ailing mother and took all her estate while she
 is still alive Mandisa*
 (Shiselweni), who had her sister
 raped by the uncle, who is a head
 teacher.
- We do not have money to go hospitals to receive the appropriate medical attention we deserve, so we are asking you Your Majesty to consider passing a law that will favour us as your people Mbuyiseni Mtsetfwa, speaking on behalf of people living with disabilities. They want free treatment in hospitals.

Prime Minister

 A sign of being a true leader is that not everyone will like you (Prime Minister), some will hate



ALSO THERE: Businessman Lucky Dlamini also known as Slomos from Maveletiveni Royal Kraal and many others lining up to speak, a chance that never was as the proceedings came to an end before they could speak.

you but that should not bother you because it means you are doing something right - Vumelani Magwaza, who provoked people to leave Sibaya.

- I wish that the prime minister should be fired as soon as possible because he is the biggest villain in that cabinet team. I had come here hoping he would be fired. LoNdvunankhulu lona ngu Bhabuli Lomkhulu - Simanga Nkhosi (Mambane).
- The adjustments (salary review) made one man to be able to receive a salary of about E61 000 per month until he died - Velaphi Dlamini (Dlovunga), who was referring to Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini.
- Stop giving more money to people who are already high earners -Pastor Moses Warren.
- Umbutfo Shiyabafundisi reminded people at Sibaya that if people continued being unruly, the PM would use his Makhundu because he still had it.
- LoNdvunankhulu lona wemali nje kuphela. Akaphume aye etinkhundleni (This prime minister is only concerned about money. He should go to constituencies) -Mantfombi Motsa

Economy

- Economic inequality amongst the people in the country is one of the major issues that cause division - Joy Ndwandwe (Bulandzeni)
- The fact that other people earn too much money while other are not getting enough yet their efforts are much creates of rift amongst the people and the results of this will not be good. Joy Ndwandwe (Bulandzeni)
- Mphiwa Kunene from Kwaluseni said the ministry of agriculture must create a public-private partnership with farmers in order to improve agriculture, which is the backobone of the Swazi economy.
- Nhlanhla Dlamini from Kaphunga said while civil servants were happy that government had finally reviewed

their

they

were

salaries,

however

dejected when they went to the banks, as their back pay popularly known as Dvuladvula was taxed.

• Everyone below you, Your Majesty should get loans to buy their own cars. They should not be given cars because some of them are getting hefty salaries, which they use to fornicate - Thami Ndzinisa from Lobamba Lomdzala.

Religion

- 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 -Banele Nkambule (Sidvwashini).
- We know clearly that the bible tells us that Christianity and the ancestral religion do not go together and if we want to truly practise the Christian religion, we have to stop worshipping ancestors - Thulasizwe Mbuli.
- "Kwakho wedvwa loko wena wekunene. Lelive leli liyahambisana kakhulu nenkholo yebuKristu. NemaKhosi lombala aze alishumayele livi," Mtetwa said. He was telling Mbuli that the authorities of the country were Christians and they encouraged Swazis to embrace Christianity as a religion.

Politics

- Mandla Mangwe said he knew for a fact some of the Senators in the present Senate who were all out to fork out monies amounting to E100 000 just to obtain a seat in the honorable house.
- Manzini North Member of Parliament (MP) Jan Sithole said the country's constitution was not followed to the letter as parliament had not passed a number of legislations that were a requirement in supporting
- MPs should be given three years in office to implement projects with haste because now they dessert us in constituencies. They come back to get votes during elections - Sibusiso Sifundza from Sigangeni.
 - I should also remind people that cell phones are not allowed in the cat- Sibaya decried that MPs were only tle byre because it vibrant in the combelongs to the King munities before - TV Mtetwa. being voted to Speakers are Parliament but prohibited to just once they speak without had shouting "Bayethe!" Bayethe! Should be shouted before and after addressing the King.

CHILLING: Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini flanked by Minister Prince Sangusempi and Sandile Nxumalo.

"I used to be rich and I didn't know God, so I lost everything after the car accident including my memory and properties as the two I had in Manzini I was robbed by a lawyer who bought them at E7

000 each while they were worth over a million Emalangeni. The lawyer took advantage of my condition," John

won the votes they disappeared to the

cities and never come back to help in

Siyakhala Mbangazitha ngalama

(Ngonini). She was asking the King

to look into the criminal records law

being employed because of recorded

Labour

Security Magagula said she was very

Minister for Labour and Social

impressed that the King touched on

issues that bothered her every year

when she goes to the Geneva to

attend the International Labour

Organisation (ILO) conference.

• This is money that the bank can

take as surety, we do not earn much

and getting bank loans is scarce as a

labourer in the construction industry,

Qedigugu Zwane, who wants banks

to allow them to use Lidlelantfongeni

Jabulani Fakudze lamented that

wanted to retrench 100 workers and

was paid E140 000 yet the workers

under the officer were paid about E4

000. He doubted Vision 2022 under

Prohibited actions at Sibaya

• Akulaleleke bakaNgwane naku

lokungakatayeleki, akukhalwa lasi-

aba labahlaba inyandzaleyo lapha

Governor Timothy Velabo Mtetwa.

He says weeping is not allowed at the

cattle byre. Even to raise an alarm is

· Mbangazitha akasiyo 'Inkhosi'

kepha YiNgwenyama – Ludzidzini

Governor TV Mtetwa. He was saying

His Majesty King Mswati III should

not be addressed as "Mbangazitha"

but "Ingwenyama."

Esibayeni Ludzidzini Acting

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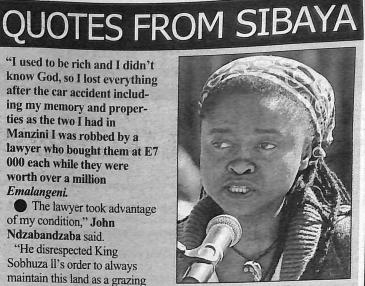
Ndlalusela – Phindile Dlamini

because it hindered people from

finger prints of accused persons.

voted them until the next elections

- Ndzabandzaba said. "He disrespected King Sobhuza ll's order to always maintain this land as a grazing land, now there are homesteads there and when we try to talk to him against it he tells us that he is above the law," Magayiwe Mnisi said of his chief who is allegedly selling grazing land.
- People are dying every day because a human life has become cheaper than that of an animal, this has to be checked and we also want another service provider because Swazi MTN is robbing us in broad daylight," Lomcebo Dlamini.
- "Ikhona imali kaNgwane ubona ngekutsi Prime Minister utohola imali lengaka aze ayowufa, yini angaholi leyabogogo nangabe ikahle, nayike i solution timoto tahulumende atiyekele kusebenta nga 5pm, kutsatswe lemail le seviwe iniketwe bo gogo njalo ngenyanga,' Zakhele Zwane.
- This is so unfair, we have been in the queue since 9am waiting for our turn patiently and she comes well after 2pm and goes straight to the front, what kind of equality is that, it is disrespect and corruption, it should be addressed," Ngeti said referring to ex-minister Hlobsile Ndlovu after skipping a line at Sibaya.
- "We want Magawugawu's TV programme back on air. Simelane was genuinely helping out impoverished Swazis and a number of people benefited from his programme. Unlike people who only help when they want to be voted into parliament Gawuzela was helping out of the goodness of his heart. Magawugawu was not campaigning for a seat in parliament," said Sisekelo Masuku.
- The minister said there are four bills that need urgent passing by our lawmakers, and the bills are supposed to be passed by August 15, but they are still stalling in parliament. The conflict between the Prime Minister, Speaker and Senate President is causing delays. These people are busy with non-issues instead of dealing with the matters that affect the country," Daniel Ngubeni said.
- "Finally our music is protected against piracy. We are glad that the lawmakers have acknowledged the worthiness of our work. It is such a relief that



ACTIVIST: Lomcebo Dlamini.

if anyone is caught pirating our work they will be arrested," Mshikishi Mndzebele said.

- "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 to the youth to be employed too, I suggest that those who are working now should be made to retire at 50 years. By so doing, the youth will be able to get employed in this country," Sister Dlamini said.
- "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," Thulasizwe Mbuli said before he was kicked out by Sibaya.
- "It is true that Muzi Mhlanga's tooth was removed as a result of a fall out with the police," Quinton Dlamini said.
- 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," Indvuna TV Mtetwa
- Firstly, I would like to congratulate you Your Majesty on this very important role that you will be assuming," Mnikati Ndalangamandla said.
- "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," Walter Bennett said.
- "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," Walter Bennett said.

VACANCY

ARTISAN ELECTRICIAN X 2 (SHIFT POSITIONS)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for appointment to the above positions at Ubombo Sugar,

PERFORMANCE PROFILE: The Key Performance Areas (KPAs) of the job, which will report directly to the Foreman --Factory Electrical, entail the following:--

- Install new equipment, e.g. medium voltage apparatus, Electrical panels, electric motors, switch gear and cables, test and commission such equipment
- Do maintenance inspections as required by the current maintenance program.
- Complete maintenance schedules and return them to the Foreman
- Do any repairs or overhaul of equipment, e.g. motors, fans, starters and any other electrical apparatus or appliance.
- Undertake electrical construction work as and when required.

COMPETENCE PROFILE: The appropriate candidate being sought must have the following with a proven track record

- O'level certificate of education or its equivalent, plus minimum of N4 or equivalent in electrical
- Five years apprenticeship in heavy engineering industry (Electrical or equivalent) and a Government Trade Test South African Trade Test preferably.
- Three years experience as a qualified Electrician, preferably with Sugar Mill experience.
- Computer literacy, Drivers license LDV and Leadership.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills effective at all levels.
- Building upon existing Quality, Safety, and Environmental Standards (QSHE) in compliance with Company Objectives and National Rules, and Regulations.

THE REWARDS: This is a permanent position and carries the attractive Conditions of Service commensurate to its level

Applications with detailed personal profile, copies of certified qualifications and names of two referees, should be sent to the address below, or via e-mail, not later than Thursday 18th August, 2016.

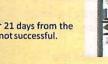
The Human Resources Manager **Ubombo Sugar Limited**

P.O. Box 23 **BIG-BEND**

Swaziland, L311.

E-mail: Recruitment@illovo.co.za

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. If you do not receive any response after 21 days from the closing date of submitting applications, regrettably this would mean your application was not successfu



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MANAGEMENT VACANCIES

Our client, an equal opportunity employer, based in Matsapha and involved in the sale and distribution of automotive parts, branding, vehicle monitoring systems seeks to appoint qualified, young, energetic and dynamic persons with a proven track record to fill the following vacant management positions:

Key Skills, Attributes and Core Competencies

Problem Solving Capability, Strategic and Results Orientated, Good Interpersonal Skills, Ability to Create Networks, High Integrity, Team Building Capability, Negotiation Skills and a very strong Financial and **Business Acumen**

SALES & MARKETING MANAGER

- · Develop and implement the company sales and marketing plan.
- Coordinate company sales, marketing and public relations initiatives.
- Formulate, monitor and control the budget for the marketing plan. Ensure that set targets are exceeded.

Qualification/Experience: Degree in Marketing, Sales or equivalent; At 5 years experience in the sales and marketing function, 2 of which must have been at middle management (an added advantage).

FINANCE MANAGER

Main Duties:

- · Compilation, monitoring implementation, variance reporting of the company's budget.
- Compile and produce monthly management reports.
- Compile annual financial statements for audit purposes.
- · Supervise and manage company premises, equipment, vehicles and staff.

Qualification/Experience:

Degree in Accounting, 5 years experience at least 2 in a management position - experience working in a audit firm will be an added advantage. Knowledge of Pastel software package a must.

The company offers market related remuneration commensurate to the position.

Written Applications together with a curriculum vitae and 3 traceable references should be submitted by Tuesday 16th August 2016, posted, emailed or hand delivered to:

The Recruitment Partner, LCC Capital Consulting, P. O. Box 3654, Mbabane 3rd Floor, Emlonyeni Building, Mbabane Email: carla@lcc-capital.com (Marketing Manager) zama@lcc-capital.com (Finance Manager)

8 NEWS

Swazi Observer Thursday August 11, 2016

Mentally ill civil servant takes government to court

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By Linda Jele Industrial Court

A government storeman has taken his employer to court after he was allegedly suspended verbally following his five months absence from work due to a men-

Majahonkhe Maziya, from Mangwaneni in Mbabane, has allegedly not reporting for work from November 2015 until April 2016 and when he returned to work he was told that he was suspended without pay.

He claimed that the reason he never reported for work was a major mental illness, which was diagnosed by the National Psychiatric

Referral Hospital after five months.

Maziya, employed by the ministry of agriculture and stationed at Mphisi Farm, claimed that he stayed with his 70-year-old mother and seven-year-old daughter at Mangwaneni and they could not report his absence to his superiors.

He has claimed that his alleged sickness was diagnosed in April 2016 and he was advised that it was the cause for his absence. He claimed that his mother and daughter did not notice

his mental condition or report it to his employer due to their tender ages.

He alleged that he was only suspected by his sister who occasionally visited their parental homestead and immediately took him to the psychiatric hospital.

"I also wish to state that I am very ill and believe that since November 2015, no one from my employment, came to my home to enquire about me nor did I receive a call or letter from my employer enquiring of my whereabouts," Maziya said.

He claimed that a medical officer at the psychiatric hospital issued him a sick note, which exempted him from work for seven days. He

claimed that his sister delivered the sick note to his work place. He claimed that after the lapse of the seven days, he returned for reexamination and was further exempted from duty for two weeks.

He claimed that when his sister submitted the exemption form to Dr Xolani Dlamini, the Director of Veterinary Services where she was told that his salary had been stopped because the ministry wanted him to present himself.

Maziya claimed that he again returned to hospital and was again given a further eight days to be away from work. "I further wish to state that on May 12, 2016 I was directed by my doctor to come on May 20, 2016 to collect a medical report by Dr Violet for the

attention of my employer. This was after we had informed her that my salary had since been stopped.

On May 19, 2016, while at home at Mangwaneni, my ranch manager Bongani Magagula came and delivered an invitation to a disciplinary hearing which was scheduled for May 30, 2016," Maziya said.

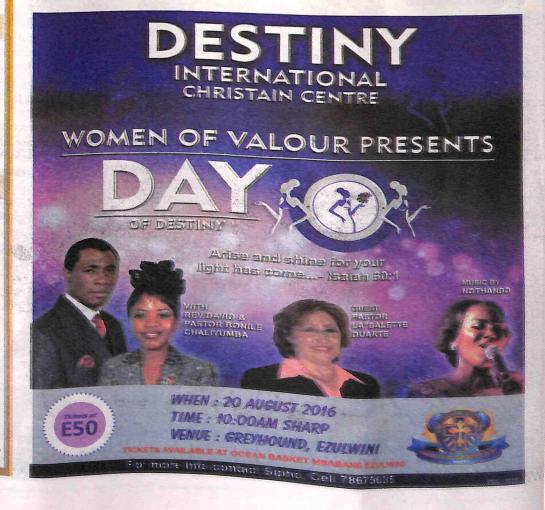
He claimed that he attended the disciplinary hearing with his attorney, but he has not received the verdict to date.

He claimed that he reported for work after he was cleared

by the Medical practitioners, but he was informed to remain at home until his verdict had been issued by the Civil Service Commission. However, the CSC told him that the verdict had been communicated to the ministry.

He alleged that he was later called by the ministry to attend an investigation, which he did, but never got a response. He has applied for an order, directing the ministry to forthwith reinstate his salary and pay him his arrear salaries. The matter is pending before court.

He is represented by Mkhwanazi attorneys in the matter.





CORPORATE/SME FRAUD AWARENESS

Beneficiary Scams

A beneficiary scam is an illegitimate way to take both your money and your personal information. The most commonly used beneficiary scam is the email and SMS, where you receive an email/ SMS, and the person who sent it claims to be an officer of a huge company. The email will say that you have won/inherited a huge amount of money, but then will request that you provide your personal information for them to verify you. Later they will request for your banking details and that you put some deposit for them to be able to release the funds to you.

How to Avoid Becoming a Victim

- Filter Spam
- Regard Unsolicited Email with Suspicion
- Treat Email Attachments with Caution
- Install Antivirus Software and Keep it Up to Date
- Install a Personal Firewall and Keep it Up to Date
- Learn the Email Policies of the Organizations You Do Business With
- Confirm Email with Client Directly, Not by Email.

Scams

Phishing, smishing and vishing

Phishing is a fraud scam that takes place by email. A typical phishing attack occurs when a legitimate looking email, which appears to come from a bank or other financial institution, is sent to thousands of people requesting them to click on a link to update or verify their information. The fraudsters often try to scare people into opening a phishing email by saying that 'your account has been accessed' or that 'your account will be blocked' or they entice people to click on links by saying that 'you have had a large deposit made into your account' or that 'you need to install new software to protect yourself'. When you click on the link in the email, it directs you to a legitimate-looking website. When you enter your personal details, account details, PIN and password on the fake website, the information is forwarded to the scam artists, who then accesses your bank account while you are online, allowing them to pay funds into specially opened banking accounts to which they have access. These accounts are then cleared of the transferred funds within minutes.

Smishing is much like phishing, except that text messages sent to cellphones are used rather than emails.

Vishing entails social engineering over the telephone where people are called and lured into divulging personal information to an automated system.

Deposit scams

A deposit scam involves the use of altered or fraudulent teller receipts, deposit slips or internet payment confirmations to trick people into believing that a payment was made into their account and cleared, creating the impression that it cannot be returned or reversed. The purpose is to have goods released or services rendered to the fraudsters.

A common scenario entails fraudsters responding to an advertisement for goods you are selling. They try to convince you that a cash payment or electronic transfer payment has been made and cleared, when in fact they have deposited a fraudulent cheque into your account. If you rely solely on the proof of payment and release the goods, the cheque is returned and you sit with a debit on your account – and no goods.

Refund scams

A refund scam also involves the use of altered or fraudulent receipts, deposit slips or internet payment confirmations to trick you into believing that a payment has been made into your account and cleared.

A common scenario entails fraudsters contacting you and claiming that they have either made an incorrect payment into your account or an accidental overpayment on an expected payment due to you. You are then requested to refund the overpaid or incorrectly paid amount by electronic transfer to a nominated account. To support their claim they provide you with a fraudulent internet payment confirmation or cash deposit slip to confirm the deposit of cleared funds. You may be convinced that the funds are cleared and then return the incorrect payment or overpayment.

A few days later the initial deposit that was made with a fraudulent cheque is returned and your account is debited. As you made the 'refund' by electronic transfer, the funds are immediately released and the fraudsters withdraw the money and disappear. Perpetrators have also started to impersonate representatives from well-known entities such as utility services providers (e.g. water, telecommunications, electricity) and tax authorities in an effort to make the scam appear genuine and to increase the pressure on you to act quickly so that they are able to utilize the illegitimately obtained funds before being detected.











TROUBLED LOMDASHI SUED E31m BY FIVE COMPANIES

By Linda Jele High Court

TROUBLED sugarcane association Lomdashi Limited's woes seem to be far from over as five companies are demanding over E31 million payment for alleged breach of contract.

The sugarcane association is currently embroiled in a leadership dispute that is currently pending before the High Court. This has allegedly resulted in disturbance in the company's harvesting of its sugarcane after five companies contracted to harvest and haul the sugarcane to the Ubombo Sugar Mill were allegedly sidelined.

The companies; Jozana Suppliers, Earnsydney Investments and Sitefasi Investments, have filed an urgent court application seeking an order declaring as unlawful, Lomdashi Suppliers' alleged act of sidelining them. The other two companies are Lowveld Investments and Matshinga Investments.

The five companies have alleged that they individually entered into agreements with Lomdashi Suppliers to perform sugarcane harvesting and haulage service. This, they claimed, involved burning, cutting and loading of sugar cane for transportation to Ubombo Sugar Mill.

Appointing

According to Vusi Maziya, Jozana Suppliers' Managing Director on behalf of all the suing companies, the dispute among the members of Lomdashi Suppliers which resulted in the court appointing an interim committee to lead the company pending finalisation of the case between the two factions.

"At all material times, the applicants were the designated providers cane harvesting and haulage to the first respondent

(Lomdashi). In fact, the applicants are the exclusive

providers of the aforesaid services to the first respondent, Maziya said. He

claimed that the status

quo had been acknowledged and embraced by the two warring factions. However, he claimed that when the interim committee took charge of the company, it sidelined the contracted companies as designated service providers. He claimed the interim committee sidelined the companies and appointed Kwasabalimi to replace them.

Decision

"In doing so, the interim committee refused participation in the meeting that made the decision to a critical member of the aforesaid committee. The name of the critical member is Brian Dlamini who was told in no uncertain terms by the interim committee that he was not welcome," Maziya said in his affi-

He submitted that their ousting was a violation of the company's duty, which was now faced with the prospect of compensating the companies millions of emalangeni without a corresponding value. He claimed that the different companies, after obtaining the contracts

THE CLAIMS FOR THE SEASON:

	AMOUNT
COMPANY	
Jozana Suppliers	E683 021.88
Earnsydney Investments	E341 510.94
	CONTRACTOR OF THE
Sitefasi Investments	E515 616.30
Lowveld Investments	E202 667.14
Matshinga Investments	E162 063

THE COMPENSATION FOR THE WHOLE **DURATION OF THE CONTRACT:**

COMPANY	AMOUNT
Jozana Suppliers	E6.5 million
Earnsydney Investments	E6.5 million
Sitefasi Investments	E4.9 million
Lowveld Investments	E6.5 million
Matshinga Investments	E6.5 million

they have to service them despite that they have been stopped from performing their contractual obligations.

Invoiced

with Lomdashi

acquired equip-

going to be used

in the harvesting

These included

trucks, trailers,

top roller inter-

link combina-

tion, to name a

few. This

required that

they obtain loan

financial institu-

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to millions and

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Suppliers,

He claimed that for the current season, they have invoiced Lomdashi Suppliers with a collective E1.9 million, but they have not been paid. He claimed that the haulage companies' directors stood as sureties for the substantial loans granted by the financial institutions and were facing bankruptcy and insolvency if their rights would not be enforced.

"Failing specific performance, the applicants are entitled to compensation. The compensation is based on the contracted tonnage which is multiplied by the agreed fee per tonne.

"The total is thereafter multiplied by the duration or number of years of each contract," he said.

They are represented by lawyer Sabela Dlamini from Magagula and Hlophe Attorneys.

The matter is pending before

Court stops auction collusion

By Linda Jele Mbabane

A full bench of the High Court has once again set aside a sale of a property by public auction on the grounds that there were many irregularities.

The High Court issued an order directing that a property situated at Ngwane Park should be registered to Meshack Dlamini who was a tenant and had initially been sold the house.

However, the sale was later cancelled on the grounds that the house had been auctioned for failure to pay rates to the Manzini Municipal Council. However, the High Court found there was a lot of collusion in the manner

the property was sold. It issued an order setting aside the Manzini Magistrate's Court desicion which ordered the sale in execution of the prop-

erty to recover owed rates, because the order had been issued against the owner of the property, Reuben Thwala who had died.

The property was at the time managed by the deceased's son Sandile in his capacity as executor. Dlamini was a tenant in the property and had entered into a sale agreement with Thwala to purchase the property for E940

Thwala was represented by the late lawyer Bob Sigwane and it was agreed that Dlamini would pay E700 000 deposit and thereafter settle the difference 30 days

However, after paying the E700 000 deposit, Dlamini delayed to pay the balance as Sigwane claimed to have been waiting for Thwala to give him some documents. However, the court found that it was not the case, but

Sigwane was delaying him because he was in collusion to have the property sold through public auction by the Manzini Municipal Council for owed

However, Dlamini was never informed of the developments, despite that he was an interested party by virtue of having purchased the property.

The court found that when the property was sold by public auction, there were irregularities ias the property had not been properly described which was against the auction rules.

Unlawful

It declared the sale unlawful and set it aside. The property had been bought by Cowigan Pty Ltd

and the court ordered that the executor of the deceased's estate and the Manzini Municipal Council should refund Cowigan its purchase price.

The court also ordered that the property should be transferred into the name of Meshack upon payment of the purchase price as stated in the deed of sale he had signed with Sigwane. Meshack was represented by lawyer Sabela Dlamini from Magagula and Hlophe Attorneys in the mat-

"As a result of the finding of collusion between the material respondents, Sandile Thwala, Cowigan and the Manzini Municipal Council, are hereby directed to pay the costs of these proceedings on the scale as between attorney and client scale jointly and severally, one paying the others to be absolved.

sel in terms of Rule 68 of the rules of this court," Judge Nkululeko Hlophe said. Judges Sipho Nkosi and Titus Mlangeni agreed.

Such will include costs of coun-

MAN CUTS LOVER'S PRIVATE PARTS

By Phesheya Kunene Mbabane

MZWANDILE Dlamini. the teacher, who allegedly kicked his girlfriend's private parts and went on to cut her private parts with a ordered to pay a combined fine of E8 000.

After the case was postponed to Tuesday this week due to the fact that his lawyer was writing his supplementary examinations at the University of Swaziland (UNISWA), the trial then proceeded as scheduled, where the teacher was found guilty on both counts.

It is said the first count happened at Ngwenya while the second one took place at Mtjopane. He was charged

with one count of grievous bodily harm (GBH) which was then followed by the second count of grievous bodily harm (GBH). The 37year-old Dlamini, of Dvokolwako, pleaded guilty to both counts.

Dlamini's lawyer asked the court to be lenient with his client as he was remorseful about his actions. Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi ordered the accused to pay a fine of E5 000 on the first count while he was ordered to pay E3 000 or two years in jail on the second one. A year was suspended in the first count while his E1 000 bail was also converted into a fine.

"I am suspending a year on purpose. I am doing this to make sure you monitor your behaviour and if you are found to have committed a

similar offence or any other involving assault, you will start by serving this first before serving the one you will be convicted for," Nhlabatsi said.

She further said the two counts would run consecutively, which means the accused would pay a fine of E6 000 after both a year was suspended and his bail converted to a fine.

The teacher assaulted his girlfriend by beating her with fists, open hands and kicks. He did this to an extent of kicking the girl's private parts It is also alleged that the nature of the couple's argument led to the violence, which bordered around cheating in the relationship.

Worth noting is that the girlfriend was also present to testify in court.

'Cops neglecting my grandchild's case'

By Wonderboy Dlamini Siteki

THE grandmother of the child who was allegedly assaulted by five teachers at Loviwe Primary has alleged that police have neglected the matter, something which has left the child emotionally traumatised.

A Grade Six pupil was reported to have been assaulted by the teachers last week Tuesday after accusing her of stealing E70 belonging to the deputy principal.

The teachers reportedly assaulted the child with open hands, sticks and further banged her against desk while forcing her to admit to stealing the money. They went on to bungle the child into the boot of one of the teacher's car.

This was after the teachers had also thoroughly whipped the entire Grade Six class as the culprit was said to be amongst them. Following the beating, the child sustained injuries in the buttocks, body and further

experienced menstruation for the first time in her life.

It was further alleged that the teachers were under the influence of some intoxicated substance when they committed the shocking incident. The grandmother of the child, who is her only guardian, then reported the incident to the police. Police came to the child's home the following day and recorded statements before taking her to the hospital where she was treated and discharged.

A week later, the grandmother of the child says there have been no further developments on the matter. She has alleged that the police had initially promised to contact her before the end of last week.

But she claims to have heard nothing from them since then. The elderly woman said even though her grandchild had returned to school, she was still suffering from mental trauma which has been as a result of the incident. Meanwhile, it has been gathered that some officials from the regional education office have already visited the school to ascertain what exactly happened on the day.

E200 million fine or 50 years for racketeering

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini Mbabane

A heavy fine of E200 million will be handed down to people convicted of offences relating to racketeering activities.

A proposed law, the Prevention of Organised Crime Bill, 2016, states that convicted offenders would be liable to the said fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 50 years or both.

Enactment

The Bill has been tabled in parliament for debate, and subsequent enactment, to legalise the heavy fines on offenders.

Racketeering, in terms of the proposed law, means the act of operating an illegal business or scheme to make profit, perpetrated by an organised group.

Upon the passing of the Bill by Parliament and subsequent

enactment into law by His Majesty the King, a sentence imposed in-terms of this section would not be subject to postponement or suspension in terms of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act, 1938, or its successor.

In terms of the Bill, offences relating to racketeering activities include any person who, within the country or elsewhere, receives or retains any property derived, directly or indirectly, from a pattern of racketeering

A person also commits the offence, if they are investing in property, in the acquisition of interest in, or the establishment or operation or activities of any enterprise.

Section 3 (4) of the Bill states that any person who, within Swaziland or elsewhere, acquires or maintains, directly or indirectly, any interest in or control of any enterprise through a pattern of racketeering activities

The section also includes managers of the enterprise that is involved in the racketeering as equally committing the offence as well.

Section 3 (7) is even more interesting in that it states: "A court may hear evidence, including evidence with regard to hearsay, similar facts or previous convictions, relating to offences contemplated in subsections (1) to (6) notwithstanding that that evidence might otherwise be inadmissible, provided that the evidence would not render a trial unfair.'

For purposes of proving a previous conviction, during a trial, in respect of an offence contemplated in these subsections, it would be sufficient to prove the original record of judicial proceedings if a copy of that record, certified or purporting to be certified as true copy by the registrar, deputy registrar or clerk of the court or other staff member

having the custody of the record of those judicial proceedings.

The Bill also states that a person shall not be charged with committing an offence under this sub-section unless a prosecution has been authorised in writing by the Director of Public Prosecutions.

The objectives of the Bill are to: introduce measures to combat organised crime and criminal gang activities; prohibit certain activities relating to racketeering; and criminalise certain activities associated with gangs.

Other objects include: providing for the recovery of the proceeds of unlawful activities and; providing for the forfeiture of assets that have been used to commit an offence or assets that are the proceeds of unlawful activities.

The law shall also provide for the establishment of a Criminal Assets Recovery Fund and a Criminal Assets Recovery Committee.

commit, bring about or perform any act of violence or any crim-By Ackel Zwane inal activity by a criminal gang Manzini or its assistance commits the offence. Even those threatening

manner or by any means whatsoever, in response to any act or alleged act of violence commits the offence.

The Bill also makes it an offence for anyone to incites, instigates, commands, aides, advises, encourages or procures any other person to join a criminal gang.

people with retaliation in any

Criminal gangs to face E250 000 fine

A person convicted of offences relating to criminal gang activities shall be fined E250 000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding six years or to both.

The Prevention of Organised Crime Bill, 2016, in describing criminal gang, states; 'includes, whether or not it has an identifiable name or identifying sign or symbol, any formal or informal ongoing organisation, association, or group of two or more persons; which has as one of its aims the commission of one or more criminal offences; and whose members individually or collectively engage in or have engaged in a pattern of criminal gang activity.

Meted

The subsection of the Bill also categorises the offences and stipulates varying fines to be meted on the offenders.

Others would face lesser fines not exceeding E400 or eight years imprisonment or both. Benefit

The Bill lists gang related offences as, when a person who participates in or is a member of a criminal gang and who aids and abets any criminal activity committed for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with any criminal gang. If those people threaten to

> would include that a person has been arrested more than once in the company of identified members of a criminal gang for offences which are consistent with usual criminal gang activi-

Evidence

A person may also be identified as a member of a criminal gang by physical evidence such as photographs or other documentation.



CONTRIBUTED: USDF Public Relations Officer Colonel Wilfred Mgangubovu Dlamini.

Army fork out E300 000 towards SADC Summit

UMBUTFO Swaziland Defence Force (USDF) have donated E300 000 as Tetfulo te Ngewnyama, to support His Majesty towards the hosting of the forthcoming Southern African Development Community Summit, to be held in the country this month.

The cheque was presented to the King on Tuesday, according to USDF Public Relations Officer Colonel Wilfred Mgangubovu Dlamini. "In this regard we wish His Majesty a successful SADC Meeting. Bayethe, Wena-Waphakathi!," he

On another note the army also reported confiscation of contraband goods valued at E28 800 at Lugongolweni vehicle check point. The smuggled goods were handed over to the Mhlumeni Swaziland Revenue

The army also confiscated dagga valued at E8400 at Mashholo and Magcobeni borderline. Two suspects carrying the dagga were also arrested and handed over, together with their consignment, to Nhlangano police sta-191

Stay with criminal gangs at your own risk

TO reside in a particular area synonymous with gang activity might lead to someone being identified as a criminal gang member and risk arrest.

A proposed law to fight criminal gang activities states that, in considering whether a person is a member of a criminal gang for the purposes of this Act, the

court may have regard to all relevant factors. These factors include that the person admit to being a member of a criminal

Frequents

Also, one may be identified as a member of a criminal gang by a parent, guardian or relative. If a person resides in or frequents a

particular area for gangs and adopts their style of dress, their use of hand signs, language of their tattoos and associates with known members of a criminal gang, that would be evidence enough that the person is a member of the criminal gang admissible in court.

Other identification factors

Schoolboy's leg crushed by sugarcane truck

By Wonderboy Dlamini Siteki

A schoolboy from Lubulini was on Monday run over by a truck, which was transporting sugarcane, while trying to pull some cane from the load.

The unfortunate incident is likely to cost the boy his leg as doctors are reported to have recommended amputating the crushed leg.

A group of school boys from the area are said to have taken advantage of a slight hill, which saw the truck travelling at a very low speed.

The boys are said to have attempted to pull some of the sugarcane from the load while the truck ascended the hill.

As fate would have it, one of the boys slipped and had his leg trapped by the truck's wheels. The boy's leg was run over by the wheels, resulting in multiple fractures.

The boy was rushed to a hospital,

where he was admitted. Deputy Police Information and Communication Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the incident yesterday.

Vilakati went on to sternly warn members of the public against engaging in such attempts of pulling out the load from a truck.

She said this was common with school children, who at times would even board the truck while ascend-

She said this was a very dangerous



act, which needed to be discouraged by parents at all costs.

"We urge parents to sternly warn

children to stay away from the road as schools will soon be closed," said Vilakati.

RED CARPET UMTSIMBA FOR VUSI, HLOBSILE

By Sandile Nkambule Ticantfwini

TICANTFWINI on Saturday came alive as three of His Majesty King Mswati III's *Emakhosikati* graced the traditional wedding for Vusi Mabuza, who is son to Princess Kwatiwako and Hlobisile daughter to Swazi Observer Promotions Officer David Dlamini.

Mabuza is employed by the King's Office (Nkhanini), while Hlobisile works for the Royal Science and Technology Park.

The traditional ceremony was attended by members of the Royal family and hundreds of people who came in their numbers to witness the colourful traditional wedding.

Three of the King's *Emakhosikati*, LaMatsebula, LaNtentesa and LaDube graced the ceremony, while Princes and Princesses also came in their numbers.

Treatment

The bridal party (umtsimba) came from across the river at Makholweni, under Manzini North and Sibhomeni at Ticantfwini, the area came alive as the bridal party danced up a storm with the bride and groom accorded a red carpet treatment.

More than 15 songs were rendered by the bridal party (*umtsimba*), a dance that was appreciated by many. Son to Princess Kwatiwako traditionally weds daughter to Swazi Observer Promotions officer David Dlamini

 Vusi Mabuza works for the King's office while Hlobsile Dlamini - Mabuza works for the Royal Science and Technology park



HOME COMFORT: The bride Hlobsile Dlamini - Mabuza comfortably seated with her husband Vusi Mabuza on the beautiful lounge suit she presented him as part of umhlambiso. This was during their traditional wedding held at Ticantfwini on Saturday. (Pics: Sandile Nkambule)

The King's *Emakhosikati* also danced *(kudlalisela)* before the bride.

The groom, members of the Royal

family and the Mabuza's were on Sunday afternoon presented with gifts by the bride through the customary *kuhlambisa*.



RED CAPERT: The bride walking towards her in-laws before she started dancing with her umtsimba.



FARE THEE WELL: Father to the bride David Dlamini inserting inyongo on his daughter's head before she left with her umtsimba to the Mabuzas.



IN FULL SWING: Part of the bridal party in full swing as they dance to 'umtsimba' songs.



SIGODLO: Princesses Tsandzile and Phumelele seated with members of the Royal family as they follow the proceedings.



ROYALTY: Emakhosikati to His Majesty LaNtentesa and LaDube.



KUDLALISELA: The groom Vusi Mabuza joined by emajaha as he dances towards his bride for kudlalisela.



SITAYINQOBA: Imbali in full swing as they dance 'Umtsimba' songs.



ROYAL TOUCH: The bride flanked by Emakhosikati to His Majesty LaNtentesa and LaDube as she dances.

LINKOK WING SURPASSES HARVARD IN TWITTER FOLLOWERS

Limkokwing University surpassed Harvard with more Twitter followers.

Limkokwing University announced today a milestone achievement in surpassing other higher educational institutes with the most followers on the social media website Twitter.

Data from the Twitter Analytics page showed that Limkokwing University currently has 648K followers. Based on the Socialbakers' social media analytics page, Limkokwing University has the highest number of Twitter followers among higher educational institutions in the world, surpassing even the Top 5 higher educational institutions in the US: Harvard University (637K followers), Khan Academy (511K followers), Stanford University (427K), MIT (379K followers) and Coursera (322K followers), and even the Top 2 UK Universities: Oxford University (301K followers) and Cambridge University (269K followers).

This achievement followed another milestone as previously Limkok-wing University had ranked in the top 10 of the world's most liked universities on social media site Facebook. Based on Socialbakers' data and backed by Facebook. Page metric data analytic site, Limkokwing University is currently

ranked 3rd on Facebook behind only Harvard and Oxford with almost 2 million likes to date. The University is the first Malaysian University to be on the list and is the fastest moving in popularity with a weekly growth average of +30,000 likes, moving

WORLD'S MOST FOLLOWED UNIVERSITIES ON TWITTER

As of the 1st of August 2016, @Limkokwing_MY has been listed as one of the world's most followed Universities, generating more Twitter followers than globally renowned education institutions including Harvard, Stanford & MIT

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- 10. University of Cambridge
- 11. Princeton University

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"What we are most proud of is the huge sense of community amongst our students, who promote their friends and are passionate about the projects they work on."

Dato' Timothy Lim Kok Wing Jr.
Vice President of Systems Internation





three times faster than Harvard University. These rankings, particularly the sustained upward movement by the University over the last several years with its recognition as a 21st Century ready University, show Limkokwing University's continuation of excellence worldwide.

Its experiences like these that separate Limkokwing University from others. With more than 300 awards for creativity and innovation in education from the United States of America, the United Kingdom, Europe, Asia and Africa over the last three years, the essence of the University has brought the world to Malaysia. Limkokwing University's social media sites have been instrumental in engaging its international student population from over 150 countries and have given the students the platform and the leverage to take advantage of international networking by making friends from all over the world. Started in March 2009, the @Limkokwing_MY Twitter page has become a valuable tool for providing information to the public and its students with the current news about the University. The University is unbelievably proud to have received this rank, and believes that its social presence plays a part in the bigger picture that draws to fostering innovation and

pioneering leadership in creative education through social technology. For more on our innovative courses, awards and achievements visit www.limkokwing.net another University award winning website which receives over 330 million hits a year from 222 countries and territories.







WOMAN FOUND WITH 242KG DAGGA, SEEDS

By Phesheya Kunene Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A woman aged 45 from Ekuvinjelweni has been sentenced to 17 years in a correctional facility for being found in possession of dagga weighing 242 kilograms.

Phumzile Mncina was arrested on May 17, at her parental home at Ekuvinjelweni after police officers raided her house and found the dagga together with its seeds weighing 30 kilograms.

She was subsequently slapped with two counts; that of being in possession of both the illegal herb and its seeds without a permit.

Mncina claimed the dagga did not belong to her, however, she confirmed in court that it was found in her possession during the time of her arrest.

The woman was represented by



Lawyer 'Chicken' Dlamini in the case presided over by Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi.

For being found in possession of dagga, Mncina was sentenced to 15 years or pay a fine option of E15 000 and for the second count of being in possession of the dagga seeds, she was sentenced to two years in a correctional

facility or pay E2 000.

Three years of the first count were suspended, which are equivalent to E5 000 of the E15 000 fine, the second count stood and the magistrate said the counts would run concurrently.

Mncina's bail of E3 000 was converted to the fine hence she was ordered to pay E7 000 or spend seven years behind bars.

During mitigation, her lawyer pleaded with the court to be lenient when passing sentence, saying Mncina was a bread winner at her homestead and had six children she was taking care of.

"Your Worship, please do not use my client as an example to teach other offenders or masses out there a lesson. Consider that she is a first offender and has minors at home waiting for her to support them," Dlamini said.

When passing sentence, Nhlabatsi said all the submissions made by Mncina's representative were considered.

Bush-knife wielding man storms church, drags out elder

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta Nhlangano

IN one of the bizarre incidents to happen inside a church, a man stormed a service wielding a bush-knife and proceeded to drag out one of the elders threatening to chop him to pieces.

This incident happened recently at the Cana Evangelical Church near Zombodze Emuva where close to 200 church members were left engulfed with fear.

The livid man, estimated around 35 years, dragged out Hezekiel Sibandze who was seated at the back.

No clear explanation was advanced for the man's behaviour which shocked the brethren.

Understands

This newspaper understands that on the day in question, the leader of the branch Pastor Doctor Mamba was away at Mhlosheni (regional main branch) and standing in for him was Cornelius Ngozo.

According to a highly placed source, Pastor Ngozo was already in the pulpit when the angry man stormed the church, and dragged the elder, oblivious to the ongoing church service.

"He went straight for Sibandze and was mumbling something which we could not comprehend. Sibandze is one of the elders of the church and is in his early 70s. He once served as the Zombodze Emuva constituency headman and is from the influential ruling Sibandze clan of the area," the source

It is said the frightened brethren screamed and others prayed seeking God to spare the old man's life. "Others were praying hard that they should not fall victim to the angry man. Whilst others were seen hiding under the seats," said a church member.

But some followed the two and found them arguing outside the church premises and reasoned with the armed man.

Some decided not to be part of the debacle and left the church immediately.

Negotiating

"Pastor Ngozo also had to leave the pulpit to join the other male church members who were negotiating with the armed man," another insider said.

The service then had to end unceremoniously after the drama.

The source said there were speculations land disputes were to blame for such a confrontation.

Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the incident.

She stated that a case has been opened with the Nhlangano police where the elder of the church laid charges against his attacker.

"There is a case where a man aged 35 is expected to be in court soon after a 72-year-old elder of the church opened a case of assault against him," said Assistant Supt. Vilakati.

Man swindles woman E3 000 to contribute to cleansing

By Phesheya Kunene Mbabane Magistrates Court

A young man allegedly swindled a woman E3 000 to contribute towards his father's cleansing ceremony.

Sifiso Nkambule allegedly borrowed the money from Phumzile of Hilltop and promised to give her a cow. However, he failed to do so until the complainant ran out of patience. It is alleged that the accused person, who also resides in Hilltop, borrowed the money around January.

After pleading guilty, he was convicted of theft.

"I was under pressure Your Worship as I had to prepare for the cleans-

ing ceremony. My father left cattle behind, so I opted to pay back the money using one of the cows as my attempts to organise cash proved futile," Nkambule said in court during mitigation. However, Nkambule said he faced problems at home thus it was proving difficult for him to get hold of the cow he had promised the complainant.

"My initial plan was to pay back her money in cash but I faced problems as I had no stable income. I then decided to offer a cow as payment. It is not true that I promised her a cow in exchange of the money. I tried my best to relate my situation to her but she ran out of patience and reported me to the police while I was still putting together a plan on how I

would pay back the money," he said. Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi said it was expected of the complainant to run out of patience as it had taken Nkambule a while to pay back the money he owes.

"Proceeding with this matter and pass a sentence will not help the complainant. What is important to her is getting back the money, so I will keep you in custody until your relatives organise the E3 000 and pay the complainant before the court passes a sentence," Nhlabatsi said after learning that the accused person had relatives in court to support him.

Nhlabatsi said she will not attend to the matter until the complainant was paid the money owed to her. She then postponed the case to today.

CHAOS AT BORDER AS SWAZIS WANT TO IMPORT MORE MEALIE-MEAL

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nsalitje

THERE was near chaos at the Nsalitje Border Gate when a group of Swazis returned from Pongola in South Africa and bulldozed their way through customs without declaring their goods.

Hluti Police Station Commander Ntombi Dlamini rushed to find out what was happening.

Also arriving at the border gate were two Members of Parliament (MPs) Sikiza Mhlungu and Thulani Masuku from Matsanjeni South and Hosea, respectively.

The group estimated to be between 60 to 100 who crossed to Pongola were from the two constituencies.

A majority of the Swazis do their shopping, especially groceries in

Pongola, as they are residents from areas around Matsanjeni and Hluti.

This newspaper understands that the group entered the border gate forcefully, pushing and shoving officials comprising police officers and those from the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA). As those crossing the border were many, they outnumbered the officials at the border gate, b some cheated and did not declare whatever they had bought as should be the procedure. The crowd's pressure, reportedly damaged the boom gate. This newspaper understands that the residents had groceries consisting of mealie-meal and where they shopped, such a commodity weighed 25 kilograms yet only 20kg was allowed through the border.

The ban of purchasing mealie-meal over 20kg from SA, gave officials at the Nsalitje Border Gate a hard time as many still come with the product

weighing more.

MP Mhlungu confirmed that he had to rush to the border gate after receiving a call from the Hluti Police Station commander who alerted him about the chaos which was taking place.

"We rushed there and unfortunately, found that most of the people had already left. The chaos was over protesting to import mealie-meal weighing over 20kg. The sad part is that, mealie-meal is packed in a 25 kg bag and upward in Pongola," said the MP. Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati also confirmed the incident.

"It's true that police rushed to the border gate where people were chaotic and I believe these were Swazis who wanted to push their way without declaring their goods," said Vilakati,



CONFIRMED: Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati.

Branch leader confirms incident

LEADER of the Cana Evangelical Church branch near Zombodze Emuva, Pastor Doctor Mamba also confirmed.

Pastor Mamba said he was at the main branch at Mhlosheni on that fateful day and Pastor Ngozo was in charge.

He said upon return from Mhlosheni, he was shocked to hear that such drama unfolded in their church.

"I was not present when the drama took place. However, I have been briefed on what transpired and I am still shocked. As a church, we condemn such acts by the angry man. We thank God that he protected His people as no one was harmed," said Pastor Mamba.

EGPAF applauds HMCS stride in eliminating HIV infection

By Nozipho Sibiya Mbabane

ELIZABETH Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF) has applauded His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) for its effort in eliminating HIV infection within the correctional setup.

The department in collaboration with EGPAF recently held a weeklong expert client training workshop at the Matsapha Correctional Centre.

About nineteen (9) offenders were educated on several topics under the pre-service expert client curriculum.

These were inmates from Nhlangano Correctional Centre, Mbabane, Bhalekane and Matsapha Correctional Centre.

Speaking during a presentation of certificates to the offenders, EGPAF's Health Services Manager Harriet Mamba applauded the Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase, together with the Health Services team from the department for demonstrating profound interest on HIV related matters.

Elated

She said they were elated over the fact that the organisation had successfully conducting the training with some of the offenders, who had an immense role to play within their facilities.

Mamba highlighted that some of the key areas deliberated, during the training included; impact of HIV and AIDS, expert client in HIV programme as well as HIV treatment, amongst others.

"Having graduated from the training, I am confident that the offenders will make an impact when carrying out their duties in the various centres. This follows that the organisation's responsibility included, ensuring that every client had access to HIV testing and treatment, highquality counseling and psychosocial support within a variety of easily-accessible health settings throughout the country," she said.

Adding, Mamba encouraged offenders to make use of the skills they had acquired upon release from custody.

She said at present, there were five offenders who undertook the same training by ICAP, who were now employed by the ministry of health, thus it was imperative that, upon release, the offenders should not hesitate to apply when job vacancies are announced.

Optimistic

On that note, HMCS Commissioner General, Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase, who was represented by the Director of Health Services, Senior Assistant Commissioner, Makhosazana Dlamini, said he was optimistic that the strong bond, which existed between the two institutions, would

He said the department's health care services had the responsibility to render comprehensive health care services to officers,

need for more sponsors, as the trained offenders would also leave when offenders their time comes and there would be and comnew offenders who will still need munity those skills. members.

Ntshangase then encouraged the offenders to take their newly acquired skills seriously and take orders from the staff nurses, so as to develop their skills in the field of practice. He commended facilitators,

"Offenders ought to be accommo-

dated to custodial conditions that will

not expose them to hazardous health

Ntshangase said it was imperative to

prevent such perilous conditions to

avoid spreading illnesses to the out-

"However, the lack of resources has

continued to pose a major challenge,

as some of the objectives cannot be

Ntshangase took time to appreciate

such social partners like EGPAF, as

the department had been able to train

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Menzi Ginindza and Gezani Mamba from EGPAF for working diligently in training the offend-

BOND WILL LAST: Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase.

I was exposed to HIV infections-assaulted robber

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi Manzini

ONE of the suspects, who was arrested for robbing a mobile money operator of E15 000, says he was exposed to HIV infections due to beatings he received from the community and the way his coaccused are being treated.

However, the accused could not clarify how he was exposed to the infections.

Thabiso Mhlanga and Mfanafuthi Gwebu appeared at the Matsapha Circuit court for trial on Tuesday, before Magistrate Lucia Lukhele.

Thabiso said they were stoned and | two said they had not planned the heavily assaulted by community members, after they were accused of robbing Siphelele Makhanya of her

Mhlanga, who is a kombi conductor, said his partner, Gwebu, tried to hide from an angry mob by taking off his clothing and hid in a graveyard. However, he got more than he bargained for, as he was bundled into a police vehicle, naked, after receiving a thorough beating from community members.

The two were last week accused of robbery and they both pleaded guilty to the charges.

During their testimony in court, the

robbery adding that they were not even aware what they were going to do, as they were asked by a friend to accompany him so that he could collect his money somewhere.

They said they were surprised when they saw their friend robbing the woman, who was working at a mobile money shop.

The two have since pleaded with the court to be lenient with them, when passing sentence, as it was their friend who is still on the run that had plotted the robbery all along. He said together with the co-accused, they they were just victims of circumstances.

Kubuta MP to transform MDGs to SDGs

By Sabatha Dlamini Mbabane

KUBUTA Member of Parliament (MP) Njabulo Mabuza is at the forefront of transforming the Millennium **Development Goals (MDGs)** to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

MP Mabuza has joined other regional legislators on a drive to make the MDGs achieve their intended objectives on a sustainable manner.

In his capacity as portfolio committee chairman for the ministry of health, he said they made a tremendous contribution on issues that pertains to the welfare of the citizens of the country.

Mabuza and his delegation have returned from a regional conference from Mnyonyo, Uganda, where they were looking into challenges and opportunities for parliaments to enhance reproductive health issues. MP Mabuza's report, a former health minister, says the objectives of the conference was to enhance accountability, political leadership and stewardship for the implementation of the reproductive health plans in the region; in the context of the sustainable development goals. They would also develop country specific action plans for parliamentarians that promote reproductive health plans for implementation over the next 12 months.

The report by MP Mabuza reflected that Dr. Jotham Musunguzi,

Director General National Population Council, outlined the theme of the MDGs; as to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, achieve universal primary education, promote gender equality and empower women.

Other objectives include reducing child mortality, improve maternal health, combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases.

Dr. Musunguzi then elaborated on the sustainable development goals; that they end poverty everywhere and helps improve nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture. Further, they aim to attain healthy lives for all; provide quality education and life-long learning opportunities for all. Lastly, he stated on the facts of attaining gender equality and the ways of improving women and girls everywhere. Dr. Musunguzi also touched on the legacy of the MDGs' success factors and



AT FOREFRONT: MP Njabulo Mabuza.

limitations, noting that there were three key elements of sustainable development goals namely; environment, social and economic.

On education, the MDGs have been credited with the free primary education (FPE), in that, it has had a substantial increase in the proportion of children attending primary schools and modest improvement in literacy rates. To empower the youth and future generation of women, the keeping of girls in schools and providing comprehensive sexual education; was cited as key. Keeping girls in schools as a means of reducing teenage pregnancy were deliberated at length at the conference. The Sub-Sahara Africa

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was said to be host to the largest share of HIV deaths among young people. Adolescents are reportedly involved in drugs, alcohol and unprotected sex leading to such high death rates. The conference attendants recom-

— mended that

all children attending schools should not be left behind in the acceleration of harnessing the demographic dividend in Africa. Also, it was recommended that female education should be championed and end child marriage and more education should be placed on drugs.

There should be improvement of access to comprehensive sexual reproductive health services including as access to contraceptives and safe abortion services for those who need them in line with maternal policing.

CITY SCHEME DELAYED BY POLES, CABLES

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta Ngudzeni

A E1.1 million electricity scheme project under the Ngudzeni constituency is now delayed only by the lack of poles and cables to be installed by the Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC).

The Phikelela Electricity Scheme project

will benefit 170 homesteads.

Constituency Headman Ray Ngcamphalala said all the necessary work has been done and completed except for the erection of the poles and cables.

He said the residents managed to raise the required amount to meet the financiers of the project halfway.

"We are now waiting on SEC to do what is required of it.

Once the people's parliament is over, there will be progress in as far as this project is concerned.

"Initially, our plan was that before the end of the year, we would have just a few places without electricity under this constituency and by the look of things, this goal will be achieved," said Ngcamphalala. He said almost all the families to benefit from the project have already wired their houses and once SEC installs the poles and the cables, the homes would be powered.

About E84 000 for some homesteads was donated by the MPs so that residents under the constituency have electricity.

E120 000 needed for closed Hlatikulu abattoir

IT'S been a year since the Hlatikulu abattoir was closed as it was in a bad state.

About E120 000 is needed to renovate the facility. As things are now, butchery owners rely from other towns and other privately owned abattoirs for this service.

The town board took the decision to close the abattoir last year after realising that it was a health hazard.

Hlatikulu Town Board Chief Executive Officer Bongani Dlamini said they will not open the facility until it was rehabilitated.

He said the decision to close the abattoir was taken by them as they could not wait for the health inspectorate team as the place was a glaring health hazard.

"The town board acted after inspecting the place and realised that allowing it to operate would place people's lives in danger. It's not just the outdated equipment but the building itself is not fit to be used for such operations. It needs major renovations and new equipment altogether. We are making means to raise the required funds to rehabilitate it. The town board wants the abattoir to meet all the hygienic standards," he said. Dlamini said the lack of such service, was on of the inconvenience to butchery owners and other residents at large.

"We are fully aware of the inconvenience caused by the closure of the facility and that it is affecting businesses, however, there is nothing we can do.

"We appeal to the public, in particular butchery owners and those that slaughter animals, to be patient with us as we will come up with a solution," said the CEO.

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

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Nomthandazo Nkambule

"THE Mbabane Government Hospital is very disappointing," one Dlangeni resident, Zodwa Khanyile said in her submission on Tuesday at the people's parliament at Ludzidzini.

Well, such an utterance about the country's supposedly big health facility was de javu to most of us. It does not matter which section of the hospital Khanyile was referring to, but that facility needs a serious overhaul if the first world status talks are anything to go by.

Despite the dilapidated walls and stench which ushers you straight to the wards and administrative offices the moment you set your foot in the hospital's gate, that entity is in dire need for corporate governance. It looks like everyone in that hospital is a 'chief' from the cleaner right to the doctors who are supposed to be on call but are never there. If my memory serves me well, government hospitals are supposed to have administrators, well, I remember one very efficient one who used to head the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital Mkhosi Khumalo.

That guy manned that hospital even on weekends simply because he was some kind of CEO who made sure that facility runs very smooth. Perhaps the problems that would 'mushroom' in that facility were out of Khumalo's control maybe by government's slacking. He knew what was expected of him as an

AND SIBAYA CRIES FOUL OVER MBABANE GOVT HOSPITAL

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administrator, no wonder that health facility is still hailed as one of the best in the country. While Khanyile abetsi ukhipha linyeva lakhe as His Majesty King Mswati III has been misunderstood on the emanyeva context, that woman from Dlangeni was correct. Surely, she represented many others who are aggrieved and do not understand the modus operandi at the Mbabane hospital.

That facility is in disarray. Its one thing to have a pigsty as a working place but it's another to have professionals who are busy on whatsApp, waiting for shayile time.

This is just a few of the things that go down in that government hospital. Where is the Mbabane

Government Hospital administrator? What does he or she make of the tonnes of complaints by aggrieved patients and the lawsuits lined up in court? Ukhona yini vele administrator lapha?

Foul

Over the years, patients have cried foul over negligence and bad service by the hospital staff. Others have complained and are to-date sick because they are misdiagnosed. Some families still blame the hospital for losing their loved ones, the list of challenges and complaints by patients is endless.

The facility has since been dubbed a slaughter house. People are not happy with that government hospital, and this

has just been referenced by the submissions made at the people's parliament as regards that entity.

The people have spoken, especially about the facility, and hopefully it will not fall on deaf ears, there will be some redress. And tick tock, 2022 is just around the corner. The nation deserves a better Mbabane Government Hospital come 2022.

I do not care if the hospital was established in the 1920s, but the people are employed there are within the employment ages thus the service should show.

Khanyile at the people's parliament even bragged that the Mankayane Government Hospital is far better interms of service delivery than the Mbabane one.

She was spot on, she had first experience. Does this then means that the people of Mbabane should travel to as far as Mankayane or Pigg's Peak just to access health services? I do not think so. Government and development partners have invested millions of Emalangeni in that facility but unfortunately it has gone to waste.

Experience

I have my own experience about that hospital but it's not about me.

The Mbabane Government Hospital should be the country's powerhouse health facility holistically; it's in the capital city where everything happens. But that's not the case. I am sure 'little known' Mkhuzweni Health Centre next to Buhleni delivers better service. Or we need a public protector to crack the whip on the inefficiencies at the city's hospital.

As the first world status talk intensify, we should be cognisant of the fact that only people will help realise that dream. And it starts in that hospital. For the vision to be achieved, the nation must be very healthy, with minimal waste of money on medical aid schemes. I bank on government health services for that healthy nation demanded by the vision. They say a healthy nation is a wealthy nation. Health forms part of a robust economy and a nation's health care system is one of its most important services.

Hopefully the minister of health is very much awake to the numerous complaints and problems in that hospital. Perhaps if she is proactive enough she has answers to that and will deliver before 2018. Government should conduct a 'clean audit' on the hospital as we warm up for

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ON THIS DAY

..AUGUST 11

1860 - The first successful silver mill in America began operations. The mill was in Virginia City, NV.

1874 - A patent for the sprinkler head was given to Harry S. Parmelee. 1877 - The two moons of Mars were discovered by Asaph Hall, an American astronomer. He named them Phobos and Deimos.

1896 - Harvey Hubbell received a patent for the electric light bulb socket with a pull-chain.

1909 - The American ship Arapahoe became the first to ever use the SOS distress signal off the coast of Cape Hatteras, NC.

1924 - Newsreel pictures were taken of US presidential candidates for the first time.

1934 - Alcatraz, in San Francisco Bay, received federal prisoners for the first

1941 - The Atlantic Charter was signed by US President Franklin Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

1942 - During World War II, Pierre Laval publicly announced "the hour of liberation for France is the hour when Germany wins the war."

1945 - The Allies informed Japan that they would determine Emperor Hirohito's future status after Japan's surrender.

1951 - The first major league baseball game to be televised in color was broadcast. The Brooklyn Dodgers defeated the Boston Braves 8-1.

1954 - Seven years of fighting came to an end in Indochina. A formal peace was in place for the French and the Communist Vietminh.

1962 - Andrian Nikolayev, of the Soviet Union, was launched on a 94-hour flight. He was the third Russian to go into space.

1965 - The US conducted a second launch of "Surveyor-SD 2" for a landing on the Moon surface test.

1971 - Harmon Killebrew of the Minnesota Twins got his 500th and 501st home runs of his major league baseball career.

1975 - The US vetoed the proposed admission of North and South Vietnam to the United Nations. The Security Counsel had already refused to consider South Korea's application.

1984 - Carl Lewis won his fourth gold medal in the 1984 Summer Olympics. 1984 - US President Ronald Reagan was preparing for his weekly radio broadcast when, during testing of the microphone, the President said of the Soviet Union, "My fellow Americans, I am pleased to tell you that I just signed legislation that would outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes.

1984 - The Cincinnati Reds honored major league All-Star and Hall of Fame catcher Johnny Bench by retiring his uniform (#5).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY





1953 - Hulk Hogan 1965 - Viola Davis (Actress)

MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



FEATURES & OPINION

SAMKELO MAHLALELA NERCHA

THE National Emergency Response Council on HIV and AIDS (NERCHA) is once again rolling out the 'Taking HIV and AIDS Information to **Institutions of Higher** Learning' programme through the National HIV/AIDS **Information and Training** Centre (Info Centre) and her strategic partners (AHF, FLAS, HC3, PSI, SNAP, **UNFPA's Condomise Project,** Matsapha Town Board and SWANNEPHA) in various institutions of higher learning, countrywide.

The programme is aimed at giving new students information on HIV and AIDS and related health issues through a programme of activities developed for and targeting freshmen and rolled out during the orientation week of each of the institutions.

The approach this year acknowledges that in this age of ever improving technologies, what people need to know about HIV is readily available (you just have to look at the amount of information on social media alone), but what is more difficult to figure out is our own personal role in reducing our risk of HIV infection. The programme recognises that what is more difficult for most people than thinking mile about HIV is how they feel about HIV - that some may avoid amo acknowledging how they feel because of fear, shame or the hurt they still feel from the loss of loved ones to HIV and AIDS.

NEW APPROACH

The approach this year, is to present information through videos, followed by panel discus-

The MTV Shuga series 3, has been introduced to spice up and shake the programme, replacing the very popular, fascinating but informative 'The Inside Story' that has been used in the past three years. The seven-episode MTV Shuga series is not about the 'blame game' nor is it made to make the viewers feel bad or one afraid.

Instead, it acknowledges the existence of HIV in our lives and takes this as an opportunity to son find out more about ourselves and how we are living our lives together.

The series represent a new approach to prevention and education, that focuses on people rather than HIV.

It follows the educational theory that tells us that, "We need to feel our subject and not to just think about it." It is extraordinary in its ability to make those that view it, feel many things, even when they do not want to. Feeling is what makes us human. Empathy, one

TERTIARY ORIENTATIONS PROGRAMME FOCUSING ON PEOPLE RATHER THAN H

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of the most important of our emotions, helps us to understand what it is like to live a life with HIV, inspiring us to reach out to those living with it, with love, care and support.

TOXIC TERTIARY ENVI-RONMENT

The Info Centre and partners have been rolling out this tertiary programme for the five years for the reason that the tertiary environment is highly toxic and only the resilient survive. First, the tertiary environment has high personal freedom and social interaction, which for many of the new students is unchartered waters. This new freedom is quickly squashed by that the environment is also as academically demanding as it intellectually challenging. The result is that for those that do not meet the academic demand (for one reason or another) may then try to obtain "sexually transmitted" marks, while for those that are ill-prepared to engage and be engaged, they often withdraw into self.

For many students, financial challenges as regards living quarters, travelling expenses and meals, leads to rising trends of transactional relationships with partners older than them (some as much as 10 years or more). This situation entails for both the female and the male students who find themselves falling prey to those with financial means.

Also, the high levels of sexual networking and cultural and / or spiritual challenges that mean there is silence around one's sexual orientation, add to ensuring that the tertiary environment offers great opportunities for HIV high-risk behaviour.

NEED TO PERSUADE NEW **STUDENTS**

Recognising the volatile nature of the tertiary environment and following on His Majesty, King Mswati III's directive that "akubete lotfola ligciwane - No one should get HIV," NERCHA, through the Info Centre and partners, is using the programme to contribute to His Majesty's vision to ensure that the close to 900 000 Swazis that are currently HIV negative remain so. The idea is to persuade the new students to recognise that their lives matter enough for them to want to protect themselves; to persuade them to adopt 'appropriate' behaviour so as not to contract HIV and not to spread it - in the event that one already has it.

The programme line-up also includes a testimonial by a student that is now in his final year of study at UNISWA, who talks about the negative impact that drugs and alcohol have had on his academic pursuits, and how he has managed to turn his life around. The students are kept entertained through edutainment provided by Gedlembane, a comedian who educates about HIV and AIDS, in an entertaining manner.

Through the panel discussions, the students are given an opportunity to pose questions and are given answers promptly. At the end of all orientation programmes, the frequently asked questions will be posted with answers on the Info Centre Website and Ziyakhipha Facebook page for reference.

HIV testing and counselling (HTC) services is provided by AIDS Healthcare Foundation and the Matsapha Town Board's

mobile unit (for the tertiaries around the Matsapha area.

PARTICIPATING INSTITU-**TIONS**

Already, the Info Centre and partners have covered all three campuses of the University of Swaziland as they converged at the Sports Emporium on August 8); On August 9, in a groundbreaking session, the programme was rolled out for UNISWA Institute of Distance Education; in Nhlangano to cover Ngwane Teacher's Training College yesterday and are today covering the Swaziland College of Technology.

Those still to be covered include Gwamile VOCTIM, Southern African Nazarene University (both faculties), Good Shepherd Nursing College, and William Pitcher Teacher's training College. Others that the programme hopes will come on board are, the Christian Medical University and Limkokwing University of Creative Technology.

EXPECTED OUTCOME

The truth is that though information about HIV is indispensable, alone, it is not enough to prevent new HIV infections. What matters is if and how the students (over 1 500 have been covered this far) will use the information passed on to them. In the intersection where HIV meets our lives, all the information we need about HIV is available what matters is what is known about self. How they will use the information about HIV depends on them, individually and collectively.



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MEN AND GENDER EQUITY

DURING a series of consultative dialogues with traditional leadership in the Shiselweni region early this year, one attendant, a grey-haired S'gayoyo Dlamini at the end of one session, expressed his desire to elaborate further on what he had earlier submitted, saying the five minutes allocated to speakers had not been enough; at least for him.

The dialogues, convened by the Women and Law Swaziland Chapter, were aimed at sensitising traditional leadership structures about; women's rights, child marriages and the constitution.

Naturally, the meeting was heated, especially on the issue of women's rights, but Dlamini coolly declared that, personally, he had no qualms with women being equal to men; especially if the boundaries are clearly demarcated.

He said, even though he could not claim the title of the ultimate emancipationist, he personally believed that it was culture that accorded men their, somewhat, special status.

"This is inherited from our grandfathers and our fathers. But if it has to do with life, we all deserve equal treatment. For example, we are all entitled to medical treatment, be it man or woman. And why shouldn't that also extend to opportunities?" he wondered.

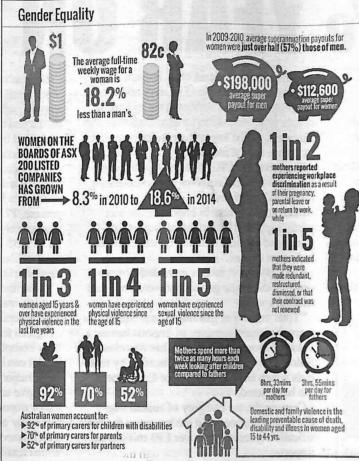
He stated that, in his household, he has always stressed that chores should be distributed in an equitable manner, and he ensured that this happened at all times.

"Obviously, there are specific chores for females and some for males, while others could be universalised. But no one should be overworked and if need be, such norms can even be altered.

"I have attended many workshops where the issue of gender equality has been broached and I have eventually realised that there was something to it. I am also aware that even the country's constitution promoted such a view," he claimed.

Dlamini said he and several of his counterparts had worked in the mines in their younger days, where they cooked and washed for themselves; adding that he then saw no reason why they could not do the same in their homes, especially when the need

an 'enlightened' traditionalist's view



arose. He continued that in the mines, they lived in male only hostels where they had to cook, wash, sew torn clothes and even their socks.

"Without doing these duties, you would have to make do with the hostel fare, which ended up being monotonous and tasteless. Those, who then say such chores are unmanly, are outright fibbers. In fact, some of them are better cooks and it was their misguided pride, which prevented them from doing so at times," he said.

He noted that it was sad that despite so much gender education initiatives in the country, male attitudes were still not changing.

"At these workshops, we are informed that the idea of what it meant to be a man was not innate but shaped by society, and therefore could be altered. It was social conventions that equated manhood with 'dominance, aggression, sexual conquest and fearlessness'. They also determined the roles that men and women play. To change those relations, all aspects of gender inequality have to be addressed," he opined. Dlamini then made an example saying older men no longer beat up their wives, and only the younger ones, their

sons did.

"This is not because we are weak, but due to accumulation of grey matter, unlike these youths, who are mostly all brawn and no brains, such that they are provoked at the slightest altercation. They should also be brought to such meetings, so that they can learn more about gender based violence and that it was a prosecutable crime," he said.

He noted that he had also learnt at that violence was also linked to the runaway HIV prevalence in the country.

"Violence by men against women is not simply a result of a lost temper. Men believe that they will be dismissed by their friends and the community, as lesser men, if they did not lord it over their wives. They do not want to compromise or share power. Rather than seeking ways to resolve conflict they resort to violence, sometimes even against each other," he said.

He observed that it was then important that extreme care is exercised, when such matters are deliberated at community level. Adding that for example, some organisations went about empowering women about rights the wrong way.

"Women in abusive relation-

ships then return home empowered with a new clarity and start asserting these newly found rights. The result is that the man will feel like the victim and fearing a family coup, he will become more violent towards his partner. This is why we must tread ever so carefully over such a subject, lest we achieve the unintended outcomes," he said.

Male masculinity can also affect men negatively, while cultural attitudes, which are quite prevalent in the rural areas, also create another link with HIV transmission. Many a man's perception of manhood makes them refuse condoms even in polygamous set-ups, thus exposing themselves to HIV contraction.

They will argue that condom use diminishes their sexuality and their view of manhood further stating that since they paid lobola for their wives, they then have no right to tell them what to do when it came to sexual matters.

"They even resist going to the clinic to be tested or treated just because the staff there is mostly female; choosing traditional healers instead.

"We have buried many of our sons, who eventually die while refusing to test for HIV for these simple reasons. Some of us are now empowered and know the symptoms of HIV infection, but our sons refuse to heed our advice until it is too late," he said.

He noted with concern that on the other end, some wives and girlfriends who covert becoming wives to their lovers often deride their men when they offer to share household responsibilities like cooking or doing the dishes.

'At times they feel like they are not doing things in a manner that satisfies their partners and are embarrassed when the men do such, which is why open lines of communication should be maintained at all times. Otherwise even such gestures of goodwill may be viewed negatively," he closed. But in all, for an 'ultimate traditionalist' to openly concede that he respected the rights of women and was sworn to upholding them was quite humbling, to be precise. It demonstrated that men in every society were quite capable of embracing the quest towards gender equity, only that they lacked the will.

Wit to and on and on a second

- 1. The problem with America is stupidity. I'm not saying there should be a capital punishment for stupidity, but why don't we just take the safety labels off of everything and let the problem solve itself?
- 2. Always remember you're unique, just like everyone else.
- 3. If you cannot convince them, confuse them.
- 4. Beware of he who would deny you access to information, for in his heart, he dreams himself your master.
- **5.** The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- 6. Put your hand on a hot stove for a minute, and it seems like an hour. Sit with a pretty girl for an hour, and it seems like a minute. THAT'S relativity.
- **7.** If you're not on somebody's shit list, you're not doing anything worthwhile.
- **8.** Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens.
- 9. When I hear somebody sigh "Life is hard" I'm always tempted to ask "Compared to what?"
- 10. You never truely understand something until you can explain it to your grandmother.
- 11. Beauty, brains, availability, personality; pick any two.
- 12. The way some people find fault, you'd think there was some kind of reward.
- 13. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
- 14. Accept that some days you are the pigeon and some days the statue.
- 15. Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.
- **16.** Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups.
- 17. People who think they know what they're doing are especially annoying to those of us who do.18. An expert is one who knows more and more about less and less until he knows absolutely everything about nothing.
- 19. Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.
- 20. The only way to get rid of temptation is to yield to it.

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ADE SURPLUS UP BY 77% YEAR ON YE

By Linda Dlamini

THE country recorded a E4 billion trade surplus in 2015, which was a 77 percent increase year-on-year.

According to the Central Bank of Swaziland recent quarterly report, total exports for the country in 2015 amounted to E22 billion while imports were E17.7 billion.

A historical analysis of the country's trade statistics reports that Swaziland has enjoyed a trade surplus since 2012 meaning the country exports were more than it imports.

A trade surplus can be understood to be the amount by which the value of a country's

exports exceeds the cost of its imports.

University of Swaziland lecturer and economist Sandile Sibiya attributed the exporting results in an increase in foreign exchange for exporters, whilst importing results in foreign exchange for the importers.

Therefore, the CBS reported that the country's gross official reserves improved during the period under review.

"The improvement in import cover was partly explained by the lower imports of goods and services over the quarter," reads the report as part.

The CBS report further provided a breakdown of the major goods that were imported into the country

"Total imports of machinery and equipment were the largest category of imports having a value of about E3.2 billion. This was closely followed by manufactures' classified by materials which had a total value of E3 billion," the bank noted.

Conversely, the category of animal vegetable and fats recorded the lowest as the classification recorded just over E93 million in imports.

In terms of movements compared to the previous year, CBS reported that with regards to imports, mineral fuel and lubricants recorded the largest change as that classification increased by 46.4 percent.

Other notable increases included beverages and tobacco, crude inedible materials, food and live animals and chemicals and chemical products which increased 35.5 percent, 26.9 percent, 17.9 percent, and 14.6 percent respectively.

The CBS reported that during last year, the weaker lilangeni against major world currencies benefited the country's exports.

"Swaziland's major exports include sugar, textiles, miscellaneous edibles, wood pulp and minerals," the bank said.

Figures for exports in 2015 have not been fully complied but given the increase in the total it can be surmised that one or more of these major exports increased.

To give an indication of the size of the major exports the CBS reported in the report that sugar exports were just over E4 billion, miscellaneous edibles stood at E10 billion whilst textiles were at around E2.4 billion.



SWAZILAND NATIONAL HOUSING BOARD INSTITUTIONAL HOUSING PROJECT 2016 (BUILDING CONSTRUCTION)



CALL FOR TENDERS TENDER NO.25 and NO.26 OF 2016/2017

INVITATION TO TENDER FOR PACKAGE 'HH4, & 'HS3'

The Swaziland National Housing Board (SNHB) has been appointed by the Swaziland Government to implement a phased housing program for civil servants. The project is intended to address the acute housing shortage currently experienced by civil service agencies. SNHB will raise finance, construct and manage the housing units which will be leased to Government.

Registered Swazi contractors (CIC Category B2 and B3 or higher) are invited to submit tenders for the following packages which involve the construction of unitsfor the Ministry of Health.

Tenders are to be purchased from SNHB revenue office, ground floor Dlan'ubeka House at a non-refundable cost of E3000.00

Tender documents must be returned to the SNHB and be deposited to the designated tender box at the SNHB reception,3rd Floor Dlan'ubeka House by the stipulated deadline in order to be eligible for consideration.

TENDER NO.	PACKAGE NAME & LOCATION	SALE DATE	SITE INSPECTION DATE & TIME	TENDER SUBMITION DATE & TIME	MARKING ON TENDER ENVELOPE	PROJECT CATEGORY
Tender NO.25 of 2016/2017	'HH4' Mbabane Gov. &Nkhaba Clinic	10 th August 2016 to 12 th August 2016	August2016 10.00 am At Mbabane Gov. Hospital	September 2016 10.00 am	Tender NO. 25 of 2016/2017- Institutional Housing Project Package 'HH4' (Mbabane Gov. &Nkhaba)	B2 or higher
Tender NO.26 of 2016/2017	'HS3' Matsanjeni&Mhlosheni	10 th August 2016 to 12 th August 2016	August2016 10.00am At Matsanjeni Health Centre	September 2016 10.00 am	Tender NO.26 of 2016/2017-Institutional Housing Project Package 'HS3' (Matsanjeni&Mhlosheni)	B3 or higher

Tenders are to be addressed to:

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 - Company profile

 - Company profile
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For: Swaziland National Housing Board



BEEF CATTLE HERD KEEPS SHRINKI

By Mangoba Makhubu

THE total number of the national beef herd population has declined by 13.3 percent

The drought was the latest event to result in the further decline of the beef cattle herd. About 63 930 cattle died due to the drought according to the ministry of agriculture production outlook 2016, while 108 246 cattle was estimated at serious risk of dying out of hunger due to poor nutrition.

According to the ministry of agriculture department of veterinary services annual livestock census August 2011 report, there were about 667 897 beef cattle. Compared with the latest available report, only 589 405 animals were recorded in 2015. This depicted a decrease of 78 792 animals, which was 13.3 percent in proportion.

The ministry is still expected to present results for the 2016 census.

An agricultural economist who preferred to comment on condition of anonymity, said should the downward trend prolong, beef prices could soar, as a lower herd size could lead to a big drop in production.

If the number of cattle offered for saleyards decreases, there could be a price increase of beef," he added.

He said with the effects of the drought expected to linger for some time, it would take time for producers to rebuild herds, in fact, following the devastating effects of the drought, most farmers might not be motivated to restock.

The economist said this could also result in a decline of beef exports.

Swaziland exports cattle through the Swaziland Meat Industries, to a number of countries within the European Free Trade Area (EFTA) and the European Union (EU).

Despite an existence of a number of feedlots, mostly, cattle is raised by smallholder farmers and grazed communally in the country.

'Rand strengthening perfect opportunity for importation

By Linda Dlamini

THE strength of the lilangeni against major international currencies presents an opportunity for countries that import goods into the country to make profits.

The rand breached through the E13.60 against the US dollar threshold for the first time in 10 months this week.

University of Swaziland lecturer and economist Sandile Sibiya has advised sectors in the Swazi economy that were positively affected by the strength of the lilangeni to take advan-

"For instance, the tourism sector can take advantage of the rand strength as when they sell the goods and services to tourists. If they

charge the room in dollars they can get a lot of money once they change the fixed rate of dollars to rands they will get increased revenue." he said.

The economist explained that trade was generally conducted in international currencies such as the dollar, pound, yen and euro.

"For a person or business to import a good from another country outside the Common Monetary Unions, which Swaziland is party, to they are required to buy the dollars and then use those dollars to buy the currency of the country they wish to buy in before they can buy that good."

"With the lilangeni against the dollar at lower prices importers of raw materials of will find that those raw materials will now become cheaper to import but the amount they charge

the consumer can stay the same therefore rake in higher profits than before," he said.

Employing the economist's logic, one can surmise at this period it would seem that operating a business that import goods, it would be a good time to buy their raw materials in bulk so that even if the lilangeni falls in value they have enough stock to keep their profit levels at current prices.

Sibiya said exporters would have a more difficult time now as their exports would fetch less money on the international market, and also would be less competitive as they were more expensive for international buyers.

Sibiya explained that exporters in Swaziland were paid in dollars when they sell their wares to the international markets and as such they will not make much money.

"For example, if the foreign buyer was buying the goods for \$1 000 from a local exporter in and around January the exporter would have received around E16 000 however now that exporter will receive around E13 800. This can a big difference for any business given the fixed costs of that exporter are not known," he said. The economist further said the public sector also receives some benefits from the strength of the lilangeni.

"The government has some debt that is denominated in dollars and as such a weaker dollar will result in lower interest payments. This period therefore presents a good time for the government and all other sectors that have debt denominated in foreign currencies to pay down some of their debt," he concluded by saying.

SWACAA tags European aviation to revise legislation

By Linda Dlamini

THE Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority (SWACAA) has observed that while the current legislation for the aviation industry is sufficient, it is not complete hence needs to be revised.

Speaking during the first day of the Civil Aviation Bill 2016 workshop held at Esibayeni Lodge, SWACAA Director General Solomon Dube said they had convened as stakeholders of the aviation industry to share experiences to strengthen the legislation of the industry in the country.

"We are a relatively new regulatory authority and as such need the input of stakeholders to make additions to our current legislation. In this regard, we also asked for the services of the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) to make inputs towards the current legislation,"

Dube said they were audited by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) in 2015. After the audit he said the regulating body found some areas where the industry needed to update to be able to be in line with international best practice.

ICAO mission is to serve as the global forum of states for international civil aviation.

ICAO also develops international policies and standards, undertakes compliance audits, performs studies and analyses, provides assistance and builds aviation capacity through many other activities and the cooperation of its member states and stakeholders.

"For instance, the legislation needs to ensure the personnel recruited to regulate the industry are qualified to certain level, and furthermore the personnel should be updated to be able to over sight of the industry," Dube said.

The director general further explained that the certification of the industry, as a whole, was also critical.

"The certification of the industry from pilots, engineers for airports, airports and airlines themselves is also critical for the growth of the industry," he said.

Once the certification had been obtained by regulators and industry players, there should be some framework that would ensure that the rules and regulations of the industry were adhered to.

"Therefore, the investigators of the industry should, have the guidance material so that they are able to be objective instead of subjective in regulating the industry," he said.

Dube further explained the role of the investigators in the industry.

"Once industry players have been certified, investigators check out if they adhere to the rules and regulations of the industry, in other words this deals with surveillance of the industry," he said.

He said this then answers the enquiry if the current legislation has sufficient 'teeth' to deal



SHARING EXPERIENCES: SWACAA Director General Solomon Dube.

with such instances, which was one of the many issues that would be tackled by the two

EU, COMESA SIGN E22.5 MILLION TCF

By Manqoba Makhubu

THE European Union and COMESA have signed a Technical Cooperation Facility (TCF) of 1.525 million Euros (about E22.5 million).

The facility will support the implementation of regional integration programmes including coordination, dialogue between COMESA and its Member States as well as aid communication and visibility. In statement, COMESA said the Head of the EU Delegation to Zambia and Special Representative to COMESA Alessandro Mariani and the Secretary General Sindiso Ngwenya signed for their respective organisations.

The signing was held on Monday.

"The resources allocated to the TCF are part of the Euro 4.485 million financing agreement signed in February 2016 between the European Commission and COMESA," said COMESA.

The organisation said the agreement would ensure that COMESA has the capacity to undertake high quality inclusive design and implementation of its regional integration programmes funded under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF 11).

Under the EDF 11, COMESA has an allocation of 85 million Euros to facilitate the implementation of its regional integration agenda, focusing on economic integration through trade facilitation and private sector development.

"The facility will also enable COMESA to effectively participate in the overall coordination of the 11th EDF Eastern Africa-Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Regional Indicative Programme among the Duly Mandated



Regional Organisations (DMROs) as well as between the DMROs and the European Union."

Meanwhile, Ambassador Mariani said the TCF demonstrates the EU's commitment to the partnership with COMESA and the overall integration agenda.

"Regional integration is a long process that needs strong commitments by all parties concerned and full involvement by member states,"

He emphasised on the importance of consultation with member states and all stakeholders from the inception of the programmes to ensure 'everyone was on board.' On the same note, Ngwenya said the TCF resources would be used to improve and fine tune two action documents and advance the project identification and formulation progress for the remaining part of the COMESA sub-envelope.

"The programming of the 11th EDF COME-SA sub-envelope has so far progressed very well with the submission by June 30, 2016 of

PARTNERS: Head of the EU Delegation to Zambia and Special Representative to COMESA Alessandro Mariani and the Secretary General Sindiso Ngwenya after the signing ceremony. (Courtesy pic)

two action documents for programmes on Trade Facilitation and on small scale cross-border Traders." Ngwenya said.

"The two action documents account for Euro 68 million which once approved represent a commitment of 80 percent of the COMESA 11th EDF sub-envelope." He thanked the European Union for its continued support to enhance economic growth in Eastern Africa, Southern Africa, and Indian Ocean in general and in particular for its support to COMESA.

Ngwenya noted that states were now beginning to take ownership of regional integration programmes by allocating their own resources as opposed to only participating at the implementation stage. "I look forward to the day when Parliamentary Committee in Members will start overseeing regional integration projects supported by development partners like they do to those funded from local resources."

He said this would deepen ownership and

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Swiss France/SZL	13.6730	13.7199
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.2868	1.2956
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.2969	10.3421
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.2495	10.2839
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.1158	5.1987
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ONLY 5% OF CEOS IN AFRICA ARE WOMEN - MCKINSEY

JOHANNESBURG – There is a business case to have women in leadership. According to the McKinsey Women Matter report for Africa, released recently, there is a link between companies which perform better financially and that have gender diversity.

The report shows that in the past 10 years, Africa has made progress in terms of gender diversity in leadership. However, only five percent of CEOs in the private sector in Africa are women, compared to four percent globally. This indicates that achieving gender equality is still an issue, according to Lohini Moodley, partner at McKinsey.

"In terms of gender diversity, one of the key findings is that we [Africa] are doing well compared to the rest of the world and we have made progress but are not making the most of the opportunity," explained Moodley. Organisations with a greater share of women on their boards tend to have higher



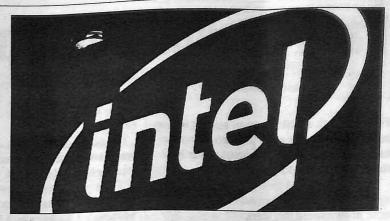
WE NEED MORE: McKinsey Women Matter report for Africa believes there is a need to have more African women in power.

operating margins, return on equity, and total return to shareholders.

The report also found that Earnings Before Interest and Taxes (EBIT) for companies with at least a quarter share of women on boards was on average 20% higher than the industry average.

However, it is important to note

that the proportion of women in senior positions and financial performance does not imply causation, cautioned Moodley. "Women bring a different dimension to organisations... they bring different considerations. More diversity allows for robust decision making," she said. Fin24



Intel buys artificial intelligence startup

SAN FRANCISCO - US-based Intel announced a deal to buy an artificial intelligence startup as the computer chip colossus looks to broaden its role in data centres and the expanding internet of things.

Intel did not disclose how much it is paying for Nervana Systems, but US media reports put the price at more than \$350-million.

"With this acquisition, Intel is formally committing to pushing the forefront of AI (artificial intelligence) technologies,"
Nervana co-founder and Chief Executive Naveen Rao said in a blog post.

"We can now shatter the old paradigm and move into a new regime of computing." Founded two years ago in Southern California, Nervana has specialised in combining hardware and software to help machines think in ways similar to human brains, according to the companies.

Learning

Intel plans to put Nervana expertise to work in Xeon and Xeon Phi chips to better handle "deep learning" in the internet cloud, Intel data centre Group Executive Vice President Diane Bryant said in an online post.

"While artificial intelligence is often equated with great science fiction, it isn't relegated to novels and movies," Bryant said.

"AI is all around us." eNCA.



WARNS: South Africa's non-alcoholic beverage industry has warned that the proposed sugar tax could fuel an illegal cross-border market.

Sugar tax could fatten illegal trade

DURBAN - South Africa's non-alcoholic beverage industry has warned that the proposed sugar tax could fuel an illegal cross-border market for sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs) and result in job losses while not reducing obesity.

And the food industry has raised concern that the government intends to consider taxing sugar-sweetened foodstuffs, saying the tax is unnecessary as it is already working closely with the department of health on projects to fight obesity and reduce the marketing of unhealthy foodstuffs to children.

Mapule Ncanywa, spokesman for the Beverage Association of South Africa (BevSA), which represents beverage manufacturers including Coca-Cola, Pepsico and Red Bull, said the industry did not believe sugar tax would address the high obesity rate, but would result in the potential loss of an estimated 10 000 jobs among small informal retailers.

"The tax is discriminatory as it only targets one product category, yet the calories consumed from SSBs represent a small percentage versus the consumer's total calorie intake," he said.

"The tax will also disproportionately affect poor and low-income households as they spend a greater proportion of their income on basic foodstuffs. It will have a negative impact on the beverage industry and lead to a loss of jobs in the value chain, especially among small business owners like spaza shops," he said.

Ncanywa said some 30 000 jobs were lost in Mexico when it implemented the tax, and Denmark had abandoned the tax due to hoarding and cross-border shopping.

He added that KPMG had warned in a recent study that if SA's neighbouring countries did not adopt a similar tax, it could spur illegal cross-border trade; and if this occurred on a large scale, the tax wouldn't change consumer behaviour.

"This tax ultimately will make people poorer, not thinner," he said.

The Post

SAA to pay R104m for damages to Nationwide

JOHANNESBURG - Embattled national carrier South African Airways (SAA) has been slapped with a court order to pay more than R104 million to liquidated airline Nationwide for damages caused by SAA's abuse of market dominance from 2001 to 2006.

This is only the second claim of its kind in South African Competition Law and the first time a damages claim based on a finding by the Competition Tribunal has been litigated. It sets a precedent for a claim by Comair against SAA for the same conduct, said partner at law firm Bowman Gilfillan Lucinda Verster, who represented Nationwide and its liquidators.

The Comair claim amounts to R870 million plus interest and could total around R1.5 billion. Closing



arguments in this case will be heard from August 22.

As was the case in the Comair claim, the Competition Tribunal has already ruled in Comair's favour on the merits and only the extent of the damages remains to be determined, Verster said.

The Nationwide award comes as a leaked SAA quarterly report for the

three months ended June 30 showed the airline made a R1.3 billion loss for the period. It has utilised all but R99 million of its state guarantees of more than R14 billion and National Treasury has been slow to respond to a request for a further R4.5 billion guarantee submitted late last year.

Moneyweb

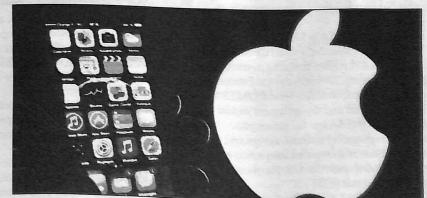
Apple faces allegations of iPhone price-fixing

MOSCOW - Russia said Monday it has launched legal proceedings against US tech giant Apple over the alleged fixing of retail prices for iPhones in the country.

The Russian antitrust authority in a statement cited legislation banning businesses from setting up cartels or making agreements that limit competition.

The Federal Anti-monopoly Service said its investigation "showed that from the start of official sales of iPhone 6s and iPhone 6s Plus in Russia, the majority of resellers set identical prices for them and held them for a certain period."

It said it had identified "resellers' prices coinciding" for other iPhone models as well, and named 16 major chains of mobile phones and other



electronics allegedly taking part in the price-fixing.

It alleged that this could be "the result of coordination of Russian resellers' price formation by the Apple group."

This it claimed "led to the setting of prices on the Russian market and

acceptance of so-called 'recommended' prices as compulsory."

Russia said it is taking legal action against a Russian company registered by Apple, LLC Apple Rus, as well as Apple Holding B.V., Apple Sales Ireland, Apple Operations International and Apple Inc. *AFP*



ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT BLOCKS INTERNET AS PROTESTS CONTINUE

ADDIS ABABA – After more than 48 hours of total blackout following fierce, massive antigovernment protests in multiple places in Ethiopia demanding regime change, the government partially restored internet access.

Scores of people were arrested in Ethiopia in a wave of anti-govemment protests that rocked the capital Addis Ababa and dozens other towns in Oromia and Amhara regions over the weekend.

Online activists of the #OromoProtest called for the massive protest rallies throughout the Oromia and other regional states.

On Saturday, protesters who came out on the streets of the capital following the announce-



ment through social media and Diaspora networks were arrested by governmental security forces. **Peaceful**

Though it was difficult to get closer to protesters, African News Agency could see peaceful protesters and even passers-by being arrested.

Deaths and detentions continued to flare as demonstrators continued in the beautiful city of Bahir Dar, Gondar of Amhara region and Oromia over the past few weeks.

The demonstrations were sparked last November in protest against a move that extended the municipal boundaries of Addis Ababa into Oromia, which straddles much of the centre and south of country and includes the capital. But they have grown in intensity in response to a fierce government crackdown.

At least hundreds of thousands

of protesters reportedly took to the streets in more than 200 towns and cities across Oromia, Ethiopia's largest regional state with over 40pc number of the country's over 100 million population, to demonstrate against the widespread and systemic prosecution.

Human Rights Watch said over 400 people were killed while the government confirmed the loss of less than half of that number.

In addition to the report from HRW, activists are also documenting the death, injuries and forced disappearances of individuals from areas where protests are taking place. Hundreds of university students have also been dismissed from several state universities located in the region.

Africa News Agency

News in Brief

DRC refuses to renew researcher's visa

KINSHASA - The Democratic Republic of Congo refused on Tuesday to renew the visa of a senior Human Rights Watch (HRW) researcher, who was to leave the troubled African country shortly. Kinshasa did not give a reason for the decision to effectively expel Ida Sawyer, who has worked for the US rights group in DR Congo since 2008. *AFP*

Mali floods leave 14 dead in a month

BAMAKO - Floods caused by heavy rains have killed at least 14 people in Mali over the past month, as well as causing serious damage, the government said on Tuesday. The country has been hit by floods since July 12, since when "the total number of deaths has risen to 14", Seydou Doumbia, an official with the ministry of security and civil protection said, saying two more people were still missing.

Woman stabbed to death at Kenyan lodge

NAIROBI - A Chinese tourist stabbed a woman to death and seriously wounded

her husband after demanding they vacate a table at a luxury Kenyan safari lodge,



police said on Tuesday. The incident occurred at Keekorok Lodge in Masai Mara, a large game reserve in southwestern Kenya, where the couple - also Chinese - were having dinner.

3 arrested after jihadi flag hung from hotel

BAMAKO - An intelligence official says soldiers have pursued extremists who entered a hotel in Mali's capital and hung a black jihadi flag from the roof before escaping into the neighbourhood. Modibo Naman Traore, spokesperson for Mali's intelligence services, said on Tuesday that the extremists who went into the Royal Hotel near the airport were not armed. An official with the United Nations mission in Mali and a soldier with the army said three extremists had been arrested after fleeing.

AP

Comesa records \$3.8 trillion investment

NAIROBI - The Common Markets for Eastern and Southern Africa Competition Commission said the year 2015 saw a record \$3.8 trillion investment on mergers and acquisitions being approved. The Commission is the body responsible for enforcing merger control in the Common Market.

The framework for merger control is provided under Part 4 of the COMESA Competition Regulations. Commission Manager for Mergers and Acquisitions Willard Mwemba said mergers and acquisitions have become an essential tool for corporate growth in today's global market-place.

"This characterised by increasing foreign competition, new technologies, and interdependence of markets." *AllAfrica*

'Tunisia local polls will not be held on time'

TUNIS - Tunisia will not be able to hold local elections in March 2017, electoral commission chief Chafik Sarsar said on Monday.

"Let's forget [that date], we aren't talking about it anymore," Sarsar told private radio station Express FM.

No official date had yet been set, but officials had said they were likely to be held either on March 12, 19 or 26.

Sarsar explained that in order for a new date to be agreed, a new electoral law must be passed.

"When will [the law] be passed? We don't know," said the official, adding that the path towards local elections was "blocked" - particularly now that parliament is in summer recess.

"A great majority of politicians don't think the local elections are important, they don't consider them to be a priority, and they would like them to be post-poned," Sarsar said.

"Some parties would like them to be held as late as possible because they aren't ready for them."

Despite a popular revolt that removed longtime strongman Zine El Abidine Ben Ali in January 2011, Tunisians have not yet had a chance to vote for local representatives.

After the revolt, local governments were disbanded and replaced with special delegations that were meant to be temporary.

"It is necessary to hold local elections, Sarsar said, "because Tunisian citizens need to have efficient, legitimate local governments."

The revolution that began in Tunisia spread to many parts of the Arab world, with mass protests in Egypt, Libya, Syria and Yemen. *AFP*

US special troops in Libya's Sirte

WASHINGTON -American special operations troops have for the first time started directly supporting Libyan forces battling the Islamic State group in their key stronghold of Sirte, The Washington Post reported

Tuesday.
US officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, told the Post the commandos were working from a joint operations centre on the outskirts of Sirte.

The Pentagon last week

announced it had started an air campaign in Sirte following a request for help from the Libyan Government of National Accord.

Coordinate

The Post said the US forces are operating alongside British troops, and are helping to coordinate American airstrikes and providing intelligence to partner forces.

The Pentagon would not comment on the specifics of the Post story, but has previously acknowledged small US teams are helping gather intelligence in Libya.
"The US is providing

unique capabilities -- notably intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) and precision strikes -- that will help enable GNA-aligned forces to make a decisive, strategic advance," Pentagon spokeswoman Henrietta Levin said in a statement.

"A small number of US forces have gone in and out of Libya to exchange information with local forces, and they will continue to do so."

AFP

Zambia's ConCourt orders Lungu to dissolve cabinet

GABORONE - The
Constitutional Court of
Zambia has ordered
President Edgar Lungu to
instruct all ministers and
their deputies to vacate
their posts immediately
and repay all salaries and
allowances they have
earned since June 2016
when their legal office
mandates expired.

According to the Zambian Constitution, the official tenures of members of parliament, cabinet ministers and their appointed deputies legally end three months before the election set for today of a successor parliament, from which the members of a new cabinet are then selected.

Although Lungu dissolved parliament in June, he



PAY BACK: Zambian President Edgar Lungu.

refused to dissolve his cabinet, prompting the Law Society of Zambia (LSZ) to apply to the Constitutional Court to seek an order to compel the president to uphold the constitution.

The lawyers also asked the court to compel the ministers

to repay the salaries and allowances they earned during their illegally extended three-month tenure in office.

On Monday, the Constitutional Court ruled that Lungu had violated the law by maintaining the ministers in office after the dissolution of parliament in June.

In a statement, the main opposition United Party for National Development (UPND) said it was gratifying to note that the court had ended what amounted to a daylight robbery of the people by the Patriotic Front (PF) government.

The UPND called on Lungu to ensure that the ministers paid back the money they had earned unlawfully as early as possible.

Africa News Agency

Focus on Sa scene

DA dismisses coalition agreements reached

JOHANNESBURG - The DA on Tuesday dismissed "ANC-inspired rumours" that coalition agreements have been reached, including Luthuli House's "desperate spin" that the DA was horse-trading control of metros.

"These are the last kicks of a dying horse, desperate to cling onto power using misinformation," said James Selfe, the chair of the DA's Federal Executive.

Selfe said the DA would continue with its negotiations in earnest with the clear objective of putting together governments that give effect to the majority of the electorates' rejection



of the ANC and its management of local government.

"This requires establishing workable, well-governed municipalities

and metros that are able to create jobs, deliver better services and bring years of corruption to a complete stop," Selfe said.

He said the DA-led governments would do make use of the pool of skills and talent that already exist in many of the existing administrations.

Positions would not be awarded on the basis of political allegiances in DA-run towns and cities.

He said the electorate has given parties a clear mandate to form a government and the DA would continue with all negotiations in the spirit of this mandate.

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Four classrooms destroyed in Vuwani fire

VUWANI - A block of four classrooms was destroyed in a fire in Vuwani, Limpopo, on Tuesday evening, police said.

Reports were received at around 20:00 from members of the community about a school burning, Colonel Ronel Otto said.

It was confirmed that four classrooms were destroyed.

The cause of the fire was not known.

Forensic services would conduct investigations to determine

the cause, Otto said.

No injuries were reported. In April this year, Vuwani residents burnt down and vandalised dozens of schools in protests against a Municipal Demarcation Board decision to merge the Vuwani municipality with parts of the Malamulele municipality in the Vhembe

district.
Nearly 53 000 pupils were affected by the protests and shutdown.

News24



ESKOM SUSPENDS SENIOR MANAGERS

JOHANNESBURG - Eskom suspended three senior managers at the Koeberg Power Station.

"Eskom has placed the Koeberg Power Station Manager and the Plant Manager on precautionary suspension as a result of the distribution of documentation containing unauthorised facts and assumptions relating to Koeberg's Production Plan and in particular, the steam generator replacement.

"The potential prejudice caused to Eskom by the unauthorised actions of the suspended personnel, is currently being assessed," Eskom said in a statement.

Further details were not immediately available.

In an unrelated incident, Eskom said a drone crashed on the Koeberg site, which led to the suspension of the third senior manager.

The power utility said that this was

in contravention of the nuclear safety regulations.

The drone was returned to its owner while investigations were incomplete.

"Eskom has subsequently suspended the Koeberg Safety officer as a precautionary measure to fully investigate the incident.

"The matter has also been reported to the SAPS as Koeberg is a National Key Point," Eskom said in the same statement. *Africa News Agency*

Cancer vaccination campaign resumes at Gauteng schools

JOHANNESBURG - The Gauteng departments of Health and Education have rolled out a second dose vaccination campaign to protect girls from cervical cancer.

"The HPV is most effective when given to young girls who have not yet engaged in sexual activities as it works only as prevention rather than a cure," health spokesman Steve Mabona said yesterday.

"The campaign is conducted biannually and targets all Grade 4 girls in public primary and special schools. Moreover, all the Grade 5 girls who received their first HPV dose in September 2015 are now due for their second HPV dose."

The second phase started early this month and will continue until September this year.

Health MEC Occurri Mahlange

Health MEC Qedani Mahlangu urged parents to sign consent forms.

"The Department is encouraging all parents and care givers to cooperate and sign the consent forms to allow their children to be immunised.

"No learners will be immunised without having signed consent forms," she said.

Africa News Agency

Eskom in talks with unions to end strike

JOHANNESBURG - Eskom will hold urgent talks with unions in hopes of ending a wage strike.

The NUM says that the outcome of Wednesday's talks will determine whether or not the strike continues.

The workers downed tools on Wednesday after wage talks stalled.

Unions are demanding a 10 percent wage hike, but the employer is offering between seven and nine percent.

While 15,000 workers are affiliated to NUM, thousands of other workers are expected to join the strike.



SA DRIVERS TO SPORT NEW LICENCE PLATES

CAPE TOWN - South Africa will receive new number plates in 2017, reports the Department of Transport.

News of the new number plates first came to light in 2015 when

first came to light in 2015 when the Department of Transport sent out a notice informing South Africans of its intended plan of action.

The new plates, says the department, will have to be renewed every five years. Wheels24 has contacted the Department of Transport regarding costs and a roll-out plan.

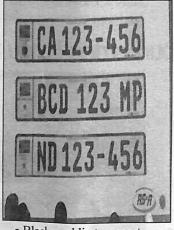
Under the new law, the new number plates must contain:

- SABS certification below the licence mark of the province.
 Four dimensional bar code
- with QR code.

 The abbreviated name of the manufacturer of the blank num-
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The letters and figures are set to be displayed in the following colours:



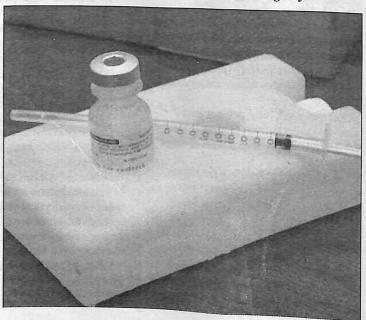
- Black public transport

 vehicles
- Blue general vehicles and personalised number plates.
- Red government vehicles.
- Green diplomatic vehicles.

New number plates must display:

- SA flag on the top left corner.
- Licence number and licence mark of the province.
- The name of the province under the SA flag, and centred on top of the number plate.

 News24



THE WOMAN WITH THE 100-YEAR-OLD KIDNEY:

Woman has world's oldest transplant

- Sue Westhead was in her 20s when she got the organ from mother, 57
- Was expected to function for 20 years max before needing replacement
- But 68-year-old has defied medical expectations and doubled that time

LONDON - A British woman has astounded doctors with a 100-yearold kidney that is still going strong -and thought to be the world's oldest successfully transplanted

Sue Westhead was in her twenties when she received the organ from her mother, who was 57 at the time, after being diagnosed with kidney disease in 1973.

It was estimated to function for no

more than two decades before needing a replacement - but the 68-yearold from Wearside has defied medical expectations with it lasting more than double that.

Westhead admitted she would have been happy with five years use at the time of the operation, when her skin was yellow and she could barely walk.

Her mother Ann donated her kidney at Newcastle's Royal Victoria Infirmary after her daughter was told she had the equivalent of a tenth of her kidney function.

Doctors told the family the transplanted organ from a living donor can only last a maximum of 20 years before a further transplant is required - but 43 years later, it is still going strong.

She puts the medical miracle down to looking after herself - and rigorously taking nearly 20 pills a day to make sure her donated organ isn't rejected.

Upon hearing that she might have the oldest surviving transplanted kidney in the world, she told BBC Newcastle: "It's absolutely mindblowing. Every superlative you can think of."

She added: "It was a pretty scary time...even when I was still on the ward people were dying ... I remember thinking if I get five years I'll be happy. That was 43 years ago and my kidney is heading for 101 years old in November.

"I think it's down to my mother's good genes.

She must have come from good

"My mum literally gave me life, because I wouldn't have lived much longer. I could hardly walk, I was a different colour - I was yellow and all of a sudden I had a rosy glow."

According to BBC Newcastle, no one at the British Transplantation Society, the Human Tissue Authority, NHS Blood and Transplant, Kidney Research UK,



GOING STRONG: Sue Westhead, 68, has astounded doctors because her 100-year-old kidney is still working.

knows of any other person in the UK who has a transplanted kidney that's more than 100 years old.

Professor Derek Manas, President of the British Transplantation Society, said: "It's an amazing story of encouragement and hope for people on dialysis and for encouraging people to donate as living donors or to join the Organ Donor Register. I think Sue must be one of the longest survivors.'

However, it is impossible to verify whether Westhead has the oldest living transplanted kidney in the world due to the limited recorded data. In February, the world's longest surviving heart transplant patient died 33 years after his life-saving operation.

John McCafferty was officially recognised by Guinness World Records in 2013 after his life-saving transplant at Harefield Hospital in west London on October 20, 1982.

Despite being told it would only add five years to his life, he went on to live for more than three decades with the new heart until he died of sepsis and renal failure aged 73.

Last year, around 3 000 kidney transplants were carried out in the UK - but there remained more than 5 000 people on the waiting list.

The main role of kidneys is to filter waste from the blood and to convert them to urine – but if they lose the ability, waste builds up and can be life-threatening.

On average, the waiting time for a deceased donor kidney transplant is two to three years - but as we have two in our body it is possible to have living donors.

Daily Mail



HAPPY TIMES:

Westhead received the organ from her mother, who was 57 at the time, during her 20s. It was predicted to function for 20 years but has defied medical expectations. (Daily Mail)

"SwaziAirways

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Swazi Airways hereby invites expression of interest (EOI) from suitable Swazi registered companies to supply either Ground Handling services or Inflight Catering Services, and should provide the following services:

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The Expression of Interest should be addressed and dropped in the tender box provided at SWACAA Offices.

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Deadline for submission is Friday 12th August 2016

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News in Brief

Orlando killer's dad at Clinton rally

MIAMI - The father of the gunman who killed 49 people at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, was spotted at a speech Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton gave to supporters in the swing state. Seddique Mateen was caught on camera seated in the audience behind Clinton during her campaign appearance on Monday night in Kissimmee, a town 37km south of Orlando. AFP

Thailand plans to track tourists through SIM cards

BANGKOK - Thailand could issue all foreign tourists with location-tracking SIM cards under plans announced Tuesday, 9 August, by the telecoms regulator, which has denied the project is an invasion of privacy. Famed for its temples and tropical beaches the kingdom is a major global tourist hub, with about 32 million visitors expected in 2016 and the industry accounting for around a tenth of the economy. News24

Thousands flee fierce fighting

KANDAHAR - Fierce fighting in Helmand has sent thousands of Afghans fleeing to the capital of the southern opium-

rich province, sparking a humanitarian crisis as Taliban insurgents besiege the city despite intensified



US airstrikes. The Taliban advance on Lashkar Gah has compounded fears that the city was on the brink of falling into insurgent hands, even as US and Afghan officials insist that they will not allow another urban centre to be captured. Local officials warned on Tuesday that the provincial capital was struggling to cope with an influx of people fleeing the fighting across Helmand, seen as the focal point of the expanding insurgency." AFP

Robbers cut hole in train roof in heist

CHENNAI - A gang of robbers cut a hole in the roof of a train travelling through southern India and stole more than \$750 000 in cash, police said yesterday. The daring heist occurred somewhere along the more than 300-kilometre long journey, but the missing loot was only discovered hours after the express train arrived in the city of Chennai.

AFP

Cayman Islands reports first local Zika case

GEORGE TOWN - The first locally contracted case of the Zika virus has been confirmed in the Cayman Islands, the Caribbean nation's health department said. The patient, a man, reported the first symptoms in late July and a sample was sent to the Caribbean Public Health Agency for testing. He had not traveled to any countries in which Zika is present, the department said in a statement late on Monday. Health authorities say infection with the Zika virus in pregnant women can cause the birth defect microcephaly and other severe brain abnormalities in babies. Reuters

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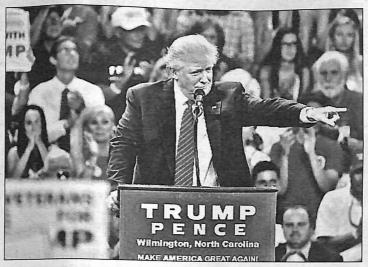
TRUMP CAMPAIGN DENIES ADVOCA HILLARY CLINTON ASSASSINATION

NEW YORK - Donald Trump's campaign spokesperson has denied allegations that the Republican presidential nominee had advocated the assassination of his Democratic rival Hillary Clinton.

In a speech on Tuesday, Trump suggested that gun owners or those backing gun rights could stop Clinton from winning the White House and picking new US Supreme Court justices.

"Hillary wants to essentially abolish the Second Amendment," Trump told a rally in Wilmington, North Carolina on Tuesday, referring to the US Constitution's clause that enshrines the rights of Americans to bear arms.

"If she gets to pick her judges, nothing you can do folks," Trump said. "Although the



LIES: Trump campaign denies advocating Clinton assassination.

Second Amendment people maybe there is, I don't know." It was not immediately clear exactly what Trump meant by his

remarks, but US media and social media users quickly expressed concern that Trump was promoting that Clinton or the judges

could be assassinated.

The Trump campaign swiftly issued its own statement to clarify that the Republican presidential nominee's remarks, branding the media as "dishonest" and saying he meant that gun rights advocates were a powerful voting

"It's called the power of unification - 2nd Amendment people have amazing spirit and are tremendously unified, which gives them great political power," senior Trump communications advisor Jason Miller said.

"And this year, they will be voting in record numbers, and it won't be for Hillary Clinton, it will be for Donald Trump."

But Clinton campaign manager Robby Mook blasted Trump for using "dangerous" language.

Aljazeera



STRANDED: The woman, believed to be Dutch, was getting some lastminute shopping in Boots, airside at Birmingham Airport - but she was left trapped inside the store as staff closed up for the night. She was only rescued when she managed to get a fellow passenger's attention, and security were alerted to open the shutters. She then managed to board her flight to Greece with just minutes to spare. (Daily Mail)

Clinton focuses on Zika in battleground state of Florida

MIAMI - Hillary Clinton is | bipartisan compromise, turning to a major health issue in the battleground state of Florida with a visit on Tuesday to a Miami neighbourhood dealing with the first US outbreak of the Zika virus.

Clinton will call on Republican congressional leaders to summon lawmakers back to Washington from their summer recess and pass emergency funding for the Zika response.

She wants immediate action to either pass stalled legislation or craft a new

according to aides briefed on her plans.

Urging

The Democratic presidential nominee will be urging the action as she tours the Borinquen Medical Center, a health clinic close to the Wynwood area where 16 non-travel related cases of Zika have been diagnosed.

It's an issue that could affect votes in this crucial swing state where she has held a small advantage in recent polls.

So far, Trump has not

addressed the Zika response in depth, though he told a Florida television station last week that Governor Rick Scott, a Republican, "really seems to have it under control in Florida".

Until this month, the only known Zika cases in the United States were in people who had recently travelled to Latin America or the Caribbean. Federal officials last week warned pregnant women to avoid the Miami neighbourhood and a 2.5km² area around it.

AP

Britain's third richest man dies

LONDON - The Duke of Westminster - the third richest Briton - died suddenly last night at the age of 64.

It is understood the father-of-four, worth an estimated £9 billion, had a heart attack at Abbeystead House in Lancashire, his grouse shooting estate.

Gerald Cavendish Grosvenor, the 6th Duke, is the richest property developer in the UK, whose vast wealth comes from estates in Oxford, Cheshire, and Scotland as well as huge swathes of Mayfair and Belgravia.

His tragic death means that his son Hugh will now inherit the entire estate, including the family seat in Cheshire, Eaton Hall, at the age of just 25.

A spokesman for the family said yesterday: 'It is with the greatest sadness that we can confirm that the Duke of Westminster, Gerald Cavendish Grosvenor (64) died this afternoon at Royal Preston Hospital.

'He was taken there from the Abbeystead Estate in Lancashire where he had suddenly been taken ill.

'His family are all aware and they ask for privacy and understanding at this very difficult time.

'No further comment will be made for the time being but further information will follow in due course.'

A senior royal source told the Mail that the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, as well as Prince Charles and other senior royals, had been informed.

A Buckingham Palace spokeswoman said: 'Her Majesty the Queen is aware of the news about the Duke of Westminster.

'A private message of condolence is being sent from The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh to the family.' AP



WITH: Majaba Nkonyane



PROPHET DD COMING TO SD

AS the prophetic wave continually sweeps through the continent, Swaziland is not left behind as Prophet DD Isaacs is due for Swaziland month end at St Mark's High School Hall.

Popularly known in the Christian circles as 'Prophet DD', the clergy man is based in South Africa and has a unique touch when it comes to Christian work.

He also speaks passionately about his dedication to supporting more representation of youth leadership.

He is the founder of Holy Ghost Embassy church and the proprietor of Destiny Delivery Television Station which was launched on Free-To-Air on March 1, 2016.

The prophet is hosted in Swaziland by Victory Celebration Embassy which is led by Pastor Godfrey

"It is an exciting time for the church and we are looking forward and eagerly awaiting the prophet to come to the country and do wonders. When a prophet speaks, God speaks and Swaziland will be blessed immensely"

Kaylo in Mbabane.

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Changing

"This will be a life changing moment for all and people cannot afford to miss this encounter with God through his prophet. Every time failure, calamity is pervading the earth, His sense human agents called the prophet's act as instruments of change and success Pastor Kaylo

The clergyman completed his secondary school education at Hillcrest Technical School and later went to Livingstone Institute for Business and Engineering Studies (LIBES) were he pursued engineering.

He is the son of Prophet Bushiri and got his inspiration to preach in the year 2011 after watching Prophet TB Joshua.

The services will run from Wednesday to Sunday. Return transport will be provided around Mbabane at a fee.



JESUS PEOPLE CONCERT 2016

THE Fellowship of God's Holy Place and Rize Life present the 'Jesus Concert 2016' featuring an exciting line-up of Christian music and arts groups.

The Jesus People Concert 2016 is a Rize Life Session gospel entertainment and showcase event featuring hip-hop, songs, dance and spoken word (poetry) performances by various groups, artists and crews.

The event will take place on August 27, from 12pm-5pm at Liberty Community Centre, Nkoseluhlaza Street in Manzini and entrance fee is E30 at the door.

"Music and entertainment are the heartbeat of today's youth culture, so we are using these powerful mediums as an outreach tool in harnessing positive and responsible lifestyles amongst the youth.

Opportunity

"This Jesus People Concert is not just an event but an opportunity to celebrate and promote the benefits of Jesus Crazy lifestyle while embracing the thrills and craze of youth," show organiser Pastor Emmanuel Dlamini said.

The event is inspired by the need to celebrate, promote and model positive purpose driven living as a lifestyle of choice for the Swazi youth.

The concert offers exciting, conscious, diverse and inspired music and spoken word (poetry) performed by young people for young people.

The Jesus People Concert 2016 is to be headlined by South African Christian hip hop group ph121 and hosted by Pastor Dlamini.

The event also features local artists like Lulu, Ndumiso Mkhaliphi, P1.7, Ntobie, TshepoHlope and the Jesus People Audition winners.

POLYGAMY IN JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS CHURCH

THE Church Of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints (https://www.lds.org/?lang =eng) Latter-day Saints believes the marriage of one man and one woman is the Lord's standing law of marriage.

In biblical times, the Lord commanded some to practice plural marriage—the marriage of one man and more than one woman. By revelation, the Lord com-

manded Joseph Smith to institute the practice of plural marriage among church members in the early 1840s.

For more than half a century, plural mar-

riage was practiced by some Latter-day Saints under the direction of the church president.

Latter-day Saints do not understand all of God's purposes in instituting, through His prophets, the practice of plural marriage. The Book of Mormon identifies one reason for God to command it: to increase the number of children born in the gospel covenant in order to "raise up seed unto the Lord."

Plural marriage did result in the birth of large numbers of children within faithful Latter-day Saint homes.

It also shaped 19th-century Mormon society in many ways: marriage became available to virtually all who desired it; per-capita inequality of wealth was diminished as economically disadvantaged women married into more financially stable households; and ethnic intermarriages were increased, which helped to unite a diverse immigrant population.

Plural marriage also helped create and strengthen a sense of cohesion and group identification among Latter-day Saints. Church members came to see themselves as a 'peculiar people', covenant-bound to

carry out the commands of God despite outside opposition.

Polygamy had been permitted for millennia in many cultures and religions, but, with few exceptions, it was rejected in Western cultures. In Joseph Smith's time, monogamy was the only legal form of marriage in the United States.

The revelation on plural marriage,

recorded in Doctrine and Covenants 132, emerged partly from Joseph Smith's study of the Old Testament in 1831. Latter-day Saints understood that they were living

in the latter days, in what the revelations called the "dispensation of the fulness of times".

Ancient principles—such as prophets, priesthood, and temples—would be restored to the earth. Plural marriage, practiced by ancient patriarchs like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses, was one of those ancient principles.

The same revelation that taught of plural marriage was embedded within a revelation about eternal marriage—the teaching that marriage could last beyond death. Monogamous and plural marriages performed by priesthood power could seal loved ones to each other for eternity, on condition of righteousness.

The revelation on marriage stated general principles; it did not explain how to implement plural marriage in all its particulars. In Nauvoo, Joseph Smith married additional wives and authorised other Latterday Saints to practice plural marriage.

The practice was introduced carefully and incrementally, and participants vowed to keep their participation confidential, anticipating a time when husbands and wives could acknowledge one another publicly.

Destiny International Christianity Centre celebrates women

AS the world celebrates women, the church is also joining in, through the 'Day of destiny' with Pastor Bonile Chaliyumba.
The event will be at Greyhound in Ezulwini on August 20 starting at 10:00

meant to celebrate and inspire women in the church and is based

Isaiah

60:1

The conference is

(Arise and shine for your light has come).

"It is an excepting time for



GUEST SPEAKER: Pastor LA Salette Duarte women to join us as we explore topics that are fundamental in building up a woman. We are looking forward to this exiting time in the presence of the Lord with women who are a backbone to not only their families but the church and the nation," Pastor Chaliyu-

mba said.

The event will be spiced with music from Nothando Hlophe and the guest speaker will be Pastor LA Salette Duarte, who is a Senior Pastor at Christian Family Church International.
Tickets are available at E50 per head.



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TV PRESENTER AUDITIONS POSTPONED

By Nomfundo Sifundza

MORE than 30 hopeful TV presenters were disappointed yesterday as the Swazi Reality TV auditions did not take place.

The auditions, that were scheduled to take place at the Happy Valley Hotel yesterday, had to be postponed in respect of Sibaya.

Director of Swazi Reality media, Xolani Fidelis said he and his team had hoped that the Sibaya would have ended by Tuesday but it did not turn out so. The auditions had to be postponed as His Majesty the king had summoned the

Apologise

"We wish to apologise for the inconvenience caused, but we could not conduct auditions when

the king had summoned the nation," Fidelis explained.

More than 30 young people had

gathered at the Happy Valley Hotel reception, where Swazi Reality Media does most of their business. The hotel partnered with the new company in sponsorship of accommodation facilities.

The participants, due to their numbers, were given audition forms, which they filled in with personal information including cell phone numbers in order to be called back, when the eventual date for the audi-

tions would be finalised.

Assured
Fidelis assured
"all that have
come here today
will definitely
be contacted
through their
mobile phones,
as soon as
another date is

He applauded Swazis

for their

zest for new opportunities, as people came from afar for the auditions. "We are pleased to see people from Lavumisa, Nhlangano and Simunye. They will be the first to be notified of the next audition date," he said.

Looking

The company is looking for, at least, six presenters that will be split across three reality shows to be aired on Swazi TV.

Each show is to be presented with a combination of a male and a female. The first show to kick off the 13 episodes of reality TV will be a home make-over show.

Fidelis made it clear that the first home to be renovated has already been identified.

"We have selected a home headed by a child, which will experience the positive impact we are mandated to effect," he said.

The family will be accommodated at the Happy Valley Hotel, whilst the make-over team builds a new house for them.

Upon return the family will come back to a whole new place to call home. All these changes will be aired on Swazi TV and the ultimate mandate of Swazi Reality TV will be fulfilled.

Tira coming back for his birthday

By Phumelele Mkhonta

RENOWNED Durbanite deejay, businessman and music producer, Mthokozi 'DJ Tira' Khathi, is coming back to the country to celebrate his birthday themed 'DJ Tira's Birthday Tour'.

DJ Tira's birthday will be hosted at Esibayeni Lodge, courtesy of Kool Swazi Entertainment and Swaziboy Entertainment.

The South African star has been in the country twice this year; during the Easter weekend and at the recent 360 Se'sla International Travelling Agency launch.

His birthday tour will start in Johannesburg, and then come to the country. He will then go to Cape Town, Richard's Bay then wind it up in Durban.

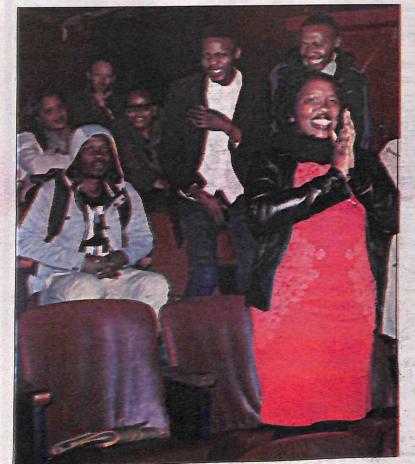
Kool Swazi's co-founder Mfundo 'DJ Mfundo' Mbhamali expressed his excitement at having DJ Tira back in the country after he was here two weeks ago.

"We are happy to host and celebrate Tira's birthday party in Swaziland since he is our brother, friend and business partner.

"I encourage fun lovers to attend the show as it will be the very first time Kool Swazi Entertainment has played alongside Swaziboy Entertainment. We will be making history and magic. The 'S'fun'abochomi' artist also promised to bring along Afrotainment deejays," said Mbhamali.

Mbhamali also informed that there will be no pre-sale tickets for the show; they will be sold only at the entrance. Tickets will cost E100 for general and E300 for VIP. The local entertainment stables house a number of highly talented deejays namely DJ Njebza and Luster who are under Kool Swazi Entertainment and DJ Mbo and Papz who are under Swaziboy entertainment.

Other supporting acts will be; DJ Crooks, Wicked, Deepmotion vs Freestyle and many more.



APPRECIATION: People cheering Sbu J as he recites poetry at one of his shows.

ARTS AWAKE TO HOST SBU J

By Majaha Nkonyane

ARTS Awake gears up to host Poet Sbulelo Jele, affectionately known as 'Sbu J' in the poetry circles. The one man Poetry show is dubbed "The Prisoner of Words Unsaid".

The gifted poet has continually impressed behind the microphone, thus making a name for himself in the poetry scene in Swaziland.

His recent set at the Arts Awake blanket drive show in July impacted many. During his performance the audience snapped fingers and ululated, applauding the poets rhyming skill. Jele's contribution in the poetry industry in Swaziland dates back to his training days at the University of Swaziland, Kwaluseni campus, where he and another poet, Zwelonke Maseko formed an association called 'UNISWA Poetry Society'.

The association used to gather young poets, studying in tertiary institutions, to host poetry nights. This is where students would be serenaded by the different poets. The shows worked as a series of themes that



poets recited upon.

The association continues to host poetry nights, even to date, although chaired by a whole new breed of poetic students.

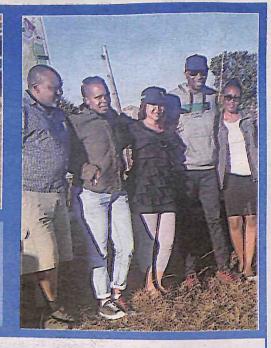
"It is an exciting opportunity to eventually headline my own show, it has been an idea that I have been working on for quite some time and preparations are underway. I would like to encourage people to come support as I deliver a long overdue show," he said.

The show will also feature poets that the artist is still in talks with and are to be revealed at a later stage. Tickets to the show will be sold at E100.



ASH, DJ STEEL A

GROUP PIC BEFORE MY SET: DJ Mix Mash (second from right) before his set.



By Phumelele Mkhonta

LOCALLY renowned spinners, Sicelo 'DJ Mix Mash' and Ntokozo 'DJ Steel' Nxumalo set the mood alight at the Off-Road Official Launch, which was at Mmeleli Eco City in Hawane.

Dubbed the 'Off-road Challenge'. the event featured some powerful SUVs, 4x4 bakkies, small executive sedans and motor bikes, which muscled up to navigate different challenges at the Eco City.

All these moments were captured on camera by cheering car enthusiasts who attended the event. The Off-road challenge was organised by Bontle Communication in partnership with Mmeleli Eco City. DJ Steel mostly played Old Skool RnB and Dance, while DJ Mix Mash serenaded the crowd with Old Skool Soul music. DJ Mix Mash is one of the legendary Swazi deejays; he started playing in the

early 2000s after being trained by

Due to limited time, Indibano Jazz Club crew could not play their collection of Jazz music as promised. However, Indibano Founder Mbusi Motsa and member Khulile Kunene made the show at the fun filled day.

Dust from skids and nerve-wrecking cliff-hanger moments were the order of the afternoon last Saturday, when different cars of all sizes took up an off-road challenge. Adrenaline, power and precision engulfed the picturesque venue, as different drivers and a few bikers took their machines through a marked route.

The event also catered for families, as there were also activities with the likes of karaoke, braaing and hiking.

Event organiser, Sibongiseni Mamba, said the challenge was not just a show-off for the camera lenses, but an exercise aimed at sharpening drivers' off-road capability.

"The main thing for us is creating a platform where drivers can come together and share ideas, skills and

experiences in a relaxed, yet informative way. Of course we expect people to showcase their vehicle's beauty, style, power and capability, which add colour to the whole event like we saw today. We had all vehicle ranges represented, including, surprisingly

smaller sedans and hatchbacks. We also saw a few motor bikes sampling the route. A lot has been done on driver educa-

tion and campaigns to improve driver awareness, in the country's bid to end road accidents. Our bit has created this forum for drivers to

share experiences with fellow dri-

I'M YOUR DJ. DJ Steel on the ones and twos. their vehicle control skills, learn from and

vers," Mamba said.

Popular spinner DJ Mix Mash was one of the petrol heads who participated in the challenge. He said such adrenaline-rushing activi-

ties were his passion, and was looking forward to similar challenges. His love for speed and outdoor driving will, one day, he said, see him cruise on a motor bike. "I don't know

how many times I've stopped myself from buying a bike," said Mashwama.

On the day, he was driving his pimped up red Ford Ranger 2.2 Litre Diesel, which, he said, did not disappoint him.

Venue owner, Mmeleli Dlamini said he was excited by the event, which he said, was in-line with Eco City's vision of being the only home for true 21st Century lifestyle enhancing activities, including motorsport, music and the art and others.

Lifestyle

"This place will offer more than just upmarket accommodation and commercial space; it will offer a complete lifestyle package, particularly for those who are looking for enriching habits that are alternatives for the mainstream. For us, an event like today's challenge and the media launch, we hosted with Bontle last month, are a build-up to the cocktail of activities that are on our plans," said Dlamini.

Other guests took time to appreciate plots and the scenic view of the place, which offers a 360 degree panoramic view of the southern Hhohho; including, Mbabane to the far North West, Ngwenya and Methane as well as the magnificent Bulembu hills at a distance.

Voils of Praise album finally released

By Majaha Nkonyane

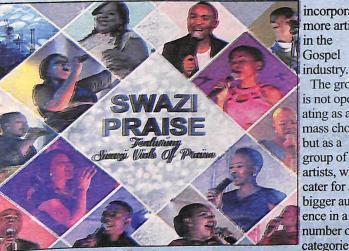
DJ Xtra Luv.

THE Local Gospel scene is bringing more to the table, in 2016, as another group Swazi Viols of praise releases an Album on August 27 and copies will be made available for sale.

The group is

releasing their first album that was recorded on February 27 at Esibayeni Lodge. The production team recorded two albums on the night and upon releasing the 'Impilo Yami' album, by Nothando Hlophe, they then worked on the Swazi Voils of praise album, which will be made available at the Shekinah Motsa show at

Sibane Hotel. "We are excited to present this project, it has been an interesting journey and



we hope it will assist us to break into international markets. The production is amazing and we hope Swaziland is ready for this production, seeing the difficulty of promoting one artist as a brand. The group is made of 13 artists, who have recorded one album," group manager Sijabulile Vilakati said.

The group is operating under a new name called Swazi Praise. The name is an umbrella name used to

incorporate more artists in the Gospel

The group is not operating as a mass choir, but as a group of artists, who cater for a bigger audience in a number of categories.

In addition, the group has different genres like Traditional Gospel, Contemporary Gospel, and International Gospel.

Artists in the group are a combination of upcoming artists from four regions of the country. Some were handpicked because of their contribution to the Gospel industry, whilst others are a result of the nationwide held women in Praise auditions.

Scara slated for Mr/Miss Zion SA

KAMGILIJI born and bred Zion singer, Scara Maziya, is set to perform at Mr and Miss Zion 2016 on August, 27 at Nelspruit.

The event is aimed at conglomerating Zionists through the pageant, where 30 contestants will be competing for the ultimate crown.

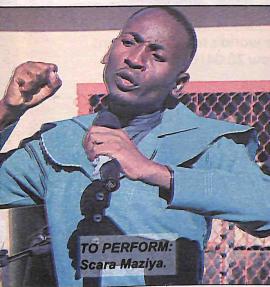
Maziya has been invited with his group 'Scara Maziya and Sing to Jehovah'. He has

700 music lovers.

also been requested to tag along with his new mass choir. The gospel sensation is making waves as he

recently launched his new album 'Awuphind'uzame', conjoining it with a live DVD recording, where he managed to fill up KaMgiliji Shopping Complex with more than

This proves that the Zionist singer is resilient, as he has been breaking boundaries, after he was attacked in Johannesburg last year, where all his belongings were taken and he was left with only his passport while he was still recording his 'Awuphind'-uzame' album.



The artist has performed numerous times out of the country. He is also a double award nominee; he was nominated as Best Amazoyoni at the National Arts and Culture Awards (NACA) and Best Instrumental at Mpumalanga-Swaziland Gospel Awards.

Recognising "I would really like to appreciate the Zion Choral News for recognis-

ing and incorporating Scara Maziya and Sing to Jehovah and my mew mass choir to their event, Mr and Miss Zion 2016. We take this as a great opportunity to hoist the Swazi flag high, like we did when we went to Nelspruit, where we were nominated as the Best Composed Instrumental Album. It is at this event where the Zion Choral News recognised us," commented Maziya.

Maziya and his group will be performing at Nelspruit Valencia Hall alongside other South African acts that will be rendering Zion music, hip/hop, comedy, choral and other forms of entertainment.



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HIGHLIGHTS



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Join Travel Channel on a tour of the world's most secluded swimming holes, from crystal blue waterfalls to underwater caves!

This series, take a dip in the aquamarine waters of Havasupai Falls, dive into a hidden world deep below a Minnesota lake, and slackline across the red rocks of Arizona. We also enter an ancient Oregon forest, the former home of a ballistic nuclear missile, and a gorgeous oasis in New Mexico. Cool off and slip into these peaceful pools in exciting, secret locations.



London Fashion Week Spring Summer Tomorrow 20:00 | Fashion One (178)

A stylish weekend of spring summer styles from the

London catwalks.



Inside the world's toughest prisons Tomorrow 20:04 BBC Brit (120)

This four-part series, crime journalist Paul Connolly goes behind the bars of some of the world's most notorious and toughest prisons. Immersing himself in maximum security facilities around the world to live as a prisoner, he encounters the inmates locked up for their crimes and meets the men and women on the right side of law tasked with keeping the criminals behind bars. In each episode, Paul is banged up to live as a prisoner in one of the world's toughest pris-

Across the series he travels to Poland, the Philippines and Mexico, to experience firsthand the harsh conditions, overcrowding and mindnumbing discipline of these iails.

While inside, Paul meets prison gang members who rule the roost, talks with mur-

derers and learns how in some jails, drugs and violence are a way of life. He also discovers what it's like to be a guard and the measures hey have to take to keep the prisoners in line and inside. Paul spends the night in Mexico's stark and forbidding El Hongo prison and the rundown, ramshackle Rizal City Jail in the Philippines. Paul shares a prison dormitory with 37 inmates whose crimes include kidnapping and drug trafficking. In the Philippines, he beds down in a cramped four-man cell with a suspected murderer, a suspected drug dealer and a convicted rapist and head of the Sputnik jail gang. In Poland, he experiences the traumatic effect of total isolation and meets one of Poland's most notorious murderers and former organised crime boss.

NEW FOOTBALL SEASON ON SUPERSPORT

THE best football leagues in the world are back and from Saturday, the World of Champions, SuperSport, will bring football fans in Africa all the live action of the new season in HD glory on DStv!

Football fans were given a preview of the upcoming season last weekend when DStv showcased the muchanticipated Community Shield clash which saw Man United scoop their first silverware over last season's Premier League title-holders, Leicester City. And if the hype and hysteria of the previous season is any indication, the looming Premier League is bound to be just as captivating with all 380 matches of the new season available on DStv!

At least 300 of the matches will be broadcast live, confirming SuperSport as the football destination of choice for viewers across Africa. The sports channel's breadth and depth of the coverage, which will include first-class Premier League TV buildups with respected analysts, will remain unrivalled on the continent.

This coming season will bring an exciting new dimension with the Premier League scheduling fixtures tomorrow for the very first time. These, too, will be part of SuperSport's vast Premiership offering to football fans. As usual, Saturdays will be firm football days with simultaneous 4pm (CAT) kickoffs that will see SuperSport air up to three extra games at a time over multiple



...BUT THAT'S NOT ALL

DStv Compact customers will continue to enjoy the best football leagues in the world this new football season.

SS11will continue to be the home of the EPLwhile SuperSport 12 will once again become a dedicated 24-hour La Liga channel where fans of teams like Real Madrid and Barcelona

starts on August 19, 2016. Thanks to the Spanish league's staggered kick-off times, up to 80 percent of the 380 matches will be live.

will have plenty to enthuse

about when the season

The balance of games will be on either SS5 or SS7 on an either live or delayed

SuperSport channelsSS3, SS5, SS6, SS7 and SS11. The popular 24-hour Premier League channel will continue as standard basis.

SuperSport also broadcasted the UEFA Super Cup (Real Madrid v Sevilla) on Tuesday, plus the Champions League, of which 100 of the 125 matches will be broadcast live from September 13 until the final in June 2017. The Europa League will also enjoy wall-to-wall coverage - 205 matches in all with at least 120 live. Other great football properties on SuperSport include the FA Cup, the Capital ONE Cup, the Spanish Super Cup, Copa Del Rey final and the German Cup.

To ensure that no DStv football fan will miss out on the action, there will

on SS11, reaffirming SuperSport as the home of international football.

There will be little respite for Premiership fans as

also be extensive football action from around the globe via the SuperSport website as well as the new SuperSport app, both of which offer extensive live streaming options, as well as video highlights.

The popular DStv Catch
Up service on the DStv
Explora will also include
highlights of all the major
football fixtures.
Additionally, all the latest
live scores, results and
breaking news can be
found at the supersport.com
website, app and mobile
versions. For more information on the unmatched
football available on DStv
and upcoming fixtures, visit
www.supersport.com

there will also be five weeks in the season with mid-week games that will air on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The walking dead set for return

FOX, the world's leading international entertainment brand and a unit of FOX Network Group, has announced that 'The Walking Dead' Season 7 will premiere internationally on Monday October 24 across all FOX channels outside the US in 125+ markets within 24 hours of the series on October 23 bow on AMC in the US.

International fans will be

able to tune in to the much anticipated season's premiere on October 24 worldwide. Season 6 of 'The Walking Dead' broke international viewership records and dominated as the #1 show outside the US. The Season 6 premiere was up 17% from prior season. FOX pioneered the day and date release model with Season 1 of 'The Walking Dead', and the group remains the only interna-



tional broadcaster to execute this strategy at scale. As in previous seasons, the show's seventh season of 16 episodes will air in two

parts, with the first eight episodes kicking off internationally Monday October 24 and the final eight returning February 2017.

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST





International Celebrity News





TODAY Iris confronts

feelings. Fezile finds himself itching to be Mpiyakhe's general again.

Jabu about his

Samson makes Thandeka a very RESPECTED: sincere offer.



Mpiyakhe.

ISIDÍNGO

TODAY

There's mass uproar about Yvette's tweets. Gabriel hires people to pose as beneficiaries of the Anti Zama-Zama campaign. Kamogelo works hard at

HELPED: Lerato.

trying to lure customers to Lerato's beauty shop.

Muvh<u>X</u>ngo

TODAY

Susan is offered a chance to help Azwindini but it requires her to make sacrifice. **Busi puts** James and Nthabi on the spot. Teboho takes joy in Vele's fall.



LOVED: Chief Azwindini.

RHYTHM **TODAY**

crushed when he's friendzoned by Reneilwe. Puleng shuts Themba out. David is freaked out when he starts seeing Brenda again. FREAKED OUT: Doc is conflicted about

Bash is

David. helping break Solomon out of jail.

'Why I wear a head scarf'

BRITAIN - Great British Bake off winner Nadiya Hussain has become a role model for headscarf-wearing women everywhere. However, she has revealed that her decision to wear

quite what you

might expect.

The 31-year-old

mother-of-three has revealed that

it wasn't a family tradition to

REVEALS: Great the garment wasn't Nadiya Hussain.

British Bake-off winner

Times, Nadiya explained that she began wearing the scarf 17 years ago when headscarves weren't very common

She said: 'I spent a lot of time in the

wear a headscarf

it on her own

accord - leaving

her parents puz-

Speaking to The

and she discovered

school library. Daily Mail

'They're unprofessional candy asses'

HOLLYWOOD - Dwayne

'The Rock' Johnson has slammed his Fast 8 co-stars as unprofessional 'candy asses'. The actor and

wrestler, 44, stars alongside the likes of Vin Diesel, Scott Eastwood and Jason Statham in the next instalment of the Fast And Furious action fran-

chise. And while he had plenty of praise for actresses Charlize Theron, Jordana Brewster and

finally coming to an end in an impassioned Facebook rant on Monday. He said that apart from working with Charlize, Jordana and Michelle and a great behind the scenes crew, the experience genuinely Dwayne Johnson made his 'blood boil'.

Michelle Rodriguez, he vented

his relief that filming

for the movie was

Along with a short video showing a fight scene from the film. Daily Mail

offering their support.

beau, however, as she

explained that Alex,

24, had moved into

her Essex home last

secure in their rela-

'Obviously he's been

getting loads of atten-

tion but I trust him,'

In her comments

she spoke about

women who had

revealed that she

had once been raped

by someone in the

An industry guy

once forced his

dick inside me,"

been sexually

assaulted and

industry.

month and that she felt

Olivia only has eyes

for her handsome

Lindsay Lohan suffers major nip-slip

SARDINIA -Another turbulent episode was pushed to one side as Lindsay Lohan made a memorable appearance in Sardinia on Monday

evening. The former child star appeared to be in good spirits

while celebrating De Grisgono founder Fawaz Gruosi's 64th birthday at Hotel Cala di Volpe on the island's picturesque Porto-Cervo resort.



HAPPY: Lindsay Lohan.

But her sweeping navy blue gown very nearly caused a catastrophic wardrobe malfunction by partially exposing her breast as she posed for photos with fellow guest Harvey Weinstein.

However the fashion faux pas did nothing to cloud her mood and Lindsay was on form while chatting with guests including Danish model Nina Agdal. Daily Mail

'Lots of guys want to sleep with me'

SPEAKS OUT:

LOS ANGELES But despite making things 'official' with her co-star turned boyfriend Alex Bowen, Olivia Buckland, 22, has revealed that she's been inundated with lewd messages by strangers trying to meet up with

her. She told Closer magazine: 'I've had lots of

random guys messaging me saying they want to sleep with me since becoming famous,' but added that the majority of fans reaching out had been females



MOST WANTED: Olivia Buckland.

> she revealed. 'Things are going so well! Alex whipped up even more a female frenzy last month when nude pictures of the star began to circulate online. Daily Mail

tionship.

SA Celebrity News



Ntsiki Mazwai opens up about rape ordeal

'I was young and I didn't know any better'

JOHANNESBURG - Gospel star Dumi Mkokstad has opened up about being a rebel when he was younger, claiming that "painful incidents" started happening as a result.

Speaking to Rebecca Malope on SABC recently, the singer wouldn't divulge

elaborate details, but revealed that he lost his way at some



I WAS YOUNG: 2's It's Gospel Time Gospel star Dumi Mkokstad.

cer." Drum

point in his life, adding that he even stopped going to church. "I was young and I didn't know any better, but I always knew that my calling was to worship the Lord," he said. "Yes, I used to fool around with girls and kill time by playing soc-

JOHANNESBURG - Following a highlypublicised silent rape protest during President Jacob Zuma's speech over the weekend, outspoken musician and activist Ntsiki Mazwai has taken to social media to recount her own rape ordeal.

Ntsiki took to Twitter in the aftermath of the protest to share her views on rape and woman abuse.





OPENS UP: Ntsiki Mazwai.

Ntsiki tweeted. without naming the person who had assaulted

her.

Sowetan

'The rap game is filled with snakes'

JOHANNESBURG T

- Riky Rick was the talk of town after his performance at Oppikoppi over the weekend. Not only were fans in awe of his talent, Riky himself couldn't believe what was happening. Taking to Twitter

after his performance

through tough times and how

his friends, including Cassper

IT'S TOUGH: Riky Rick.

on the main stage, Riky remembered how he had gone

Nyovest, were there to help him. Still tryna understand how we went from being sidelined our whole lives to @oppikoppi main stage... PRAYER CHANGES. I'm 29 now. At 25 I got an ordinary job and forgot about music. Lucky

@CassperNyovest pulled me away from my office and said lets HUSTLE. Timeslive

'I was depressed for the longest time'

JOHANNESBURG -

In a revealing interview with Drum magazine former child star and Boom Shaka singer Theo

Nhlengethwa has spoken out about battling depression and anxiety since 2014

Speaking to the publication Theo explained that things took a turn Nhlengethwa. for the worse after the death of the group's lead singer

Lebo Mathosa. Theo explained that Lebo's death

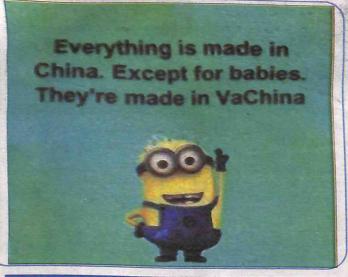


REVEALS: Theo

which resulted in him being in and out of hospital. Public scrutiny and speculation over his health issues also impacted on Theo's health. "People have said the

most shocking things about me and it's one of the reasons I landed up in hospital. I

became a joke and a laughing stock. I don't want to go back there," he said. Sowetan



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Daily Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

The support you need is within your reach. This is a good time to solve problems and make important decisions. You will find a way around almost any obstacle and are in control and able to

quide vourself with ease. Your sense of inner direction is good and should lead to many opportunities. You bring a sense of value and the ideal to what are otherwise very practical matters. You may find that you would be good

Daily Aquarius January 20 - February 18

You will tend to enjoy socialising at work today. You can always put your ideas into words and describe or analyse situations for yourself and others. Your theories may



be fine, but you may lack the patience to let things ripen. Write down your ideas and present them to an administrator instead of talking about them to co-workers

Daily Pisces February 19 - March 20

There may be confusion today over a professional or career decision. You do not like making career decisions any more than the rest of us-this time you might consider some



professional advice. Otherwise, the question at hand could become somewhat more complex. Making your mark on the world has special significance for you. Achievement, ambition and authority take on a greater importance

Daily Aries March 21 - April 19

You take an attitude of gratitude today as you move forward with your career plans-loved ones support your ideas. Your system of values may deepen, providing you



with a better sense of discrimination and good taste. You will begin to make good choices in the area of investments now. There is a lot of mental energy to complete your plans but there must be a balance maintained so you are not too stressed.

Daily Taurus April 20 - May 20

There could be some restrictions on your activities at work today-you may find yourself pacing the floor much of the moming. Inactivity can be just as



stressful as too much activity. Rej machinery or perhaps taking inventory would be beneficial. Perhaps you could find ways in which you can be of help to someone else. This will speed things along and then you will find a busy afternoon.

Daily Gemini May 21 - June 21

Your outward seriousness and no-nonsense approach to things are obvious to all. This deliberate sense of responsibility comes



across and is central to your personality and the way you relate to other people. Everything is run through your checkpoint to see if it holds up and can pass the test. You can be a stickler with details today. You are driven and passionate in your pursuit of change and inner growth.

Daily Cancer June 22 - July 22

When it comes to your work or home, your conservative values clash with whatever is unconventional and different. You may not care for the furniture or



appliance someone has chosen. You do not value novelty and do your best to ignore changes. You appreciate tradition and regularity and your value system is dead set against anything new or out of the ordinary. There are regular infusions of change, which you may find very disturbing. New things may seem to overpower you. Occasionally, you surprise others and this could be one of those

Daily Leo July 23 - August 22

Others may find you especially witty and eccentric at this time. Much of your personal life hinges on pursuing your own growth and success.



discrimination, the ability to discern gradations and differences, is a crucial element in your

Daily Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 22

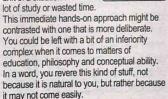
There are plenty of opportunities today for you to choose and move into positive and upbeat circles. You may not have had any idea that your



supervisors knew you were talented. You will have a chance to show off your talents and help create new ideas that improve the techniques of many employees you may have never seen. This may also entail the writing down of instructions and perhaps a guide for others to follow.

Daily Libra September 23 - October 23

You are a very feeling person and can sense the drift of a situation without a



Daily Scorpio October 24 - November 21

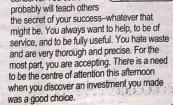
much-your abilities are much more accurate than



sense of concern for everything makes you valuable when anything needs doing but, if left unoccupied, you have been known to worry needlessly. Given only a few facts, you are able to take in a situation and come up with a real picture of what is happening.

Daily Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21

You have an innate urge to save, salvage and Sagittariu conserve. You could and



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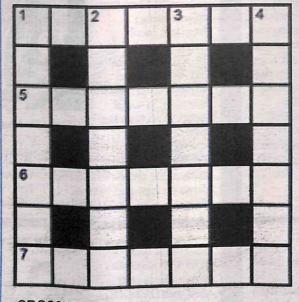
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SHAAT.

The other two guys open their lunches and say the same thing. The next day the first guy opens his lunch and says, "Ah, ham and

The next two open their lunches and say, "Tunafish, tunafish, I hate tunafish. If I get tunafish one more

Tunafish

Three guys that all worked bulding high rise buildings sat down to lunch one day. The first one opens his lunch and says, "Tunafish, tunafish, I hate tunafish. If I get tuna fish one more time I'm jumping."

sandwiches

ing." So he goes to the edge and

time I'm going to jump." The third day the first two guys open their

lunches and both got their favourite The third guy opens his lunch and says, "Tunafish, tunafish, I hate tunafish. All right, that's it. I'm jump-

> jumps off. The other two look on not believing what just happened. After a while the first guy says, "Gee, that's sad. He actually jumped."

The second guy says, "Yeah, the worst part is that he packed his own lunch."

USELESS FACTS

- 1. The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law, which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your
- 2. The longest recorded flight of a chicken is 13 seconds.
- 3. The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one mile in every five must be straight in case of war or emergency, they could be used as airstrips.
- 4. The name Jeep came from
- army. G.P. for 'General Purpose' vehicle.
- 5. The Pentagon, in Arlington, Virginia, has twice as many bathrooms as is necessary, because when it was built in the 1940s, the state of Virginia still had segregation laws requiring separate toilet facilities for blacks and whites.
- 6. The cruise liner, Queen Elizabeth II, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.

BRAINTEASERS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Yesterday's **Brainteasers**

000.

1. Using only addition, how do you add eight 8s and get the number 1 000? Answer: 888 + 88 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 1

2. How do dog catchers get paid?

Answer:

By the pound

Today's brainteasers

1. What never asks questions but is often answered?

2. What belongs to you but other people use it more than you?

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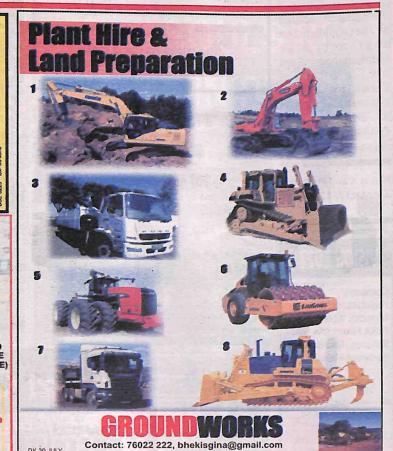
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DEATHS

Friends and relatives of Simon usekwane Magagula who was working for Premier Bakeries are notified Bakeries are notified of his death funeral on Sunday 14/08/16 after night vigil on Saturday at his parental home Luve (Phalala) memorial service will be held on Saturday at 12noon at Syndey Williams at 12noon. Annoucement by Magagula Family Magagula Family



Relatives and friends of Banti Innocent Fakudze are notified of his demise he will be laid to rest at his parental home at Ndlalambi 14 August after a night vigil on Saturday 13 August announcement by his



Kwatiswa tihlobo ta Nelsiwe Constance Phiri ulaManana kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bakaTsabedze, bakaManana kubo Esigcineni, bekhabonina Emphini kaVilakati nelibandla lakhe mahlokohlo Emahlokomo. Ufihlwa ngemgcibelo mhlaka 13 August 2016 em va kwemindzelo ngalesihlanu khakhakhe buseleni manyeveni memetelo sikhishwa ngu Donald Elliot Phiri umveni wakhe.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba John Fana Mahlalela lobekanetitolo kaManzini kutsi a k a s e k h o emhlabeni. Ufihlwa n g e m g c i b e l o mhlaka 13 August 2016, ekhaya lakhe kaZandodndo emva kwemlindzelo ngalesihlanu mhlaka 12 August 2016. Kwatiswa bekhakhakhe bakaZwane eManzimhlophe naboMalume wakhe kaSifundza kaLomahhasha kanya nelibandla lakhe(iOlder Apostol) kutsi nabo babekhona. Simemetelo sikhishwa mgumkakhe egameni lemndeni.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani kutsi Florence Masuku a k a s e k h o emhlabeni Inkonzo yekumkhumbula ingalesihlanu 12/08/2016 nga 1:00pm eKwaluseni Seventh day Adventist Church. Inkondzo lemfisha ingemgcibelo nga 6:00pm ekhaya lakhe eKwaluseni. Utawufihlwa ngelisontfo nga 7:00am eKwaluseni Kute Umlindzelo" Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.





Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni waMake Essellinah Qhamkephi Dlamini ulaGinindza kutsi akasekho emhlabeni, kwatiswa bekhakhakhe Emalangeni kaQomntaba kaLavumisa nebakubo eZikhotheni eSihkutse kanye nelibandla lakhe iApostolic Church. Utawufihlwa ekhaya lakhe kaBhekinkosi ngemgcibelo 13/08/16 umlindzelo ungalesihlanu. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumyeni wakhe Enock Mphikeleli Dlamini.



nebangani baMake Sarah Tinkhomo **Tsabedze**, ula Masilela kutsi sewusishiyile emhlabeni emvakwekugula sikhashana. Kwatiswa bakaTsabedze kaBhekinkhosi ekhakhakhe ,bakaMasilela E d l a n g e n i Ngadlalankulu neMalangeni ekhabonina nelibandla leCatholic. Lusuku lwekumfihla lungemgcibelo 13/08/16 nga6 ebusuku ekhaya lakhe kaZombodze Egocweni emva kwemlindzelo. Kutoba nenkonzo yesikhumbuzo eCathedral kaManzini nga 2pm. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumyeni wakhe Hitler Majalimane Tsabedze



Kwatiswa tihlobo n e b a n g a n i ba**Shubhushubhu Dlamini** losebenta sikhatsi lesidze eMhlume section 4 bekadvume ngekutsi nguGubavu kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngelisontfo mhlaka14/08/16 ekhaya lakhe kaDvokolwako eceleni kweMayini. Kwatiswa nekhakhakhe kaMaziya nebaka Gogo wakhe kaBulunga nelibandla lakhe Sibusiso church in Zion under Rev M.J Mgabhi.Inkozo ingena ngensimba yelishumi kusihlwa. Simemetelo sikhiwa nguMandla Dlamini egameni lemndeni.



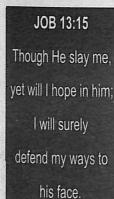
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Friends and relatives of Siphiwe Maria Vilakati are notified of her demise. Funeral will be on Saturday 13/08/16 after a night vigil at here parental home eTincancweni (at Groening station) Annoucement by family

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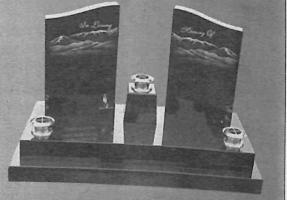
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ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP



Ranieri signs new Leicester deal

LEICESTER - Manager Claudio Ranieri has signed a new contract with Leicester City that would keep him at the club until June 2020, the **Premier League champions** announced yesterday.

Appointed in July, 2015, the 64-year-old Italian helped the club defy pre-season odds of 5000/1 to win the league, the first top-flight title in Leicester's 132-year history.

"Claudio's qualities, both as a man and as a coach, have been very clear since the moment he arrived - qualities that have helped Leicester City to progress on every level," club Vice Chairman Aiyawatt Srivaddhanaprabha said in a statement.

Key players including goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel, defender Wes Morgan and prolific striker Jamie Vardy have also extended their contracts with the club who begin their title defence with a trip to newly promoted Hull City on Saturday.

"From the moment I talked to the owners about their vision



NEW DEAL: Manager Claudio Ranieri.

for Leicester City, I knew it was something I wanted to be part of for a long time," Ranieri

"The energy that exists at this club - from the owners and the staff, to the players and supporters - is something very special. I am very happy and proud that I will be part of it for years to

"Last season, that spirit and our hard work helped us to achieve something magical. If we can continue to work hard, maintain our passion and continue to fight with all our hearts, I am sure we can continue to be successful together."

© Reuters

MANCHESTER - Rio Ferdinand is confident Paul Pogba will cope with the pressure of his world record transfer fee after completing his move to Manchester United on Tuesday.

United spent £89m to bring the France midfielder back to the club from Juventus, and his former teammate Ferdinand believes the France international can handle the pressure.

"Paul is a huge talent and someone with the personality to handle that price tag," Ferdinand told the BBC.

"Paul's character means he will deal with being such a big investment, so that won't be a problem.

"He will relish the responsibility on his shoulders of bringing medals and trophies to the club," he added. "That won't faze him at all."

United have paid for allowing Pogba to leave for Juve in 2012, but Ferdinand is confident the 23-yearold can make up for lost time.

"It was a mistake to let him leave but bringing him back is a statement of intent," added the former England central defender who joined United



from Juventus. RIGHT - CON-FIDENT: Rio Ferdinand.

for a then British record fee of 29.1 million pounds in 2002.

"He is going to be a top player for years to come and will make a big difference to United's title chances." sport24



Funeral Notice



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.

Funeral service will be held at Umdoni Estate on Saturday, starting at 8am before he is laid to rest at Ezulwini cemetery.

Rest in Peace Seven.



ctelo MVA Fund Building, Gwamile Street, P.O. Box 4239, Mbabane, H100. Tel: +268 4047161. Fax: +268 404 5747

"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

Enquiries are to be directed to the office of the CEO, by electronic mail ONLY, E-mail: minenhle@mva.org.sz **TOLL FREE 8007005**



BANYANA HOLD BRAZIL BUT EXIT RIO

RIO DE JANEIRO - In their final Group E match, South Africa's women's team held Brazil to a 0-0 draw during the 2016 Rio Olympics match at Amazônia Arena in Manaus on Tuesday wight.

The group encounter was

the final attempt for Vera Pauw's side to get a win, but they now exit the prestigious tournament without bagging a single victory. Banyana Banyana failed to score a goal or win a match in the group as they exit with one point to their

Although they played

well against the hosts, Banyana failed to find an opening goal to stun the Brazilian side.

Their only opportunity came before the interval.

The South Africans nearly found the back of the net when Linda Motlhalo had a great opportunity, but she was dispossessed when preparing to take a shot.

There were no goals from either side at the interval.

supersport

MY BALL: Brazil's player Andressa Alves fights for the ball with South Africa's player Janine Van Wyk during the Olympic Games Rio 2016 women's first round Group E football match between South Africa and Brazil at the Arena Amazonia in Manaus, Brazil, on Tuesday. (AFP)





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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: INVESTMENT CONSULTANT

REFERENCE CBSRF/2016

1. REQUIREMENTS

The Central Bank of Swaziland Retirement Fund hereby invites proposals from Retirement Fund Investment Consultants who are registered with the Office of the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA).

2. CONDITIONS & SCOPE

The tender should clearly state the following:

- Fund Investment Consulting Services
- Fee Structure
- Name & Physical address
- Specimen of Service Level Agreement
- Company profile
- List of references

Certified copies of the following documents should accompany the tender document.

- · Certificate of Incorporation
- · Form
- CV's of Director and Key Personnel
- Registration Certificate from RIRF
- Licence from Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA)
- Proof of physical address

3. SUBMISSION

Completed tenders are to be returned in a sealed envelope and clearly marked, "CBS Staff Retirement Fund RFP" and deposited in the tender box at Central Bank of Swaziland reception, Umtsholi Building, Mahlokohla Street, MBABANE on or before 1st September 2016.

Enquiries pertaining to this tender must be directed to the Principal Officer Human Resources Manager at +268 2408 2245.



Swaziland Environment Authority

PUBLIC NOTICE

RE: PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF THE 8-14 MW LOWER MAGUDUZA HYDROPOWER SCHEME IN SWAZILAND

A public notice is hereby published in terms of section 52 of the Environmental Management Act, 2002. Swaziland Electricity Company has prepared an Environmental Impact Assessment report and formulated a Comprehensive Mitigation Plan for the proposed development of the 8-14 MW Lower Maguduza hydro power Scheme.

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

- 1. Swaziland Environmental Authority Offices RHUS Office Park, Mbabane
- 2. Manzini National Library
- 3. Nkonyeni Golf Estate Restaurant
- 4. Sidvokodvo Police Station
- 5. Nhlambeni Inkhundla Offices
- Mbabane National Library

Interested and affected parties are requested to submit comments and/or objections as per the Environmental Audit, Assessment and Review Regulations, 2000. Written submissions should be directed to the Executive Director, Swaziland Environmental Authority, P. O. Box 2602, Mbabane. Fax: 2404 1719 or email: ceosec@sea.org.sz

The deadline for submissions is 19 September 2016*

*20 days from last week of publication of notice.

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ROGER DE SA TARGETS TEAM **UNITY AT AJAX**

CAPE TOWN - A 31-man Urban Warriors squad departed for the coastal city yesterday, with their head coach aiming to build a more cohesive unit ahead of the tough season ahead.

"We'll be looking for a continuation of our preparation we've been doing, and it's obviously just nice to get away for a while," De Sa said.

"Everybody is looking forward to it, it's a different environment and the guys will get a chance to bond a little bit more too.

"We'll also get to play a few friendly games there against different opposition to what we have in Cape Town."

De Sa is hoping the time away will build a stronger bond amongst his squad both on and off the field.

"The main reason for this trip is to get everybody to gel," he said. "I'm sure there'll be a lot of jokes and pranks which makes it fun. Also we'll have more time to get some video sessions in."

I WOULD COACH KAIZER CHIEFS - BE

JOHANNESBURG - Former Orlando Pirates striker Benni McCarthy admits he would jump at the opportunity to coach

Kaizer Chiefs. McCarthy is edging closer to earning his coaching stripes after getting a **UEFA A** licence and starting work on his UEFA Pro

● "If the opportunity arises, of course I would take it. For example, Jose Mourinho said he was a Chelsea man and now he is with one of their biggest rivals" licence. The all-time Bafana Bafana top-scorer parted ways with Belgian side Sint Truiden earli-

WOULD COACH CHIEFS: Former Orlando Pirates player Benni McCarthy.

er in the year, where he was assistant coach under Chris O'Loughlin.

"If I could get an opportunity and it was at Chiefs, why should I say no to one of the biggest teams in South Africa?," McCarthy told Soccer Laduma.

"If the opportunity arises, of course I would take it. For example, José

Mourinho said he was a Chelsea man and now he is with one of their biggest rivals.

"It's a job at the end of the day and I'd have to try to get a job first of all. So if it's Chiefs, Sundowns or Ajax, I would have to look at it. If it's a project that excites me and I feel I could make a difference, I'd take it.

"If Pirates don't come for me but Chiefs do, I can't wait until I get old. So yeah, 100% I would coach Kaizer Chiefs. They are a big club so why would anybody in the whole world say no to Chiefs?" Sport24

CONVERT CHANCES WORRIES KOMPHELA FAILING TO

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs coach Steve Komphela is still concerned with his side's inability to convert chances, but is confident they are heading in the right direc-

Amakhosi were beaten by Baroka FC to the FAME Charity Cup this past weekend, seven days after outclassing Orlando Pirates in the Carling Black

Label Cup.

But Komphela, who has done a complete overhaul of his squad over the winter, is unperturbed.

"We did create chances and it is only that we needed to hit the back of the net," the Chiefs boss

"(Luis) Macha had one or two chances and there was a chance for (Kgotso) Moleko and Tsepo (Masilela), who was also in the

box a couple of times.

"It is good to see the team getting in the box...You just need to get into that habit of hitting the back of the net, that's it. We just failed to score but chances we did create. But overall I am satisfied with where we are going.'

Amakhosi will get their season under way with an ABSA Premiership trip to Bidvest Wits on August 23. Sport24



Chippa unwilling to sell Molangoane

JOHANNESBURG - Chippa **United CEO Peter Koutroulis** insists that want-away midfielder Joseph Molangoane will not be sold to Kaizer Chiefs.

Molangoane has been training with Africa Sport Youth Development Academy in Johannesburg in hopes of forcing a move to Amakhosi.

The 28-year-old had penned a pre-contract with Chiefs, but Chippa claim that Molangoane has two years remaining on his deal at the Port Elizabeth club.

It appears the matter will have to be settled at Premier Soccer League (PSL) DRC with the negotiations seemingly deadlocked.

Longs

"The boy belongs to Chippa and has two years left on his contract with the club," Koutroulis told KickOff.



club and we respect him so much that we hope this issue will be

"Those that want him must

'KG' to get Cardiff release? Chiefs lie in wait

JOHANNESBURG - Former Bafana Bafana international, Kagisho Dikgacoi, could be on his way out of Cardiff City in the near future, with interest in South Africa mounting for the midfielder.

'KG', 31, still has one year left on his contract with Cardiff following his move from Crystal Palace back in 2014, however, injuries have hindered his progress at the club since his arrival.

Plans

Now, with the player out of Paul Trollope's plans for 2016/17, the Siya crew has been led to believe that an exit may be on the cards before the closure of the current transfer window, although nothing has been agreed upon as of yet.

Mutual

It is thought that the club and player may be open to a mutual termination of his contract given the current situation, and while there is interest in Europe, Kaizer Chiefs are one of a handful of South African teams also waiting in the wings in case the opportunity to land him arises.

The combative midfield man has spent the last seven seasons in the UK after signing for Fulham from Golden Arrows in 2009, though it appears that a return could now be on the cards.

Sports24

surprise package engage us for talks." Sports24 "He is still not training with the resolved soon. Mlambo expresses gratitude following Chippa move JOHANNESBURG-

CAPE TOWN - Xola Mlambo has thanked all parties involved following the successful completion of his move from Chippa United to Bidvest Wits ahead of the new Premiership season.

The 25-year-old midfielder completed his move to the Sturrock Park-based outfit last Friday and will look to help Gavin Hunt's men clinch the league title that has elluded them in recent seasons.

"I am lost for words. I don't know where to start and what to say, I am just grateful to the club for welcoming me with open arms in January, and for everything they have done for me," Mlambo told Chippa's website.

Betails

Despite the finer details of the move having not been revealed, the Port-Elizabeth outfit's Chairman Siviwe 'Chippa' Mpengesi revealed that the transfer is the biggest in the history of the club.

The player, known as Ten-Ten in the football fraternity, expressed his gratitude to the fans of the Chilli Boys for their support during his

stay with the club.

"I want to thank the fans not only for the love and welcome they gave me on my arrival, but for the manner in which they cheered us on the pitch," he added.

Opinion

"It rubbed off on us (players), and in my opinion they are up there with the best (fans) in South African

"The singing and their spirit lifted us and in return all we wanted to do as players was to give back to

Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosi-mane believes Chippa United will be the surprise package in the Premiership challenge in the

Pitso tips Chippa as

upcoming season. Chippa coach Dan Malesela replaced Roger Sikhakhane in December and went on to guide the team to a top-eight finish.

Under Malesela, the Chilli-boys play an ultra-attacking style which has won them many admirers.

Mosimane expressed equal admiration for Malesela but also warned that squad depth is a major factor in the Premiership

race. "I think Chippa will surprise, they will be a very big surprise this year," Mosimane told the Sowetan Live.

"They have kept the coach. they have kept the players. They had a lot of wins last season.

"There is a lot of calmness about them in terms of the coach and the (team's) management, I see them doing very well in my opinion. (Coach) Dan (Malesela) believes in total football, pure football.

"The only challenge is I don't know if he does have the personnel. You can have a philosophy but do you have the personnel?"

Armstrong claims 3rd Olympic time trial gold

RIO DE JANEIRO - A matter of hours before her 43rd birthday, Kristin Armstrong secured her third Olympic time trial gold in the pouring rain in Rio.

Armstrong, who finished the event with a nosebleed and in floods of tears, posted a time of 44:26.42 to see off her nearest challenger - Russia's Olga Zabelinskaya - by five-and-a-half seconds in horrendous riding conditions.

The American - a winner at Beijing eight years ago and again at London 2012 - lay on the wet tarmac in disbelief after her sprint finish guaranteed her a memorable gold.

Wearing a colourful helmet, which featured a patriotic cartoon of an eagle with outstretched talons, the cyclist needed 30 seconds to let her achievement sink in. Bronze went to Anna van der Breggen of Holland but Team GB's



Emma Pooley was unable to recreate her Olympic magic from 2008 as she finished 14th in terrible riding conditions at the Rio time trial.

Maradona to return

Bauza said on his

arrival in Barcelona

'I have come to talk

about football, so

(Messi) can tell me

his frustrations that

made him say those

"Our talk will

sion," he continued.

Bauza took over

as Argentina coach

after Gerardo

to the team he has

captained since

2011.

words."

The Brit won a silver medal in the dis-

cipline eight years ago but, in heavy rain, she was well off the pace required for a spot on the podium this time around.

Daily Mail

Everton looking to lure Benteke to Goodison

LIVEPOOL - Everton Manager Ronald Koeman is tempted to lure Liverpool striker Christian Benteke to Goodison Park, according to widespread reports.

Benteke has been struggling to break into Liverpool starting XI and Reds Manager, Jurgen Klopp, is looking to cash in on the Belgium forward.

However, Everton will have to go into a bidding war for the striker's services against Sunderland, who look to offer the 25-year-old a lifeline.

The Blue corner of Merseyside are eager to find a replacement for Romelu Lukaku as Chelsea aim to bring back the stocky forward to Stamford Bridge.

According to the Mirror, Benteke will remain at Liverpool if the target evaluation of £30m is not met.

Benteke played second fiddle to Daniel Strurridge last season while Klopp also opted to re-position Roberto Firmino into a striker ahead of Benteke during 2015/16 campaign.

Meanwhile, the Daily Mail has also revealed that Benteke will even consider a loan stint elsewhere if no club can match Liverpool's price tag. Sport24

Argentina coach Edgardo Bauza flies into Barca

To talk Messi out of international retirement

BARCELONA -Argentina coach Edgardo Bauza has travelled to Spain in an effort to convince Lionel Messi to return to the national team.

Messi, a record five-time world player of the year, said in June that "the national team is over for me" following Argentina's loss in the Copa America final.

That was Argentina's third straight loss in a final, including the 2014 World Cup.

But Bauza is determined to try and convince the country's most iconic player since Diego



TEARS: Lionel Messi in tears after a second penalty defeat in a row by Chile during the

then lead to a deci-

COPA finals.

Martino stepped down following the Copa America, which saw the side beaten by Chile for the second year in a row, both times via a penalty shoot-out. Daily Mail

ALABA HOPES DORTMUND FANS DON'T TURN ON RETURNING MARIO GOT

MUNICH - Bayern Munich defender David Alaba hopes his former team-mate Mario Gotze will not be jeered after returning to Borussia Dortmund ahead of the DFL-Supercup showdown.

The Germany international, who scored the winning goal in the 2014 World Cup final, returned to the Westfalenstadion after an inconsistent three-year spell with the Bundesliga champions.

However, the rivalry between Germany's top two clubs could see the 24-year-old given a mixed reception by Dortmund supporters who were incensed with him for leaving the club in 2013.

"It will be very special, because of Mario's return. I hope and wish that the fans won't boo Mario," Alaba told

"He did a lot for BVB already and gave some beautiful moments to them. I hope they will be thankful for

"I am sure Mario will give them more in the future. The time in



Munich was difficult for him because of several injuries. But it's no secret that he's a world-class player."

Dortmund Chief Executive Hans-Joachim Watzke has also called for

the club's notoriously vocal fans not to turn on Gotze, who has since admitted his move to Bayern was a mistake.

Reuters

'West Ham are trying to get to another level'

LONDON - Slaven Bilic claims keeping hold of Dimitri Payet is a statement of West Ham's intent ahead of the new Premier League.

France international Payet's displays at Euro 2016 saw him linked with a move to some of the world's biggest clubs.

But the Hammers have kept hold of their star man as they begin life in their new 60 000-

capacity London Stadium.

In keeping Dimitri Payet we have shown the club is serious and trying to get to another level, as much or even more than with the new stadium," West Ham boss Bilic told Sky Sports News.

'West Ham was always labelled as a club that has to sell its best players, be it Frank Lampard, Rio Ferdinand or

whoever. But we have kept Dimi, and we have shown to everyone that the club is thinking seriously.'

Bilic has also made some eye-catching new additions to his squad including Algeria winger Sofiane Feghouli, Norway midfielder Havard Nordtveit and, earlier this week, Swansea striker Andre Ayew. Daily Mail

COMEBACK ONFIRMS

LAS VEGAS - The 37-yearold Filipino, who has won world titles in eight weight divisions, made the announcement after meeting with promoter Bob Arum in Manila on Tuesday.

"Yes, the fight is on. I have agreed to a November 5 fight with reigning WBO welter-Weight champion Jessie Vargas," Manny Pacquiao

said.

"Boxing is my passion. I miss what I'd been doing inside the gym and atop the ring." After winning a unanimous decision against American Timothy Bradley in April, Pacquiao had said he would retire to focus on his political career.

Pacquiao was elected to the Philippine senate in May but

even before taking office, he said he was open to fighting again.

"Boxing is my main source of income. I can't rely on my salary as a public official," he said. "I'm helping the family of my wife and my own family, as well. Many people also come to me to ask for help and I just couldn't ignore them." Sky Sports

Arsenal's Gabriel out for 6 to 8 weeks



LONDON - Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger faces a defensive injury crisis after he revealed defender Gabriel will be out for six to eight weeks.

The centre half was forced off in Arsenal's preseason win over Manchester City in Sweden last Sunday and is now set for a prolonged spell on the sidelines.

It's the latest injury blow for Wenger ahead of the

new season and leaves him with just Calum Chambers and summer signing Rob Holding as his central defensive options for the Premier League opener with Liverpoo

Gabriel collided with Manchester City striker Kelechi Iheanacho in injury time of Arsenal's 3-2 win in Gothenburg, injuring his left ankle in the process.

He was carried off on a stretcher with Wenger confirming: "Gabriel has an

ankle problem and will be out for six to eight weeks. "It is a bit better than we feared at the start."

Arsenal face Liverpool at the Emirates on Sunday and with Per Mertesacker and Gabriel out injured and Laurent Koscielny rested following France's run to the Euro 2016 final, Chambers and Holding are the only men available to start at the heart of Wenger's defence. AFP

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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UBOMBO SUGAR LIMITED

TENDER NUMBER: UBO 53 /2016 AGRIC INVITATION TO TENDER FOR SPRING REPLANT LAND PREPARATION.

Ubombo Sugar Limited (USL) has secured funding from the European Union - Swaziland Sugar Facility under DCI-SUCRE contract 2015/354-053 P4 to implement Ubombo Integrated Small Holder Development Project in the Ubombo cane supply area in Swaziland. Ubombo Sugar Limited (USL) now invites suitably qualified Local and International contractors to tender for: Spring replant land preparation. The contract will be to rip, heavy disc, light disc and ridge sugarcane fields of small farmers in the Ubombo catchment area. Approxmiately 250 ha will need to be prepared in September and early October to enable planting in the spring of 2016. Tender documents are obtainable from the Purchasing & Inventory Manager's Secretary (Mill stores) Ubombo Sugar Limited, from 08 August 2016 up to the day of compulsory clarification meeting and site visit upon payment of a non-refundable cash amount of E300.00 (Three Hundred Emalangeni only) which excludes courier delivery cost, payable at the Cashier's Office located at the Ubombo Sugar Limited Main Office, P.O. Box 23, Big Bend.

Contractors and sub-contractors that have their origin in G20 countries (including South Africa) are not eligible to tender, but materials that have their origin from South Africa can be supplied by eligible contractors and sub-contractors. Please note those materials that originate from other G20 countries (except South Africa) are not allowed. Contractors are supposed to submit proof that they are registered in eligible countries.

Signed and completed tenders should comprise the following: Compl Original Receipt, Copy of a valid Trading License, Copy of valid Tax Clearance Certificate, Copy of a Labour Compliance Certificate, Form C & Form J, Tender guarantee (E5,000.00), Signed site inspection certificate.

The completed tender documents must be delivered in sealed envelops showing only the project name and the tender number to the address below;

Ubombo Sugar Ltd, Main Office

Portion Farm 161, Old Main Road, PO Box 128, Big Bend, Swaziland Telephone +268 2363 8000, Fax: +268 2363 6924

The deadline for submission of tenders is the 26th of August 2016 at 1200hrs, local Swaziland time. A compulsory site inspection will be held on the 12th of August 2016 at 0900hrs.

Information pertaining to the site visit be directed to the Replant Coordinator, Enock Motsa at emotsa@illovo.co.za copied to the Project Engineer Justin Mutiro at imutiro@illovo.co.za Tel:

Late, telegraphic or faxed tenders shall not be accepted. The tender shall be valid for a period of 90 days with effect from the closing date of the tender.



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LEICESTER FACE RENEWED CHAIIFNGE FOR T

LONDON - After writing the Premier League's greatest fairytale with their astonishing title triumph last season, Claudio Ranieri's side find themselves under siege from bigspending rivals determined to end their reign.

Ranieri's men made a mockery of their status as 5 000-1 outsiders as Jamie Vardy, N'Golo Kante and Riyad Mahrez emerged as genuine stars and carried Leicester to the title a year after they narrowly avoided relegation.

Showing a remarkable refusal to crack under pressure despite their lack of big-



UNDER SIEGE: Premier League champions Leicester City. (AP)

match experience, Leicester finished a staggering 10 points clear of second placed Arsenal.

Having lost only three

times in 38 league games, no-one could quibble about Leicester's right to call themselves English champions for the first time. (Daily Mail)

Pele hopes to make closing ceremony

RIO DE JANEIRO - Pele hopes to appear at the closing ceremony of the Rio Olympics after missing the opening because of poor health.

The Brazilian soccer great tweeted on Tuesday: "I am continuing my physiotherapy and focused on joining you for the closing festivities on August 21. I love you! #olympics."

Pele was the preferred choice of organisers to light the cauldron. But he first cited sponsorship commitments and later health concerns for keeping him away. The 75-year-old Pele had hip surgery recently. He walks with a cane.

The Olympic cauldron was lit by Brazilian marathon runner Vanderlei de Lima.

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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, jane_muyondo@wvi.org ensure to include both email addresses

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
- crops grown in Africa)

Sealed bids and labeled "WVS/EFSP/001/FY16" must be delivered to World Vision Swaziland head office in Sealed Dids and labeled 1995 And Somble 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

ADDRESS: Secretary Procurement Committee World Vision Swaziland, Ning Group Office Park 694 Somhiolo Road, Mbabane.

DEADLINE OF SUBMISSION:

The latest date of submission is Friday 22nd August, 2016 at 11:00am.

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

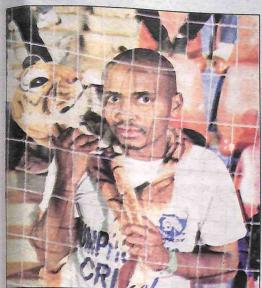
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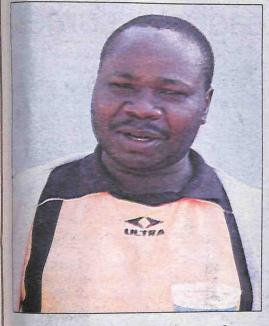
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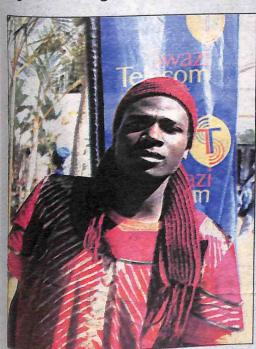
FANS CORNER



NGWE MABALABALA: Leopard's number 1 supporter Photoza Simelane said they will take every trophy on offer this season.



AKUHLALI KUNJE: Highlander fan Phinda Nyawose said he was thinking of relocating to Moneni Pirates.



AM HAPPY: Lwandle Mkhatshwa Praised the Anthony Mdluli led tech-Nical bench for guiding Wanderers to



BEAUTIFUL BIRDS: Swallows fans Nkosingivile Masuku(right) posing for the lenses with the her friend, during the Charity Cup on Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium. (Pics: Sanele Jele)



MASSIVE SUPPORT: Royal Leopard fans at a glance,



GET DOWN: These fans danced all the way to music dished by DJ Peace.

FANS CORNER



LOYAL FAN: Buhle Fakudze said even though Highlanders lost she was still a favourite "The Black Bull" supporter.



DULA WESELI: Mthwalo and Sipho rallied behind their team, Wanderers.



JAIVA YOYO: These Wanderers fans had fun dancing.



THE PEOPLE'S DJ: The crowd was entertained by DJ Peace



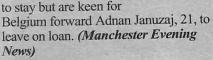


- Arsenal will bid £30m for Manchester City's Ivory Coast striker Wilfried Bony, 27. (Daily Star)
- Everton are discussing a £25m deal for Crystal Palace forward Yannick Bolasie, 27, which would see £13.5m striker Oumar Niasse, 26, go the other way on loan. (Daily Mail)
- Crystal Palace have resumed negotiations with Liverpool over the transfer of Christian Benteke, 25, with the Belgium striker close to completing his move to



Selhurst Park for a club record fee. (Guardian)

- Palace are willing to pay £32m for Benteke, and Alan Pardew has also lined up Welsh free agent striker Hal Robson-Kanu, 27. (Mirror)
- West Ham have enquired about Lyon winger Rachid Ghezzal, 24. The Algeria international is also a target for Everton. (Daily Mail)
- Arsenal have failed to agree new contracts with their two biggest stars Mesut Ozil and Alexis Sanchez, both 27, over the summer. (The Times - subscription required)
- Manchester United are confident of finding a buyer for Germany midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger, 32, before the transfer deadline. The Reds also want Spain midfielder Juan Mata, 28, to stay but are keen for



- Sunderland are keeping an eye on Anderlecht's Senegal defender Kara Mbodji, 26, and Blackburn Rovers' Republic of Ireland defender Shane Duffy, 24, should they lose Ivory Coast centre-half Lamine Kone, 27, to Everton. (Chronicle)
- But Chelsea are also interested in Kone after being rebuffed in their advances for Napoli's Senegal defender Kalidou Koulibaly, 25. Benfica's Sweden centre-half Victor



Lindelof, 22, is another option. (Daily Mail)

 And the Black Cats have agreed a fee with Manchester United for defenders Paddy McNair, 21, and Donald Love, 21. Northern Ireland's McNair will cost £5m while Scottish centre-half Love will cost £1m. (Sky Sports)

All set for HRFA junior knockout tournaments

By Sanele Jele

SOCCER - IT'S system go for the Hhohho Regional Football Association (HRFA) junior knockout games this weekend.

The Mahindra Mbabane Under-13 and 15 tournament, which is sponsored to a tune of E10 000, will be played on Saturday at different sporting grounds around Mbabane. The Under-13 games will be played at Dumping Site Sports Ground, where they will start at 8:30am.

The Under-15 games will be played at United Sports Ground.

Mbabane East Under17 knockout tourney will SOS will lock horns with Dynamos while Sivutsa will take on Dark City at the Police Sports Ground.

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HRFA Development Officer Sibongangaye Dlamini urged teams to keep time to ensure that the games finish on time.

"We invite football lovers to come in great

numbers to watch these games. Coaches are also invited to scout for new talent as we believe the teams have good players, who can play for senior teams," said Dlamini.

Way Inn still tops Malkerns zone

By Sibusiso Masilela

POOL - GIANTS Way Inn are still sitting occupying the top spot in the Manzini **Regional Pool Association** Malkerns Zone, with 24 points in seven games.

This comes after their 15-10 victory over M Eagles, during a league match played over the weekend at the Malkerns Pool

France are sitting in second position with 21 points, after managing to beat Stairs 21-4 in their previous outing.

Macembe complete the top three with 18 points in seven games, following their 19-6 win over Sun of Kings.

The Malkerns zone will, this



ACTION: A pool player in action during a previous game.

weekend, enter week eight with some intriguing fixtures pitting the top two teams Way Inn against France in the battle for the top spot, while Macembe will welcome Bhunya 2 in their quest to improve their log standings.

George Hotel Singles Pool League resumes

By Sanele Jele

POOL - THE George Hotel Singles League will this weekend resume, after a one-week break.

With the top spot tightly contested for, this weekend's fixtures will surely be exciting as the battle for the title continues.

According to the latest fixture, table-topper Tasco Dlamini will lock horns with experienced Norman Khoza, while Sikhatsi Dlamini will face-off with Ngaba Lukhele.

Tasco, Sikhatsi and Norma will be contesting pole position as they are all tied on 48 points, with eight games left before the end of the season.

The second position is also up for grab with Eddie Mkhonta and Siyabonga Mdzebele tied at 45 points. Mkhonta will take on Celumusa Dlamini with Mdzebele having a date with Siyabonga Dlamini.

Tournament organiser Vusi Masilela said sparks were set to fly this weekend as three players would be contesting for the top spot.

"We are inviting pool lovers to come and support their favourite players. Players are urged to keep time so that the games will finish on time," Masilela said.

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Malawi ropes in Mabedi ahead of Sihlangu match

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - THE Football Association of Malawi has reportedly appointed their former national team captain Patrick Mabedi as the new assistant coach of the 'Flames'.

According to information sourced from Soccer Laduma, the former Kaizer Chiefs and Moroka Swallows defender has been appointed as the second right hand man to caretaker coach Nsanzurwimo Ramadhan alongside Derklerk Msakakuona ahead of next month's AFCON 2017 qualifier against Sihlangu Semnikati on September 3 in Blantyre.

"After being named Malawi National Football team caretaker coach, Nsanzurwimo Ramadhan has appointed former 'Flames' and Big Bullets

defender Patrick Mabedi and Blue continue after this game or it's just Eagles coach Derklerk Msakakuona for this game," the source said. as his deputies for the 2017 Africa

Cup of Nations (AFCON) game against Swaziland next month. "At the

moment we

they will

are not sure if

Charge Nswanzurwino replaced Ernest Mtawali, who was in charge of Malawi when they visited Sihlangu during the first round match which was played at the Somhlolo National

Stadium.

The match ended in a 2-all draw. The nation's pride (Sihlangu) will next weekend go for a full-time at the National Football Association of Swaziland Technical Centre in preparation for the group

> decider. This match will most likely decide the country's dream of making it through to the continental showpiece to be held in Gabon by virtue of being

the best runners-

ETHIOPIAN INSTRUCTOR HERE FOR VB COURSE

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By Sanele Jele

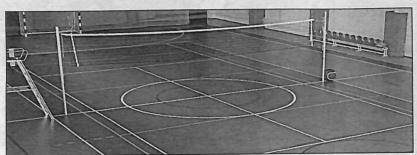
SPORTS - ETHIOPIAN volleyball instructor Alemayehi Shoatetek Kassegne is in the country to facilitate a five-day coaching course.

The 'Volleyball Your Way Course' is sponsored by the Federation of International Volleyball.

Alamayehi is being hosted by the Swaziland National Volleyball Association.

The course started on Monday and is being held at the Bosco Skills Centre where the aspiring coaches (20 of them) are made to undergo the practical aspect.

Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) Media



Officer Dumisani Ntiwane lauded the volleyball association for hosting the coaching course.

"The SNVA, through its mother body the Federation of International Volleyball, has been given the green light to host the Level 1 Coaches Course, which will run for five days having started on Monday. The closing ceremony will be held tomorrow.

"Such a move obviously augurs well for the sport because as Council we strongly encourage our associations to also invest on the development side of the game.

"This course, being conducted by a renowned instructor will surely benefit the sport, as by Friday the 20 aspiring coaches will no longer be the same," Ntiwane said.

MRFA urges teams to take part in U-17 tournament

Stories by Sanele Jele

SOCCER - THE Manzini Regional Football Association is urging teams to take part in the Under-17 tournament slated for Sunday.

MRFA Secretary Muzi Mtsetfwa said all teams were welcome to take part in this tournament.

"This one-day tournament will take place at Zakhele Sports Ground and teams are expected to pay E100 participation fee. The tournament will kick-off at 8am and we invite teams affiliated under MRFA to take part in this tourney," Mtsetfwa said. He said the tournament was meant to keep the youth active.

"We urge team managers to



cooperate as this tournament will help us get sponsors seeing that we are active. We are expecting more than 20 teams to take part in this tournament. Those interested must contact the secretary at 7863 5307."

The secretary said the champion would be awarded a trophy and gold medals with runnersup and third-placed team getting silver and bronze medals, respectively.

Malindza Derrick Transport Scusha League presentation on Sunday

SOCCER-THE Malindza **Derrick Transport Scusha** League will finally have its presentation on Sunday at Scusha Sports Ground.

This was confirmed by MC Chairman Robson 'Sparks' Dlakubi yesterday.

"We we are inviting all teams to attend the presentation without fail on Sunday. Besides the presentation, we will have social games where Malindza teams will play against each other. We will also watch Under-13 champions Juventus take on Stone Breakers on the day," Dlakubi said.

The chairman further said they had a successful season in the

past year and were looking forward to the upcoming one with great hope.

'We want to thank the sponsor for forking out E20 000 to support football. This will go a long way in developing the sport in the country. The champions (Juventus) will receive E4 200 while runners-up will pocket E3 100 with the third-placed team taking home E2 000," he

Dlakubi said individual prizes would include the best player award, top goal scorer award; best coach and best referee, all pocketing E200 each with the exception of best referee, who will get E150.

DOWNS RANKED TOP CLUB IN AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG - Mamelodi Sundowns have been ranked the number one side in Africa, according to leading international football club ranking site, FootballDataBase.

The Brazilians' exploits in the ongoing CAF Champions League have earned them top of in Africa, and 102nd in the world, as Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates find

themselves some way behind. The rankings are calculated based on the Importance of the club football competitions from around the world, with major factors including weighting for the kind of match, home team advantage, goal difference in the Match result, expected result of the match

and previous ranking, among other factors bating less weight in the overall outcome. According to the lastest rankings released on Monday, Chiefs are in 11th place while Pirates Sit in 25th spot, three below Bidvest Wits. AFP

Nkwene Shukuma programme postponed

By Sanele Jele

SPORTS - NKWENE residents will be disappointed to learn that the proposed Shukuma Swaziland campaign, which was billed for this Saturday, has now been postponed.

Shukuma Swaziland is a government campaign powered by the Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC). The concept is aimed at encouraging a healthy lifestyle amongst the people of the country, as it persuades one to engage in any form of exercise regularly.

SNSRC Media Officer Dumisani Ntiwane confirmed the latest development yesterday. He expressed his organisation's apologies to their stakeholders for the late cancellation.

"In respect of the ongoing

FOR CHARITY: SNSRC CEO Darius Dlomo, LaMgabhi MP Sicelo Jele, MP Mbongiseni Malinga from Gege and Zama Tsabedze during a charity jogging.

Sibaya, it followed that we all take part in such a crucial national exercise. The people of Nkwene and surrounding areas will be notified of the new date

in due course. We would like to unreservedly apologies to everyone for the late cancellation.

"As the SNSRC CEO Darius Dlomo recently put it, there is a lot involved before Shukuma Swaziland can be successfully hosted. It involves a lot of careful planning and engagement with our other stakeholders like the health ministry, paramedics, police and our other partners. It would not have been fair then to engage them as such notice seeing that everyone is attending the Sibaya," he said.

Ntiwane could not be drawn to say when the event would now be staged but insisted it would be soon.

"We have complete faith in that area's traditional authorities, who include the chief and indvuna. They have welcomed us with open arms and we have no doubt that this day will be a success as soon as we sort the date and a few other logistics.

"We are actually counting on the people of Nkwene to make it a tremendous success by beating the record set by the LaMgabhi Inkhundla, which attracted over 1 000 people," said Ntiwane

Julius to assume TD role at Wanderers

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - IT looks like Zimbabwean mentor Julius Chakupewa will not be quitting Manzini Wanderers this season after the team reportedly offered him the Technical Director role.

It has been reliably gathered that the Management Committee and the technical bench held a meeting where a recommendation was made that Chakupewa should not leave the team and the matter was taken to the board where the decision would be discussed. Chakupewa has been making headlines in the past week after his German Pro Licence was declared inelligible to be used in the country by the Football Association,

which saw him watch the team on the grandstands during the Swazi Telecom Charity Cup

on Sunday.

Wanderers eventually finished as runners-up after losing 0-2 to Royal Leopard in the finals.

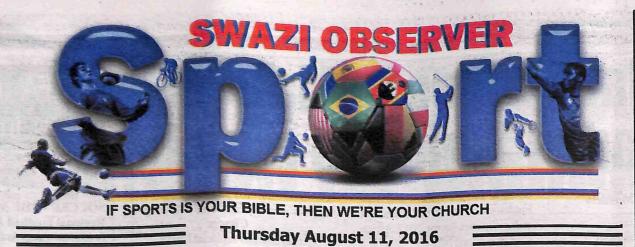
It is understood that Chakupewa will now drill the team three times a week from Tuesday to Friday before handing over the duties to the head coach for final match preparations.

Confirmed

Manzini Wanderers General Manager Patrick Gamedze confirmed the latest developments when contacted.

"It is true that we had a meeting with the technical bench where some recommendations were made and the matter has been taken to the board of directors. They will make the final decision on the matter,' Gamedze said. Chakupewa was recently offered a three-year renewable contract ahead of the Charity Cup together with Anthony Mdluli where they were given a mandate to win one trophy in the upcoming season.

Chakupewa beat three other Zimbabwean coaches in the race for the hot seat including Mandla Mpofu, who is a strong contender for the incumbent head coach position, Luke Masomere and current Manzini Sundowns head coach Godfrey Tamerepi.



LEOPARD STARS

- Players will share E300 000
- Teams plays courtesy visit to ailing team president to present Charity Cup trophy

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER - ROYAL Leopard players are set to strike it rich following their Swazi Telecom Charity Cup E900 000 victo-

The police outfit beat Manzini Wanderers in the finals of the E2.2 million sponsored tournament to clinch their historical fourth title at the Somhlolo

National Stadium on Sunday. Information gathered by this publication is that the players have been promised some of the prize money by the team's President Isaac Magagula.

A source close to the matter said the players and officials were likely to receive about E300 000 which would be shared amongst themselves following their sterling performance during the tournament graced by His Majesty King



REWARDED: Winners of SwaziTelecom Charity Cup 2016 Royal Leopard would share a whopping E300 000.

Mswati III and over 15 000 supporters.

If eventually awarded this amount, each player is likely to get about E10 000.

"Nothing has been finalised yet but the team is likely to get this amount after their performance.

This is not the first time they will be given such an incentive as they have received part of the prize money in previous years," said the source.

Worth noting is that the team yesterday paid a courtesy visit to the national commissioner who is currently unwell. The players presented the Charity Cup trophy, amongst other things, during the visit to the recuperating team president.

Royal Leopard PRO Frank Hurube confirmed the players would get incentives but stated that nothing had been finalised when it comes to the figures.

"It is true that we visited the NATCOM today (yesterday) and the visit was mainly to pray as we always do before and after a big tournament. The NATCOM did say that the players deserve something for their performance but tasked the Management Committee (MC) to look into the matter.

"Nothing has been said with regards the figures and we will hopefully meet next week to discuss this matter," he said.

'Cruiser' discharged from hospital

By Sanele Jele

SOCCER - MINISTER of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala has been discharged from Medisun Clinic.

This follows an injury he sustained during the social game pitting Members of Parliament and Swaziland Post and **Telecommunications Corporation** (SPTC).

The minister was mistakenly hacked with an open boot by an opponent. He was admitted at Medisun Clinic on Sunday where he stayed for one night before being treated and discharged the following

"When I got injured, I thought it



LET'S PLAY: Minister David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala before the game with SPTC MD Petros Dlamini.

was not that much bad but I failed to walk afterwards. The doctors said I fractured my ankle but they treated me and I am feeling better right now."

The minister said he would be

going for a check-up on Thursday next week.

"I hope I will be fine soon as I am expected to report back to work on Monday next week."

The match was a curtain-raiser for



SPEEDY RECOVERY: The minister in bed at the Medisun Clinic following an ankle ligament injury he sustained during a social game between MPs and SPTC XI at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday. The match was a curtain raiser for the Under-20 finals. (Pic: Sanele Jele)

Charity Cup Under-20 final, which saw Mbabane Swallows winning the E30 000 worth at stake. They beat Young Buffaloes 4-1 in penalties after playing a 1-all draw in 90 minutes. The final pitted Royal

Leopard against Manzini Wanderers.

The police side beat the 'Weslians' 2-0 to defend the title. The team received the whopping E900 000 first prize cheque.